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The Ocean Pines Pickleball Club raised more than \$17,600 for the American Cancer Society during the fifth annual Pickleball Pink Ribbon Classic, held Oct. 7 at the Ocean Pines Racquet Center. Nearly 130 players participated. See story on page 19.

OPA board tables audit of vote

Awaits Election Committee findings before committing thousands to auditing firm

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(Oct. 27, 2022) The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors voted on Oct. 20 to table consideration of a forensic audit of the 2022 board elections, pending the results of a charging document to the Elections Committee and conferring with CPA firm Gross Mendelsohn.

The charging document will direct the committee to dig up all the information it can. The board's rationale is that Gross Mendelsohn could show the board what they can produce, and the board can decide if the money they'd need to spend there is worth it,



Frank Daly

considering whatever the five-person volunteer committee can provide.

The committee has until Dec. 1 to report back to the board.

The scope of the work includes determining how ballots were miscounted, what role test ballots played, were any actions taken by association or committee members that should be punished in the future and hoq to prevent such a miscalculation from occurring again.

Director Frank Daly led the charge for going straight to a forensic audit, arguing that the quality such a move would return would make it worth what could end up being a \$15,000 or \$20,000 expenditure.

"I mean, look — in any election in the United States of America, (the miscount would be) a huge red flag and a huge problem that needs (to be) addressed," Daly said.

While no director opposed an audit, questions quickly arose concerning whether it'd be wiser to wait until other measures are exhausted before committing association money to investigate its own mistakes.

"I would like to see us have things in place to address (everyone's) concerns and we follow our bylaws and resolutions for the process," director Monica Rakowski said.

Director Rick Farr endorsed the capabilities of a forensic auditor but also gave an endorsement to the new committee.

"I believe that we have an Elec-
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Tax credit reduction reversed

Mayor, council learn impact on revenue far too much

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(Oct. 27, 2022) In a last-minute pivot, the Berlin mayor and Town Council reversed course on Tuesday to keep the homestead tax rate at 5 percent, just a day after they unanimously agreed to lower it to 3 percent for FY2023.

The town's leadership decided to lower the percentage by two points while under the assumption that it would take away less than \$1,000
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Two electric car charging stations are set to be installed at the public parking lot on Commerce Street in Berlin. If all goes well, the charging stations could grow to four.

Car charging stations OK'd by Berlin mayor and council

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(Oct. 27, 2022) The Berlin mayor and Town Council on Monday unanimously approved two electric vehicle charging stations to be installed in the Commerce Street parking lot.

California-based company ChargePoint will lease the charging station to the town for \$12,000 over five years. The lease agreement includes virtually all maintenance associated with the stations — hardware and installation, cloud software, activation, ongoing proactive monitoring, maintenance and reporting.

The town is only on the hook for the cost of installing the service to feed the stations, which electric utility Director Tim Lawrence said is made easier by a nearby utility pole.

The cost breaks down to \$2,544 a year for the town, and includes the kilowatt-per-hour (kWh) rate that the customer will be paying.

“Basically over that period, whoever is charging their vehicle would be paying for the lease agreement, the consumption of the electricity to charge the vehicle and that type of thing,” Lawrence said.

He added that the spot was picked because, if all goes well, there is ample space there to add two more charging stations there.

These stations aren't fast charging and don't accommodate Teslas, Lawrence added. To get a full charge, a vehicle would have to be hooked up for, likely, six to seven hours.

Lawrence suggested to control people sitting parked for that long on the busy corridor, the town could increase the rate the longer they're connected.

The plans are the latest step to revitalize that area.

“That's a good spot because it's centrally located,” Councilmember Shaneka Nichols said. “It not only draws the eye to the mural there but also the central downtown area.”

Councilmember Jay Knerr asked if the town would make back the money spent on power consumption.

“In a way, yes,” Lawrence replied. “The way it works is they charge kWh, (the) consumption it takes to charge the vehicle. We set the rate. So we supply the power to it and (the customer) is paying for it. We get 90 per-

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Tax credit change postponed

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from Berlin's revenue.

But late Tuesday afternoon, the town's Finance Department notified Mayor Zack Tyndall that it had discovered that lowering percentage would actually cost the town upwards of \$50,000.

Tyndall conferred with the Town Council, resulting in another unanimous decision – but this time to maintain the current 5 percent rate.



Natalie Saleh

"With the new information of it costing nearly \$50,000, that changes the equation drastically," Tyndall said Wednesday. "My recommendation – hold it at 5 percent with no change in revenue and we can revisit this at a later date with a better understanding."

The town must inform the state of its decision by Monday, Tyndall added.

Berlin Finance director Natalie Saleh provided an example of how the tax credit works during the Monday night meeting.

"(Perhaps your) home assessment (is) \$100,000 today and next year it comes to \$120,000," she explained then. "The 5-percent cap currently in place would only allow it to be taxed at \$105,000. So the \$15,000 will become available as a homestead tax credit that a resident would have to fill out an application [for] ... and they would receive that as a kickback to their real estate tax bill. So the \$15,000 difference in this example, multiplied by the current tax rate of 81.5 cents would equal \$122.25 available for the resident to receive as credit."

In that example, the homeowners would have received \$16.30 more.

Tyndall had pointed out that the 2-percent difference is a "nominal adjustment" but that it would've nevertheless been a savings for people whose primary residence is in Berlin.

Second homes and investment properties do not qualify for the credit.

The key to establishing how much that revised tax credit would cost the town depends on not just on the rate, but also on how many property owners qualify and the total assessed value of their homes.

Audit proposal tabled while committee looks at voting

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tions Committee that's in place with a very competent chair (Tom Piatti) who will be able to take some of these things and move forward," Farr said.

"I'm just not ready to spend that kind of money, association dollars, on an audit at this moment."

On the other side, director Steve Jacobs said that homeowners are losing faith in the association's ability to conduct a competent election and

thinks that a forensic audit would go a long way in demonstrating the board's commitment to getting it right.

"I can't think of anything more basic to provide to members of a homeowners association than something like that," he said.

The two processes will be done simultaneously to quicken the timeline, something Daly said was imperative because the next election season begins just a couple of months after the new year.

"That way we're not sitting here on Dec. 1 with no answer ... facing another election in six short months," he said.

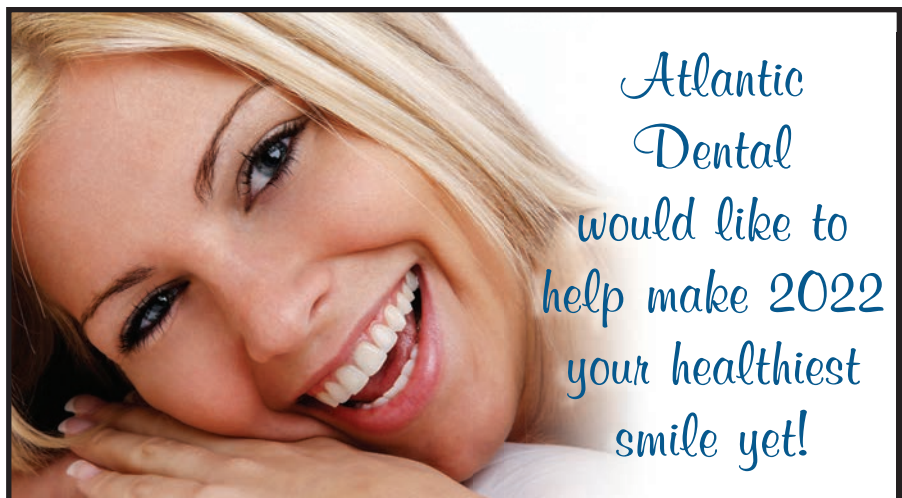
Survey will assess user satisfaction with amenities

(Oct. 27, 2022) The Ocean Pines Association has released a short customer satisfaction survey about the Aquatics amenity.

The survey should take about three minutes to complete, association officials said.

This is the latest of several surveys planned for Ocean Pines amenities, to gather input on the development of a strategic plan for Ocean Pines. Individual responses will be kept confidential and anonymous.

To take the survey, visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NDMSQ7Y>.



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Berlin Town Council renews energy agreement with AMP

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(Oct. 27, 2022) The Berlin mayor and Town Council passed the fixed volume energy supply schedule for 2023 to 2028 during its meeting Monday night.

The resolution stipulates that the town make efforts to arrange for reliable and reasonably priced supplies of electric energy for public consumption.

To do this, like many other local towns, Berlin buys energy from American Municipal Power, which, on behalf of the town, “negotiates with one or more reputable and financially sound third-party power suppliers to enter into agreements to purchase electric energy,” according to the resolution.

“This is something we do periodically,” Town Administrator Mary Bohlen said. “We have these agreements running for (several) years ... It essentially addresses our purchase power ability over those years to a certain amount. It’s automatic up to

a certain amount in that it gives the town administrator the ability to make that decision based on the recommendation of our consultant.”

The town’s consultant is firm Booth and Associates.

Town electric supply director Tim Lawrence said the continued agreement is vital to keeping rates low.

“If we have a really good, fixed, low price, it allows us to go ahead ... so we don’t miss that opportunity to lock in and help lower the rates,” he said. “Basically, the town administrator would act to lock in the remaining ... price as long as it’s below \$70 per megawatt hour. Anything above that would need council approval.”

Mayor Zack Tyndall took time to point out that these negotiations aren’t like typical contract discussions where an entity makes an effort and the town mulls it over.

“These are open-market prices and often-times spot prices,” Tyndall said. “So they are open to fluctuation. We have a limited ability to be able to exercise that option so it is a good business practice. It’s saved our ratepayers quite a bit of money being able to exercise that option.”



Tim Lawrence

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The Ocean Pines Communications Committee is discussing how to gauge community support for replacing the analog sign at the North Gate entry with an electronic sign. The prevailing methods are a survey and/or a town hall.

Committee looks at e-signs, ballot clarity in Oct. meeting

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(Oct. 27, 2022) The Ocean Pines Communications Committee looked into a community survey and possibly a town hall meeting to gauge support for new electronic signs at North Gate during its meeting on Oct. 20.

The issue most recently came up in the regular meeting of the Ocean Pines Board of Directors earlier this month.

In general, supporters of new electronic signs say it will be more efficient in communicating emergency developments and would be safer for association employees who have to deal with the multi-step process to change the messages on the current analog sign, an action that involves propping it open with a two-by-four.

Opponents say it's a frivolous desire and that the analog sign can easily be augmented with hinges to make changing the message much easier. Director Frank Daly observed earlier this month that the current email system and website have proven adequate for getting out time-sensitive messages.

During the committee meeting,

the committee concluded that the project should be abandoned if community support isn't there. It's expected that the project would cost around \$20,000.

If the association proceeds with the project, the committee deduced that raising funds from the community is out of the question, especially while money is being raised for a new South Station firehouse. But having a sponsor could work.

It'll all come down to what responses the committee gets.

"(A survey) has already been proposed by the board as something to consider," committee chair Cheryl Jacobs said. "(Strategic Planning Committee chair) Bernie McGorry had offered assistance in developing that questionnaire. We just need to work with him and bring it back to the committee."

Jacobs said she doesn't yet know what will go on the survey but said that it could be used in the lead-up to a possible town hall.

Another possibility, if the project
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Charging station coming to Berlin

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cent of that back to the town and this company gets 10 percent of it."

Nichols came back to the issue of visibility for the town.

"How does the customer know that local Berlin, our beautiful town, (has these power stations)?"

Lawrence said there is an app that lets people know where stations are and when they're in use.




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OP Chamber of Commerce announces 2022 awardees

(Oct. 27, 2022) The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce has announced that its 2022 “The Best of Us” Award recipient for the Citizen of the Year is Donna Lee Frankowski of ERA Martin Associates Shamrock Division and that its Young Professional of the Year is Jordan MacWha of Hawkins Electric.

Frankowski is an avid networker, Ocean Pines advocate, pickleball maniac and one of the area’s highest-ranked Realtors.

Usually accompanied by her pup, Tucker, Frankowski brings positive attention to the community by sharing her experiences as a resident and business professional.

The former teacher has recently begun a campaign to counteract rising drug addiction in our children.

Jordan exemplifies the phrase “emerging leader,” a chamber statement said, adding that he took over the Young Professionals of the Pines

this past year.

He also is known as a strong chamber and community advocate, a great networker, organizer, and encourager.

As the Business Development Director at Hawkins Electric Service, Hawkins seeks local avenues where the company can install and provide education on electric car charging stations, and identifies opportunities for community service and advocacy.

Awards will be presented during the Nov. 3, “Do-Si-Do at the Downs” Awards Banquet at Ocean Downs Casino. The Learner’s Lab Foundation and Competency Group are the cocktail hour sponsors. Travelista Travels has donated a trip to be raffled off to event attendees, a stay at Barcelo Gran Faro Los Cabos in San Jose del Cabo, Mexico.

Banquet tickets are \$75 per person and sponsorships are available. Learn more at OceanPinesChamber.org.

Committee looking at election

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moves forward, is putting up two additional signs at the south entrance to Ocean Pines as well, an idea raised by Jacobs.

In other business, the Communications Committee has its own role in the fallout from the board of directors election miscount and subsequent recount.

One Ocean Pines resident who owns multiple lots brought to Jacobs’ attention that they did not receive multiple paper ballots as was done in the past.

One of the lingering issues after the recount is it didn’t appear that multi-lot owners — who have as many votes per candidate as they do lots — had their votes properly weighted.

Jacobs said a charging document saying the association should go back to the paper ballot practice was

pulled from the regular board of directors meeting earlier this month because the previous Election Committee had resigned and a new one had yet to be confirmed.

Now that there is a new committee in place, the Communications Committee is moving forward with the charging document.

“I think the feeling is, they should probably go back to that (ballot) method,” Jacobs said. “When the Elections Committee made the decision not to do it that way, it wasn’t properly communicated to the community beforehand.”

“When it was brought to our attention that this change had not been properly communicated, we brought it to the administration’s attention. Going forward, we’re always charged with trying to find ways to improve how Ocean Pines communicates with the community and residents.

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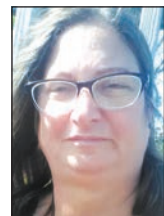
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New Pines committee looks at annual report and backlog

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(Oct. 27, 2022) A new Ocean Pines Bylaws and Resolutions Committee held its first meeting on Friday and is getting straight to work where the old committee left off.



Lora Pangratz

New committee chair Lora Pangratz, taking over for former chair and committee member Jim Trummel, said that the first order of business is preparing the annual report that each Ocean Pines Association committee is charged with providing to the board of directors.

“Our main goal, because this was our first meeting, was to get ourselves organized that way and follow up on finalizing (the report),” Pangratz said. “We’re figuring out what to work on moving forward, what we need to take back to our board liaison (director and former committee member Steve Jacobs).”

The committee in recent months had been addressing issues that had been set aside while it addressed more pressing matters that culminated with a resolutions referendum during the spring. Pangratz said some charging documents are still outstanding from the last committee and the new committee is making sure nothing stays delayed for too long.

While the annual report in the past year was the top priority, the meeting overall is another step in what Pangratz described as a transitional period.

Pangratz pointed out that the committee has two new members in Pam Ferinde and August Flentje, with herself, Bob Hillegass and Keith Kaiser returning.

“We are in transition,” she said. “Bob won’t be on our committee forever, so Keith and I, we have a year and a half, two years experience, but that’s still kind of newish. Then we have our new members so it’s really a time of getting to know each other

and how we can communicate effectively as a committee to do these tasks.”

Pangratz, a retired preschool director who still volunteers her time with another Parent-Teacher Association mentoring in another county, said that the decision to elevate her as the new chair came by default.

“I’m retired so I don’t have a day job, whereas the other potential chairperson does and didn’t feel like he’d be able to do all the extra work we know Jim did,” she said.

“We are very appreciative of Jim’s experience. And we still have Bob, who was granted a one-year extension. He’s very helpful.”

Pangratz’s PTA experience involved bylaws work and through her own experiences, she said she’s confident that she can be professional and run a professional committee meeting.

“My goal is to remind (the committee) we are a team,” Pangratz said. “Even as chairperson, I won’t make any decisions with our committee without consulting them first. We are a neutral team — there will be no drama. We all bring different perspectives and experiences to the table. We’re respectful of thoughts and input. We’ve always had that in our committee and we’ll continue being that way moving forward.”

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County passes composting facilities zoning ordinance

By Greg Wehner
Staff Writer

(Oct. 27, 2022) The county commissioners adopted a new zoning ordinance that will help pave the way for environmental advocates to establish food waste composting facilities across Worcester County.

The ordinance request came from one of the founding members of Go Green OC, an organization focused on removing food waste from the waste stream in Ocean City.

Since the organization began its efforts in the resort two years ago, founding member Garvey Heiderman told the commissioners on Oct. 18, it is on track to remove 155 tons of food waste.

Heiderman also told the commissioners for the last two years, Go Green OC has been operating under a transient use permit because there was no precedent for operating a composting facility. With a successful program under his belt, Heiderman requested establishing precedent, not only for his organization's expansion, but also for anyone else who wants to join the efforts.

The adopted ordinance establishes setbacks such as a minimum of 100 feet from property lines and 300 feet from residences. It also ensures the minimum property size for a composting facility be 5 acres.

Heiderman told the commissioners the ordinance sets in place a much larger stamp than the state requires, as there are requirements at the state level, but not the county.

Heiderman, who also owns the Hobbit on 81st Street, has had an agreement with Ocean City since last year to pull food waste from a handful of restaurants, including Raw Organics, Fish Tales and Mother's Cantina.

Though green in nature, the efforts also save the county money, especially when it comes to landfill expenses. Ocean City currently ships its waste to a facility in Pennsylvania,



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Garvey Heiderman, founder of Go Green OC, gained another win after the Worcester County Commissioners adapted a new ordinance that paves the way for him and other green-minded people who want to establish composting facilities across the county.

and since the food waste composting program began, the tonnage shipped has dropped, saving the resort money.

Also, since the program started, Heiderman told the commissioners, there have not been any complaints from Bishopville residents nor the Maryland Department of the Environment.

Commissioner Ted Elder asked Heiderman odor from the composting facilities, and Heiderman told him a properly maintained composting facility does not smell.

Once the public hearing was closed, Commissioner Josh Nordstrom moved to adopt the new ordinance, which was seconded by Commissioner Diana Purnell and unanimously approved.

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Virginia gas station inching closer to getting Md. sewers

By Greg Wehner
Staff Writer

(Oct. 27, 2022) A gas station just on the other side of the Maryland border, in New Church, Virginia, is a step closer to being able to pump wastewater to a treatment plant in Pocomoke City after the Worcester County Commissioners agreed in a 4-3 vote to amend the current code.

During a County Commissioners meeting on Oct. 18, Attorney Mark Cropper pleaded the case for his client, Royal Farms, Inc., to connect to a sewer pipeline used by the Virginia Rest Area Plaza on U.S. Route 13. The pipeline leads to a wastewater treatment plant in Pocomoke City, run by the city itself.

Even though the county does not operate the treatment plant, it falls under county code, which before the amendment was voted on, only allowed for the rest area to connect to the line.

Cropper told the commissioners there was a lot of talk in the community that allowing an out-of-state business to connect to the pipeline should not be allowed, but in his argument, he said Worcester has about 240 homes in the northern portion of the county connecting to Delaware water and wastewater systems.

He also said the effluent from the Royal Farms in New Church is currently getting pumped out and hauled to the treatment facility in Pocomoke. The only difference, Cropper explained, is how the effluent gets to the facility – either by truck or pipeline.

As part of the agreement, Royal Farms will pay \$300,000 as a down payment for services, which will go toward upgrades at the Pocomoke City treatment plant.

Bishopville resident and County Planning Commission member Richard Wells said he voted against amending the code to allow for more connections on the pipeline, not to stop them from having a viable system to dispose of their waste, but because it was across state lines.

Wells said it is not Maryland's responsibility to provide a way for a Virginia business to dispose of its waste – it is Virginia's and Accomack County's responsibility, and the solution should be worked on between the states and the counties, not Worcester County and the business.

By allowing one business to connect, he explained, the county is opening it up for anyone to connect.

"My position is it's Virginia's responsibility to work it out for their property owner," Wells said.

South Point resident Steve Katsanos agreed with Wells and questioned why Virginia was not stepping up to take care of the situation.

Commissioner Ted Elder asked whether Pocomoke City had been in contact with Accomack County regarding a wastewater treatment solution and was told that Royal Farms had been in connection with the county and the Virginia Department of Health. Their recommendation was to contact Pocomoke City since there was no other connection nearby.

"This is about economics," Commissioner Chip Bertino said. "This is economics. This is nothing more than that, from my perspective."

He explained that the business decided to operate in Virginia, not Maryland, and if they are concerned about causing an environmental disaster by having overflowing septic systems that could leach into the ground water, they have the option to move the business to Maryland.

Cropper said the business will have to shut the location down because there are no other viable options unless the amendment is passed.

But he also said it was not as if Royal Farms did not have any businesses in Worcester County that help feed the economy, because they do.

"It just so happens, only one location is across the line," Cropper said. "If anyone deserved the cooperation

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Sheriff's Office to hire nine full-time deputies

County law enforcement's vacancies have been open for years, Crisafulli says

By Greg Wehner
Staff Writer

(Oct. 27, 2022) Like many different fields of work, county law enforcement is struggling to find people to fill several vacant positions.

Worcester County Sheriff Matt Crisafulli is familiar with the challenge of finding employees. On Oct. 18, the top law enforcement official in the county told the County Commissioners that over the past five years, there have been no less than eight vacant positions – currently there are nine vacant part-time positions in his department.

He requested the commissioners approve converting the nine part-time positions into nine full-time positions, which they agreed to do.

"We're just simply not getting part-time," Crisafulli said, explaining that in the past the department was able to attract law enforcement retirees for part-time positions, but these days they're retiring and putting their badges and guns down.

Having nine open vacancies puts a strain on the daily operations of the sheriff's office. And while the department is not getting many part-time applications, Crisafulli said applications are coming in for full-time positions – some of which are considered lateral moves from other agencies.

Seven of the nine vacancies would be positioned in the Worcester

County court system, while the other two would be placed in schools, according to the sheriff.

In a memo to the commissioners, Crisafulli said two of the nine part-time positions are budgeted with benefits, and converting them to full-time would be cost effective and decrease the strain on daily operations.

Crisafulli originally estimated the request to convert the nine part-time positions to full-time would come with a cost of \$517,516. On Tuesday, though, he said a more accurate cost would be \$387,353.57, over the course of an entire fiscal year.

Commissioner Ted Elder questioned the cost, saying it would be close to \$43,000 per employee. Crisafulli told Elder the difference is these positions are all \$43,000, but

that includes salary and benefits.

Elder also asked if there would be any open part-time positions once these are converted to full-time, and Crisafulli said it would be up to the staff that fills the part-time slots.

"It's fluid," he said. "Someone could retire tomorrow...if that's a part-time deputy and they retire, we would then have that part-time vacancy."

Ultimately, though, the situation is "taxing" Crisafulli's staff.

He said the county owes it to the men and women of the Sheriff's Office to ensure the resources are available. At one point, Crisafulli explained, there were 14 part-time employees and now they are down to nine.

The commissioners unanimously agreed to grant the sheriff's request.

Royal Farms closing in on sewers

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from the county, it's them."

Bertino disagreed, telling cropper Royal Farms is a business and their goal is to generate business. The location in Virginia was the result of a decision the owners made, and they can shut down the location.

"This does set a precedent," Bertino said.

Commissioner Bud Church told his colleagues that allowing this amendment to pass is, "in the simplest terms ... a good neighbor policy."

He also told the other commissioners the planning commissioners were appointed by the County Commissioners to do a job, and they voted to support the amendment, though it was not unanimous.

Bertino moved to deny the request because it would set a new precedent that allows the county's rights to be subservient to the needs of a business. Instead, he suggested denying the request and advancing with Accomack County and the state of Virginia, rather than bearing the burden.

Commissioner Jim Bunting seconded the motion, which in the end was shot down 3-4, with Elder jumping on board.

Commissioner Josh Nordstrom then moved to approve the resolution, which was modified by Commissioner Joe Mitrecic to approve and begin discussions with Accomack County since Worcester is looking for ways to subsidize Pocomoke City's fire and EMS services. The motion was approved, 4-3.

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AGH appreciating staff during Sterile Processing Week

By Susan Canfora
Contributing Writer

(Oct. 27, 2022) If you happened to be driving past Atlantic General Hospital recently, you might have heard someone shout, "Who you gonna call?" The answer, from the four-member Central Processing Department at the Berlin hospital, would have been, "We ain't afraid of no bugs."

It was a little twist on the 1984 movie "Ghostbusters," acknowledging the AGH technicians in Central Processing who, daily, with precision, decimate bugs —germs that, left unchecked, could make patients sick.

Under the director of Processing Coordinator Jeff Brown, the team of Vanessa Jones, Debra Allen and Blair Donaway clean and sterilize equipment used by surgeons in the operating room.

Oct. 10-14 was declared Sterile Processing Week by the Healthcare Sterile Processing Association, based in Chicago, and the Berlin hospital, a mainstay in the community since opening in 1993, showed appreciation for the staff with lunches, sundaes and gifts all week.

One wall in the department was decorated with the words "Bug Busters: Central Processing" and a picture of the staff in Ghostbusters costumes, courtesy of Photoshop.

Also on the wall was a white ghost with a red line through it, the words "Who U Gonna Call?" and cardboard likenesses of orange, red and green germs, eyes bulging and mouths squashed, thoroughly trounced.

"That wall and what they did for us, it caught me by surprise and it was so cool," Brown said. "I was really surprised. This was the first time they did this. They recognized us a little bit over the years but nothing as far as this big." Designed by AGH employees Amy Holloway, Tiffany Golczynski and Melissa Lambertson, the theme was the brainchild of Holloway, who said she thought, "Instead of Ghostbusters, let's make it bug busters."

"We do this for the departments when a professional organization recognizes that particular sector. Last month it was the Association of Scrub Technologists. We recognized all the scrub technologists. Every year, we do about six," Holloway said, adding Perioperative Nurses will be in the spotlight next month.

"It's so much fun. We want to make sure Central Processing was recognized. They go above and beyond and we wanted to do this for them," Holloway said. "A lot of those departments couldn't even function without us," Brown said.

"Between Deb Allen and Blair Donaway, Vanessa Jones and me, they are dedicated. They are the unsung he-



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Oct. 10-14 was declared Sterile Processing Week by the Healthcare Sterile Processing Association and Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin showed appreciation for the staff with lunches, sundaes and gifts all week. Members of the Central Processing Department at AGH, from left, are Blair Donaway, Debra Allen and Vanessa Jones. Not pictured: Processing Coordinator Jeff Brown.

roses of the hospital. They are there and they know what we have to do and they get the job done.

"The job gets done. That is so important. The operating room, that is our main customer. They rely on us heavily. There have been times we've had to turn things around very quickly, but I've got the best staff in the world. Hands down," Brown said.

In a company-wide newsletter, he wrote that during August his staff processed 340 sterilizer loads.

"This was 10,860 products, which equates to 86,595 instruments that the staff actually handled.

"Without these dedicated team members, the operating rooms and outlying patient care clinics would not be able to provide the tremendous patient care that they do. They put in long hours most of the time to make sure that all instruments and supplies

are ready for the next day's surgical procedures. They also make sure the instruments for the clinics belonging to Atlantic General Health System are processed and ready for the next days," Brown said.

The Healthcare Sterile Processing Association Website, www.myhspa.org, calls Sterile Processing Departments worldwide, "the heart of the hospital" and explains, "Before a surgeon can make that initial incision, a team of skilled sterile processing professionals has worked diligently to ensure that each and every instrument is properly decontaminated, sterilized, well-functioning and available when needed."

"Waves of surgical instruments and devices flow in and out of these rooms in constant motion, supplying essential elements to keep the health-

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Sterilization staff vital to AGH

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Allen, who has been a central processing technician 36 years, said the department is important to AGH "because we are there to serve the pa-

tients and protect the patients from infectious diseases."

"I like knowing that we save lives from these diseases. It all comes down to our department," Allen said.

"Central Processing is important to the hospital because surgical procedures cannot be conducted without pathogen-free instrumentation," Jones said. "What I enjoy about working in Central Processing is knowing that I have provided our patients with the very best care from a sterile processing perspective," she said.

Agreeing, Donaway said she had never had a job "that I woke up excited to go to." "AGH makes you feel like family. I have never been appreciated so much by all of my co-workers and superiors. I think when patients come to AGH they can feel that this really is a family place and caring for their patients is their No. 1 priority."



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Berlin's curbside Bulk Waste Collections offered in Nov.

(Oct. 27, 2022) The Town of Berlin will hold free curbside Bulk Waste Collections in November.

Collections are for improved, occupied residential properties and the collection date is according to regular trash collection schedules.

For neighborhoods that have Tuesday and Wednesday trash collection, bulk waste collection will be on Wednesday, Nov. 2; for Thursday trash collection customers, bulk waste collection will be on Wednesday, Nov. 16.

Anyone placing items for collection must submit a request to the town, either by phone or online, by no later than 4:30 p.m. the day before their collection day.

A form is available online at berlinmd.gov under "Departments/Public Works" or call Town Hall at 410-641-2770, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

A maximum of four items will be collected. All fabric items must be bagged or wrapped in plastic and sealed; bags for large items such as mattresses are available at local retailers and a limited supply is avail-

able at Town Hall.

Additional regulations may apply; details are available online or can be emailed or picked up at Town Hall before collection day.

Several holidays in November will affect regular trash or recycling collection. Veterans Day: Town Offices will be closed on Friday, Nov. 11. There will be no recycling collection on this day.

Business trash will be collected on Thursday, Nov. 10, along with regular Thursday trash collection.

Thanksgiving: Town Offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 24 and 25; Thursday and Friday trash collection will be picked up Wednesday, Nov. 23 along with regular Wednesday collection.

There will be no recycling collection on Friday, Nov. 25.

Fall yard waste collections will be scheduled for December; look for additional details in the coming weeks.

For more information about special collections, visit the town website at berlinmd.gov and go to the Public Works page under "Departments."



SPIRIT WEEK

Upper School students at Worcester Preparatory School celebrated Spirit Week Oct. 3-7, by dressing according to each day of the week's theme leading up to homecoming on Oct. 8. Sophomores, from left, Aleksy Klimins, Lucas Nicastro, Ryan Mann, Mike DePalma and Ben McGovern dress as the best lunch ingredients during Spirit Week. (Left) Seniors Jenna Hess and Parker Tingle complimented each other as chips and salsa.

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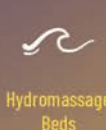
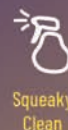


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Carolyn Dryzga was recently named Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City's Kiwanian of the Year for outstanding effort and contributions. She has served as the treasurer, reporting secretary and past president of the club. President Tim Lund presented her with a plaque.



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SPIRIT WEEK

Upper School students at Worcester Preparatory School celebrated Spirit Week Oct. 3-7, by dressing according to each day of the week's theme leading up to homecoming on Oct. 8. Sophomores, from left, Emma Zajdel, Nazli Unal and Danielle Carr made a slam dunk on Mathletes vs. Athletes Day.



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GUEST SPEAKER

Ken Argot, executive director of Diakonia, left, updated the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City on Oct. 5, on the West Ocean City shelter. Diakonia focuses on issues of homelessness, food assistance and veteran services. The objective is temporary housing to transition people into permanent residences. He is pictured with Kiwanis Club President Bob Wolfing.



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STOLEN SIGN

The A.J. Corts Memorial Salt Marsh sign was recently stolen from its location in the marsh at the end of Bluewater Court in Ocean Pines. Anyone with information should contact the Ocean Pines Police Department at 410-723-6610.



ART EVENT

Forty-five artists from five states participated in Paint Worcester County, plein air event, sponsored by Worcester County Arts Council, Sept. 19-23. Artwork in this competition was judged by local artist Barbara Scheihing. Pictured, from left, are Alice Pattera (Berlin Library manager), Lori Yates, Rhonda Ford, Scheihing, Maggii Sarfaty, Berlin Mayor Zachary Tyndall, Judith Showell Loeber, David Simpson, J. Stacy Rogers, Jose Ramirez, Sen. Mary Beth Carozza and Jim Rehak. Not present: Annie Strack.

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Opinion

Please send all letters and other editorial submissions to editor@baysidegazette.com by 5 p.m. Monday.

Directors move wisely in vote count review

The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors took the common-sense approach last week when they decided to table the discussion of ordering a forensic audit of August's election results, even though the final tabulation was inaccurate.

Instead, the board directed its newly appointed Elections Committee to gather as much information as it can and then see if those results reveal the cause of the skewed vote count, or whether a closer examination is needed.

As the board concluded, there is no point in spending several thousand dollars to have a private auditing team pick fish bones out of the election's carcass if the answer is clearly evident to the committee — at no charge to the association.

Further, chances are that will be the case and the committee will find that the miscount was the result of the test ballot run, or a software glitch, or someone pushed the "on" button when they should have pressed "off."

Although it's been argued that the public's confidence in elections is involved here, that either isn't or shouldn't be the case.

First of all, the win/loss column of the election did not change because of the miscount. Secondly, all this concern about election integrity in general is the product of a political argument that has yet to discover and present any evidence of actual skulduggery.

In Ocean Pines' case, until such time that something other than an easily corrected balloting bungle seems possible — and the chances of that are about the same as winning the lottery three times in row — the Elections Committee should be trusted to do its job.

The board of directors apparently does, and so should Ocean Pines voters. Besides, the odds are good that the committee will determine the source of the problem much sooner than any team of auditors can be settled in and get to the task at hand.



Historical Society fall dinner in Nov.

Yearly banquet to be held at Atlantic Hotel in downtown Berlin

(Oct. 27, 2022) The Worcester County Historical Society is planning its annual fall dinner for Sunday, Nov. 13, at 1 p.m. at the Atlantic Hotel in downtown Berlin.

This year's speaker will be Gordon E. Katz, an award-winning author, who will speak on The Henry Hotel.

The hotel was built in 1895 as lodging for African-Americans staying or working in Ocean City. It was given its name when Charles Henry purchased it in 1926 and renamed it Henry's Colored Hotel.

He added such amenities as a restaurant and entertainment by well-known musicians such as Cab Calloway, Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong, Count Basie, and James Brown, all of whom stayed there.

Several years ago Katz published a book telling about the early history of Ocean City from 1875 to 1890.

This book received two prestigious awards: Award of Merit from the American Association for State and Local History and the Tee O'Connor Professional Award from the Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Council.

He is presently working on a sequel to that publication, which continues the story of both Ocean City and

the surrounding areas of Eastern Worcester County from 1890 through the storm of 1933 that created the inlet.

The menu for the Historical Society's dinner will include a choice of Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad, Leo's Shrimp Salad or a Crab Cake with the trimmings on each order. The crab cake will be an additional \$5 Lemon Lust will be included as the dessert.

Tickets are \$40 (or \$45 for the crab cake) per person and can be purchased by sending a check to Judi Menavich, 9 Drawbridge Road, Berlin, Maryland 21811. The deadline for reservations to the dinner, which is open to the public, is Monday, Nov. 7.

Track or Treat in Snow Hill on Friday

(Oct. 27, 2022) Worcester County Recreation & Parks will host a Track or Treat event at the Worcester County Recreation Center in Snow Hill on Friday from 6-8 p.m.

This event is open to youth ages 12 and under. Local vendors will hand out

goodies to the kids.

Children should come dressed in their Halloween costumes and bring bags to collect goodies.

There is no admission fee for this event, but children must be accompanied by an adult. All guests must sign in at the main entrance.

For more information about Track or Treat or to participate as a vendor, contact Tyler Keiser at 410-632-2144, ext. 2505 or tkeiser@marylandscoast.org.

Visit www.playmaryland-scoast.org to learn about other special events happening in Worcester County.

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County to host Household Hazardous Waste Day, Sat.

(Oct. 27, 2022) The Worcester County Public Works Recycling Division will host Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Day on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the West Ocean City Park and Ride on U.S. Rt. 50. HHW, computers, and laptops may be dropped off for safe disposal. No other electronics will be accepted.

HHW Collection Day provides an opportunity for Worcester County residents to safely dispose of products containing harmful chemicals, such as bleach, pesticides, pool chemicals, oil mixtures, gas and other fuels, acids, automotive fluids, thinners, and other everyday hazardous wastes accumulating in and around the home, like CFL light bulbs, batteries, and oil-based paints.

Note that water-based paints are not hazardous materials and should not be brought to any hazardous waste event.

Instead, solidify water-based paints by drying or adding absorbent

materials, like sand, kitty litter, or mulch. Then place the dried paint in the trash.

HHW Collection Day is open at no charge to county residents only. This event is hosted in conjunction with Maryland Environmental Services and the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE).

A representative from MDE will be on-site checking vehicle registration. Clean Ventures of Baltimore will be responsible for the safe disposal of all hazardous waste collected.

Computers and laptops will be collected and later recycled.

Collecting HHW for safe disposal saves valuable landfill space and helps protect the environment, as many of these items do not degrade and contain poisonous materials that could seep out of the landfill and contaminate surrounding soil and groundwater.

For more information, contact Worcester County Recycling Manager Mike McClung at 410-632-3177.


Tee Off For Youth golf event, fundraiser slated for Nov. 4

(Oct. 27, 2022) The Tee Off for Youth Golf Tournament and Fundraiser at the Ocean City Golf Club has been rescheduled to Friday, Nov. 4, beginning at 11 a.m.

Registration will remain open until Monday, Oct. 31. The cost to participate is \$80 per golfer, and all proceeds generated by this event will

benefit underprivileged youth who participate in Worcester County Recreation and Parks youth programs, leagues, after school activities, and summer camps.




For more information, contact Tyler Keiser at 410-632-2144 x2505 or email tkeiser@marylandscost.org.



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County names volunteers to police accountability board

(Oct. 27, 2022) The Worcester County Commissioners appointed representatives from across the county to serve on the newly-established civilian Police Accountability Board (PAB) and Administrative Charging Committee (ACC), which were implemented under the Maryland Police Accountability Act, a state law that became effective in July 2022.

The seven-member PAB appointed by the commissioners includes Chair Gregory Tate, Vice Chair Joe Theobald, Jerred Johnson, Mary Burgess, Quincy Shockley, Carol Frazier, and John Simms, III.

The five-member ACC includes Dr. Mark Bowen, John Trumpower, and James Beard, along with Simms and Tate.

The ACC is composed of the PAB chair, two civilian members selected by the PAB, and two civilian members selected by the commissioners.

"The PAB has received no complaints as of yet, which is a testament

to the fine work of all the departments," said Tate, a retired Secret Service Internal Affairs inspector.

The PAB serves as the overall governing body of the system of police discipline in Worcester County.

The ACC will review complaints and investigations of police misconduct, determine whether an officer should be charged with misconduct, and if charged recommend discipline from the state-created matrix.

A three-member Trial Board tasked with conducting hearings if an officer does not accept the disciplinary measures recommended by the ACC will be chaired by a retired or administrative law judge appointed by the commissioners, a civilian appointed by the PAB, and a police officer, who is of equal rank to the officer accused of misconduct, will be appointed by the head of the law enforcement agency.

More information about the PAB is available at www.co.worcester.md.us/PAB.

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Pickleball Pink Ribbon Classic raises \$18K

Popular sport's enthusiasts put thousands in bank for American Cancer Society

(Oct. 27, 2022) The Ocean Pines Pickleball Club raised more than \$17,660 for the American Cancer Society during the fifth annual Pickleball Pink Ribbon Classic, held Oct. 7 at the Ocean Pines Racquet Center.

All proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer campaign, which has been active since 1993.

Event Director Chris Shook said the Pickleball Pink Ribbon Classic is especially meaningful to her. This is her third year directing the tournament.

"It touches home," she said. "I'm a two-time breast cancer survivor, and a lot of people here are survivors."

"It's also just a fun time for everybody to come out and play some pickleball," she continued. "The turnout was great, and we're very happy with the new courts and the court repairs by Ocean Pines."

Event organizer Julie Woulfe said 128 players competed on 16 courts, and 29 volunteers helped service the event. Thirty-one sponsors supported the tournament.

"Volunteers make these types of things happen," Woulfe said. "Our wonderful volunteers planned the tournament, solicited sponsors and donations, baked cookies, put together lunches, set up and took down

tables and accessories, monitored courts and scores, put together raffle items, gathered snacks and medals, coordinated with ACS, and helped clean up."

Gold, silver and bronze medals were given to the top players.

According to ACS, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer events "have collectively grown into the nation's largest and most impactful breast cancer movement providing a supportive community for courageous breast cancer survivors and metastatic breast cancer thrivers, including

caregivers, and families alike."

That has translated into more than \$71 million invested in breast cancer research grants.

ACS has also responded to a quarter of a million requests for cancer information through the nonprofit's helpline and chat services.

An ACS mobile app has connected almost 4,000 women facing breast cancer with trained breast cancer survivors to support them.

For more information on the American Cancer Society, visit www.cancer.org.

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Cuisine

Pulled pork BBQ burrito covered in cheese

I raise my glass as I think of our broken industry, one to which hundreds of thousands of workers never returned after the pandemic.

Short-staffed, short-tempered and exhausted, those of us remaining in the field simply try to eke out a week or two here and there to get away and unwind.



By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3

Of course, that often does not happen, but I can assure you that it is much needed and well received when it does come to fruition.

Regardless of customer demand, so many restaurants are closed one to two days per week.

In fact, this became most obvious this summer when one of the largest and most successful marina spots was closed for lunch three days a week. That is unprecedented and is a telling sign of the times. My fingers are crossed as I anxiously sit through the next few years.

Honestly, I foresee a massive shift from full-service to counter service. There really is no other way to maximize what very little profit exists in the business for owners already.

And with that being said, my mind races to foods that fare well in quick service settings. I think over-the-counter is going to be the new trend and as such, I immediately think sandwiches.

Sandwiches in every iteration are the foundation of American Cuisine, despite what all of the fancy chefs say.

It is nigh impossible to find a lunch menu anywhere that does not have at least three selections listed. We love our sandwiches, don't we?

And then that brings me to my favorite argument with purists: which of the following are sandwiches? Pizza, hot dogs and burritos?

I would personally argue that all three are sandwiches, but try telling that to someone from New York or Chicago. Yeah, it does not always go over well. But I stand by it, as if it has bread and filling, it is by definition a sandwich.

Take the mighty pizza, for example. I eat mine by folding it over. The result? Bread on top, bread on bottom and filling in between. Sandwich.

The hot dog is filling surrounded by bread. Sandwich.

The burrito is filling wrapped en-



tirely by bread. Sandwich.

And yes, I'm sure that the paper will receive at least one type-written piece of hate mail arguing the point, but sometimes things just need to be said.

And to troll just a little bit more, if you want to have a lot of fun in Chicago, take some ketchup packets with you the next time you get a dog in ChiTown. They will come after you.

Apparently that is the gravest of sins, so watch your back if you decide to take me up on my terrible advice.

When we get to the burrito, I guess the main people who would argue whether it truly is a sandwich would be Texans, with their affinity for overstuffed burritos and chimichangas.

The latter was introduced at the World Fair in Texas in the '50s, and things have never been the same. It is an infinitely simple dish that has had a profound impact on the Tex-Mex world. Apparently deep-frying things makes them taste better. Who knew?

But in this case, we do not need to deep fry anything.

The glorious burrito that you see before you is moist and satiating enough without the added fat and grease. It's simply an amazing, tasty and decadent burrito that you can make to wow friends and family alike.

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BBQ Burrito

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4 ea. Good quality large tortillas

4 c. Cooked rice and beans

2 lb. Fresh pulled pork (recipe follows)

2 c. Homemade cheese sauce

1/2 c. Kansas City BBQ sauce

Salsa (optional)

- Lay out the tortillas and split the rice, beans and pulled pork among them.

- Roll them up as you would any other burrito and place them seam-side down on plates.

- Cover with the warm cheese sauce and drizzle the BBQ sauce on top.

- Garnish with the salsa if you de-

cidied to use that and go to town.

Pulled Pork

makes 1 butt

1 Boston butt

1 c. Kosher salt

1/4 c. Black pepper

1/4 c. Cocoa powder

1/4 c. Granulated garlic

1/4 c. Onion powder

2 Tbsp. Paprika

- Combine dry ingredients and rub the pork butt, thoroughly coating it.

- Place in a smoker at 225F and smoke for 16 hours, or until it has that amazing bark on the outside, and it pulls apart when you shred it.

- Remove and when still warm (but cool enough to handle), pull the pork and keep warm.

- I do not add any BBQ sauce to the pulled pork, as this does not need it. It has such an amazing flavor that I believe that a little sauce on top of the finished dish is plenty. If you want to add some here, it certainly is your call.

— Paul Suplee is the owner of boxcar40, boxcar on main, boxcar crafted events and sportfish catering.
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Calendar

Please send calendar items to editor@baysidegazette.com by 5 p.m. Monday. All community-related activities will be published at no charge.

Thurs., Oct. 27

RIGAMAJIG THURSDAYS

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Drop in any time during the day to use your imagination and build using the rigamajig STEM building kit. For ages 4 years and older. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

PLAY TIME

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Join the group for a variety of activities and toys. Play and socialize with other families. For ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

TRIVIA WITH THE LIBRARY

Ocean City 50plus Center, 104 41st St., 2 p.m. Test your knowledge and win prizes. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

ROCK LEGENDS SERIES: THE BAND

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. View a 1978 film chronicling what was billed as The Band's "farewell concert appearance" at San Francisco's Hinterland Ballroom. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

YOGA FOR ALL

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 5:30 p.m. Erica Dennis uses props as power tools and posture variations suited to individual needs. Registration required:

www.worcesterlibrary.org. 410-632-2600

BEACH SINGLES-55 PLUS

Thursdays - Harpoon Hanna's, 39064 Harpoon Road, Fenwick Island, DE, 4-6 p.m. Info: 302-436-9577 or BeachSingles.org

Fri., Oct. 28

COSTUME STORY TIME 'HALLOWEEN!'

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Wear your costume for this Halloween themed story time. Stay after for a fun craft and some Halloween goodies. For ages 2-5 years.

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Community Briefs

Donations sought

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City will host coat and toy drives again this year.

The drives will take place on Wednesdays, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 9 a.m. until noon.

Vehicles will be in the Ocean Pines Community Center parking lot accepting donations to supplement the ones made by the Kiwanis Club.

Coats will be delivered to Worcester County charities for distribution and toys will be delivered to Worcester County G.O.L.D.

For more information, contact David J. Landis, Sr., public relations committee, at djlandissr@gmail.com or 410-641-7330.

Scholarships



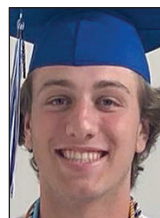
Danielle Consigli

Three Stephen Decatur High School graduates received \$1,750 college scholarships from the Ocean City chapter of the Sons and Daughters of Italy.



Emma Sperry

Danielle Consigli of Ocean City, a nursing student at the University of South Carolina; Emma Sperry of Berlin, now studying actuarial science at North Carolina State University; and Ashten Snelsire of Berlin, who is attending the University of Richmond, studying economics, finance and marketing, were presented awards.



Ashten Snelsire

The Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America has been in existence in the U.S. since

1905. The Ocean City lodge was started by Italian businessmen and women in May of 1980.

Today, Ocean City Lodge 2474, with almost 200 members, is active throughout the local area, donating to many charitable organizations.

It also provides scholarships to Italian

American high school students and helps support many young men and women who travel from Italy every summer to work in Ocean City and the surrounding resort areas.

The Sons and Daughters of Italy is accepting new members. For information on how to join, visit sonsofitalyoceancity.com.

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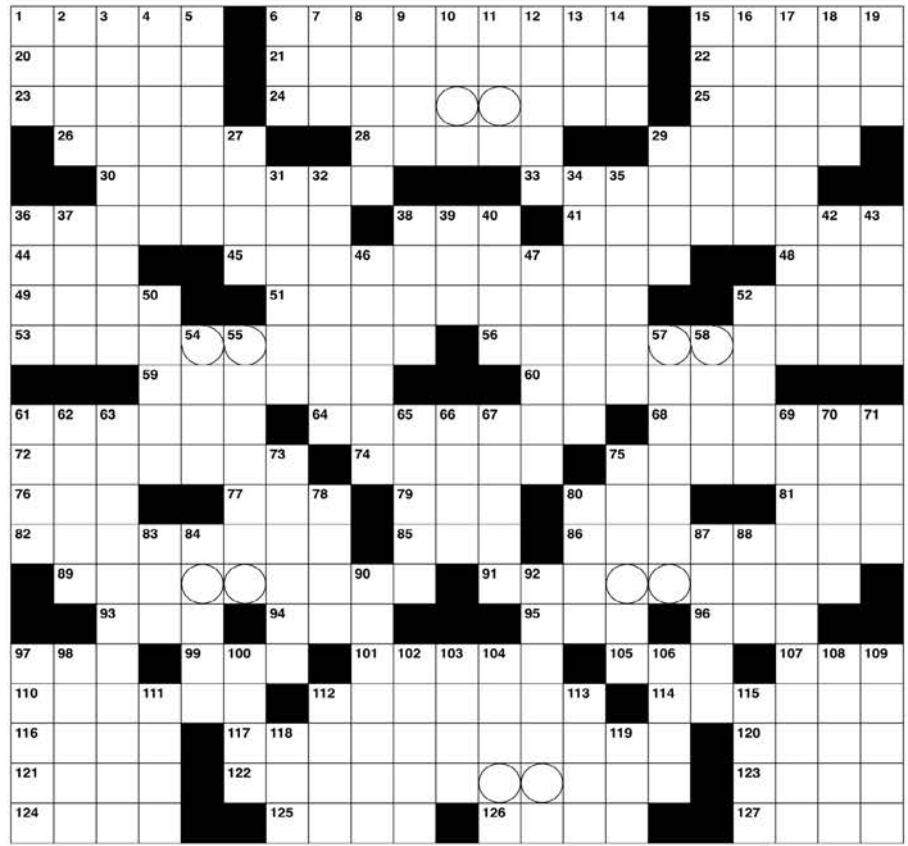
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Puzzles

TERMINAL CONNECTIONS BY PAOLO PASCO / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Paolo Pasco is a recent Harvard graduate, now working in data science in San Diego. He's been making puzzles for The Times since he was 15. His job interview was partly about crosswords and included a programming problem to find words, Boggle-style, in a grid. How lucky was that? He says he thought of this puzzle's theme during a class back in April and fleshed it out while walking back to his dorm. — W.S.

- ACROSS**
- 1 "Te quiero ____" (Spanish words of endearment)
 - 6 ____ axis, half of an ellipse's shorter diameter
 - 15 See-worthy?
 - 20 Volume on an iPad, say
 - 21 Singer of "Fame" fame
 - 22 "____: Game Over" (2014 video-game documentary)
 - 23 Grown-up efts
 - 24 Old-fashioned letter opener
 - 25 Turn into confetti
 - 26 12/25, e.g.
 - 28 ____ Lewis, singer of the 2007 No. 1 hit "Bleeding Love"
 - 29 Tennis star Naomi, who was born in 29-Across
 - 30 "I'm gonna tell you something huge"
 - 33 Mossy growths
 - 36 River with a "White" counterpart
 - 38 Lil ____ Howery ("Get Out" actor)
 - 41 Stuffs into a hole, say
 - 44 F-, for one
 - 45 Ritual with bamboo utensils
 - 48 God, in Italy
 - 49 Repeated word in an "Animal House" chant
- DOWN**
- 1 Pastry with the same shape as an Argentine medialuna
 - 52 Attorney general before Garland
 - 53 Online promotions, collectively
 - 56 What businesses go by
 - 59 Cut down
 - 60 "Eureka!"
 - 61 Word with easy or stop
 - 64 Provide change in quarters?
 - 68 Long, tragic stories
 - 72 Up to this point
 - 74 Best supporting actress nominee for "The Power of the Dog," 2021
 - 75 Letter opener, pencil cup, inbox tray, etc.
 - 76 Phanerozoic ____ (what we live in)
 - 77 Classroom aides, for short
 - 79 British term of address
 - 80 Currency for the prize on "Squid Game"
 - 81 Reddit Q. and A. session, in brief
 - 82 Most unpleasantly old and mildewy
 - 85 Letters before Constitution or Enterprise
 - 86 Popular subcompact hatchback from Japan
 - 89 Rock commonly used in asphalt
 - 91 Part of a hotel with décor fitting a certain motif
 - 93 Video-game series with settings in Liberty City and San Andreas, for short
 - 94 Gobsnack
 - 95 Scottish interjection
 - 96 "Everything Everywhere at Once" (Michelle Yeoh movie)
 - 97 R.&B. artist whose name sounds like a pronoun
 - 99 Eats
 - 101 Travis of country music
 - 105 One of 2,297 for Hank Aaron, for short
 - 107 Annoyance for a Twitch streamer
 - 110 Figure with equal angles
 - 112 Sunday ____ (end-of-week anxiety, casually)
 - 114 Country whose flag depicts a machete
 - 116 With 121-Across, company that sells scuba gear
 - 117 Certain furniture-store purchases
 - 120 Missing
 - 121 See 116-Across
 - 122 "Be My Baby" group, 1963
 - 123 Bygone Microsoft media player
 - 124 The lights in fairy lights
 - 125 Some travel considerations, in brief
 - 126 Tarnish
 - 127 Donkey Kong and others
 - 4 One who's super-good-looking
 - 5 Affirmative gesture
 - 6 *Baseball pitching style ... or a weapon
 - 7 Afore
 - 8 Dining-hall offerings
 - 9 About, on a 10-Down
 - 10 See 9-Down
 - 11 Volunteer's words
 - 12 Tennis's "king of clay"
 - 13 Hour, in Italy
 - 14 *Big name in hotels
 - 15 Access providers
 - 16 Within reach
 - 17 Actress who played "Jessica" in "Parasite"
 - 18 No-go ____
 - 19 Something to pry or twist off
 - 27 Volunteer's words
 - 29 [Gasp!]
 - 31 Chooses
 - 32 More run-down
 - 34 Period in ancient history
 - 35 Like a defeatist's attitude
 - 36 *Indentation on a chew toy
 - 37 Textile-making device
 - 38 *Light again
 - 39 "I mean ..." sounds
 - 40 *Whom Holmes tells, "You do find it very hard to tackle the facts"
 - 42 Telegram
 - 43 *Many a Viking
 - 46 Pulled a fast one on
 - 47 College near Vassar
 - 50 Where van Gogh and Gauguin briefly lived together
 - 52 Dyeing method using wax
 - 54 Chief ____ (rapper with a rhyming name)
 - 55 Where feudal workers worked
 - 57 French equivalent of "Stephen"
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Fill in the blank spaces in the grid so that every vertical column, every horizontal row and every 3 by 3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9, without repeating any. There is really only one solution to each puzzle.

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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HOBBIES CLUB 'DIY PROJECTS'

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1 p.m. Decorate your own mini-pumpkin, while supplies last. For ages 6 years and older. Registration required: www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

FALL PARTY

Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin. 6-8 p.m. Free fun for all ages. Food, candy, games, pumpkin decorating, music and a bonfire. Come in costume. Bring a chair to sit by the fire. Rain or shine. Stop by Buckingham Church's Trunk or Treat.

TRACK OR TREAT

Worcester County Recreation Center, 6030 Public Landing Road, Snow Hill, 6-8 p.m. A night of safe Trick or Treating. Open to youth ages 12 years and younger. Dress in Halloween costumes and bring bags to collect goodies. No admission. Children must be with an adult. 410-632-2144, ext. 2505

OCEAN PINES CHILDREN'S THEATER PRESENTS 'SALEM'S DAUGHTER'

Ocean Pines Community Center - Assateague Room, 235 Ocean Parkway, 6:30 p.m. Do you want to know who is in the well, the ghost on the hill, or if witches really do exist? Tickets cost \$12 and are available at the door. Desserts and beverages included.

Sat., Oct. 29

SHORE CRAFT BEER'S OCTOBERFEST

Sunset Park, 700 S. Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 12:30-4:30 p.m. Featuring unlimited samples, live music, vendors, food trucks, local craft breweries and OC Bay Hopper cruises. Tickets: <https://shorecraftbeer.ticketspice.com/octoberfest-2022>. Rain or shine.

THE PARKE GARAGE SALE

The Parke at Ocean Pines - Main Entrance, Ocean Parkway and Central Parke West, 7:30 a.m.-noon. Held in the driveways of residents. Maps will be available at the main entrance of The Parke. There will be clothes, lamps, artwork, household items, electronics, furniture, more. Rain date is Oct. 30. 410-208-4994

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET

Whaleysville United Methodist, 11716 Sheppards Crossing Road, 7-10 a.m. Buffet will include pancakes, bacon,

sausage, scrapple, scrambled eggs, chipped beef, hash brown potatoes, toast, fruit and assorted beverages. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. 410-603-0294

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

W. Ocean City Park and Ride, 12940 Inlet Isle Lane, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Drop off computers, laptops and household hazardous waste, such as products containing harmful chemicals, gas, acids, CFL lightbulbs, batteries and oil-based paints. Worcester County residents only. 410-632-3177

BLACK CAT SCAVENGER HUNT

Ocean City Life-Saving Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Search the museum for clues that lead to Sabrina the black cat. Each participant will leave with a Halloween prize. Free for children 11 years and younger.

CRAFTY SATURDAY STEM EDITION 'PROF. JAKE'S POTIONS CLASS'

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. Join Professor Jake and create some awesome positions and mad science themed crafts. Make sure all young scientist are prepared for a mess. For ages 4 years and older. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

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ASSATEAGUE ADVENTURES

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. A ranger-led adventure featuring crafts, puppets, stories, cool props and live animals from Assateague Island National Seashore. A different adventure each week. For all ages. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

OTTERLY SPOOKY SATURDAY & SHORE LADDIES!

Delmarva Discovery Museum, 2 Market St., Pocomoke City, 12-12:30 p.m. Delve into the history of River Otters across the world and in the region. Stick around to watch Otters Mac and Tuck receive their Halloween treat. <https://www.ocmuseum.org/history-month>

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PARANORMAL INVESTIGATION

Ocean City Life-Saving Museum, 813 S.

Atlantic Ave., 7-10 p.m. During this immersive investigation, guest will be paired with an actual paranormal investigator for a spooky ghost hunting experience. Cost is \$40. Register: <https://www.ocmuseum.org/history-month>.

FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

Saturdays - White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Shop for everything from fresh local produce to unique handmade artisan goods. Open to the public.

FREE PLATFORM TENNIS LESSONS

Saturdays - Ocean Pines Racquet Center, 11443 Manklin Creek Road, 9:30 a.m. All abilities welcome and equipment will be provided. oppad2020@gmail.com or 516-508-0313.

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JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MEETING

Sundays - Berlin Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, 212 West St., Berlin, 10 a.m. www.jw.org

Mon., Oct. 31

REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR TEE OFF FOR YOUTH GOLF TOURNAMENT AND FUNDRAISER

Ocean City Golf Club, 11401 Country Club Drive, Berlin. Held Nov. 4, 11 a.m. Cost to participate is \$80 and all proceeds will benefit underprivileged youth who participate in Worcester County Recreation and Parks youth programs. 410-632-2144, ext. 2505

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GHOST STORIES FROM THE SEA

Ocean City Life-Saving Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., 1-3 p.m. Actor Ed Guinan will represent Anton, an 1883 shipwreck victim. Guinan will tell the story of the schooner, Sallie W. Kaye, running

aground off the coast of OC. <https://www.ocmuseum.org/history-month>

MONDAY MUSIC MASTERS

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1 p.m. Using basic percussion skills and instruments, let's see how well the group can follow the beat together. Recommended for ages 9 years and older. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

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HISTORY OF OUR SURFMAN

Ocean City Life-Saving Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., 1 p.m. Meet Keeper Allan and learn about life as an Ocean City Storm Warrior. Free with paid admission. <https://www.ocmuseum.org/history-month>

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY OF BERLIN - GROUP #169

Atlantic General Hospital - Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 5-6:30 p.m. T.O.P.S. is a weekly support and educational group promoting weight loss and living a healthy lifestyle. Rose Campion, 410-641-0157

DELMARVA WOMEN'S A CAPELLA CHORUS

Mondays - Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 6:00-8:00 p.m. All ladies who love to sing invited. Mary, 410-629-9383 or Carol, 302-242-7062.

Tues., Nov. 1

SILLY SONGS

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 10:30 a.m. Sing and dance to silly songs. For ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

STORY TIME 'COLORS OF AUTUMN'

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and finger-plays. A take-home activity will be included. For ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

MASTER GARDENER PLANT CLINIC

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 11 a.m. Master Gardener Ginny Rosenkranz talks about all things plants. Bring questions and feel free to show your plants as well. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

OC KNITTING GROUP

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Bring whatever project you happen

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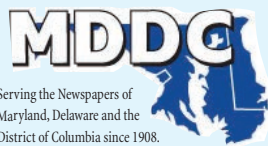
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BABY TIME

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TAI CHI

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2 p.m. Three-week class (Nov. 1, 8, and 15) on Shibashi (A Qigong Practice) is easy to follow for beginners interested in Tai Chi. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org under "Events". 410-632-2600

BEACH HEROES-OC

Tuesdays - Volunteer beach clean-up group meets from 9-10 a.m., year-round. Trash bags, grippers and gloves provided. Check the Facebook page "Beach Heroes-OC" for weekly meeting locations. All are welcome.

DELMARVA DANCING

Tuesdays - Selbyville Elks Lodge 2173, 13324 Worcester Highway, Bishopville, 5:30-9 p.m. Dance to the sounds of the '50s, '60s, '70s and more. A \$5 donation

benefits Veterans and local charities. All are welcome. Charlie, 410-465-0445

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MEETING

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TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Tuesdays - Worcester County Health Department, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 3:30-4:30 p.m. TOPS is a weekly support and education group promoting weight loss and a healthy lifestyle. 410-289-4725

OC KNITTING CLUB

Tuesdays - Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m.

ARGENTINE TANGO PRACTICE

Tuesdays - Experienced dancers and others interested in watching or learning more are welcome, 7-9:30 p.m. No partner required. Info: TangobytheBeach.com.

Wed., Nov. 2

BARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the first and second Wednesday of each month for non-surgical patients.

Atlantic General Bariatrics Center, 410-641-9568.

THE GRACE PARKER BREAKFAST

First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City, 1301 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City. 7 a.m.-noon. Join friends, neighbors and colleagues for a hearty breakfast and fellowship. Cost is \$12 with one re-order when dining in or \$10 for take out. ocmdpresbyterian@gmail.com

KIWANIS COAT & TOY DRIVE

Ocean Pines Community Center Parking Lot, 235 Ocean Parkway, 9 a.m.-noon. Coats may be new or gently used and toys, new and unwrapped. Coats are for local charities to distribute and toys for Worcester G.O.L.D. Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines-Ocean City.

BABY TIME 'STORY TIME FOR TEENY TINIERS'

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. Classic story time experience catered specifically to ages 2 years and younger. Stay after to socialize with other families. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

STORY TIME 'FALLING LEAVES'

Worcester County Library - Ocean City

Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Learn about the changes of the season with stories, rhymes and a craft. For ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Providing discussion, education and a speaker on the topic of diabetes. Darlene Jameson, 410-208-9761, djameson@atlanticgeneral.org

ANCIENT GREECE

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 4 p.m. Learn about the culture, art, food and architecture of Ancient Greece. Participate in STEAM projects and challenges. For ages 10 years and older. Registration required: www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

ADVANCED DIRECTIVE WORKSHOP

TidalHealth Richard A. Henson Cancer Institute Ocean Pines, 11105 Cathage Road, 4-5:30 p.m. Free workshop can help attendees plan their future health-care decisions and ensure wishes are known. Receive assistance in completing an advanced directive. Reserve a spot: 410-912-6939.

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