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HALLOWEEN IN BERLIN

Hundreds of families walked around Washington and other streets in Berlin in search of candy on Halloween. There was also a Trunk or Treat in the Arctic Heating & Air Conditioning parking lot, where guests could vote for their favorite decorated vehicle.

Parks storage plan considered

Some pieces of equipment could be locked away with town managing key access

By Gee Williams
Contributing Writer

(Nov. 3, 2022) A motion to look into providing storage areas for equipment at all of Berlin's municipal parks passed unanimously at the group's meeting on Tuesday at Town Hall. Commission members agreed that storage areas should be provided in the coming year for specific equipment used at each of the town's parks. The motion was proposed by Commission member Patricia Dufendach and seconded by Bruce Hyder.

Commission members briefly dis-

cussed creating a membership for those residents who would have access keys at Town Hall to the storage areas at the parks. Parks Commission members discussed working with the We Heart Berlin nonprofit and the St. Paul's Episcopal Church to coordinate access to the storage areas. Similar partnerships would be explored for each of Berlin's parks.

One example discussed was for equipment needed for Burbage Park on William Street was ping pong paddles and balls. Such equipment would be accessible by a key that would be provided by the town for a small fee. Other equipment discussed that could be provided for Berlin park locations through the storage areas were horseshoes and a soccer ball.

Berlin will host got a second year a

"Fall Glow Walk" at Stephen Decatur Park on Friday, Nov. 4. Registration begins at 5 p.m. and the glow walk starts at 5:30 p.m. The walk goes from the park to William Street and south on Main Street to the Worcester Preparatory School. It takes about one hour to complete and starts and ends at Stephen Decatur Park.

In other business, the Parks Commission endorsed the "Just Walk Fall Scavenger Hunt" at Stephen Decatur Park in Berlin which will be held Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 12-13 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Through an Eventbrite online search, participants can register to participate. The walks and scavenger hunt are self-directed and include looking for mini-wellness pumpkins.

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OP strategic plan to get big revamp

Committee outlines values it wants to use as basis

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(Nov. 3, 2022) The Ocean Pines Strategic Planning Committee is looking toward a revamped strategic plan as 2022 winds down.

During the committee's meeting last Thursday, chair Bernie McGorry alluded to a 50-page plan that he feels can be improved.

"We're talking about a community homeowners association that really hasn't had a strategic plan in I don't know how many years," McGorry said. "I feel like I can't push too hard."

McGorry outlined a few priorities including financial numbers and measuring success. He sees the plan as a three- or five-year outlook.

According to the committee's outline, the goals of the Strategic Plan are sustaining a strong financial position, maintaining and enhancing infrastructure, community appearance and current amenities, maintaining high levels of safety, fostering a sustained and engaged community driven by the OPA's core values; and supporting leadership through training and development such with new hires and staff coaching.

To sustain a strong financial position, McGorry provided an outline comprised of working with department heads to analyze expenses, reviewing and benchmarking pricing and processes for revenue monitoring, setting "high standards" for amenities, enhancing the "Ocean Pines experience" through the amenities, striving to have amenities off-set expenses and benchmarking OPA's best practices to ensure effectiveness and efficiency.

The committee identified six "core values": integrity, accountability, collaboration, respect, sustainability and transparency.

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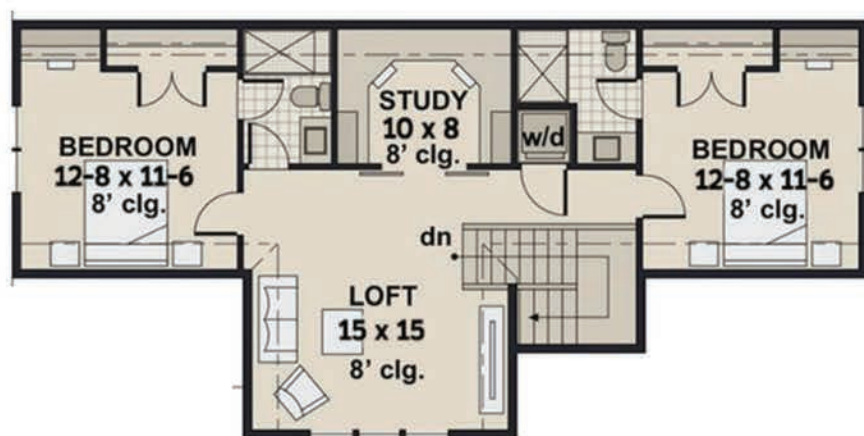
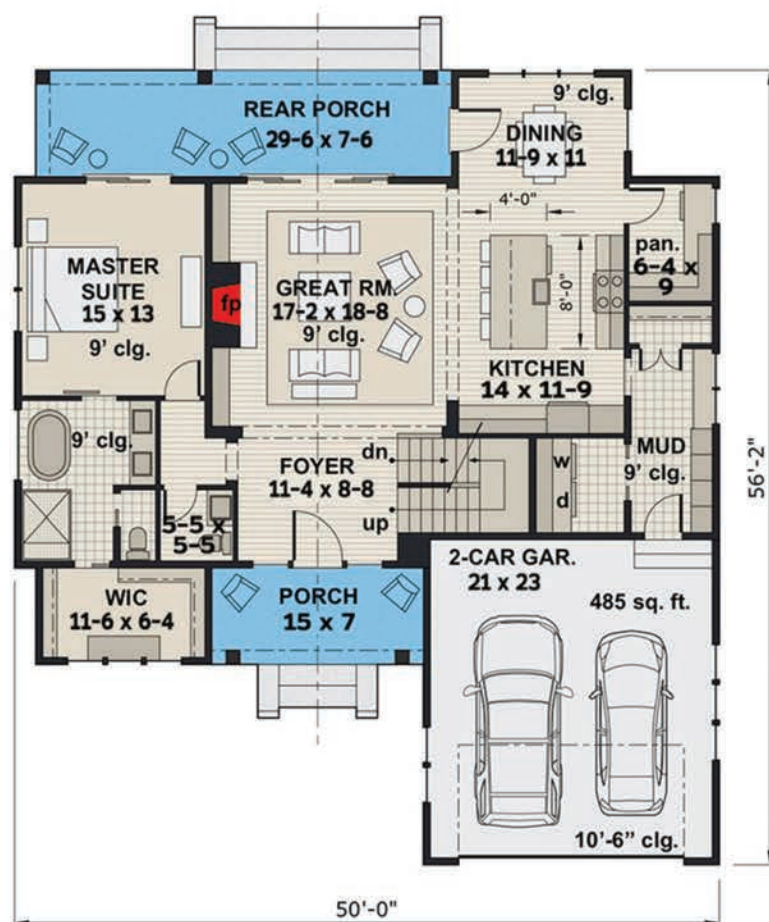
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Financial success would be key element of plan revamp

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The next step in the implementation of the strategic plan is to incorporate it into fiscal budget planning later this year.

Board liaison Stuart Lakernick said that, regarding the measure of success, perhaps it can be best attained through measuring the satisfaction level of residents.

“One topic everyone mentioned while I was door knocking (for my campaign) was the membership at pools,” Lakernick said.

He broke down the financial burden for families with children and grandchildren who don’t live locally. It’s \$340 to join the pool with \$147 more for parking and family only counts if they’re local.

“I think that’s an issue because if you have any kids (or extended family) that come down here and they want to go to the pool ... it’s \$40 to \$50 a day to go to the pool unless you buy a weekly pass,” Lakernick said. “I think that the membership should cover the immediate family, give it like five or six members. I think you’d increase membership by doing that and thereby increasing satisfaction level.”

Committee member Becky Colt-Ferguson estimated that the goals for the Ocean Pines Association are maintaining and enhancing infrastructure, community appearance and the current amenities. That would be the basis to ask the Recreation and Parks Department to look at its membership structure at the pools to enhance the customer experience and thus increase the membership.

“Perhaps we might frame it as, ‘We would like you to increase your membership by 10 percent over the next year. How do you think you could do that?’” she said. “Because from what I’m gleaning from our past discussions, we’re not going to tell them how to do it, but we’re going to set benchmarks to help them reframe what they’re doing.”

There is a need for feedback from surveys to accomplish the goal with a quick turnaround, Colt-Ferguson added.

Committee member Wes Blakeslee asked whether the committee should be looking to maximize profit or participation.

Colt-Ferguson responded that a past Recreation and Parks survey, and a committee survey, indicated that people weren’t using the amenities as much as the committee would like to see.

“That is where we have to dig,” she said. “Why aren’t they using our amenities? We know participation is down. Is it because we have that older population that isn’t participating in the pool? Is it because it’s the off-season? Is it because it’s too high in pricing or not competitive?”

“These are the types of reflections we should look at in December as we move forward to figure out if we’re hitting the nail on the head, you know?”

McGorry said that he sees two topics: what needs to be obtained to complete the first strategic plan finished and approved by the board of directors and what would the association do differently in the future.

Bohlen updates on Parks projects

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Mary Bohlen reported that basketball court lights ordered for Decatur Park will arrive in December. She anticipates the Berlin Electric Department will install the lights in January. She also provided an update on the that park’s comfort station project. Bohlen said that the project is on hold and the town would resubmit at a later time for funding from Community Parks and Playground under the Maryland Program Open Space.



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ELECTIONS

Dan Cox running for governor on freedom and lower taxes

By Jack Chavez

Staff Writer

(Nov. 3, 2022) Maryland State Del. Dan Cox, the Republican candidate for Governor of Maryland, granted an exclusive interview with Ocean City Today to discuss issues relevant to Ocean City and the lower Eastern Shore. He is facing Democratic candidate Wes Moore.



Dan Cox

This interview has been lightly edited for brevity and clarity.

Overview

Cox said he's running for governor as "a person of the people." The life-long Marylander and state delegate from Frederick County worked his way through college at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmittsburg and then the University of Maryland. He has 17 years of experience as a constitutional civil rights attorney and has a real estate practice.


"My focus is to make sure Maryland has basic normal services and needs from government and to make

sure that the government works for the people and not the other way around," Cox said.

"Ensure education has no indoctrination, lower and remove inflation from the tax system in Maryland, which is taxing us at the pump and property tax. This is driving up rents and mortgages. We need to discourage crime and crush the heads of the cartels that are operating out of Maryland killing so many people."

Education

The indoctrination of education is a concern. Our policies destroy small businesses and children by locking them out of schools and forcing them into Zoom. Taking away extracurricular activities has created academic devastation as well as devastated the family business and small-business worlds. Covid policies have negatively affected children's health and well-being. The second-highest killer of children aged 15 years and younger is suicide. That's horrific. That should not be. All of that could have been avoided with a more freedom-based approach which I have advocated for two years.




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Cox on economy, wind and more

Economic plan
I have a reasonable economic plan that brings back sanity to Maryland and will keep people here instead of chasing our seniors out of our state. It's hard for seniors to retire here right now because the property taxes are increasing by 34 percent this year. That has created a housing affordability crisis. Also, senior retirement is overtaxed and burdened. I worked hard in the legislature to reduce it. We got a \$1,750 credit for most seniors and that's not enough. It doesn't even keep up with inflation. I want to include additional benefits for seniors to ensure we eliminate those senior taxes on their retirement.

Maryland has one of the highest income tax rates. Not only for individuals — we're 44th in the nation for individual tax rate — but for our businesses. Right across the line in blue Delaware, it's a 5.5-percent corporate tax rate. But in Maryland, it's 8.25 percent. It's a blue state, but if Delaware can do it, then we can certainly do it here.

I intend to order an immediate moratorium on the gas tax and then call on the legislature to take inflation out of the tax system. We have to do this immediately to bring tax relief or else we'll have people moving out of Maryland to find their relief.

Ocean City economy
I fought to make sure Ocean City could reopen quickly. Through my lawsuit and advocacy, (Ocean City Mayor Rick Meehan) was bold and I applauded his decision to reopen the Boardwalk before any other part of Maryland. I stood with him publicly.

I will never, ever, as your governor, lock us down again. I fought to reopen the hospitality industry. I filed a lawsuit to do that. Inch by inch and week by week we got the executive branch to slowly open different businesses back up. That was illegal and unconstitutional. It crushed businesses. We need to make businesses whole from that and they aren't yet.

My opponent's approach is to enforce the vaccine and mask policy pursuant to his own decision, based on what he thinks the professionals and Centers for Disease Control are saying. That's wrong. It's unconstitutional. I want to revert that and say let's empower local businesses. Let's

make sure the hospitality industry has money back in its pockets to prosper in the future.

Some small businesses closed. Even in Ocean City, the (Sun & Surf Cinema) has closed. That's wrong. We've got to bring back the economy and make sure investments are protected, that investors get that value back. My approach is very straightforward — to keep Maryland open for business at all times. We see this working elsewhere.

Wind energy
I oppose them. I do not want to litter our skyline of our ocean and beaches with these disastrous windmills that don't produce enough electricity and kill our migratory birds and cause an eyesore for our beautiful ocean.

We have completely clean energy that we're not tapping into with our gas. We have one of the best oil and gas reserves in the world under the Marcellus Shale in Maryland. We could be the booming, richest state on the East Coast for clean energy and yet it's shut down under a moratorium. That's wrong.

My opponent's running mate sponsored a green energy bill that killed a clean coal plant in Hagerstown. It's a backward approach that has nothing to do with clean energy and everything to do with the disastrous policy that takes away our energy, kills birds and kills our beautiful skyline on the ocean. Windmills are an abject failure.

I'd like to see instead a resurgence of clean energy options including modular small nuclear reactors which are safe, which even progressive nations like France are investing into, the cleanest energy on earth because it's safe now.

Broadband
I support rural broadband for all of Maryland. I think it's a public service much like the early telephone system became a public service. I supported it in the legislature and I think it's unfortunate that it's taking so long, that there are so many different competitive angles to this. I would like to expand economic opportunities and speed up the permitting process for our broadband providers so we can have more of them bringing everyone

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Harris focused on economy,
returning to pre-covid times

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(Nov. 3, 2022) With under two weeks to go until Election Day, Republican incumbent US Rep. Andy Harris of Maryland's First Congressional District granted an interview to *Ocean City Today* to discuss his platform, wind energy, the economy and more. He will be challenged by Democrat Heather Mizeur.



Andy Harris

This interview has been lightly edited for brevity and clarity.

Overview

Harris is a physician who has been this district's congressman since 2011. Harris has undergraduate, master's and doctorate degrees all from Johns Hopkins University. The Navy veteran, who achieved the rank of commander, also served on the Hopkins faculty for 30 years in the anesthesiology department. He held a seat in the Maryland State Senate for 12 years, serving, at different times, the Seventh and Ninth districts in central Maryland.

When Harris looks at the landscape of American politics in 2022,

he says he sees a country that is on "the wrong track." The price of gas and groceries, safety within homes and communities, a devastating fentanyl crisis and a school system that does not set up children for success in the 21st century all need to be addressed. Through another term as this district's congressman, he hopes to reverse a two-year trend that he said has many Americans looking for relief.

Broadband

As the ranking member sitting on the Agricultural Appropriations Subcommittee in Congress, we fund the

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Cox wants to put
money in pockets

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online.

It's unconscionable that we live in this 21st-century economy and yet there are places in the state that can't even access the internet, particularly when you see so many kids being forced online. In our rural communities, these kids are left behind.

That's why I launched Project Not Forgotten, it's a way to show that we will bring our rural communities, the Eastern Shore, western Maryland and southern Maryland — and Baltimore City — to the table. They've been forgotten by the powers that be in Annapolis.

Unemployment and wages

Things are getting worse sadly. Inflation is at 10 percent now in most parts of Maryland. Even if someone has a job, which is questionable, they've lost an incredible amount of their so-called income. As the clock ticks, they're losing the money that they're earning because inflation is so high.

That will end on my watch and we will bring fiscal responsibility back to the budget. We will stop this crazy spending and remove the inflationary tax system so money is kept in your pocket. We will lower taxes for the individual worker so paychecks are not confiscated by this heavy taxation scheme that's among the worst in the nation. We are not in a good spot in Maryland right now. It's not smart to be a business owner or an employee in Maryland for long because we tax them so hard. This is ridiculous.

I'm going to put money back into the workers' pockets and make sure they have real cash and opportunity in the future. I want residents to stay here, work here, live here and retire here. That's the focus of the Cox administration.

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Pursuant to the Code of the Town of Berlin, MD Section 108-215, "Procedure for Change",

The Berlin Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing during its meeting to be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 5:30 PM in the Mayor and Council Chambers, second floor, of the Berlin Town Hall, 10 William Street, Berlin, MD to consider a request for a Text Amendment received from the Burley Oak Brewing Company, to Section 108-163(b)(8) of the Town Code.

The proposed Text Amendment reads as follows:

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Harris talks wind energy, more

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programs. We expanded broadband access with the USDA mostly. Again, the USDA is very concerned about rural areas and broadband is one of the things that we realized, during covid, that children just can't do without. The education of those who didn't have broadband access suffered. And, fortunately, I think we're finally on the cusp of achieving broadband capability almost everywhere in the First Congressional District.

Economic plan

What we have to do from here is pretty clearly to become the energy leaders of the world again in fossil fuels. We certainly have that ability in this country. We're blessed with those natural resources. We have to explore and produce more oil and natural gas. We must not only bring the cost of gas and diesel down but also make sure that countries like Russia don't control the world's supply as such a valuable commodity.

We also need to make sure that we cut our runaway federal spending. Our federal debt is way too high at \$31 trillion. We printed a lot of money in the last two years under the Biden administration and we have to stop doing that.

The most important thing is to make sure that the seasonal economies, like Ocean City's, stay in business. That's why I've been the leader in what's called the H2B Coalition in Congress, which is probably the most important temporary foreign worker program, a program upon which many of the businesses in Ocean City depend. I've also been a leader in the J-1 visa program. Again, another temporary foreign-visitor visa that many of the businesses in Ocean City depend on in their highly seasonal economy.

When it comes to raising the minimum wage, I think would be quite harmful to our businesses. We have an effective minimum wage now of around \$15 per hour. What you've seen is some businesses just can't afford that. So I think it's a bad idea certainly to raise the federal minimum wage. Different areas of the country are different. So it should be a local issue.

Wind energy

Until the wind companies come to an agreement with Ocean City, I'm going to oppose them because they have to be good neighbors. Ocean City is going to be the neighbor of

these offshore windmills. These windmill companies have refused to deal realistically with Ocean City and address their concerns.

Environmental protection

With regards to Ocean City, obviously, the coastal bays and the Atlantic Ocean are the two major environments we have to worry about. For the Atlantic Ocean, right now we're having a big discussion on how to protect the right whales, whether they're in danger from the potential windmills, whether speed limit zones need to be increased, things like that. With regards to the coastal bays, I think we have a pretty effective coastal bays program in Maryland and of course, most of that is run out of the Maryland Department of the Environment.

Mizeur wants to bridge gaps during highly divisive times

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(Nov. 3, 2022) With under two weeks to go until Election Day, Democratic candidate Heather Mizeur stopped by the *Ocean City Today* office to discuss her platform, wind energy, the athletic complex and more. She is challenging Republican U.S. Rep. Andy Harris for his First Congressional District seat.

This interview has been lightly edited for brevity and clarity.

Overview

"If my grandfather were alive he would say, 'You ain't got a farm, you got yourself a big garden,'" Mizeur jokingly said of her 34-acre farm in

Chestertown as compared to the corn, soy bean and wheat farming her family did as she grew up.

Mizeur represented the 20th District in Montgomery County in the Maryland House of Delegates from 2007 to 2015, and announced her intentions to run for the First District Congressional seat in 2021. The district includes the Eastern Shore and parts of Baltimore, Harford and Carroll Counties. She won the Democratic primary in June by

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Heather Mizeur

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Mizeur focused on creating jobs

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Mizeur — whose last name rhymes with “volunteer” — said dedication to community service has “always been really big” for her. It was something she was exposed to from an early age, growing up with a father who was a member of the United Auto Workers as a welder.

Mizeur said it’s this background and experience that makes her the right candidate to reach across the aisle and represent all citizens of the Eastern Shore, not just Democrats.

Broadband

My first public policy put out two years ago was related to broadband. I wrote an editorial in the (Baltimore) Sun about how this could get down at the federal level with the right kind of investments. Soon after, money was put on the table through the American Rescue Plan Act and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act — both of which Andy Harris voted against.

There are two other important areas. One is that cellphone carriers don’t turn off 3G and 4G networks once 5G is up and running. You can’t just assume that everybody has a 5G phone and start turning off the systems powering 3G and 4G. You need

a phase-in period for people to catch up with where the new technology is. I think that’s a big issue that doesn’t get talked about enough in our rural areas.

Also, we want to make sure that we don’t have monopolies for service providers, allowing them to price gouge in the area. It’s not just enough to get everyone connected. We need to have competitive pricing in our options and we need to stay on top of making sure there isn’t monopoly coverage on the Eastern Shore driving prices up.

Economic plan

I have specific things in my economic plan related to Ocean City. A workforce housing initiative for Ocean City is in there. What I’ve done is identified money from National Housing Trust Fund that is coming to Maryland, about \$9 million coming in this year. I think that with the right persuasion, with the incoming governor, we could dedicate a portion of Maryland’s money coming in from the trust to underwrite the financing to build a project like this.

All of Maryland is invested in a healthy Ocean City economy. Everybody loves to come and play here and it’s important for the state. When the Ocean City economy is healthy, it’s

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ELECTIONS

Nordstrom, Abbott talk issues before election

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(Nov. 3, 2022) There’s one Worcester County Commissioner seat left undecided heading into Tuesday’s election — that of District 1, the Pocomoke area. That contest is between incumbent Democrat Josh Nordstrom and challenger Republican Caryn Abbott.

Abbott, a nurse and Worcester resident of over 40 years, said she’s heard the call to be of service to others since she was a child. She counts patient advocacy as “the most rewarding part of my career.”

A nurse with 36 years of experience, she recently retired from full-time nursing. She was educated at Wor-Wic Community College before earning an associate’s degree from the College of Albermarle in North Carolina.

Abbott said she’s done “four tours of duty” with the American Red Cross as a registered nurse. Locally, she founded both Worcester Backs the Blue, an organization that advocates for law enforcement, and United For Freedom MD, which, according to its Facebook page “was created to restore our God given rights” and trains candidates for office.

Nordstrom, who was first elected in 2018, holds dual master’s degrees in organizational leadership and public administration from Wilmington University. He has sat on the board of directors for chambers of commerce in Pocomoke and Crisfield. He has also worked with an array of local organizations and boards in various capacities, including the American Red Cross, Atlantic General Hospital and the Worcester County Education Foundation.



Josh Nordstrom



Caryn Abbott

When asked about the biggest issues on their minds coming into Tuesday, answers varied between the two candidates.

Nordstrom took a hyper-local approach at first, saying that the library project in Pocomoke City must be seen through — it’s waiting on state money right now — and it’s time to start the ball rolling on a new recreation center in town.

“It’s something we desperately need for our young people,” Nordstrom said. “We have the YMCA but we need something downtown that’s accessible for our youth and community. It’s something we’ve needed for a while but it’s now become a priority of mine.”

Nordstrom added he’d like to see new concession stands for the Pocomoke Little League at Newtown Park.

Abbott said she’d like to see wasteful spending and ill-conceived ideas come to an end under her watch, saying that ideas such as Snow Hill’s Black Eyed Susan riverboat, the much-ballyhooed athletic complex and the recent decision to allow a Royal Farms gas station in Virginia to connect to Pocomoke sewer systems set a bad precedent — especially in the latter’s case, which could embolden businesses and homeowners of other states.

“We must be good stewards of the taxpayer’s money and make sound decisions for the county,” Abbott said.

Concerning the local economy, Nordstrom said he’s happy with the current broadband project’s progress but that now is not the time to take the county’s foot off the gas pedal.

“We need to continue running broadband until everyone has the opportunity to access it,” he said. “We have more fiber run in the last four years in my district than anywhere else in the county. We need to continue focusing the priority on every home but also ... we want to attract new businesses. That’s part of the

reason behind running fiber down Route 12 (and its business areas).

With the Wallops Flight Facility expanding, Nordstrom said it’s the perfect time to attract businesses, be they new businesses or relocations.

“The Route 12 corridor, with Stockton and Girdletree, can be revitalized,” Nordstrom said. “(I’d like to see that corridor_ converted for businesses, whether related to Wallops Island or otherwise. But without funds, it’s kind of a non-starter.”

Abbott, also a proponent of broadband connectivity, wants to see controlled economic growth and development.

“(We should be) developing a more streamlined approach to making it easier, not harder, to bring new business to the county including expansion of existing businesses,” Abbott said. Infrastructure — including broadband and adequate water and sewer capacities — needs to be in-

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Nordstrom and Abbott speak on broadband, growth, more

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cluded in the controlled growth. Update our current comprehensive plan for the county.”

On this issue, the two candidates are somewhat similar, with both saying the Wallops expansion is an opportunity waiting to be realized for Pocomoke and the county.

“We need to attract those people to Worcester County,” Abbott said. “We also need to put in the work to attract skill- and knowledge-based companies and light manufacturing to our industrial park, which hasn’t been done in well over a decade. We must first however prioritize robust broadband to every home and business.”

Both candidates mentioned emergency services as a high priority for them.

Abbott said she wants to see more funding to furnish the needs of the Worcester County Sheriff’s Office

“whether because of growth in our county or unfunded mandates sent down from Annapolis.”

“That need must be met to maintain the safety of all residents and visitors. We also need to build on safety protocols in our schools, evaluating often and looking for ways we can improve. (We need to) adequately fund our Fire and EMS to maintain adequate staffing and (ensure that) response times are improved, especially in our most rural areas of the county where we depend on our volunteer departments.”

Nordstrom said he’d like to see more overall funding for Fire and EMS.

“They are the folks who keep us safe and come when there’s an emergency,” he said. “There are so many dedicated volunteers here and we must continue to give support where they need it.”



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ELECTIONS

Board of Ed. candidates talk big issues ahead of election

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(Nov. 3, 2022) There are three seats up for grabs in Tuesday’s election for the Worcester County Board of Education — four if counting District 7 where incumbent Todd Ferrante runs unopposed.

But in districts 1, 4 and 6, multiple challengers are attempting to take down incumbents. In District 1, John Abbott is challenging incumbent Bill Buchanan, who did not respond to requests for comment for this story. In District 4, Bill Gordy will look to fend off a challenge from Jamie Rice. In District 6, Katie Addis will try to unseat Nate Passwaters.

District 1

There are a few recurring themes among the six candidates fighting for a seat. Among them is the county’s response to the effects of the covid-19 pandemic on student progress.

“I believe one of our biggest challenges in the county is to get students up to grade level in math and reading after COVID-19 and the consequences of virtual learning,” Abbott said. “Students are moving forward while not proficient in these subjects especially.”

On the topic of safety, Abbott said he hears from students and teachers that there are “real problems” inside the walls of the schools.

“School safety (is a top priority),” he said. “Protection from the outside can always be enhanced, but ... students and teachers alike no longer feel safe in the classroom.”

Another issue that Abbott mentioned was “the sexualization of students through social-emotional learning and sexually explicit books in the library.”

District 4

Another popular topic was the shortage of educators. On this topic,

Gordy said that the county has thus far been successful at maintaining staff for a variety of reasons, including small classes and competitive pay.



Bill Gordy

“We will continue to review and upgrade our practices to maintain a competitive edge in recruiting and retaining highly qualified teachers and staff,” Gordy said.

He acknowledged the existence of educational gaps despite “concerted efforts in Worcester county.” Those gaps existed before the pandemic, which exacerbated them.

“As outlined in the Blueprint (for Maryland’s Future legislation), a major step forward will be to move our entire school system towards equity for each student,” Gordy said. “Equality for each student means that each student is given the same resources. Equity means recognizing that every student has specific needs to be successful. To meet this demand in Worcester County we have embarked on a concentrated effort towards day-to-day rigor and will continue to support rigorous after-school and summer programs.”

He advocated multiple times for the Blueprint, which he’d like to see implemented.

“One major challenge facing our school system is the implementation of the Blueprint ... This is legislation that was passed in 2021 that, for the first time in two decades, revises the state school funding formula. Over the next 13 years, the formula calls for billions of dollars in new investments. These new investments would increase educators’ pay; hire more educators with a focus on diversity; increase resources for students of poverty and with special needs; establish more career and technology programs; create a more rigorous accountability system,” Gordy said.

He added also that the board will

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John Abbott

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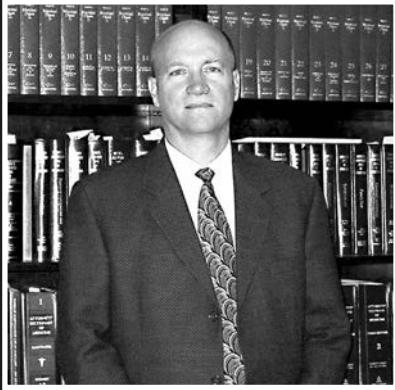
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Eileen’s Law proposed following tragic death

By Gee Williams
Contributing Writer

(Nov. 3, 2022) A man’s shocking refusal to seek urgent health care for his dying wife this summer has transformed into a cause to keep this from happening again, anywhere.

Scott Hessek, and his late wife, Eileen, had been married for nearly half a century, and enjoyed Ocean City each spring and fall for 46 years as vacation home residents at the Sea Time Condominium. Their permanent residence was Virginia Beach.

After a pleasant dinner out in Virginia Beach in August, the couple was traveling by car to their home when Eileen suffered a heart attack.

Scott immediately drove to a nearby urgent health care facility and pulled up to the entrance.

“When I pulled up, I could see through the large windows that there were five to 10 people waiting in line to be seen,” Hessek said.

“The door was locked but I kept shouting, ‘My wife is having a heart attack ... she needs help ... now.’”

One of the urgent care workers came to the door and told Hessek, “We’re closed.”

Hessek repeated his plea for help, “She’s dying, please help me.”

Hessek said the urgent care person inside could easily hear him.

“They definitely recognized that I was there pleading for help for my wife. But once again, I was told, “Sorry, we’re closed.”

In desperation Hessek then drove his wife to the nearest hospital about 5 to 6 miles away.

“The hospital did the best they could for more than an hour, but they couldn’t bring her back,” Hessek said. “My wife at age 78 virtually died at the doorstep of that urgent care center that would not see her.”

Shortly after Eileen’s funeral, Hessek learned there is no law in Virginia

that requires urgent care to open their doors once they have closed, even if they are still seeing people who are inside the facility.

“When I found this out, I formed a nonprofit organization called ‘Eileen’s Law,’” he said.

Hessek said the purpose of this new nonprofit is to have an immediate law passed in every state in the country that forbids emergency patients from being turned away by urgent care centers.

“For many people in this country, the nearest hospital can be a 30-minute drive away,” Hessek added, and most urgent care centers close at about 9 p.m. The legal standard the new nonprofit seeks is ‘any medical facility with staff therein who refuses help to any person in dire medical distress shall be guilty of a criminal act.’”

Hessek identifies this standard as Eileen’s Law #1. The slogan for the

Eileen’s Law movement is: Putting “urgent” back into “urgent care.” So more may live!

The Eileen’s Law nonprofit is reaching out to legislators in states to have staff draw up proposed legislation to make it a felony for an urgent care facility to deny help in a crisis situation.

It would also require that such centers have an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) on duty 24/7.

Hessek proposes that the EMT requirement could be phased in over a two- or three-year period.

Hessek said that over the long-term this legislation will create dozens of open “mini-E.R.s” in neighborhoods giving services ‘round the clock at hugely lower cost that can handle the bulk of semi-crises most ERs face.

This would make it more easily for E.R.s to handle real crises at the door, he explained. The nonprofit’s email is eileenslaw@netzero.com.

Berlin Briefs

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(Nov. 3, 2022) The Berlin mayor and Town Council discussed the following during their Oct. 24 meeting:

Ethics

The mayor and Town Council conducted the first reading of an ordinance that amends the town’s ethics provisions. The ordinance strives to ensure the trust of the town’s residents by establishing several prece-

dents. The ordinance establishes numerous definitions for phrases like “compensation,” “doing business,” “gift” and “employee.” It establishes rules and restrictions for participation in town meetings, post-employment limitations, the acceptance of gifts, financial disclosures from elected officials and employees and more.

Fire Company report

The Berlin Fire Company gave its quarterly report for July 1 through Sept.

30 at the mayor and Town Council meeting. There were 39 fire rescues during the period; the busiest days were Mondays and Fridays; the average response time was 3.7 minutes for a total decrease of three seconds; the company logged 894.02 volunteer hours on emergency calls and 378.65 volunteer hours on non-emergency calls.

EMS took 329 total calls in-town against 269 out-of-town; there were 378 total transports; the busiest days were Sunday and Tuesday; the average “station notified to responding

time” was 59 seconds.

Ugly Sweater Run

The mayor and Town Council approved nonprofit Hope4Recovery’s second annual Ugly Sweater Run to be held at Stephen Decatur Park. The event is scheduled for Dec. 11 and goes from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. The 5K fun run is a fundraiser to benefit Hope4Recovery, a service that assists people struggling with drug and alcohol abuse and other traumas.

SHA paving Berlin’s Main Street

(Nov. 3, 2022) The State Highway Administration (SHA) was slated to begin a paving project Tuesday, Nov. 1, on Berlin’s Main Street (Route 818) between Route 113 north of the town and Route 113 south of town limits.

The project should be completed by the end of November, weather permitting, SHA officials said.

Crews will work between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Motorists can expect single-lane clo-

sures, and traffic will be guided through the work zone by cones and arrow boards.

Drivers should expect major traffic impacts with significant delays during work hours.

SHA is asking residents and businesses for their cooperation during paving operations. Hot asphalt may require up to two hours to cool before drivers and pedestrians can safely cross the new road surface. SHA con-

tractor Allen Myers Inc. will perform the work.

The Move Over Law in Maryland requires motorists to make a lane change or slow down when approaching any stopped, standing, or parked vehicle displaying hazard warning lights, road flares or other caution signals.

The expanded law is in place to protect emergency responders and motorists who encounter a roadside emergency.

Snow Hill closing homeowner center for 90 days of fixes

(Nov. 3, 2022) Beginning Nov. 7, the Snow Hill homeowner convenience center will be closed for approximately 90 days, while repairs and upgrades are made to the facility.

“The center’s existing wooden bulkheads have reached the end of their useful life and are being replaced with concrete bulkheads,” Worcester County Public Works Director Dallas Baker said. “The ramp approaches are also being repaved. The work will involve heavy equipment, so for safety reasons the public will not be permitted to enter the site.”

Alternate refuse collection locations are available in Pocomoke, Berlin, and at the Central Landfill in Newark.

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

Road paving may cause delays soon

(Nov. 3, 2022) Ocean Pines motorists should expect delays starting next week because of planned road paving.

Drivers are asked to be aware of work zones and obey flaggers, as some temporary road closures will occur.

Contractor preparation for paving should start the week of Nov. 7, with the initial phase of work expected to last one week.

Weather permitting, paving will start the week of Nov. 14 on Moonshell Drive, Beach Court, Rabbit Run Lane, Surfers Way, Watergreen Lane, and Garrett Drive.

The final phase of paving will in-

clude Barnacle Court, Birdnest Drive, Fosse Grange, Ivanhoe Court, Liberty Bell Court, Little John Court, and Willow Way.

Each phase of work is expected to last roughly one week, weather permitting.

Any major schedule changes will be posted on www.oceanpines.org.

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have a “significant role” in implementing the Blueprint locally.

“Because over 80 percent of our budget comes from the Worcester County Commissioners, we must continue to work closely with them to reach the goals outlined in the Blueprint,” he said. “This will indeed be a major undertaking for all involved.”

Rice summarized her platform thusly:

“It’s no secret that American politics is a morally bankrupt social scheme, which has led to the dumping down of our offspring,” she said. “The three biggest issues facing the education system are the controlling influences of politics, funding, and curriculum.

“From the perspective of all things being relative to what the school system says it’s trying to accomplish, compared to the actual results, we are failing our children across the board. It is my mission to advocate for the full transparency of all funding, curriculums, programs, systems and procedures. I am extremely passionate about there being no politics in the public school system and ending divisive ideologies. I am committed to standing up for our children and teachers against all odds, as we refocus on what’s important – providing high-quality education, and supporting the development of well-rounded and responsible individuals who aspire to achieve their full potential.”

District 6

Passwaters praised the community and school system for navigating through “some extraordinary circumstances” during covid and pointed out that the district was the quickest in the state to return students to in-person learning.

“Although historically, Worcester County Public Schools has led the State of Maryland in many educational metrics, such as college and career readiness metrics, we will always strive to achieve more,” he said. “We will continue to monitor those metrics and continue to

strive to close any learning gaps that are identified. Worcester County Public Schools is very fortunate to have teachers and staff that are committed to the success of our students.”

Passwaters also praised the county’s ability to shirk the national staffing shortage through proactive measures, adding that the board must continue to provide the attractive options that educators see here.

“As we navigate through the tedious budget process to meet those needs, we will certainly be faced with some significant challenges,” he said. “It is because of the phenomenal working relationship that the Board of Education has with our commissioners, who are also committed to excellence in education. I am confident that we will be able to adopt a financially responsible budget, that meets the needs of all students and staff, and continues to fund mandated legislative initiatives. Like many school systems throughout our nation, we are always faced with challenges. I often speak with families in our community who relocated to Worcester County because of our Public School System and Public Safety, I am proud to be a part of both.

Addis, like Abbott and Rice, looks at transparency in the classroom as a major concern.

“Worcester County prides itself on being at the forefront of the digital age, yet are unable to provide online links to the curriculum being used,” she said. I will recommend this to be updated.”

She also touched on what she saw as a lack of discipline and too much politics in schools.

“The lack of discipline in the classroom, which leads to teacher burnout, is another challenge,” Addis said. The administration must do better with supporting teachers. Students must know there are consequences for their actions.

“Politics in school has become one of the most prevalent and divisive issues because it is taking place in all schools, especially in the upper grades, and creating a social divide amongst our students.”

District 1 incumbent Bill Buchanan could not be reached for this article.



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Opinion

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Vote ‘For’ Question A

Worcester County’s Question A on the ballot in next Tuesday’s election is a broadly worded, vague and confusing mess. The vigorous arguments for and against Question A so befuddle the issue that voters may not realize what this referendum actually says and the unintended consequences that could ensue if it does not pass.

Prospective voters may think, as the parties involved in this debate would have it, that Question A concerns whether a sports complex should be built on Route 50 near Berlin.

It doesn’t say that. While that proposal would be affected by whatever voters decide, Question A embraces the entire county and anything that could be viewed as constituting a “sports complex.”

Succinctly put, the ballot question asks voters whether county government should be allowed to use bond money to design and build a “sports complex” of any size, for any use anywhere in the county. It also fails to establish what a “sports complex” is.

Here’s Question A as it appears on the ballot: “The purpose of this question is to determine whether the County Commissioners may finance a portion of the costs of designing and constructing a Worcester County Sports Complex by issuing a bond.”

That’s it. That begs the question, what is a sports complex? Is it two ballfields, five ballfields, or a gymnasium and no ballfields? Could it be a pair of basketball courts and a swimming pool in Pocomoke? Does it have to entail team sports or could it be some kind of facility, staging area and trail system for cyclists? Who knows?

Further, what is the difference between a “sports complex” and a community-oriented recreational facility? No distinction is made.

Opponents of the Route 50 proposal will insist that their intentions are to get voters to block that one project by asking them to vote “Against” Question A. If that’s all they want then that’s what Question A should say.

It doesn’t, so until the backers of this referendum can specify what they want to accomplish, voters should guard against unintended consequences and vote “For” Question A.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Increase revenue or raise taxes?

Editor

We can’t just print money like the federal government.

I have read the letters to the editor by Mr. Gisriel, Mr. Christ, and now my colleagues in opposition to the sports complex.

There has been a great deal of conjecture as to the purchase agreement we have signed, namely that I had acted hastily, or even without the proper authority.

These assumptions are patently false, and I can assure the citizens of Worcester County that I could not have acted without the majority vote of the commissioners.

As for the timing involved in the signing of the purchase order, I believe that anyone who was an elected official would know that a contract must be in place before you release the information on the purchase to secure the governments interest.

Speaking to the idea that the sports complex is being rushed, this project was brought to us by Mr. Perlozzo over four years ago and has continued to move forward methodically.

ward methodically.

The rest of the accusations leveled in previous letters to the editor are just smoke and mirrors to enhance the writer’s position.

I would have hoped that the national trend of throwing falsehoods and personal attacks out there and seeing if it will stick would not have filtered down to local politics.

The county is soon to face a great deal of costs. Due to the State’s unfunded mandates on education (Kiran), we are looking at a 20 percent raise in starting teacher salaries.

Assuming the whole Board of Education salary scale moves up, we are looking at an increase of about 16 million or roughly 4 million per year for the next four years.

The Board of Education just submitted their CIP (capital improvement plan) 2024-2028 detailing the future needs of our school repair/replacements totaling 101 million dollars.

We can all agree the importance of funding our schools and our educators, but how can we turn a blind eye to the future financial needs of the county?

The commissioners voted today to authorize a bond sale of over 28 million dollars that includes money for the jail project, a public safety facility, and a wastewater project.

Also included in that sale will be over 10 million for the expansion of the Stephen Decatur Middle School.

This is the same classroom space that was cut to save a million dollars when the school was taken to referendum by another short-sighted, “financially concerned” group.


As for the concern of the project paying for itself, The MSA “Maryland Stadium Authority” has a preliminary projection that could potentially support debt service between 142 and 169 million dollars of a 20-year revenue bond.

These numbers far exceed the anticipated cost to purchase and build-out the property.

Whether it is their intention or not, I don’t believe my colleagues take into consideration that property taxes on hotels/ motels are calculated on the revenue they bring in; to put it simply, if rooms are occupied

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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more nights, there's more revenue, and more property tax

The argument to place the sports complex in the south end of the county is not viable, and my colleagues know this.

There is not enough infrastructure in place to house these visitors; they would end up staying in Wicomico County or down in Virginia, not benefiting Worcester County.

To place the sports complex there would fulfill the prophecy of my colleagues and detractors of the complex and set it up for failure.

I have said many times, we either increase revenue or we increase taxes. The cost of running government is increasing just like the cost of running your household.

Government is in the service business; we supply services to the residents. There is nothing to cut out of the budget, the next cuts will be to the services enjoyed by our county residents.

The youth sports market is projected to continue to grow to over 77.6 billion dollars a year by 2026.

Vote to secure a piece of that revenue for Worcester County, Vote yes on question A.

County Commissioner
Joseph Mitrećić
Ocean City

Taxpayer money should not foot county's bill

Editor,

Worcester County voters have the opportunity to vote on Question A, a local referendum by petition to determine whether the County Commissioners may finance a portion of the costs of designing and constructing a Worcester County Sports Complex by issuing a bond.

It should be understood this question has nothing to do with how the commissioners would pay for the \$7.2 million land acquisition.

To date, that has not been discussed or decided upon by the commissioners.

Should a majority of commissioners decide, the money could come

from reserves or fund balance or some other source yet to be determined.

Whatever is decided, county taxpayers will foot the bill. And should the referendum pass and a majority of commissioners proceed with a bond issue, taxpayers will pay for that as well.

The term of the bond would likely be 15 years with an annual debt service of about \$800,000 depending on what market rate is available at issuance.

The idea of a sports complex being built in our county is appealing, more so if it were built in the southern part of the county where economic development is long overdue.

Although we recognize the economic possibilities of such an endeavor, we believe strongly that taxpayer money should not be involved.

We don't believe taxpayer money should fund the project because doing so mitigates any revenue growth the county treasury will realize. This should be a private sector endeavor.

While we respect those advocating for this project, believing it will be a boon, a relatively easy way to increase tax revenue, we disagree.

A look beneath the surface reveals the financial concerns when a taxpayer money is used.

Presently, no business or marketing plan has been made available or prepared.

No partnership details or discussions between the Commissioners and Ocean City and/or Berlin have occurred nor been outlined or agreed upon. Nor has county government applied for or requested grants or loans from the Maryland Stadium Authority.

Arguments that a sports complex would eliminate or lower future possible county tax increases do not square with reality.

The county collects a 5 percent tax for all room rental activity in the county and earns a 1 percent collection fee on room tax collections on behalf of incorporated towns such as

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Ocean City and Berlin.

Room Tax collections in the un-incorporated areas including West Ocean City are retained by the county.

So, for example, if there was a \$1 million increase in overall lodging revenue in West Ocean City because of the new facility, the county would receive an additional \$50,000 in direct room tax revenue.

If a guest decides to stay in Ocean City and the overall increase in lodging for the season is \$1 million, the additional revenue to the county would be \$500.

So, using this example, a sports complex would generate \$50,500 in additional room tax revenue for the county.

The county also collects a one half of one percent tax for food sales only in Ocean City and retains a 5 percent administrative charge for the collection fee.

So, an increase in food sales of \$100,000 for the season attributable to the sports facility would yield the county \$25.

Combined, the county would net about \$50,525 in additional tax revenue which is much less than the estimated annual \$800,000 bond debt

service and the amount used to purchase the land.

Several years ago, a study concluded that a sports complex would compete with established complexes in nearby Wicomico County and Delaware.

How will competition impact bookings for a Worcester complex?

One final point.

Who in county government would be responsible for the success of this undertaking?

Even if a third party is hired to manage the facility, who would be the person held responsible for the management, maintenance and marketing of the complex?

Who would be the person held accountable to ensure that the conceptual financial assertions currently bandied about are achieved?

And how much would a third-party operator charge? There is no way of knowing because no research has been done.

Based on available information, here is our take of what will happen if a taxpayer-funded complex moves forward: responsibility and accountability will be murky, promised results will be elusive and future subsidy allocations will be necessary.

Eventually, the financial performance of the operation will be folded into the County's general fund budget, becoming another line item for which taxpayers will be responsible.

This is certainly a project that begs for questions to be asked and answered before taxpayer money is spent.

Government has neither the expertise nor the entrepreneurial passion to sustain a business effectively and profitably.

Inevitably, taxpayer subsidies will become part of the operation.

With so many blanks yet to be filled in, it would be interesting to learn whether a private lending institution would spend its money for this project as taxpayers may soon do.

As was mentioned above, the results for or against Referendum Question A will not answer all the questions yet to be answered.

The only certainty is that county taxpayers will ultimately be financially responsible.

Chip Bertino, Jim Bunting and Ted Elder
Worcester County Commissioners



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Pine'eer craft fair to feature variety of handmade items

(Nov. 3, 2022) The Pine'eer Craft Club of Ocean Pines will host the 11th annual Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center.

The event is free and open to the public.

"We are excited to host the event this year, as it is our biggest Holiday Craft Fair to date. We have added additional booths to accommodate the overwhelming response from applicants," said Debbie Jiwa, event chairperson.

Local artisans, crafters, and many craft club members will display and sell their hand-crafted items. The Holiday Craft Fair is a juried event, meaning organizers will limit the number of similar products.

"There will be a wide variety of

items, many with a holiday theme, including jewelry, pottery, paintings, soap and bath items, pet products, American Girl doll clothes, stained glass, pillows, and cross-stitched items," Jiwa said.

"We'll also have some unusual, one-of-a-kind things," she continued. "We'll have fabric decorated plates, quilted items, gourd houses, wood-carved ducks and birds, and so much more."

Jiwa recommends shoppers come early, as many items will most likely sell out quickly.

"This is a popular event, so the earlier the better," she said. "We'll also have a bake sale of all homemade goodies. The bake sale is very popular and is usually sold out by noon."

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TRAILER FIRE
The Berlin Fire Company responded to truck and trailer fire at Assateague State Park on Oct. 28. No injuries were reported. The Worcester County Fire Marshal is investigating the cause of the fire.

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Daniel Bodily, of Woodbury, Minn., is a robotics research engineer. Jeff Chen, of Seattle, is a professional writer and crossword constructor. Previously they collaborated on the Lincoln Memorial-themed puzzle that appeared in May. The idea for this one was Dan's and started with 63-Across. He pondered the idea for months before reaching out to Jeff. A slew of attempts at construction ensued. "It's really fun to see where the dust settles," Dan says, "after raw ideas are filtered through the constraints of the dictionary and the grid — W.S."

ACROSS
1 Shops
5 Peddling
10 Collectibles
14 A kitchen might have a good one
19 Instrument for Arachne, in mythology
20 Natural instincts
21 Word on the street, perhaps?
22 Like Superman, but not Spider-Man
23 Symbol of bravery
24 Nephew of Abel
25 One-eyed war god
26 African animal that may be spotted or striped
27 Armed force at sea?
29 "Person of the Year" magazine
31 Big froyo franchiser
33 When said three times, "Get off my case!"
34 White terrier, informally
35 Historic
36 Hockey
37 Upset
38 ____ Toy Barn (where Emperor Zurg chases Buzz Lightyear)
39 "I," in the "Iliad"
40 You'll have to pull some strings to play this
41 Low-scoring Yahtzee category

DOWN
1 "I'll ____ it"
42 Lower back bones
45 Downsides
46 How many U.N. members have names starting with "W"
47 Lionel Messi's homeland: Abbr.
48 Standoffish
49 Whiz
50 Promotional overkill
51 Capital on the Arabian Peninsula
54 Waste
55 Disposal
56 Locations
57 Things believers believe
58 The "A" in A.D.
59 Racket
60 Children's book series akin to "Where's Waldo?"
61 Word with nursing or training
62 N.I.H. standard
63 Read
64 Here
65 To
66 Understand
67 23 answers in today's puzzle that don't seem to match their clues
68 The "P" of E.P.S. ratio, on Wall Street
69 Adverb repeated in the "Star Wars" prologue
70 Calvin and Hobbes, e.g.
71 Head, in slang
72 Onetime radio host Don
74 "Mad" figure of fiction
76 Dazzling
77 Pattern

ACROSS
2 "Hold the rocks," at a bar
3 Blows one's horn
4 Captcha confirmation
5 Adds to a playlist, e.g.
6 Sights in a funeral home
7 "I," in the "Aeneid"
8 Partitioned
9 Product launches made during sporting events?
10 Chiwere-speaking tribe
11 "Stellar!"
12 They can help you get out of jams
13 Real
14 Having overexercised, maybe
15 ____ gun (alien zapper)
16 When the lighting of the Olympic cauldron happens
17 Wolf, to a shepherd
18 "A penny saved is a penny earned" and others
28 Rice dish
30 Sound of shear terror?
32 Go lightly, with "along"
35 Epoch when the Mediterranean Sea nearly dried up
36 Like difficult water for boating
37 Like Thor
42 It's a long story
43 Fourth man to walk on the moon
44 Gain exclusive control, businesswise
45 More wary

DOWN
78 Generator
79 Like some care services
80 Purplish blue
81 1998 film "Waking ____ Devine"
82 Al ____ (pasta specification)
83 Initialism aptly found in "timetable"
84 Thief's haul
85 Xmas, for Justin Trudeau
86 Synthetic fiber
87 Tiptop
89 City east of Phoenix
90 D-worthy
91 Sweetie pie
92 Classes
93 For
94 Actors
95 Get off berth control?
99 Tarnish, e.g.
100 Crossed out
101 Apt rhyme for "pyre"
102 Revitalize
103 Finalized, as a contract
105 Safe harbor
107 "Let me repeat ..."
109 Put cargo on
110 She might cry "Uncle!"
111 Last "O" in YOLO
112 Rough rug fiber
113 Unwritten, say
114 Didn't make public for a while
115 Home
116 Decorating
117 Guru

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46 Female nature deities has one
47 A charismatic person
50 Gets a move on
51 Some BBQ-flavored fast-food sandwiches
52 Totals
53 Letters near a conveyor belt
55 Online pop-up generator
60 How perjurers might be caught
61 ____ Mary
66 Makes beloved

67 How Usher wants to take it in a 1998 No. 1 hit
68 The 76ers, on scoreboards
69 Disaster-response org.
70 Arctic coats
73 In the public eye
75 Headset?
76 Popular Korean minivan
77 Country with more than 100 active volcanoes

82 Device providing oversight?
84 Verizon, for one
85 Hardly genteel
87 Website overseers
88 Brain cases
89 1600 for the SAT, informally
90 No. listed on the inside of car doors, often
91 Get over it!
96 Actress Catherine who starred as Kevin's mom in "Home Alone"

97 "Red" or "white" wood
98 Prepared to pray, say
100 Idyllic spot
101 Stocking stuffers
102 Italian automaker
104 ____ mode (fuel-saving feature in newer cars)
106 Tape player of a sort, in brief
108 Dunderhead

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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EON	TAS	GUV
MUSTIEST	USS	HONDAFIT
SANDSTONE	THE	ROOM
GTA	AWAY	ALL
HER	HAS	TRIT
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LUNG	THERONETTES	ZUNE
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Obituaries

DONALD W. GRAFER

Ocean Pines

Donald W. Grafer of Ocean Pines, Maryland, passed away on his 91st birthday, Saturday, Oct. 22, 2022 at Atlantic General Hospital.



Donald Grafer

Born in Harlem, New York, he was the son of the late William Grafer and Sarah Theresa Langan.

He is survived by his wife, Susan Koski-Grafer, two sons, Christopher "Tank" Grafer, his wife, Michelle, and their daughter, Cori, and James Grafer, his wife, Laurie, and their children, Scott and Melissa; and his sister, Joan McKenna.

He is also survived by a granddaughter, Nicole Grafer, and her mother, former daughter-in-law, Denise Savarese; a niece, Maureen Harris; a grandniece, Kathryn Harris; a half-sister, Elizabeth Grange, and numerous cousins and other relatives in New Jersey, New York and elsewhere.

An earlier marriage to Ann White Grafer ended in divorce.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Donald Edward Grafer; a brother-in-law, Robert McKenna; and a half-brother, William Grafer.

Don was a veteran of the Korean War and had a long career as an associate editor at Standard and Poors in New York City.

He was a lifelong fan of both Frank Sinatra and the New York Giants, and an avid runner in mid-life, completing several New York marathons.

He was also a prolific artist who created hundreds of paintings, first while a young father in the Bronx, and later in Warren, New Jersey, and Ocean Pines, Maryland, after retirement.

Don loved chopping and splitting wood and building warm fires, boating and deep sea fishing, old movies, Italian food especially on Sundays, and a good beer.

But his greatest love of all was for his family, the joy of his life whom he savored being with at every possible moment.

Persons wishing to make contributions in Don's memory are encouraged to support the Ocean City Reef Foundation, www.ocreefs.org.

A graveside service and inurnment was held for the family on Friday, Oct. 28, 2022, at Evergreen Cemetery in Berlin, Maryland.

Arrangements after his death included assistance from both The Holloway Funeral Home and The Burbage Funeral Home.

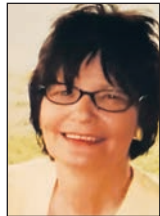
Letters of condolence can be sent to the family via: www.burbagefuneralhome.com or www.HollowayFH.com. The family

wishes to express its deep appreciation for the fine services received from both organizations.

JOSEPHINE BAN RITES

Ocean Pines

Josephine Ban Rites, age 80, passed away at her home peacefully in the company of her family in Ocean Pines, Maryland, on Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022.



Josephine Rites

Born in Baltimore, Maryland, she was the daughter of late William Poulson Coe and Josephine Coe.

Josephine was married for 63 years to her loving husband, Thomas William Rites Sr.

Josephine is survived by her five boys (Thomas W. Rites JR, Charles W. Rites 2nd, Steven G. Rites, Jeffery A. Rites and Raymond M. Rites) and her three daughters (Lisa A. Rites, Kimberly H. Miller and Sandra J. Thomas). She is also survived by 18 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

When Josephine's children were young, she was the stay-at-home mother who took care of everyone.

All the children in the neighborhood wanted to come to her house

because they knew how she made them feel, always welcomed and loved, she would never turn anyone away, when dinner time would come around she would make sure everyone had a plate at the table.

She loved her coffee in the morning, watching the Golden Girls and Hallmark movies, and she loved to go shopping, Josephine would wake up early in the morning to get ready for her shopping trips.

Christmas was her favorite holiday. She would start shopping in July to make sure everyone in the family

had their special gift.

When in her presence she made you feel like you were the most special person in the world, knowing her was and always will be true blessing.

We invite family and friends to join us in celebrating Josephine's life on Nov. 12, 2022 at 2 p.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 10301 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, Maryland 21842. There will be a memorial service held for immediate family only at the church.

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Virtual boating safety course offered Nov. 8-10

(Nov. 3, 2022) The US Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering the Maryland Basic Boating Safety Course, virtually, Nov. 8-10 from 6-9 p.m.

The virtual boat safety course is taught by the same US Coast Guard Auxiliary instructors as the in-person class. All the required material is covered along with time for questions.

This course is open to everyone and covers the basics of navigation, docking, understanding wind and current, boating rules and regulations.

The Maryland Boating Safety Education Act requires that anyone born after July 1, 1972 must possess a Basic Boating Safety Certificate to operate a boat in the state of Maryland.

Those attending the class, and passing the test, will receive a Maryland Boating Certificate which is NASBLA approved and valid in all states.

A fee of \$20 covers the cost of the course and materials.

Register or get more information by calling Barry Cohen at 410-935-4807, or email CGAUXOC@Gmail.com.

Checks should be made payable to: USGCAUX 12-05 and mailed to: USGCAUX 12-05, P.O. Box 1682, Berlin, Maryland 21811. Payment via PayPal is also accepted.

Berlin's Fall Just Walk event Friday at Decatur Park

(Nov. 3, 2022) Berlin's Fall Just Walk event will take place on Friday, beginning in Stephen Decatur Park.

The walk will follow a 4.5-mile route around and through downtown Berlin. Participants are asked to bring and wear glow-in-the-dark items to light up the night in a walk around the community.

Limited supplies will also be available at registration.

The Worcester County Health Department will be on hand with information about the Just Walk Worcester walking initiative and volunteers are also being sought to help direct walkers along the route.

Pre-registration is available at justwalkworchester.org. Day-of registration starts at 5 p.m. in Stephen Decatur Park, 130 Tripoli Street, and the walk starts at 5:30 p.m.

Strollers and friendly, leashed dogs are welcome. All participants will receive a free raffle entry for a Berlin basket.

Volunteers are actively being sought to help direct walkers along the route. For more information and/or to volunteer, contact Mary Bohlen at 410-641-4314 or mbohlen@berlinmd.gov.



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The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore has announced a total of \$7.1 million in charitable grants for the 2022 fiscal year.

Charitable grants total \$7.1 million

(Nov. 3, 2022) The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore has announced a total of \$7.1 million in charitable grants for the 2022 fiscal year.

The foundation made 1,674 grants supporting various community needs across the Lower Eastern Shore. The foundation also awarded more than 400 scholarships to local students totaling \$439,000.

"Every grant the foundation makes is an important piece in building a stronger community," said Community Foundation President Erica Joseph. "Our impact grows each year thanks to the generous support of our donors, allowing us to be a leading re-

source for our community."

The Community Foundation will celebrate annual grant making achievements at the 2022 Annual Meeting, which will be held at the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center on Nov. 4.

The foundation will report on its philanthropic activities during the past year, and announce winners of the 2022 Community Foundation awards, as well as highlight ongoing initiatives that serve the Lower Shore.

For additional information visit CFES.org/annualmeeting or call 410-742-9911.

As leaders, grant makers, and stewards of philanthropy, the Com-

munity Foundation of the Eastern Shore connects people who care to causes that matter for the common good of the Lower Eastern Shore.

It is a 501c3 nonprofit with an inspiring history of fostering charitable endeavors, and has provided \$100 million in grants and scholarships to the local community since 1984.

It collaborates with individuals, families, and businesses to match their charitable interests with community needs and strengthens local nonprofits through grants and resources.

For information, contact Victoria Kent, marketing officer, at 410-742-9911 or vkent@CFES.org.

Historical Society dinner Nov. 13

(Nov. 3, 2022) The Worcester County Historical Society is planning its annual fall dinner for Sunday, Nov. 13, at 1 p.m. at the Atlantic Hotel, 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. The hotel 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: an 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 MD 21811. The deadline for reservations to the dinner, which is open to the public, is Monday, Nov. 7. Please indicate your dinner choice.

Craft fair set for Saturday in Pines

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Additionally, breakfast and lunch items will be available for sale by the Kiwanis Club. This year, for the first time, the Kiwanis Club will be in its own space in the Marlin Room, with tables and chairs for guests' dining pleasure.

The Pine'er Craft Club will donate proceeds from the Holiday Craft Fair back to the Ocean Pines community.

Active since 1974, the Craft Club has donated more than \$170,000 to groups like Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks, Police, Fire Departments and the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Oceans Pines.

For more information on the Pine'er Craft Club, visit www.ocean-pines.org/web/pages/artisan-gift-shop.



A variety of handmade crafts will be for sale at Saturday's annual fair. SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

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., Nov. 3

CPAP MASK FITTING
Atlantic General Hospital’s Sleep Disorders Diagnostic Center, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin. Free mask fitting for patients who are having trouble adjusting to their CPAP equipment. Appointment required: Robin Rohlffing, 410-641-9726.

RIGAMAJIG THURSDAYS
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Join in anytime 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

STORY TIME ‘FAVORITE PETS’
Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and rhymes. For ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

MERRY MAKERS ‘DIY THANKSGIVING ART’
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Design a festive tea towel. Materials provided. The group will also brainstorm on winter programs. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org under “Events” or 410-208-4014.

POCOMOKE BOOK OF THE MONTH: ‘WHAT’S MINE AND YOURS’ BY NAIMA COSTER
Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 2 p.m. Join this community read. Books available at the branch. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

PUMPKIN LAUNCHER ENGINEERING CHALLENGE
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 3:30 p.m. Use the materials provided to launch a (candy) pumpkin the farthest. For ages 10-15 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

PLANET FITNESS: OCEAN CITY CLUB LOCATION GRAND OPENING
Planet Fitness, 12641 Ocean Gateway, Ocean City, 4-6 p.m. Free food, giveaways, games, music, and raffles for PF memberships. For more information or to join the new Planet Fitness club, visit our website at <https://www.planetfitness.com/gyms/ocean-city-md>. 734-383-6178

ZUMBA FOR ALL
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 4:30-5:30 p.m. Join certified Zumba instructor Joyce Landsman for an. hour of movement. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org under “Events.” 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., Nov. 4

SAINT ANDREW’S FALL FEST
St. Andrew the Apostle Orthodox Church, 33384 Mackenzie Way, Lewes, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Featuring a themed basket auction, international foods, bake sale (with Greek pastries), Mediterranean Market and more. www.orthodoxdelmar.org/fallfest, 302-945-5197

STORY TIME ‘DINO-VEMBER’
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Join in for some great, Dino-themed stories perfect for this fun theme. Stay after for a craft. For ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

FIRST FRIDAY OPENING RECEPTIONS
Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., Ocean City, 5-7 p.m. Featuring glass artist Aric Snee. Also offsite exhibits at the Princess Royale Oceanfront, 91st Street and the Coffee Beanery, 94th Street. Free and open to the public. www.ArtLeagueofOceanCity.org, 410-524-9433

FALL JUST WALK
Stephen Decatur Park, Tripoli Street, Berlin, 5:30 p.m. Registration begins at 5 p.m. Follow a 4.5-mile route through downtown Berlin. Participants are asked to wear glow-in-the-dark items. Limited supplies available. Free raffle entry for participants. 410-641-4314

Sat., Nov. 5

SAINT ANDREW’S FALL FEST
St. Andrew the Apostle Orthodox Church, 33384 Mackenzie Way, Lewes, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Featuring a themed basket auction, international foods, bake sale (with Greek pastries), Mediterranean Market and more. www.orthodoxdelmar.org/fallfest, 302-945-5197

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
Community Church at Ocean Pines - Family Life Center, 11227 Racetrack Road, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Featuring Christmas decorations and trees, linens and things, new and gently used clothing, gifts and potpourri, children’s books and toys and a bake sale. Proceeds benefit the Shepherd’s Nook. 410-641-5433

11TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR
Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Local artisans, crafters and many Craft Club members will display and sell their handcrafted items. Breakfast, lunch and baked goods also available. Free and open to the public. www.oceanpines.org, 410-208-3032

FIRST SATURDAY WRITERS

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10 a.m. Novice and established writers gather to share their writing projects. Structure includes critiques and appreciation, market leads and writing exercises. Drop-ins welcome. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

HOLIDAY SHOPPER’S FAIR
The Refuge Community, 37533 Leisure Drive, Selbyville, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Find the perfect holiday gifts for neighbors, friends, family and teachers. To benefit the American Cancer Society.

ASSATEAGUE ADVENTURE
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. A different adventure each week. For all ages. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRIED CHICKEN BUFFET
Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church, 36540 Mount Pleasant Road, Willards, 11 a.m. Vegetables, beverages and dessert included. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$7.50 for children and free to those 5 years and younger. Bake table and carry out available. 410-835-8340

PROJECT T(W)EEN ‘VIDEO GAME DAY’
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 11 a.m. Test your skills with some great video games provided by the library. All games are rated E-E10. For ages 11 years and older. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET
Saturdays - White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, 9 a.m. to noon. 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. oppaddle2020@gmail.com or 516-508-0313.

Sun., Nov. 6

HOLIDAY SHOPPER’S FAIR
The Refuge Community, 37533 Leisure Drive, Selbyville. 12-4 p.m., Find the perfect holiday gifts for neighbors, friends, family and teachers. To benefit the American Cancer Society.

JEHOVAH’S WITNESSES MEETING
Sundays - Berlin Congregation of Jehovah’s Witnesses, 212 West St., Berlin, 10 a.m. www.jw.org

Mon., Nov. 7

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS FOR THE WORCESTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL FALL DINNER
Atlantic Hotel, Downtown Berlin, Nov. 13, 1 p.m. Tickets cost \$40 (or \$45 to include a crab cake) and can be purchased by sending a check to Judi Menavich, 9 Drawbridge Rd., Berlin, MD 21811 by Nov. 7.

SUPER POWERED STEM LAB
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1 p.m. The library will set up several different fun experiments for all to try. Be prepared for a mess. For ages 6 years and older. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

MAKER MONDAY
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 1 p.m. Bears will be hand-sewn and decorated using a variety of materials, patterns and techniques. All materials are provided. Held Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28, Dec. 5 and 12. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-641-0650

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30 p.m. Focusing on “A Defense of Poetry” by Percy Bysshe Shelley. The group meets twice a month and is currently reading selections in Book 3 of Great Discussions. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600.

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 Champion, 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. 8

CLAY & PLAY
Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 10:30 a.m. Dress for a mess. For ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

STORY TIME “GET READY FOR COLD WEATHER”
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

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

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PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP
Atlantic General Neurology, 314 Franklin Ave., Berlin, 3:15-4 p.m. Group provides discussions and education on exercise, nutrition, coping techniques, medications and developments in treatment. Reserve: Kay Kinnikin, 410-641-4765, kkinnikin@atlanticgeneral.org.

STORY STONES
Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 3:30 p.m. Celebrate Native American Heritage Month and learn about story stones and make some for yourself. For ages 8 years and older. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

MARYLAND BASIC BOATING
Held virtually Nov. 8-10, 6-9 p.m.. Cost is \$20 for all three evenings. Register: Barry Cohen, 410-935-4807, CGAUXOC@gmail.com.

SONGWRITERS WORKSHOP
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 6 p.m. Bring a song you are working on to the open collaborative led by Mikel Campbell. All genres welcome. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

ATLANTIC COAST SPORTFISHING ASSOCIA-

TION MEETING
American Legion Synepuxent Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 7:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Dennis McDermott, legendary reel repair specialist. Food and refreshments available. Public cordially invited.

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
Tuesdays - Berlin Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, 212 West St., Berlin, 7 p.m. www.jw.org

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. 9

BIARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP
Meets the first and second Wednesday of each month for non-surgical patients. Atlantic General Bariatrics Center, 410-641-9568

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.

AARP CHAPTER 1917 MEETING
Ocean City 50plus Center, 104 41st St., 10 a.m. Arrive early at 9:30 a.m. for a social half-hour and refreshments. Guest speaker will be from the Sierra Club. New members welcome. Bob McCluskey, 410-250-0980

STORY TIME 'BIRDS OF A FEATHER'
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Stories about feathered friends and a pinecone bird feeder craft. For ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

PAGE TO SCREEN BOOK CLUB 'MOVIE SHOWING'
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1 p.m. Can you spot what's different? What's the same? Join the group for the wrap up of our first book. For all ages. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

NOTES ON THE BEACH: MUSIC FROM THE AMERICAN SONGBOOK
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 2 p.m. This duo presents songs from the 1030s-50s by such legends as Bing Crosby, Duke Ellington, Frank Sinatra and Ella Fitzgerald. Registration required: www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

OCEAN CITY BOOK OF THE MONTH: 'THE FOUNTAINS OF SILENCE' BY RUTA SEPETYS
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 4:30 p.m. Join fellow book lovers to discuss this month's selection. Books are available at the branch. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

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