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A pumpkin stand on Assateague Road offers options for seasonal color and jack-o-lanterns. It's that time of year when pop-up pumpkin stands appear on country roads throughout the county.

August financials continue positive trend

Once again, golf revenue keeps OPA ahead of monthly projections overall

By Cindy Hoffman
Staff Writer

(Oct. 5, 2023) Ocean Pines Association General Manager John Viola and his staff are gearing up for next year's budget process, he announced at the Saturday's meeting of the association's board of directors.

Viola said he wants to be able to show the board where the association's replacement reserve balances will be over the next five years, considering the many major initiatives coming up: the fire sta-

tion, irrigation and racquet sports.

"We have said we wanted to be at 22-28 percent in our reserves and we have certainly matched that if not gone higher," Viola said.

He recommends now that OPA should be at 28-32 percent in reserves.

"The team has been forward-thinking and this has been planned over the last several years."

Linda Martin, the senior executive office manager for the association reported on the financials for the month of August.

The unaudited numbers show that actual numbers beat the budget by \$137,000 for that month.

The current year to dates has actuals favorable

to budget by \$439,000 for the year. The revenue year-to-date is \$12 million and expenses were \$5.7 million. The Golf Club continued to carry the day with \$110,000 above projections.

"Golf is the economic engine that is carrying favorability for us," Viola said.

The only two areas that went negative for August were the yacht club and the marina.

"The weather did hit us this year. We probably lost \$40,000 in projected revenue for golf due to the weather over the last two weeks. We had small craft advisories more than we have had the last several years, so the marina was hit. Same thing with the

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Linda Martin, the senior executive office manager for the Pines association, and Association Manager John Viola share the monthly financials during the September meeting of the Ocean Pines Board of Directors on Saturday.

Cash up by 700k over last year

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But this is exciting. It shows we have the right product. It is priced right and we are on the right track.”

Ocean Pines currently has \$9.2 million in reserve.

Monica Rakowski, in providing the treasurer’s report, told the board the association had approximately \$18.7 million in cash as of Aug. 31. Cash increased by about \$700,000 from the same time period last year, she said.

Cash decreased about \$50,000 from July 2023. The association has \$11.2 million invested in FDIC-insured certificates of deposit (Certificate of Deposit Account Registry Service) and \$43,000 in interest income recognized for the month.

The remaining \$7.5 million in insured cash sweep, treasury bills, money market and other operating accounts diversified between two local banks, she said.

Annual Fall Fest at Windmill Creek Winery set for Oct. 7

(Oct. 5, 2023) The fourth annual Fall Festival at Windmill Creek Winery will celebrate the spirit of autumn from 1-5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 7, at 11206 Worcester Hwy. in Berlin.

Presented by The Power of 2 Team, and headed by Bethany Drew and Terri Bradford with Hileman Real Estate, the family event will feature a pumpkin patch, Oktoberfest Beer Garden, bounce houses, face painting, live music, games, prizes, food and wine.

Admission to the festival is \$10 per person, with a separate \$5 charge for the beer garden. All proceeds will be donated to the Parkinson’s Foundation to aid in research and pursuit of a cure.

Along with food, drinks and activities, local vendors will be on the grounds selling their products. Vendors will include East Aloha, East Shire Creations, Sandy Bottom Candle Co., Nelly Beanz, Jabbs Seasoning, and Knitting by Cait, among others.

The festival would not be possible without its sponsors. Gold sponsors are East Coast Tile, iHeart Radio, Maryland Title Services and Watchful

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In case of inclement weather, the rain date is Oct. 8.

Worcester County offices to close Mon. for holiday

(Oct. 5, 2023) Worcester County Government offices, including recreation and parks, will be closed Monday, Oct. 9, for the Columbus Day holiday.

The five branch libraries will also be closed for staff training.

The central landfill and homeowner convenience centers will be open Monday during standard hours of operation.

County government offices will resume standard operating hours on Tuesday, Oct. 10.

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Planning underway for OP season kick-off

Event organizers want to highlight clubs, amenities and more at spring festival

By Cindy Hoffman
Staff Writer

(Oct. 5, 2023) Plans are in full swing for a big open house to kick off the 2024 summer season in Ocean Pines.

Gary Miller, the chair of the OP Day working group and Linda Yurche of the Communications Advisory Committee presented the plans to the Ocean Pines Association Board Of Directors at the Saturday board meeting. The working group is made up of representatives from the various Ocean Pines advisory committees and those who were involved in the 50th anniversary celebrations.

Miller said the purpose of the event is to showcase and promote Ocean Pines amenities by producing a lively festival open to full and part-time residents, guests and potential future homeowners.

“We want to reinforce that Ocean Pines is a great place to live,” Miller said. The idea for the event came from the desire to expand memberships in the amenities.

Yurche, a resident who moved to the community during covid, said many residents don't know about the



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Linda Yurche of the Communications Advisory Committee shared plans for the Ocean Pines Kick-off event planned for Spring 2024 to promote the amenities, clubs and other resources available in the community.

myriad of amenities and clubs that are available in the community.

“There is something for everyone in Ocean Pines. As a relatively new resident, I had no idea,” Yurche said.

Event organizers plan to include restaurant sampling booths, cook-offs, entertainment, Zumba classes,

food and drink trucks and booths for people to learn about the amenities, OPA departments, clubs and other activities. They also hope to have music from some of the local groups and Ocean Pines vocal and performance groups. The committee recommended hosting the event at White

Horse Park on a Saturday in May before the summer season begins.

“This is a way to build our community,” Yurche said.

Yurche and Miller expect the cost to be about \$15,000 to put on the event. They hope to get support through the association budget and from sponsors. They received support from the board to continue their planning efforts and expect to come before the board with a full plan and a finalized budget in the near future.



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Worcester County to host scrap tire drop-off Oct. 7

(Oct. 5, 2023) The Worcester County Commissioners and Public Works Recycling Division, in conjunction with the Maryland Department of the Environment and Maryland Environmental Services, will host Citizens Scrap Tire Drop-Off Day from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 7.

The event will take place at the central landfill in Newark.

Worcester County residents are encouraged to get rid of their old, scrap, passenger and light truck tires free of charge, with a limit of 10 tires per household. Photo ID is required at drop off.

Only non-commercial truck and car tires will be accepted. No agricultural tires will be accepted, and no businesses, commercial haulers of tires, or generators of scrap tires will be permitted to participate in the drop-off.

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Sisters Larnet St. Amant and Debra Passwaters are hosting a ribbon cutting at their new store British Rose in Berlin at 5:30 p.m., Thursday.

Grab your mate and check out British Rose on Main St.

By Cindy Hoffman
Staff Writer

(Oct. 5, 2023) It's Thursday, so head on over to Berlin to enjoy some British charm, as sisters Debra Passwaters and Larnet St. Amant cut the ribbon on their new store, British Rose at 18 N. Main Street at 5:30 p.m.

There will be refreshments for all who join the sisters in celebrating the official opening of their store. Gift basket prizes will be awarded to some lucky guests.

The sisters took over Bruder Homes from Shelly Bruder in March. Bruder handed over the keys to her kingdom and the sisters did not miss a beat.

"We never closed. We stayed open and did a slow transition," St. Amant said.

Both St. Amant and Passwaters worked at the Bruder Home store and were thrilled to have the opportunity to purchase it and make it their

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BJ's, OPA offer membership deal to benefit vet memorial

(Oct. 5, 2023) BJ's Wholesale Club is once again partnering with the Ocean Pines Association to bring a special membership offer, effective Oct. 1-31, to benefit the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines Foundation.

With the offer, new members receive a 12-month BJ's Inner Circle Membership for \$25 and \$10 in cash awards that can be used at the register, or a BJ's Perks Rewards Membership, which earns 2 percent cash back on most BJ's purchases, for \$75 and \$20 in cash awards, with BJ's Easy Renewal. Existing Inner Circle members can buy a 12-month renewal for \$55 and receive \$10 in cash awards to be used at the register. Existing Perks Rewards members can buy a 12-month renewal for \$110 and receive \$20 in cash awards, with BJ's Easy Renewal.

Cash awards will be added to the member's primary membership account 24 hours after enrollment and must be used within 30 days from the membership enrollment date.

Along with offering special membership discounts, BJ's will donate \$10 for each completed new inner circle application, or \$5 for each completed BJ's renewal membership application received, to the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines Foundation.

To take advantage of the offer by phone, call 800-313-8887 and use promo code 100407. Phones are open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

BJ's membership applications are also available at the Ocean Pines Association Administration Building at 239 Ocean Parkway and online at oceanpines.org. Applications must be returned with payment by Oct. 31. Check and credit card payments will be accepted.

Applications may be dropped off at the administration building front desk or mailed to Ocean Pines Association at Attn: Marketing, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD 21811.

To download an application, visit oceanpines.org/documents/10184/89280/OCEAN+PINES+ASSOC+CFA C+fall+2023++Flyer.pdf?t=1694007049210.

The offer is not available online, at any BJ's location, or for any current Easy Renewal members.

The special promotion is only offered through Ocean Pines two times a year. The next promotion will be in April 2024.

Current BJ's members whose memberships will expire before then are encouraged to renew during the fall offer. Members can check their current expiration dates by checking their BJ's receipts or the BJ's app, or by calling 800-313-8887.

BJ's operates over 200 clubs in 15 states from Maine to Florida, including a location in Millsboro. The wholesale club offers a large assortment of products for home and business, savings of up to 25 percent on supermarket prices, a mobile app with digital coupons and online shopping at BJs.com.

Ribbon cutting at Berlin store

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own.

"Now the store reflects our personalities."

While they were born and raised on the Eastern Shore in Federalsburg in Caroline County, their mother is from England.

When they were sitting around the kitchen table at home, trying to come up with a name for their new shop, it seemed natural to honor their mother, Janet Rose. They also factored in that the rose is the national flower of England. So, to pay respects to their mother and her country, they chose British Rose.

The store windows and decor honor the United Kingdom with the ever-present Union Jack on pillows and banners throughout. They also have a variety of British foods and items from England.

Of course, they still reflect their Eastern Shore location with lots of beachy decor items and a back room full of fantastic wooden sculptures out of driftwood that would look per-

fect on a wall in a beach house.

They carry 10 local artists including woodworkers, photographers, and other high-end crafters.

St. Amant said they try to carry items their guests will not find anywhere else.

Their inventory changes monthly and they love to hear from their customers on what they would like to see in the store.

"This has been a dream," said St. Amant, who worked at Flowers by Alison when she was in high school and knew since then that she wanted to open a gift shop.

"The community has embraced us, all the merchants and staff in town."

"This community is our life. We have raised our families here and are invested in the community. We love to give back. And it all comes back tenfold."

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GM team keeps OP running on all fronts

Viola highlights staffing, maintenance of amenities and future big ticket items

By Cindy Hoffman
Staff Writer

(Oct. 5, 2023) Ocean Pines Association General Manager John Viola reported the highlights of the last month to the board of directors at its session on Saturday.

He noted that Michelle Hitchens has been promoted to aquatics manager, reporting to Linda Martin after the departure of Kathleen Cook. Hitchens has been with Ocean Pines for 11 years, during which she coordinated aquatics exercise classes and programs, taught classes and supervised instructors and generally helped the department run smoothly.

“She is clearly hitting the ground running,” Viola said.

Viola said Hitchens has talked to him about her plans to expand on the exercise and swim lessons now offered.

He reminded residents that the beach parking will be open until the end of October. While the club is closed, porta-potties and sprinklers will be available until the club is winterized in November.

Viola said software provider



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The new board of directors, chaired by President Rick Farr during the September board meeting on Saturday.

NorthStar is on schedule for training in November and going live in December with EZ Links integration. NorthStar is also helping the association customize its online membership based on membership type.

Viola has put together a work group on the fire department’s plans for a new building. The work group will make recommendations to the board on how to proceed with the placement of the building.

He said a firm will assess the building and he hopes the three original bays on the building are sound, which would save in construction costs. The fire department would like to add two bays to house more fire fighting vehicles in a new building.

Viola will give at least three options on funding for the building with a recommendation to the board. He plans to have a presentation ready for the October board meeting.

He continued to remind residents that the golf course is only for golfers and that residents are not allowed to walk, ride their bikes, or fish in the ponds on the golf course.

Bathroom maintenance was a priority last month, with bathrooms painted and repaired at the yacht club marina, club pool, swim and racquet club pool, White Horse Park, Mumford’s and the Sports Core pools. The costs came to \$34,000.

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A drawing of a proposed new Southside Fire House was presented at the Ocean Pines board meeting on Saturday.

OP fire station on radar for next fiscal year

A recreational crabbing pier and kayak launch were installed in Pintail Park in September. Kayak racks have also been placed in the park. The costs amounted to approximately \$104,000. Contact the Parks and Rec department for information on renting a rack space.

Public Works has ordered a massive trimmer that will cut ditch banks and trim large branches off of trees and bushes, automating a manual process, which will help with the labor issue. The trimmer costs \$21,000.

Racquet sports have gotten a lot of attention recently.

"We have been dedicated to improving the racquet center since 2019," Viola said. "We have had a

program for sizable maintenance and replacement every year and allocated a full time person down there to do maintenance."

Pickleball has received a shade structure, sidewalk, sod and swale cleanup. A new patio was laid around the Paddle Ball courts, and the parking lot has been sealed and lined. The costs amounted to about \$35,000 since June.

Two picnic tables were added to the Veterans Memorial near the water at the request of the Rec and Parks advisory committee.

Linda Martin announced that 17 mailboxes and 81 pedestals have been replaced as part of Phase 1 of the replacement project since last July.

Cleaning of other mailboxes will resume in October.

During the meeting, John Latham, the secretary for the board said that the board unanimously voted via email to increase the general man-

ager's spending limit from \$15,000-25,000.

The board also approved replacement of the wing walls of the bridge on Club House Road over the canal for \$149,500.

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Coastal Hospice releases guide for patients

People with dementia and caregivers now have access to resources that can help

(Oct. 6, 2023) Coastal Hospice, in collaboration with the National Partnership for Healthcare and Hospice Innovation, recently announced that patients and their caregivers have access to the organization's Dementia Patient and Caregiver Resource Guide.

According to a news release, the guide provides the best-in-class resource for dementia care and improves quality of life for dementia patients, reduces hospitalizations, and eases burdens for families and caregivers.

According to the Alzheimer's Association, 6.7 million individuals in the

U.S. have dementia, the majority of whom received an Alzheimer's diagnosis, and by 2050, the figure is expected to more than double as the population ages.

The New Dementia Patient and Caregiver Resource Guide is designed to support the home care of people living with dementia and to assist caregivers, including families, with the skills and necessary information to care for, manage safety, and provide comfort for their loved ones living with dementia within their homes.

Many people living with dementia frequently visit their doctor's office, emergency room, and hospital due to

worsening symptoms or increasing caregiving strain, but the conditions can be prevented or managed with appropriate hospice and palliative care.

"Dementia is a progressive condition that affects

a person's cognition, memory, and ability to perform activities of daily living," Lauren Blair, Community Relations & Development Manager and Dementia Care Program Champion, said in the release. "Providing the

best possible care can help people living with dementia maintain a higher quality of life by addressing their physical, emotional, and social needs. Let our team of trained experts assist with the challenges associated with this condition, all while supporting the caregivers and loved ones involved."

Those supporting loved ones living with dementia, experiencing challenges with care, and those who would like to connect with a trusted community-based provider now have resources to help.

To find out if your loved one can benefit from hospice services, call the direct referral line at 410-742-7878. Visit coastalhospice.org/dementia-patient-and-caregiver to learn more and download the free Dementia Patient and Caregiver Resource Guide.

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Fall '23 OP report available online, copies to be mailed

(Oct. 5, 2023) The latest issue of the Ocean Pines Report, the association's quarterly newsletter, is now available online.

Physical copies should be mailed to homeowners and residents within the next few weeks.

The public safety-themed issue features an interview with new Police Chief Tim Robinson, plus coverage of the 2023 Ocean Pines Association Annual Meeting.

There are guest columns from Sen. Mary Beth Carozza, County Commissioner Chip Bertino and more.

Association President Rick Farr, General Manager John Viola and others supply updates on Ocean Pines operations.

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Free costume Swap at Love Your Mama set for Saturday

By **Cindy Hoffman**
Staff Writer

(Oct. 5, 2023) Love Your Mama is all about living sustainably, so as we enter the season of over-indulgence, Halloween would appear to be a good time to factor in Mother Earth.

That's why Lizzie Ottenstein, the proprietor of Love You Mama, is hosting her second annual costume swap on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 1-4 p.m at the shop at 2 Stevenson Lane, #1A in Berlin.

Members of the public are invited to go through their closets and attics and find those costumes from Halloween's past and bring them down to Love Your Mama to exchange them for a new-to-you costume for trick or treat on Halloween night.

Ottenstein said last year, most of the costumes were kids costumes, but all are welcome to join in on the sustainable fun.

"Many families brought multiple costumes," Ottenstein said.

Last year, one of the best costumes was a Rainbow Bright costume that retailed for around \$75. There were some great homemade adult costumes too.

She welcomes kids, adults, and pet costumes, homemade or store

bought. Accessories are also welcome, as many people dropped in to pick up a few pieces to make their costumes last year.

"Whatever can create a good event and give people a variety to shop from," Ottenstein said.

"Our mission is to reduce and bring awareness to people to cut back in life. Halloween costumes can be expensive. Big box corporations rent out storefronts for a month. This event gives the community a chance to keep things circular and gives those costumes a second life," she said.

Costumes that are not taken during the swap will be donated. Last year, Ottenstein donated costumes to Worcester County Youth and Family to distribute to those who might need one.

This is a swap, so it is preferred that people bring costumes to exchange, but if there are enough costumes, Ottenstein is happy to have kids in need of a costume who don't have one to exchange to pick out something fun. Participation in the costume swap is free.

She does not want anyone to miss out on the fun of Halloween.

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A boat drives along the surface of the bay.

Coast Guard offers virtual safe boating course in Oct.

(Oct. 5, 2023) The next Maryland Safe Boating Course will be held virtually next month to allow people from all over to attend.

The course is set from 6-9 p.m., Oct.10-12, and can be accessed online.

The Virtual course is taught by the same US Coast Guard Auxiliary instructors as the in-person class. All the required material is covered in the interactive course with plenty of time for questions.

The Maryland Boating Safety Education Act requires that anyone born after July 1, 1972, to possess a Maryland 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.

Checks should be made payable to USGCAUX 12-05 and mailed to: USGCAUX 12-05, PO Box 1682, Berlin, Maryland 21811.

PayPal payments are also accepted.

For more information or to register, contact: Barry Cohen at 410-935-4807 or email CGAUXOC@Gmail.com.

More collections on the schedule

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Ottenstein does not open her shop doors for trick-or-treaters on Halloween night, but she does hit the streets of Berlin the next morning to pick up candy wrappers that the throngs of costume-clad revelers left behind.

"We do a lot of different swaps in the shop," she said.

One of the recent ones was a book swap.

Ottenstein is also planning to do some collections over the holidays for families in need. Follow Love your Mama on Facebook to learn more <https://www.facebook.com/loveyourmamallc>

Those who want to donate candy for the residents in Berlin to hand out to the hundreds of trick-or-treaters that descend on the town for Halloween can drop off bags at the Atlantic Hotel on Main Street.

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Volunteer and support our troops

Join OP Give Back to create care packages, enjoy food, drinks and music Sunday

By Cindy Hoffman
Staff Writer

(Oct. 5, 2023) This Sunday, swing by the Ocean Pines Yacht Club between 1-4 p.m. and volunteer for a good cause, all while enjoying music from Cup o'Joe, good drinks and food, games and raffles.

The Ocean Pines-Give Back Facebook group has partnered with Matt Ortt Companies and Steel Blu Vodka to create gift boxes for U.S. troops, and they are looking for volunteers to help.

It's all part of a program sponsored by Steel Blu Vodka, a company that produces vodka in Delaware.

"The backbone of America is our Armed Forces and the sacrifices they have made for us to have the American Dream," Ed Gent, a sales development representative for Steel Blu Vodka said about the effort. Ten percent of the company's profits are donated to the military.

Volunteers will build 750 care packages on Saturday that will go directly to military troops. All the materials will be provided to create the care packages.

"You'll be able to add a little bit of

your personality and extra love to each package with homemade cards," Chelsey Chmelik, the beverage director for Matt Ortt Companies, said.

"We want everyone to come mingle, hang out and get the task done in a fun way."

The gift boxes will be full of personal hygiene products, snacks, office supplies, stickers and handwritten notes. Chmelik also wants to include a local newspaper or newsletter from the Ocean Pines community so that service members who receive the package can learn a little bit about the people who sent it.

"We already have 80 people signed up to volunteer," Esther Diller, an Ocean Pines part-time resident and organizer of the Ocean Pines-Get Involved page. She hopes to get 100 people to the event. "People want to do more than just write a check. That is what the Get Involved page is all about."

When Diller started recruiting for the event, she was surprised by how many people in Ocean Pines are or had been in the military or had relatives who served.

Gent recently visited Walter Reed Hospital in Bethesda, Md. He learned patients there in the wounded warriors section of the hospital also need basic supplies, so 250 care packages will go

there.

"Steel Blu will also be working with "For the love of a Veteran." They give aid and raise funds for deployed troops and homeless vets. We will send 250 care packages to them.

"We will be sending another 250 care packages to "Soldiers Angels," another non-profit committed to providing support to our veterans and their families."

Through the Ocean Pines-Get Involved Facebook page, "We want to keep asking people to get involved with philanthropy to help other people that need help. We live in a beautiful community. We need to pay things forward," Diller said.

The Ocean Pines-Get Involved page will also be recruiting volunteers and donations for a food drive in November, a toy drive leading up to Christmas and a coat drive. People who are interested in joining the group, should visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/539663293639204>

For more information on the Steel Blu Vodka care package event, contact Chmelik at chelsey@mattorttcompanies.com.

Additional donations and handwritten letters for U.S. troops can be mailed to American Heroes, 810 Ocean Parkway, Berlin, MD, 21811.

OP Farmers and Artisan Market celebrates season

(Oct. 5, 2023) The Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market will be transformed into a "Broomstick Bazaar" where artisan "witches" will work their magic, offering a bewitching array of holiday gifts on Oct. 21.

Expect to find a spellbinding selection of candles, clothing, jewelry, wood crafts, soaps, flowers and other items.

"Shoppers are encouraged to wear their costumes, hats and brooms, and let their inner witch shine, all while wand-ering the bewitching marketplace pathways," Market Manager David Bean said.

For those looking to add a touch of autumn charm to their homes, local-grown mums, asters and pansies will be available alongside an assortment of pumpkins, gourds and other seasonal decorations.

"As you peruse the enchanting wares, let loose and dance your way into the spirit of the season," Bean said. "Join us in shaking your BOO-ty to the hauntingly delightful country bluegrass tunes," Bean said, performed by singer Sarah Campbell on the haunted Market Stage from 9 a.m. to noon.

"And don't worry, we haven't for- See MARKET Page 15



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Participants in the 2022 Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Eastern Shore's Santa's Open Charity Golfer Tournament pose for a photo. This year's event is set for Dec. 2.

Big Brothers and Sisters look for sponsors

(Oct. 5, 2023) Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Eastern Shore will hold its 31st annual Santa's Open Charity Golf Tournament on Dec. 2 at the Ocean City Golf Club.

For 31 holiday seasons, the Eastern Shore has been home to the festive and generous event. According to a news release, Santa's Open is designed to spread holiday cheer and make every December one to remember for all involved, especially the children and families served by the organization.

Each golfer is asked to donate an unwrapped toy for a child between the ages of 6-17 that will be gifted to a local child facing adversity. All proceeds from this event are kept local and enable the organization to continue providing vital, life-changing services to children on Maryland's Eastern Shore.

Sponsorships enable Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Eastern Shore to help create meaningful memories for children facing adversity.

Santa's Open sponsorships offer

promotion opportunities for businesses, professionals, business leaders, and community members in a fun, festive, and dynamic way.

Available sponsorships include North Pole Presenting, Santa's Helper, Frosty's Snowball, Mrs. Claus Breakfast, Santa's Cheer, and Tinsel Tee.

Golfers will enjoy a round of golf on one of two courses at Ocean City Golf Club with a cart, golfer gift, Santa's Cheer, breakfast, and a lunch reception.

Prizes will be awarded for first and

second place gross. Contests include the Pohanka sponsored Hole-in-One with a prize of a new car for closest to the pin. Participants can try their luck in the 50/50 raffle or bid on their favorite silent auction items.

To sponsor the tournament or register a team, visit shorebiglittle.org/events. For more information about the tournament, or services offered by Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Eastern Shore, email golf4kids@shorebiglittle.org or call 410-543-2447.

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Bigs in Buckingham program pairs mentors with students

(Oct. 5, 2023) Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Eastern Shore is partnering with Buckingham Elementary School in Berlin to launch the "Bigs in School" program.

Bigs in Buckingham is a site-based mentoring program that will serve children between the ages of 6 and 10 with family member(s) using alcohol or drugs, and/or those who have incarcerated family members who would benefit from support in academic performance, behavior, self-esteem, and interpersonal and/or social skills.

The program will help participating students improve grades, attendance, self-esteem and relationships, and encourage interest in doing new activities and pursuing new academic subjects.

Buckingham volunteer mentors, also known as "Bigs," will be paired with students from Buckingham Elementary School.

The mentors will dedicate 30 to 60 minutes of their time weekly to support, guide and inspire their "littles" in their school and personal lives. Bigs in Buckingham will operate during school hours, before school starts, during lunch, or at recess.

Volunteer mentors can make a

lasting impact on a child's life.

"The students mentored through Bigs in School always look forward to seeing their mentor ... it is the highlight of their week" Jessica Mimms, the executive director of Big Brothers Big Sisters said in a news release. "The individualized attention is very meaningful to them, and the impact lasts a lifetime."

Big Brothers Big Sisters seeks business partners to support student development by encouraging and allowing employees to volunteer during work hours and spend time at the school mentoring their littles.

To become a mentor to a local child or to become a partnering business to support Buckingham Elementary's Bigs in Schools, contact the organization at 410-543-2447 or email info@shorebiglittle.org.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Eastern Shore is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing mentorship and guidance to children facing adversity in the local community.

The agency strives to empower young people to reach their full potentials and lead successful, fulfilling lives through mentoring relationships.

Market celebrates Halloween

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gotten about the treats!" Bean continued. "Our green market stands will be stocked with seasonal produce, orchard fruits, apple cider and a plethora of sweet delights from our talented bakeries."

The Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market is open Saturdays from 8

a.m. to 1 p.m. in White Horse Park, next to the Ocean Pines Administration Building and Police Department.

The market returns to its off-season hours of 9 a.m. to noon, starting on Saturday, Oct 7.

For more information, visit www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/farmers-artisans-market.

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WPS senior named National Merit Commended Student

(Oct. 5, 2023) Worcester Preparatory School Senior Sara Freih was recently named a Commended Student in the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program.

According to a new release, about 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation have been recognized for their exceptional academic promise.

Although they will not continue in the 2024 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 who entered the 2024 competition by taking the 2022 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

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Pictured, from left, are Worcester Prep Head of Upper School Carol Evans, senior Sara Freih and Head of School John McDonald following a Letter of Commendation presentation where Freih was named a Commended Student in the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Wor Wic names Worcester spring graduates

(Oct. 5, 2023) The following Worcester County students completed program requirements to graduate with certificates, associate of applied science, associate of arts in teaching, associates of science, or associate of arts degree from Wor-Wic Community College this past fall and spring:

Berlin: Luis Bryan Aguilar-Orona, AAS, Business; Kyra Naiomi Arnold,

AA, General Studies; Amanda Rose Brown, AA, Business Transfer; Amy L. Cannon, AS, Nursing; Mikayla Kathleen Cantine, AS, STEM; Addison Paige Cook, AA, General Studies; Darian Catherine Day, AAS, Chemical Dependency Counseling; Sawyer J. Ellis-Gaal, AAS, Business; Logan Figgs, AAS, Occupational Therapy Assistant; Hannah R. Fisher, AA, General

Studies; Jonathan Franklin, AA, General Studies; Tashica N. Hilliard, AS, Nursing; Juliana Jaeger, AS, Nursing; Amanda Jones, AA, General Studies; Wendi Mikulski, AS, Nursing; Sean M. Mills, CT, Criminal Justice; Connor William Plumley, AA, General Studies; Leslie A. Shaffer, CT, Nursing; Hannah L. Sherman, AAT, Education Transfer; and Emily Timmons, CT, Nursing.

Bishopville: Stephen Dominic Bontempo, AAS, Criminal Justice; and Marena Marie Konoski, AA, General Studies.

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KIWANIANS OF YEAR

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Students from all over county

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Newark: Verne' Shaw-Johnson, AA, General Studies.

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GOLD DONATIONS

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City recently donated coats and accessories to Worcester GOLD as part of an annual drive for supplies for the school year. Pictured, from left, are Jim Spicknall, the Kiwanis club's liaison to the organization, and Worcester GOLD Executive Director Nicholas Cranford with some of the donated materials.



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CHECK PRESENTATION

The Ocean City-Berlin Rotary Club recently helped serve dinner and presented a check to Believe in Tomorrow's Children House by the Sea representatives. Pictured, from left, are Past District Governor Cliff Berg, Mary Brown, Donna Berg and Amanda Koontz.



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MAKING AN 'IMPACT'

Worcester Preparatory School students, faculty, and staff recently gathered for a pep rally to commence this school year's chosen theme of IMPACT. Pictured, front from left, are Worcester Prep seventh graders Ted Timmons, Drew Bergey and Artemy Klimins. Back, from left, are Jack Jarvis, Elliot Mason, Liam McAllister, Brock Hidell and Reed Grinestaff.



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Worcester Prep Upper School students were excited for the pep rally to start. Pictured, front from left, are Stephen Carullo, Ashton Browne and Lilly Phillips. Back, from left, are Jeremy Forman Kain Crossett and Beckett Green.



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Worcester Prep fourth grader Lila Holland had a great time participating in the games during the pep rally.



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NEW OFFICERS

The officers of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City were installed on Sept. 20 for the new year at Lighthouse Sound Restaurant. Pictured, from left, are John Hanberry, Jim Maratea, President-Elect Candy Foreman, President Bob Wolfing (for his second consecutive term) and Lt. Gov. District 5 Robin Marks, who installed them.

BOEM to release env. review on offshore wind, get input

(Oct. 6, 2023) In support of the Biden-Harris administration's goal of deploying 30 gigawatts of offshore wind energy capacity by 2030, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, or BOEM, has announced the availability of the draft Environmental Impact Statement for US Wind's proposed Maryland Offshore Wind Project.

If approved, a news release said the project could generate between 1,100 and 2,200 megawatts of clean, renewable energy to the Maryland, Delaware and Pennsylvania region, which could reportedly power up to 770,000 homes.

"Today's announcement represents another milestone under this Administration's commitment to promoting clean energy production and fighting climate change, while ensuring our efforts are done in a transparent and inclusive manner," BOEM Director Elizabeth Klein said in the release. "We value the knowledge we receive from Tribal nations, other government agencies, environmental organizations, local communities, ocean users, and others. Working together, we can reduce conflicts and establish a strong foundation for offshore wind energy projects moving forward."

US Wind is seeking approval for the construction and operation of the Maryland Offshore Wind Project, which includes three planned phases. Two of the phases, MarWin and Momentum Wind, have offshore renewable energy certificates from the State of Maryland.

US Wind's proposal for all three phases includes installation of up to 121 turbines, up to four offshore substation platforms, one meteorological tower, and up to four offshore export cable corridors with landfall occurring within Delaware Seashore State Park.

The lease area is about 8.7 nautical miles offshore Maryland and roughly 9 nautical miles from Sussex County, Delaware.

If approved, the release said the development and construction phases of the project could support up to an estimated 2,679 jobs annually over seven years.

Despite the alleged benefits, the project has received criticism locally. Those against the construction of the turbines off the coast of Ocean City, who include many local political and business representatives, are leery of the potential eyesore and environmental impacts.

Ocean City officials have said that while they support renewable energy and offshore wind as a whole, they do not want to be able to see the turbines from the shore. Right now, US Wind could construct them as close as 11.5 miles off the resort's coast.

There have also been complaints against the higher costs that this project, and another that Danish company Ørsted is planning, will likely pass onto the rate payers.

The project's draft Environmental Impact Statement can be found on BOEM's website.

The release said the bureau will publish a notice in the Federal Register on Oct. 6 announcing the availability of the statement. The notice will open a 45-day public comment period that ends at 11:59 p.m. on Nov. 20. The input received during the comment period will assist preparation of the final statement.

The bureau will use the findings of the final statement to decide whether to approve the project's Construction and Operations Plan, and if so, what mitigation measures will be required.

During the comment period, BOEM will hold two in-person public meetings and two virtual meetings. During the meetings, the public can learn more about the review process, the statement schedule, potential impacts from the proposed project, and proposals to reduce potential impacts. Participants also will have an opportunity to provide comments on the draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The release said BOEM will continue dialogue with Tribal nations, including through formal consultation, during the statement review process.

More information on the proposed Maryland Offshore Wind Project can be found on BOEM's website at boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/maryland-offshore-wind.

The public meeting schedule for the comment period is as follows:

In-person public meetings (all times are Eastern):

- 5 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 24
Ocean City Elementary
2828 Center Dr, Ocean City, MD 21842
- 5 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 26
Indian River High School
29772 Armory Rd, Dagsboro, DE 19939

Virtual public meetings (All times are Eastern, registration required):

- 1 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 19
- 5 p.m., Monday, Oct. 30

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Pragmatic govt. now on endangered list

National politics isn't our bailiwick, but here we are, risking a brickbat or two at a time when political strategy too often involves vilifying and defaming opponents instead of debating opposing points of view without coming to blows.

Nothing illustrates that more than Tuesday's vote in the House of Representatives to evict Kevin McCarthy from his office as House speaker.

As a political move, it's difficult to understand, because the instigators of this rebellion have done nothing more than given half the nation's voting population a different group of people with whom they will strenuously disagree. This discounts, of course, this faction's delivery of a leaderless House during a critical period in the country.

That's the irony of all this. No matter what members of either party say or do, so many voters see things differently that long-term success is beyond their grasp.

That political division and the refusal to entertain the idea of compromise is because both sides believe in "immutable principles," which means principles that are absolutely, irrefutably correct. That is until they change, which they do.

The GI Bill, for instance, had a difficult path getting through Congress in 1944 because of "principled" stands regarding socialism, "lazy" types coming back from World War II and riding the unemployment wagon, and the fear that veterans would flood colleges and universities and turn them into "hobo jungles."

Really.

The public needs to recognize that political intransigence in government is a train that takes no one anywhere but is expensive to maintain. One would think, given the need to get this train moving again, that some pragmatism is in order, even if it's begrudgingly.

As economist John Kenneth Galbreath observed, "Politics is not the art of the possible. It consists in choosing between the disastrous and the unpalatable."

That, at least, is better than nothing, which is what we are getting now and could get for months and years to come.

OCEAN PINES ASSOCIATION REPORT

Stay connected with Ocean Pines

E-blasts, social, website make it easy to stay informed, active

Ocean Pines Association operates several useful channels of information to help homeowners and residents stay informed about what's going on in their community.

The best place to start is always the official OPA website, oceanpines.org. Click on the "News" tab for recent press releases that include coverage and links to board of directors meetings, along with announcements about upcoming events, and valuable information about changes to Association policy.

There are also links to each individual department and amenity with up-to-date hours of operations, contact information, and the latest amenity membership fees. Click on "Departments" and "Board of Directors" for a full list of governing documents, or click on "Departments" and "Finance" for the latest available financial reporting.

Interested in volunteering? Click on "Departments" and "Committees" for information on Board advisory committees. Or click "About Ocean Pines," "Live Here" and "Social Services and Clubs" for a list of current social groups in the community.

For those who prefer to receive updates

directly in their inbox, subscribing to the weekly e-blast is the way to go. To do this, visit the OPA website and click on the "News" tab. From there, click on "Weekly Emails" to subscribe. The "This Week in the Pines" e-blast is typically sent on Monday and includes a weekly roundup of current news and upcoming events, from the latest Board news to the newest Aquatics classes, Rec and Parks events, Golf programs, and Yacht Club specials.

To stay in touch via social media, OPA also runs official pages on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter (X), and Threads. These platforms provide real-time updates, engaging content, and opportunities to interact with fellow community members.

Additionally, many OPA departments and amenities have their own dedicated social media pages. On Facebook, that includes Ocean Pines Police, Recreation and Parks, the Farmers & Artisans Market, the Beach Club, the Yacht Club, the Clubhouse Bar and Grille, Aquatics, Golf, and Racquet Sports.

As always, for questions contact info@oceanpines.org or call 410-641-7717 during normal business hours.

Letter

Kiwanis provides opportunities for all

Editor,

What is SLP? It's Kiwanis International Service Leadership Program clubs for students throughout the world.

Kiwanis exists in 86 nations. There are 8,386 adult clubs and 8,268 youth clubs. Youth clubs start in elementary schools and progress through college and there is a club for young adults with disabilities called the Aktion Club. Kiwanis International has Kiwanis Clubs all over the world and these clubs can sponsor those SLP clubs.

It happens that the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City sponsors five clubs, namely, K-Kids in Buckingham and Showell elementary schools in Berlin; Berlin Intermediate School Builders Club; Stephen De-

catur Middle School Builders Club and Stephen Decatur High School Key Club.

At one time pre-COVID, there was also an Aktion Club in the Worcester County Developmental Center in Newark, but it's currently on hold, possibly to re-activate. Colleges also have Circle K Clubs, but there are none locally.

At the regular weekly Wednesday meeting on Sept. 27, Candy Foreman, president-elect and the advisor to the Showell Elementary K-Kids, did a presentation to bring members up to date on what SLP is and what the students are doing.

SLP clubs teach students leadership, how to do service projects, and engagement. As they progress to the next level clubs they learn more skills like collaboration, service to school and community and grow as individ-

uals and leaders as a way of life.

All of the clubs have faculty advisors and Kiwanis Club liaisons to those clubs to assist in their meetings and projects.

Buckingham has Kiwanis liaison Jackie Dubin; Showell has Kiwanis liaison Candy Foreman and faculty advisor Evy Collins; Berlin Intermediate has Kiwanis liaison Sue Wineke and faculty advisor Jane Slotter; Stephen Decatur Middle School has Kiwanis liaison Sarah Walker and faculty advisors Mindy Oulette and Heather Hand; and SDHS has Kiwanis liaison Lynne McAllorum and faculty advisors Wendy Saullo and Rebecca Kaichthaker. All these people are very dedicated to these extracurricular clubs.

In line with SLP, it's wonderful to remember and appreciate the service of

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Area Big Brothers Big Sisters empowering more 'SHEroes'

(Oct. 5, 2023) Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Eastern Shore encourages all girls and women to be "SHEroes."

With support from the Women's Fund by the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, the organization is empowering women and girls throughout Maryland's Eastern Shore and beyond to be Strong, Helpful, Encouraging, Reassuring, and One-of-a-kind.

The organization has called upon local female community leaders and members to share their inspirational stories and encouraging thoughts as "SHEroes" to inspire girls and women to become community leaders, advocates, mentors, and future "SHEroes."

"There's a young girl who stands in need of your exceptional care," local "SHEro" Sharon Morris of First Shore Federal, said in a news release. "Be the present that makes her presence exceptional. The strength of strangers, the sacrifice of philanthropy, and the evidence that you make a difference is the most humbling of all experiences."

As a mentoring based nonprofit, Big Brothers Big Sisters recognizes the importance mentoring has on fu-

ture generations of female heroes. Agency partner, Erica Joseph, President of Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, shared her own journey to become a "SHEro."

"Strong women and mentoring have guided me through every phase of my life - to encourage me, challenge me, and inspire me to grow and help others," she said in the release.

Further communicating the necessity for role models and mentors, organization Board President, Sally Rankin offered an inspirational message for girls and women to "remember that you are blessed with unique gifts and talents. Find a respected role model to help you grow into the woman you were designed to be."

Join the Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Eastern Shore through the organization's "SHEro" journey by liking and following the campaign on Facebook @BBSES, Instagram @shorebig, Twitter @ESBig, and TikTok @esbig.

To become a "SHEro" mentor or to join the campaign and submit an inspirational message for the organization to share, email info@shorebiglittle.org.

Nominations for Palmer Gillis Entrepreneur of Year Award

(Oct. 5, 2023) Maryland Capital Enterprises, a leading nonprofit that empowers businesses to launch, grow, create jobs and generate wealth across Maryland, is accepting nominations for its 12th annual Palmer Gillis Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

The award ceremony will take place at the organization's annual celebration set from 6-9 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 2, at Salisbury University in the Assembly Hall of the Patricia R. Guerrieri Academic Commons Building. Nomination deadline is 4 p.m., Friday, Oct. 13.

The winner of the MCE Palmer Gillis Entrepreneur of the Year will receive an award and a monetary prize. More accolades include the Innovator Award, presented and sponsored by Unique Styles Custom Home

Builders, and the Workforce Development Award presented and sponsored by Worcester County Economic Development & Tourism.

Award Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be a small business owner or majority partner involved in the daily operation of the business
- The business must be in Wicomico, Worcester, Somerset, Kent, Queen Anne, Talbot, Caroline, or Dorchester county
- The business must employ 100 employees or fewer
- The business must be a "for-profit" entity
- The business must be in good standing with the State of Maryland

For more information, and to submit nominations, visit marylandcapital.org/about/entrepreneur-of-the-year/.

Letter

Continued from Page 20 suddenly deceased Kiwanis member and Past President Roy Foreman who was the Kiwanis liaison to the SDHS Key Club for over a decade. Candy Foreman decided to take his place as the president-elect for 2024-25.

They are a family of dedicated service to children as both were

teachers in Bowie, before moving to Ocean Pines and becoming dedicated Kiwanis members. Always focused on children, so a perfect fit for Kiwanis: "Serving the Children of the World." See kiwanisofopoc.org and follow on Facebook to really understand what this local Kiwanis Club is and what it does.



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Pictured, from left, are Worcester County Garden Club scholarship fund donors Alexandra and William Daugherty, and Club President Suzy Young at the opening of the Gull Creek Garden.

Worcester County Garden Club receives \$5K donation

(Oct. 5, 2023) Members of the Worcester County Garden Club recently attended the official opening of Gull Creek Garden during which President Suzy Young accepted a personal \$5,000 donation toward the club's scholarship fund from owners William and Alexandra Daugherty.

Currently, the club awards an an-

nual scholarship to a deserving Worcester County public school senior who plans to major in horticulture, botany, or agricultural, ecological or environmental studies. The donation will allow the club to offer a renewable scholarship for up to three more years providing requirements are met by the student each year of the renewal.

Blessing of the Animals at three OC, Berlin churches

(Oct. 5, 2023) Area residents and visitors can have their pets blessed at three churches this weekend and next.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Berlin will host its Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, Oct. 8.

The event, held the Sunday closest to the Feast Day of St. Francis, the patron saint of all animals, is set for 1 p.m. at 3 Church St. in Berlin.

All animals are welcome to be blessed, including dogs, cats, horses, donkeys, birds, fish and other reptiles.

The organizers ask that all animals be well behaved and on a leash or confined to a proper pet carrier for the event.

Call the church at 410-641-4066 for more information.

St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church on Third Street in Ocean City will also be blessing animals during the 10 a.m. service the same day.

Animals must be leashed or crated. All are invited.

St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church is at 302 N. Baltimore Ave. in Ocean City. Call 410-289-3453 for more information.

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, who loved all animals and whose feast day is Oct. 4, the Church of the Holy Spirit on 100th Street in Ocean City will hold a Blessing of the Pets ceremony from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 15, in the church parking lot.

Pets should be on leashes or otherwise under their owners' control. Any size, shape or type of pet is welcome. Guests may also bring a photo of their departed pet, or a stuffed animal to be blessed.

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Cuisine

Chicken picatta with cream, of course

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I do an awful lot of driving between the two restaurants, the Marlin Club and UMES in Princess Anne. I decided to get rid of my big redneck rig and downsize to a Toyota Tacoma and thank goodness that I did. It gets twice the mileage, which is a godsend at this point.



By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3

For me, the worst part of driving this much is that I just sit... and think... and think. And, the way that my brain works, that can be a dangerous thing. It is so easy for me to live inside my head a little too long, and, boy, it's safe to say that I'm more than a little nuts. With that being said, I constantly reference my favorite quote from Charles Bukowski, that radical maniac from the days of yore, as he wrote, "Some people never go crazy. What truly horrible lives they must lead."

Even the music is starting to get a little stale, despite the fact that I have thousands of songs in my playlist. I can't believe that I'm about to say this, but I may be at an age when audio books might be a thing. I shudder to think.

When my father passed in 1995, I took a semester off college and worked with my mother doing traveling jewelry shows. We went as far west as Tucson, and as far south as Dallas and New Orleans. On Bourbon Street, I took my own mother into a gentlemen's club for the first time in her sixty-nine years. She was curious so I thought what the hell? We spent all of three minutes in there (the bouncer thought it was funny and let us in for free). Needless to say, I do believe that this was a one-and-done for the old girl. She made it to 87 years of age, but I'm pretty sure she never set foot in another club like that.

But I digress. The point of that story was that we drove thousands of miles and she had a massive collection of books on tape. And that's all we listened to. I felt like my ears were bleeding, and here I am thinking that audio books may find their way into my life again. I'm getting old and I may as well add those to my AARP magazine collection. It's tragic, but the alternative to aging, the finality to which none of us are immune, is something I'd like to wait as long as I



can to experience.

There are certainly days when my mind goes blank and I stare into the lane ahead of me and the trip goes much faster, and it is usually in moments like these that I get cravings for random dishes. And I usually get these cravings when I am nowhere near a restaurant that serves it. One day, I'll get a hankering for prime rib, and the next day I'm yearning Sello's Fiocchi alla Vodka and that sausage and broccolini appetizer.

Today, though, I had an insatiable craving for Chicken Picatta. I was on my way to school and I called the Italian restaurant in town, but they only serve it as a random special, so I was out of luck. Alas, I had to resort to what most old chefs hate more than anything — cooking my own meal. Now you may say that this is crazy talk, but the adage that the cobbler's children have no shoes is certainly true with overworked chefs and cooks. My favorite meal is anything I don't have to cook.

Alas, I had to cook this myself, and honestly it was nice to go through the process as I haven't cooked this in a

good while. It was delicious, and I was content. I just wonder what craving I'll get today in my collective three-hour drive.

Chicken Picatta

serves 4

1 stick unsalted irish butter
Juice of 2 lemons
4 garlic cloves
2# Chicken breast, sliced thin
1 c. AP Flour
1 tsp. Trimix seasoning
Oil for sauteeing, as needed
1 c. White wine
1 c. Chicken stock
1/2 c. Heavy cream (optional)
2 Tbsp. Capers
Parsley, minced for garnish

1. Melt the butter on low heat.
2. Place the melted butter, garlic and lemon juice in a cup and puree together with a stick blender.
3. On a plate, mix together the flour and trimix.
4. Place the chicken on a cutting board and cover with plastic wrap.
5. Using a mallet or tenderizer hammer, smack it down to make it

tender

6. Heat a saute pan and add a little oil.

7. Saute the chicken in batches until golden. It's OK if it is not cooked all the way through. We will add it later to the sauce as it cooks down.

8. When the chicken is cooked, you will have a fond, or scrapings in the pan. Deglaze this on a high heat with the wine and allow to cook halfway down.

9. Add chicken stock and the lemon concoction from earlier and cook for a few minutes.

10. Add the chicken and cook on medium until you start to see the sauce thickening. Add the cream and capers and remove when you have a delicious sauce. *The cream is optional, and many cooks don't use it. However, I like to use it because it settles down the acids from the lemon juice and wine.

— Paul Suplee is the owner of Boxcar 40 in Pittsville and senior lecturer of culinary arts at University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

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. 5

26TH ANNUAL ENDLESS SUMMER CRUISIN

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City; Ocean City Inlet Parking Lot; and throughout Ocean City, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Car shows, Pedal Car Show, Neon & LED Light Car Show, live music and celebrity appearances. <https://specialeventpro.com/endless-summer-cruisin>

THE GREATEST PIANO MEN

Ocean City Performing Arts Center - Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 7 p.m. Featuring 25 hit songs, video and storytelling. Tickets prices are \$35 and \$40. Tickets: <https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/4475362/the-greatest-piano-men-ocean-city-oc-performing-arts-center>.

CPAP MASK FITTING

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

CHESS CLUB

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Come to the library and bring your boards. All are welcome. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

COMMUNITY READ DISCUSSION: 'THERE THERE' BY TOMMY ORANGE

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 2 p.m. Pick up a copy of this year's Maryland Humanities community read at the Pocomoke library. 410-957-0878, www.worcesterlibrary.org

MUSIC LEGENDS SERIES: PETE SEEGER

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Documentary explores the life of the activist singer-songwriter who inspired the folk revival of the early-1960s, and features Bob Dylan, Joan Baez and others. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

BEACH SINGLE 55 PLUS MEET AND GREET

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

Fri., Oct. 6

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FRONTFEAR TOWN'S HAUNTED TRAIL

Sun Outdoors Frontier Town, 8428 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, 7-10 p.m. The Haunted Trail is free to Sun Outdoors Frontier Town and Ocean City Gateway guests (with their campground wristbands). Admission for all others will be \$10 cash per person. 443-978-0674

MAHJONG CLUB

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Join in for a fun morning of playing tile Mahjong. Feel free to bring your own tile set. All are welcome. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

FIRST FRIDAY OPENING RECEPTION

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 5-7 p.m. Meet the artists, enjoy hors d'oeuvres and see the new exhibits. Free event. Satellite galleries at the Coffee Beanery (94th St.) and the Princess Royale (91st St.). artleagueofoceancity.org, 410-524-9433

Sat., Oct. 7

FREE COMMUNITY FLU CLINIC

James G. Barrett Medical Office Building, 10231 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, 8-11 a.m. Free clinic for those ages 13 years and older. No appointment required. Drive-thru. High-dose vaccines available at this clinic. Donations help offset the cost of future flu clinics. www.agh.care/flu

TRAIN & TOY SHOW

Roxana Volunteer Fire Company, 35943 Zion Church Road, Frankford, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Operating layouts, refreshments and door prizes. Admission cost is \$6 for adults and free to those 10 years and younger. DelawareSeasideRailroad-Club.com, Bill Ziegler, 302-537-0964

17TH ANNUAL CRUIZERS FOR CHRIST CAR/BIKE SHOW

Whaleysville United Methodist, 11716 Sheppards Crossing Road, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Entry fee is \$12. Trophies awarded, silent auction, gospel music and food for purchase including scrapple sandwiches, hamburgers, hot dogs and baked goods.

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5K HERO RUN OR 2-MILE WALK FOR WOR-WIC

Wor-Wic Community College, 32000 Campus Drive, Salisbury, 9 a.m. Check-in and registration begins at 8 a.m. Entry fee is \$35 and \$5 for the Kids' Hero Run and Obstacle Course (9:45 a.m.). Open to the public. Register: www.worwic.edu/5K, 410-334-2807.

BERLIN FALL CRUISERS VINTAGE CAR SHOW

Historic Downtown Berlin, 124 N. Main St., 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Fall Cruisers in Berlin is the place to stroll around while enjoying hundreds of classic and vintage cars of all types. <https://www.facebook.com/events/629871149130357/>

DOWNTOWN POCOMOKE'S ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

Downtown Pocomoke City, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Hay rides, corn pit, pumpkin painting, petting farm, corn maze, live entertainment, food, vendors and more. Wear Halloween costumes and trick-or-treat. Rain date is Oct. 14. downtown-pocomoke.com, 410-957-1333, Ext. 111

GENEALOGY HELP

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10 a.m.-noon. The local history librarian will be on hand to help those who need help finding their roots. By appointment only: 410-632-3495. www.worcesterlibrary.org

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. 410-641-0650

PETTICOAT REGIME PERFORMANCE WITH OCEAN PINES PLAYERS

Ocean City Life-Saving Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., 11-11:30 a.m. A glimpse into the lives of 4 women responsible for running some of Ocean City's largest establishments in the 1920s. Free program on the boardwalk outside the museum. www.ocmuseum.org, 410-289-4991

FRIED CHICKEN BUFFET

Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church, 36540 Mount Pleasant Road, Willards, 11 a.m. Vegetables, beverages & dessert included for dine-in. Carry-out platters available. Baked goods available. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$7.50 for children and free to those 5 yrs and younger. 410-

835-8340

TINDLEY CELEBRATION BARBEQUE

Germantown School Community Heritage Center, 10223 Trappe Road, Berlin, 1-4 p.m. Annual gospel celebration of Rev. Charles Albert Tindley. Featuring music, storytelling, puzzles and Tindley exhibit. Barbeque will be available to eat in or take-out. Cost is \$10. 410-641-0638

4TH ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

Windmill Creek Vineyard & Winery, 11206 Worcester Highway, Berlin, 1-5 p.m. Featuring a pumpkin patch, Oktoberfest Beer Garden, vendors, bounce houses, face painting, live music, games and prizes. Admission cost is \$10 and a \$5 fee for the beer garden. Rain date: Oct. 8.

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.

Sun., Oct. 8

26TH ANNUAL ENDLESS SUMMER CRUISIN

Hugh T. Cropper Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Rodders for Christ Chapel Service, car show and vendors, Charity Banner Auction and Grand Finale Awards. <https://specialeventpro.com/endless-summer-cruisin>

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

St. Paul's by-the Sea Episcopal Church, 302 Baltimore Ave., Ocean City, 10 a.m. The blessing will be held during the 10 a.m. service. Animals must be leashed or crated. All creatures great and small are invited. Pictures or artifacts also welcome.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 3 Church St., Berlin, 1 p.m. Bring your dog, cat, horse, donkey, bird, fish, reptile or other animal buddy to receive a blessing. Pets should be well-behaved and leashed or in an appropriate carrier.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MEETING

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

Mon., Oct. 9

FREE COMMUNITY FLU CLINIC

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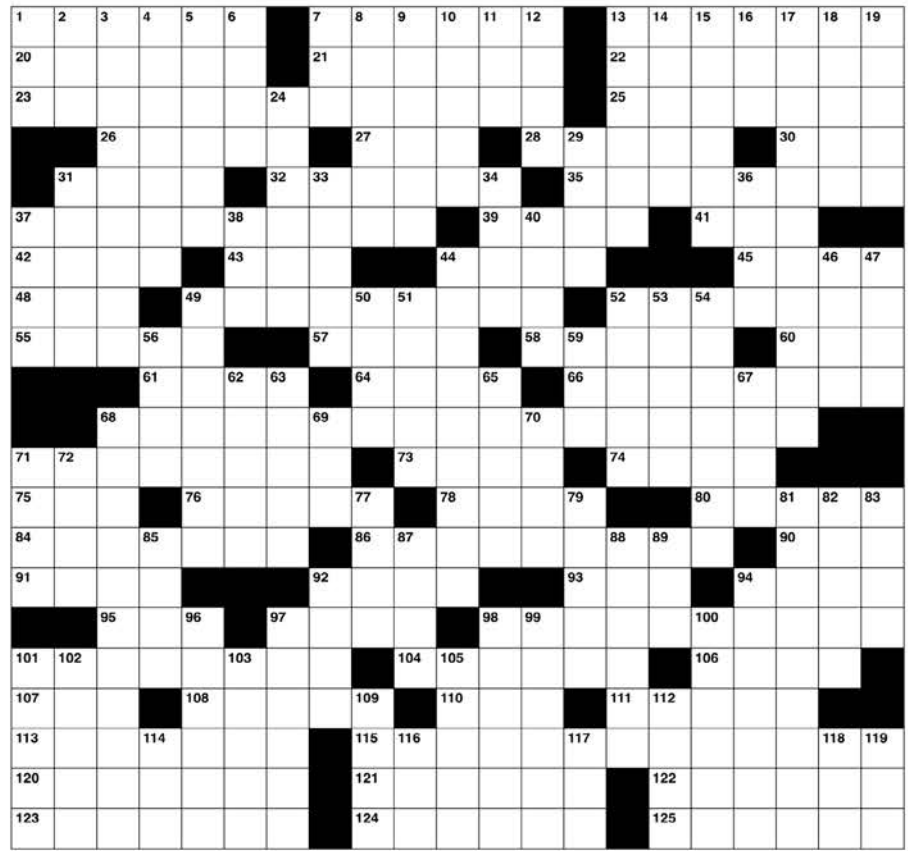
Puzzles

REBRANDINGS

BY JOEL FAGLIANO AND CHRISTINA IVERSON / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Joel Fagliano and Christina Iverson are puzzle editors for The Times. Joel lives in Philadelphia, Christina in Ames, Iowa. They both have young kids and a fondness for "dumb jokes," as Joel puts it. Christina writes: "We were in the middle of a brainstorm for a totally different Sunday puzzle when we'd hit a wall and Joel messaged me with this theme idea. Every step was collaborative, with a lot of back and forth in D.M.s, shared documents and conversations over Google Meet." — W.S.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Reaction to the 1950s culture of commercial consumerism
 - 7 "We are not ____"
 - 13 Chill dude
 - 20 Path
 - 21 Penultimate letter in the NATO alphabet
 - 22 See 15-Down
 - 23 *We've rebranded!* Now we sell tiny tongs!
 - 25 Pumpkin, for one
 - 26 River forming the Swiss/Liechtenstein border
 - 27 German "you"
 - 28 100 öre
 - 30 ____ usual
 - 31 Crypto unit
 - 32 Takes in
 - 35 *We've rebranded!* Now we run an advice column on friendship!
 - 37 *We've rebranded!* Now we sell ivy!
 - 39 Let out
 - 41 "America's Got Talent" segment
 - 42 Dutch explorer Tasman for whom an island is named
 - 43 Fell
 - 44 Key board players
 - 45 Merit
 - 48 Apt rhyme of "Achoo!"
- DOWN**
- 49 *We've rebranded!* Now we sell doughnuts and bagels!
 - 52 *We've rebranded!* Now we help write breakup letters!
 - 55 What a metronome sets
 - 57 Sign for a speaker to wrap things up
 - 58 Sudden burst of speed
 - 60 Not strict
 - 61 Product once marketed with dancing silhouettes
 - 64 Contests
 - 66 Yule ball?
 - 68 *We've rebranded!* Now we do genealogy for the U.S.'s rich and famous!
 - 71 Lover boy
 - 73 Some T.S.A. no-nos
 - 74 Make oneself heard, in a way
 - 75 Something to pull on a highway, informally
 - 76 1300
 - 78 Troubles
 - 80 Online business
 - 84 & 86 *We've rebranded!* Now we operate a test-taking facility/casino!
 - 90 Hosp. section
 - 91 "To have another language is to possess a second ____": Charlemagne
 - 92 Littlest teams
 - 93 Org. at the front of a phone book
 - 94 Bygone autocrat
 - 95 Fan setting
 - 97 Farmer's hope, maybe
 - 98 *We've rebranded!* Now we produce a "Beauty and the Beast"-themed podcast!
 - 101 *We've rebranded!* Now we sell only pens and pencils!
 - 104 Like only some mushrooms
 - 106 Short Instagram video
 - 107 "Yikes!"
 - 108 8.5" x 14"
 - 110 The Sixties, e.g.
 - 111 Is revolting
 - 113 What lions use to hunt
 - 115 *We've rebranded!* Now we sell candy to diplomats!
 - 120 Literally, "three teeth"
 - 121 "Beats me"
 - 122 Desert "I" land?
 - 123 In a manner of speaking
 - 124 Execrate
 - 125 Certain employee of a game company or perfumery
 - 12 Word with front or help
 - 13 Weak excuse
 - 14 Continuously
 - 15 With 22-Across, world capital selected by Queen Victoria
 - 16 PC-to-PC connection
 - 17 Places where dough is made from rolls?
 - 18 Singer/songwriter Mann
 - 19 It's human, it's said
 - 24 Marine creature whose name has four consecutive vowels
 - 29 Some baseball stats
 - 31 Streaming competitor
 - 33 ____, Cheatem and Howe (classic fake law firm)
 - 34 Starting point
 - 36 Rapper who co-starred in 1991's "New Jack City"
 - 37 Float through the air
 - 38 P
 - 40 First plant on Earth, it's thought
 - 44 "S.N.L." characters who coined the term "parental units"
 - 46 Coogler who co-wrote and directed "Black Panther"
 - 47 On deck
 - 49 "That would stink"
 - 50 ____ bean
 - 51 In debt
 - 52 Powerfully built
 - 53 "Dance Myself to Sleep" singer on "Sesame Street" (watch the video on YouTube!)
 - 54 Marvel-ous guy?
 - 56 Cotton variety
 - 59 Cristiano Ronaldo's team: Abbr.
 - 62 University of Maine town
 - 63 Scuba ____
 - 65 Bud of baseball
 - 67 Become liquidy
 - 68 Whence the line "O, how bitter a thing it is to look into happiness through another man's eyes!"
 - 69 Place for a feather
 - 70 Cuba, por ejemplo
 - 71 Starbucks stack
 - 72 Lead-in to space
 - 77 Destination for migrating humpback whales
 - 79 12 ounces, often, for a drink
 - 81 What C or D might indicate
 - 82 Dreaded words to a bluffer
 - 83 Draw
 - 85 Thicken, as cream
 - 87 Multiple-choice option
 - 88 Whisk-y business?
 - 89 Language in which "hello" is "sa bai dee" said while pressing the palms together
 - 92 Early word for a baby
 - 94 Isn't steady
 - 96 Director Orson
 - 97 Not a southpaw
 - 98 Rant
 - 99 Puts down
 - 100 See the sites?
 - 101 Some bridge positions
 - 102 Nostalgic style
 - 103 Insurance company with a purple heart logo
 - 105 Kind of card
 - 109 Give, but not as a gift
 - 112 "Yeah?"
 - 114 Excitement
 - 116 ____ Berg, baseball player turned spy
 - 117 Took the bench
 - 118 Informal shirt
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- Online subscriptions: Today's puzzle and more than 4,000 past puzzles, nytimes.com/crosswords (\$39.95 a year).



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HARD - 70

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

2	6	5	9	8	3	1	7	4
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ROPE	RARA	SALON	BOARD
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HTTP	GIVE	PEACE	CHANCE
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SLOTS	ISOLATE	RIVETER	
STOOPS	AVON	JADORE	
TOT	OHPRETTYWOMAN	RID	
CANOES	ERAS	SNEAKY	
STAGGER	PARSNIP	ESTEE	
YAGRESOVAIN	DELA	TEAS	
NOSE	SIN	URSA	
CLEEF	DONTBRINGMEDOWN		
ASAP	OONA	BMOVIE	
ALBUMEN	IMACPROS	ECG	
MORNINGHASBROKEN	ORCA		
EMAIL	LADLE	DINE	FLAT
NASTY	ELDER	ENDS	TYNE

Calendar

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T.O.P.S. OF BERLIN - GROUP #169

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

PURE GOES PINK ... MOVE FOR THE CURE

Pure Family Fitness Ocean City, 9936 Stephen Decatur Highway, Ocean City, 5:30-7 p.m. Guest instructors, raffles, gift card tree, door prizes and goodie bags. Free and open to the public but donations are greatly appreciated. Women Supporting Women

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.

OVEREATER'S ANONYMOUS

Mondays - Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 7-8 p.m. No dues or fees. 410-459-9100

Tues., Oct. 10

OC KNITTING GROUP

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Bring whatever project you happen to be working on. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

WRITING FOR WELLNESS

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:30 p.m. Writing about stressful experiences like illness may boost health and psychological well-being. This group uses exercises to stimulate creative expression. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

OCEAN PINES MINI GOLF TOURNAMENT

Nick's Mini Golf - Nick's Dino Golf & Mining Company, 12407 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 2 p.m. Cost is \$50 per team of two. Must be at least 21 years of age. Register: OceanPinesChamber.org. Happy Hour to follow at Grotto's Pizza. 410-641-5306, kerrie@oceanpineschamber.org

CHAIR YOGA

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Nicole Long, certified yoga instructor, teaches how to stretch in a safe and low impact manner. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Neurology, 314 Franklin Ave., Berlin, 3:15-4 p.m. Group

provides discussions and mutual support, along with education on exercise, nutrition, coping techniques, medications and developments in treatment. To reserve: Kay Kinnikin, 410-641-4765.

DOCUMENTARY: 'MY NAME IS PAULI MURRAY'

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 5 p.m. Celebrate LGBTQ+ History Month by learning about this revolutionary figure who fought for gender rights and influenced Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

BOOK CLUB: 'THE GIRL ON THE TRAIN' BY PAULA HAWKINS

Tides & Vine, 106 W. Green St., Snow Hill, 6 p.m. Stop by the Snow Hill branch to pick up your book, then join in for the discussion. Must be at least 21 years of age. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

SONG CELEBRATION

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 6 p.m. Bring a song you love and share it with other players and writers. Originals encouraged. Listeners welcome. 410-641-0650. www.worcesterlibrary.org

MARYLAND SAFE BOATING COURSE

Held via Zoom, 6-9 p.m., October 10, 11, & 12. Participants receive a Maryland Basic Boating Safety Certificate, which is NASBLA approved and valid in all states. A fee of \$20.00 covers the cost. Email CGAUXOC@Gmail.com, 410-935-4807

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.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MEETING

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

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.

ZUMBA TONING TUESDAYS

Tuesdays - Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 5:30 p.m. Zumba with optional light weights. zumbajoyceoc@gmail.com

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Tuesdays - Worcester County Health Department, 9730 Healthway Drive,



LIFETIME OF SERVICE

Pat Winklemayer, who has served as the recording secretary and also the secretary for the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City for many years, recently received a Lifetime Service award from the organization. She is pictured with President Bob Wolfing, who presented her the award.

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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

Wed., Oct. 11

BARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP

Takes place via Zoom on the first and second Wednesday of each month. For non-surgical patients. Atlantic General Bariatric Center, 410-641-9568.

AARP MEETING

Ocean City 50plus Center, 104 41st St., 10 a.m. Social half-hour and refreshments begin at 9:30 a.m. The guest speaker will be from the Worcester County Commission on Aging. New members welcome. Bob McCluskey, 410-250-0980

TRIVIA WITH JIM MECKLEY: GRIDIRON, GRAND SLAMS, AND GOBLINS

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 3-4:30 p.m. Prizes awarded to the top three finishers with refreshments served and the event is free with no registration necessary. No team too big or small. 410-208-4014, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

D&D GAME NIGHT

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 5-7 p.m. D&D game for adults and teens. Registration required: 410-632-3495. www.worcesterlibrary.org

COMMON ESTATE PLANNING MISTAKES CLASS

Worcester County Library - Berlin

Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 5:30-6:30 p.m. Instructors include Robert Jeter, a certified financial planner and Cynthia MacDonald, an estate planning attorney. Registration: <https://retireinfocus.com/common-estate-planning-mistakes-berlin/>. 410-677-4848

COMMON ESTATE PLANNING MISTAKES WITH INFOCUS FINANCIAL

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 5:30 p.m. Uncover some of the common myths about estate planning and learn suggestions on how to optimize your financial future and legacy. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

KIWANIS CLUB MEETING

Wednesdays - Ocean Pines Community Center, Assateague Room, 239 Ocean Parkway, 8 a.m. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. Third Wednesday meetings are offsite and will be updated monthly on the website and Facebook. Guests are welcome. www.kiwanisofopoc.org

ZUMBA WEDNESDAYS

Wednesdays - Ocean City 50plus Center, 104 41st St., 10 a.m. Dance background not required. zumbajoyceoc@gmail.com

ONGOING EVENTS

LOCALS WEEK AT THE OC LIFE-SAVING STATION MUSEUM

OC Life-Saving Station Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., Oct. 9-15. Free admission to the museum. www.ocmuseum.org, 410-289-4991

Classified

MARKETPLACE

Call 410-723-6397
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Classifieds appear in **Ocean City Today & Bayside Gazette** each week and online at oceancitytoday.com & baysideoc.com



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Help Needed at West Ocean City boat yard to cut grass and block up boats. **Call 410-213-1383.**

Ocean City Florist Now Hiring **PT Floral Designer.** 2-3 days a week. Some Saturdays will be required. Experience necessary. Call 410-250-1636 or apply within.

Montego Bay Market is looking for year round **Deli** and **Cashier** for the end of the summer and the off season. **Please apply in person 12903 Coastal Hwy.**

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