



CINDY HOFFMAN/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Parents, teachers, students and staff voice their opinions of the state's rejection of the Worcester County Board of Education's request for a grant to help pay for the construction of a new Buckingham Elementary School in Berlin. The Friday evening demonstration drew hundreds of protesters who marched while chanting, "Build the bear," a reference to the school mascot.

Crowd protests denial of school funding

Buckingham Elem. needs replacing, say backers, who want state to hear them

By **Cindy Hoffman**
Staff Writer

(Nov. 9, 2023) Main Street in Berlin was filled with marching parents, teachers and students chanting "Build the bear!" last Friday evening

during a protest over lack of state funding for the construction of a new Buckingham Elementary School (BES).

Hundreds of people attended the march, carrying signs reading "It's time to use our outside voices," and "teachers, staff and students are not political pawns."

Buckingham Elementary School, which was built in 1978, with no

major renovations or additions in 45 years. It is the largest Title I school in Worcester County, with 60 percent of students coming from homes of poverty and qualifying for free and reduced-price meals.

It is currently using five portable classrooms and four instructional spaces in its media center. The bus parking area is not designed for bus traffic, making for a growing safety

concern at the school, according to a letter to Gov. Wes Moore from State Senator Mary Beth Carozza (R-38).

Last October, a capital improvement program was submitted to the state for the 2024 fiscal year. The package asked for and received funding approval from the Interagency Committee of School Construction for planning and design costs.

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Marchers parade down the street in Berlin to protest the state's decision not to help pay for a new Buckingham Elementary School.

Parents, staff, students marched through Berlin

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But later the Buckingham project was declared ineligible for cost-sharing because additional classroom space is available at other county schools with small class sizes.

On Oct. 17, the Worcester County Commissioners voted to pause the new Buckingham Elementary School construction project due to the lack of funds.

"The commissioners were unaware, even as plans moved forward, that no state funding was available," Commissioner Chip Bertino said. "The loss of state matching funds places a significant burden on county taxpayers, who would shoulder one hundred percent of planning and construction costs if the county pro-

ceeded with the project as currently proposed."

The county allocated \$1.6 million in FY22 surplus funding for the project. The board of education reallocated the county funding to cover design costs, and the project was set to go to the bond market in FY25.

Bertino said that the school board needed to talk with the state and see how the project might proceed, stressing that the county taxpayers would not pick up the bill for the entire cost of Buckingham.

"We're already disadvantaged because of the lack of funding that the state provides to us for the ongoing operation of education here," Bertino said. "I don't see how we can go forward with the lack of state funding."

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Berlin Lions Club charts local Boy Scout Troop 225

(Nov. 9, 2023) The Berlin Lions Club recently stepped up to become the new charter organization for Boy Scouts of America Troop 225.

According to a news release, members of both organizations are excited about joining to support each other and the community.

BSA Troop 225 was originally chartered in 1994 and currently meets at the Berlin Fire Company on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

Both the Boy Scouts and Lions organizations are currently looking for new members. For the Lions Club, contact Russell Hammond at 410-726-8076. For Troop 225 contact Clint Bickford at clintscouting@gmail.org.



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Pictured, from left with a charter check from the Berlin Lions Club to the Boy Scouts of America Troop 226, are Grover Collins, Matt Balish, Sarah Woodward, Vincent Schicchi, Joe Andrews, Woody Woodward, Ben Stallings, Maddox Mitchell, Liam Balish, Bob Palladino, Diane Hurney and Clint Bickford.

Nichols appointed VP pro tem during Burrell's absence

By Cindy Hoffman
Staff Writer

(Nov. 9, 2023) Berlin Town Council member Shaneka Nichols has been appointed vice president pro tempore during Council Vice President Dean Burrell's absence from the council through the end of the year, or until his return.

The appointment was made last Thursday, following Burrell's announcement that he has some back issues that has kept him in constant pain and is planning to have surgery to address the problem.

His recovery time will last several weeks and said he would be away from the council during November and December and expects to return after the first of the year.

"I ask that you keep me in your prayers," Burrell said.

"We hope to see you back here as quickly as possible," Mayor Zack Tyn-dall said.

The council unanimously passed a motion reading, "The Vice-President Pro-Tempore shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the Council Vice-President effective immediately and such appointment shall expire when Council Vice-President Burrell returns to the position or shall renew upon approval of a majority of the Council effective April 1, 2024, for a period of time to be determined."

Council member Steve Green nominated Nichols as vice president pro tem.

"I think she will do a wonderful job and it is very important to maintain diversity in our leadership positions," he said.

"I appreciate your confidence," she replied, adding, "Mr. Burrell, you leave ginormous clown-like shoes to fill in this time period. I will be very respectful, and I will do my best to keep your seat warm. I pray for a speedy recovery."

Berlin holiday tree to arrive at 3 p.m., next Tues., Nov. 14

(Nov. 9, 2023) The Town of Berlin will celebrate the arrival of the town Christmas tree next week.

According to a news release from the mayor's office, the tree will arrive at 3 p.m., next Tuesday, Nov. 14.

For more details on the tree and other information about upcoming holiday events, visit @TownofBerlin and @VisitBerlinMD on social media, or berlinmainstreet.com/events/ online.

Shops in town are also now open late every Friday through the end of December for holiday shopping.

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Veterans Day services, memorials set Sat.

Ocean Pines, Ocean City planning events to Nov. 11 to celebrate armed forces

(Nov. 9, 2023) People who want to celebrate and honor active and past United States service members will have chances on Veterans Day this Saturday in Ocean Pines and Ocean City.

Ocean Pines

The Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation will host its traditional ceremony to commemorate the holiday on Nov. 11.

The tribute begins at 11 a.m. at the memorial grounds in Ocean Pines.

Memorial Foundation President Marie Gilmore said in a news release that the ceremony will include patriotic music from the Delmarva Chorus, a color guard presentation of local American Legion representatives, and an address by guest speaker Col. David Cahn.

“Col. Cahn, USMC (retired) had a highly distinguished career spanning 35 years,” Gilmore said in the release. “He served in the Middle East, Granada, Panama, South Korea, and on major Marine Corps bases. He was actively involved in wars and conflicts during Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, the Gulf War, Beirut, and



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A group of veterans present the colors during last year's Veterans Day ceremony at the Ocean Pines Community Center.

Grenada. We are honored to have Col. Cahn as our Keynote Speaker.”

Some seating will be provided, but those who attend are encouraged to bring chairs.

In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will move to the Ocean Pines Community Center.

For more information on the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines and the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation, visit opvets.org.

Ocean City

The American Legion Synepuxent Post 166 will hold its annual Veterans Day celebration at 1:30 p.m. at the post headquarters in Ocean City.

The ceremony is open to the public and will include the array of activities and speeches the group presents each year to celebrate veterans.

“Veterans Day is a commemoration of all military Veterans, past and present, as opposed to Memorial Day, a more somber observance that com-

memorates the loss of lives of military personnel serving in our Armed Forces during times of war,” Ed Pinto, the post historian, said in an email of the holiday.

Throughout the year, the members of the post host charitable giving programs and other activities for local veterans and the community.

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Ocean Downs only Maryland casino to show Oct. increase

(Nov. 9, 2023) Ocean Downs Casino is hardly the biggest source of casino gambling revenue in Maryland, but it was the only one of the state's six gaming parlors to show increased revenue in October.

matching last October's numbers by collecting \$57.8 million, instead of the \$59.6 million it took in for the same period last year.

According to a news release, the Berlin casino's 861 slot machines and 19 table games took in more than \$8.22 million last month to post a gain of \$207,344 over October 2022. The other five operations experienced declines ranging from a 41.5 percent drop at MGM National Harbor in Prince George's County, where the \$67.3 million take for the month was \$47.7 million less than it was last October.

Overall, the monthly proceeds at the state's casinos dropped \$53 million from last year to close out October with \$159.8 million in gaming income.

Maryland Lottery and Gaming officials pointed out in the release that the state's 9,698 slot machines and 562 table games experienced an unusually high volume of activity in October 2022, when the casinos set a single-month record of not quite \$213 million.

Live! Casino & Hotel in Anne Arundel County came the next closest to

Ocean Downs was up then as well, reporting a little more than \$8 million in revenue, an increase of \$357,139 from October 2021.

St. Paul's doc shredding Nov. 11

(Nov. 9, 2023) Anyone who wants to shred unwanted documents can do so at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Berlin this Saturday. Set from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nov. 11, the document shredding event will take place at the church parking lot at 3 Church St., in Berlin. According to a news release, individuals can bring up to three boxes of personal documents to the

Shred-it truck to dispose of them. Light refreshments will be available.

The church will also be open for free tours of the interior, which includes stained-glass windows that are registered with the Library of Congress. Attendees are asked to bring a canned food item to donate for a local charity in exchange for the shredding of their documents.

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Dress Ministry provides needy children with clothes, funding

Volunteer event Nov. 11 to make simple dresses for those in need overseas

By **Cindy Hoffman**
Staff Writer

(Nov. 9, 2023) The Dress Ministry, a local effort that has made and delivered 6,800 dresses to girls in Guatemala and other needy communities since 2011, is inviting volunteers to join them this Saturday at the Berlin Library to learn more about its efforts and make dresses.

The coordinator and founder of the project, Barabara Entwistle of Berlin, came up with the idea when she was researching options for Girl Scouts looking for projects for their gold awards. She came across a magazine article about making pillowcase dresses for needy children in Africa.

Within a week, she had pulled together some Girl Scouts and home-schoolers, along with her family and made 75 dresses and sent them off to Little Dress for Africa. She now works with missionaries in Haiti and Guatemala and has a small cadre of volunteers who sew dresses and shorts for children in need.

The missionaries meet with her and other members of the group. Entwistle said the missionaries tell us what they did with the group's donations and how it benefited people in the community.

"I started asking the missionaries what else they needed," Entwistle said.

That launched the idea of making sleeping mats for children. Entwistle said children in these countries frequently sleep on the bare ground. Her volunteers can make four sleeping mats out of one quilt.

Entwistle does not just look overseas for need. Her group of volunteers also collects food for the needy right here at

home.

During Saturday's event, the Dress Ministry will also be collecting food for the Phoenix Youth Project in Salisbury, a group that works mainly with homeless people. The food is for children that go to Phoenix after school. The children are given something to eat and help with homework.

Entwistle said she is collecting food that does not need to be cooked or refrigerated, such as fruit cups and trail mix. The items will be delivered to Phoenix the week of Thanksgiving.

The volunteer effort is not just helping those in need of dresses and other goods, it's helping the volunteers as well.

"It's a gift for these countries and for these volunteers," Entwistle said. Some of her elderly volunteers have told her that they were just sitting around and now they are helping others. The volunteers sew and also visit thrift shops looking for fabric, pillowcases and other items they can repurpose. The group is also collecting funding to pay for water filters to cut down on contamination and disease.

People who want to help or just learn more can visit the Berlin Library from 1-3 pm. Saturday. Entwistle will have three to four sewing machines in place. Materials and instructions will be provided on how to make the dresses, which only take about 20 minutes to sew. Volunteers, age eight and older, are welcome. To learn more about the event, visit <https://worcesterlibrary.libcal.com/event/11139246>. To learn about the Dress Ministry visit <https://www.facebook.com/DressMinistryMD>

The Dress Ministry accepts donations to help pay for shipping dresses and other donations. She is currently trying to get nonprofit status for the charity. Those interested in donating can contact her at 443-669-3781.

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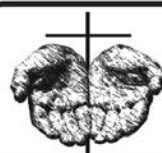
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Worcester Co. offices closed Nov. 10 to observe Vet Day

(Nov. 9, 2023) Worcester County government offices, including recreation and parks, will be closed this Friday, Nov. 10, in observance of Veterans Day.

The official Veterans Day holiday is Saturday, Nov. 11. All five branch libraries, central landfill, and homeowner convenience centers will be open during standard hours of operation.

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Letters from Santa spreads joy to children during season

Phillips to collect toys for Diakonia this season at Yacht Club event Dec. 16

By **Cindy Hoffman**
Staff Writer

(Nov. 9, 2023) Everyone knows Santa has a magical workshop in the North Pole, but most people don't know there is another workshop here in Ocean Pines headed by Colby Phillips, a special Santa Helper.

Phillips and Santa have been friends for a long time, and every year, she helps Santa write letters to special girls, boys and even adults who want to hear from him.

Anyone who knows of someone who would like to get a letter from

Santa can send their name and address to SantaPhillips@Yahoo.com by Nov. 15.

Phillips has been working with Santa for 12 years now and has helped him write hundreds of letters to children locally and as far away as California, Hawaii, Texas and even England.

She also helps Santa respond to children who write to him. In Ocean Pines, children can send a letter to Santa through the OP Post Office.

This year's letter from Santa will include a coloring page featuring Peppermint, the reindeer and Gumdrop, the elf. Santa and Phillips introduced these two new members of Santa's crew in a coloring book they produced a few years ago.



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Santa's Helper Colby Phillips, seen here with Santa, brings children in Ocean Pines and beyond Christmas joy through Letters from Santa.

Phillips gets help from other friends of Santa, including the folks at Berlin's Ace Printing, which provides all of the personalized printing as a donation to Santa. Little elves help stuff the envelopes and mail the letters, or so it is said.

"Some children have been getting letters since she started doing this," Phillips said. "It's a tradition for some of the children. I love that."

Phillips has saved all of the letters Santa has received over the years. Some children ask questions, like "How does Mrs. Claus keep you so fat?"

One little girl provided a drawing of a doll house that she wanted. Others ask for Barbies, puppies and baby sisters. Some are written in crayon, some provide cut-outs from catalogs or pictures of the gifts they want.

"One story really touched my heart," Phillips said.

She heard about a little girl who lost her mom. Santa and Phillips sent her an angel necklace. She heard later that the girl considered it one of her favorite memories after losing her mom.

Phillips said it is her goal is to spread joy during the holiday season — "It is something that I feel very blessed to be able to do."

In order to ensure that everyone who wants a letter from Santa gets

one before Christmas, Phillips asks that people send her requests (including the name and address of the recipient) to SantaPhillips@Yahoo.com by Nov. 15. She welcomes stamps or donations, which can be dropped off at the Ocean Pines Post Office. Any additional donations that are not used this year will go to families in need through Worcester Gold.

On Dec. 16, Phillips will be hosting an event at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club at 5 pm. The Ocean Pines Fire Department will be bringing Santa by for a special appearance. The public is invited to attend and sing Christmas carols, have hot chocolate and cookies and, if able, bring a new toy.

"We are going to accept toys for the 16 children at Diakonia," Phillips said. Diakonia is a shelter in West Ocean City.

The event will honor the memory of Josh Alton, a teen from Ocean Pines who lost his battle with cancer in 2022. His favorite holiday was Christmas and Phillips helped provide a special Christmas in July for him before he passed.

For anyone who wishes to donate to the Letters from Santa or for a toy for children at Diakonia, (she is happy to purchase toys with any donations) her Venmo is @san-taphillips.



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Wor. planning commission OK's boat-building facility

Titan Custom Yachts project set for construction on Old Stage Road in Bishopville

By Hunter Hine
Staff Writer

(Nov. 9, 2023) The Worcester County Planning Commission on Nov. 2 approved the site plan for a 13,600-square-foot boat-building facility at Titan Custom Yachts in Bishopville.

The planning commissioners unanimously voted to accept the facility site plan, which was submitted by the applicant RLG Properties, an LLC that owns Titan Custom Yachts on Old Stage Road, said Russell Garufi, president and founder of Titan Custom Yachts, after the meeting.

Garufi described the building as a new boat fabrication shop.

The building is set to be constructed on Parcel 59 of the Worcester County tax record, and it also includes plans for 14 parking spaces, construction material storage areas, surrounding roads, septic and stormwater management.

The Worcester County Technical Review Committee voted to recommend approval of the site plan to commissioners at the committee's Oct. 11 meeting. Committee members added conditions for minor changes.

One such condition was to make sure that there is space for an additional septic system in the future, since that will be required if owners want to add buildings to the property beyond the new boat shop, Garufi said. For now, the new building will be connected to the prop-

erty's existing septic system, he said.

"We still have a lot of land to build on, and in the future we'll be developing another part of it," Garufi said.

Titan's 59.21-acre property already contains three buildings for boat building, maintenance, storage and office space.

Vista Design Inc., an engineering consultant company from Showell that is designing the project, requested and received 11 waivers of county design guidelines.

Vista's request for waivers says that the building is meant for industrial uses only, and because it will be surrounded by a more than 250-foot forest buffer, it won't be visible to the public or neighboring properties. County design standards meant to accommodate the public are therefore unnecessary, according to the arguments for the waivers.

The requests include waivers for code sections that mandate the screening of utilities, set restrictions for external lighting, prohibit the storage of vehicles, order the inclusion of irrigation systems and require ornamental landscaping.

Zoning Administrator Kristen Tremblay said that now the applicants have to make revisions based on the Technical Review Committee's comments and resubmit the plans for a second review. Then committee members can decide whether to grant a final approval.

The project required a major site plan, since it included a building exceeding 10,000 feet. Major site plans require approval from both the Technical Review Committee and the Planning Commission per the county code.



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The Worcester County Planning Commission approved a site plan for a new boat-building facility at Titan Custom Yachts, a boat building company on Old Stage Road in Bishopville. Pictured is the entrance to Titan Custom Yachts.

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A new playground is part of the offerings at The Nest Early Learning Center, which officially opened at Worcester Technical High School this week.

Worcester County Schools cut ribbon on Nest center

New early learning facility officially opened this week at technical high school

(Nov. 9, 2023) Worcester County Public Schools and representatives from the Maryland State Department of Education recently celebrated the opening of The Nest Early Learning Center at Worcester Technical High School with a ribbon cutting.

According to a news release, Superintendent of Schools Lou Taylor praised the opening of the new facility at the event.

“The Nest Early Learning Center is not only providing a valuable service to our community but is providing an incredible apprenticeship opportunity for students here at Worcester Technical High School through the Early Childhood Youth Apprenticeship program,” he said.

The release said Coordinator of Instruction Brian Phillips shared how students in the technical high school’s program will be career-ready after successfully completing their appren-

ticeship through acquiring a Child Development Associate credential.

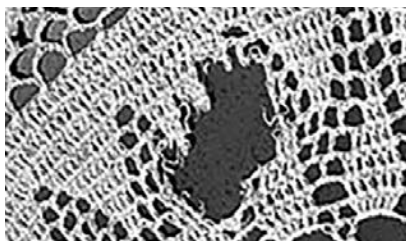
“With the CDA credential, students who graduate from us can immediately begin working in the childcare field, which will in turn help to stimulate our local economy as our students will be fulfilling a critical need for many of our families here on the eastern shore,” he said.

The Nest’s Director Stephanie Timmons and Coordinator of Early Childhood Diane Shorts also said the childcare program is readying the system’s youngest children (ages 2 to 3) for successful entry into kindergarten.

The release said The Nest Early Learning Center is accepting 2- and 3-year-olds in full and half day programs.

Families seeking more information about the nest’s childcare services are encouraged to visit nest.worcesterk12.org. Students interested in the Early Childhood Youth Apprenticeship program can talk to their school counselors about the opportunity, the release said.

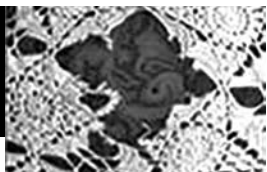
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Worcester County Superintendent of Schools Lou Taylor reads a book to children who attended the ribbon cutting this week of The Nest Early Learning Center at Worcester Tech.

Townhome project in West OC downgraded

Proposed new development reduced to 19 units for first phase due to lack of water

By **Hunter Hine**
Staff Writer

(Nov. 9, 2023) Developers and designers for the proposed 4 Seasons Townhome community split their building plan into two phases because there isn't yet enough water service assigned to the West Ocean City plots to serve the project's dwelling capacity.

At their Nov. 2 meeting, members of the Worcester County Planning Commission unanimously approved the concept plans for the townhomes, which were compiled by Vista Design Inc., an engineering consultant company from Showell. Tauhid Islam is owner of the applicant company, Oceans 8, LLC.

The review was the second step of concept plan review for Islam's proposed townhome community and follows an Oct. 11 review by the Worcester County Technical Review Committee.

Islam plans to build 44 townhome units across lot 1B and lot 2A of parcel 445 and lot E1 of parcel 443 of the

Worcester County tax maps, which are just south of the Green Turtle restaurant on Route 611. The combined lots make up about 6.42 acres.

In June, the county rezoned the lots from R-1 Rural Residential to R-4 General Residential.

Because there are only 20 equivalent dwelling units (EDUs) of water and wastewater service attached to the property, Islam and designers from Vista are now proposing to construct just 19 of the units as the first project phase.

EDUs are a water and wastewater capacity measurement that is required for any development that intends to use or discharge water.

"Any single-family residence, not being used for any other purpose, shall be classified as one 'equivalent dwelling unit' rating," according to the Worcester County Zoning and Subdivision Control Article.

After the meeting, Zoning Administrator Kristen Tremblay said that the planning commission set the maximum number of units at 19 so there was some buffer room with the EDU capacity.

The developers plan on building the rest of the proposed 44 units once they can acquire an adequate number

of EDUs from the county, Tremblay said.

In the agenda packet for the Oct. 11 Technical Review Committee's review of the townhome plans, the committee asked developers to talk to the county's Environmental Programs department to find out the current and future availability of EDUs.

"Also, note that developments with less than 20 units do not require RPC [residential planned communities] approvals," according to the agenda packet from the Technical Review Committee. "In the event that 20 units or less are proposed as a basic subdivision action, this does not prevent future applications for additional units as part of a RPC," according to the packet.

The county zoning and subdivision code defines minor residential planned communities as having 20 or fewer units, while major residential planned communities have over 20 units.

When the project was proposed to be constructed as 44 units at once, it was classified as a major residential planned community, but now, at least for the 19-unit phase one of the project, it has been downgraded to a

minor residential planned district.

Concept plan review processes differ for major and minor RPCs. Both designations must get approval from the Technical Review Committee and then the Planning Commission, but only major RPCs have to get approval from the county commissioners.

Since this project is now considered a minor RPC, it will go on to an implementation plan, where developers and designers submit subdivision plat drawings and site plans. After that, they can start applying for building permits, Tremblay said.

Had the project continued as a major RPC, it would have had to go through a process for master plan approval, then complete the implementation plan.

If or when the owners get enough EDUs to add the rest of the units, they will have to go through the full process of approval for a major RPC, Tremblay said.

At the Technical Review Committee meeting on Oct. 11, members also requested that developers change the name to something other than the 4 Seasons Townhome Community, which they said was too close to the title of other developments in the area.



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WPS HOMECOMING

Worcester Prep's Upper School dedicated the first week of October to celebrating homecoming. Festivities kicked off with an activity-packed Spirit Week and culminated with an alumni/family cookout and home games for volleyball and boys' soccer on Oct. 6, followed by the homecoming dance on Oct. 7. The varsity boys' soccer team won the homecoming game 5-0 against Gunston.



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POST 166 LEATHERNECKS

The interim officers of the new Post 166 Leathernecks unit pose for a photo after they were named to their positions at a meeting Oct. 1. Pictured, from left, are Treasurer Harry Kolodner, Commander Bob Broderick, Vice Commander Don Coffin and Adjutant Ed Pinto.



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PINK RIBBON CLASSIC

Participants in Ocean Pines' sixth annual Pickleball Pink Ribbon Classic are pictured on the court at the Ocean Pines Racquet Center during the event on Oct. 13.



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MACKY'S DONATION

Macky's Bayside Bar and Grill recently donated \$5,000 to the Worcester County Humane Society at its recent Waggin' Donate benefit. Pictured accepting the check from Macky's General Manager Julie Hemp and Executive Chef Derek Cantwell are humane society board members, volunteers and caregivers.



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FARM TO SCHOOL

Pictured, from left, are local farmer Carol Cross from Cross Farms in Berlin and Assistance Program Education Educator Caitlin Daw addressing Buckingham Elementary School students about nutrition and healthy lifestyles on Oct. 18 in recognition of National Farm to School Month.



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WPS GRANDPARENTS DAY

Worcester Preparatory lower school students recently celebrated grandparents day with project presentations, performances, photos, tours of the Children's Garden, and visits to the library and book fair. Pictured, from left, are pre-K students Priyansh Patel, Cayman Wang, Brooklyn Tunis, Bella Baker, John Showell and Charlie Tyndall singing about kindness during a performance.



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FILM FEST DONATION

Assateague Coastal Trust Executive Director Brenda Davis poses with Ray Kudobek, the financial officer for Synepuxent Sons of the American Legion, and a \$1,500 check the organization recently donated to the trust for the 13th Annual Wild & Scenic Film Festival.



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Davis poses with George Pickeral, the director of the American Legion Riders, and another check the organization donated. The total donation amount to the trust was \$3,000.

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Opinion

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Buckingham victim of political payback?

Last week's demonstration in support of building a new Buckingham Elementary School in Berlin brought out scores of residents and parents who obviously believe that the state's denial of funding for the project was a political decision.

There's no reason to believe otherwise, considering the flimsy justification the Interagency Committee of School Construction used to defend its rejection of the school board's request for \$17 million to help build the school.

The circumstances of the committee's actions support that conclusion, since the state has the money and had awarded a comparable amount in aid to help build the new Showell Elementary School a few years earlier for the same reasons Buckingham needs to be replaced.

More curious, however, is that the committee in December agreed to give Worcester \$1 million to design the new school only to reverse itself a few weeks later when, coincidentally or not, the General Assembly was in session.

Given the weak reasoning the committee employed to back up its rejection of the school board's funding request — a new school isn't needed because classroom space is available several miles away — the suspicion is that someone at the state level saw an opportunity to stick it to an increasingly conservative Republican county asking for help from a Democratically controlled government.

Add to that Worcester's \$18 billion tax base (next door Wicomico's is less than half that at \$7.5 billion), the lowest county income tax in the state, and the third lowest property tax rate, and it's easy to understand why this county gets little sympathy in Annapolis on the matter of education spending.

The fact is, however, Buckingham Elementary school students don't vote and have no political alignment. They're kids, and they need the better learning environment that a new school would provide.

Otherwise, the thumb in the eye administered to Worcester County is nothing more than a political statement made at the expense of children.

OCEAN PINES ASSOCIATION REPORT

How to dispose of all those leaves

Ocean Pines leaf removal Q&A

The following is an FAQ about leaf removal in Ocean Pines.

Those looking for answers to neighborhood-related matters can submit questions to info@oceanpines.org.

Q. Will Ocean Pines collect my yard leaves this fall?

A. Yes. Ocean Pines residents and property owners have several options for disposing of leaves that have fallen in their yards: bagged leaf collection, yard waste disposal at the Ocean Pines Public Works yard. Republic Services customers may also use their biweekly trash collection service to dispose of yard waste.

Q. When will bagged leaves be collected?

A. Ocean Pines Public Works will collect bagged leaves from Nov. 27 to Dec. 29. Bagged leaves will be picked up on days opposite of Republic Services' regularly scheduled collection days.

Q. Is there a limit to how many bags I can place at the curb for collection?

A. There is no limit to the number of bags that public works will collect curbside. Republic Services will collect up to four bags of leaves for each regularly scheduled trash collection day.

Q. Can I include other yard debris (grass clippings, weeds, branches, etc.) with the bagged leaves?

A. Ocean Pines' bagged leaf collection is restricted to leaves. Republic Services customers can include leaves and yard debris in bags left curbside; branches should be tied in bundles no longer than 4 feet.

Q. When will the public works yard be open for yard waste disposal?

A. The Ocean Pines Public Works yard, on 1 Firehouse Lane next to Ocean Pines Public Works and the south fire department, will be open to Ocean Pines residents and property owners from 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday through Saturday, Nov. 27 to Dec. 30. The yard will be closed Dec. 25 and 26 for the Christmas holiday.

Q. Can I bring yard waste in addition to leaves to the public works yard?

A. Yes. All types of yard debris may be dropped off. Please note that plastic bags will not be accepted — yard waste must be brought in loose or in paper bags only.

Q. Will the vacuum truck collect all my yard leaves?

A. No. The vacuum truck option is no longer available.

Three days of holiday farmers markets

Shoppers can find pies and ingredients for Thanksgiving feast

(Nov. 9, 2023) Shoppers can indulge in fresh produce, baked goods, home décor and more this month at three holiday farmers markets in Ocean Pines.

According to a news release, the three-day Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market's annual Thanksgiving markets are set this year for Nov. 18, 21 and 25.

The market will run from 9 a.m. to noon on Nov. 18 and 25, and 9-11 a.m., Nov. 21.

The release said the holiday-themed offerings started roughly 11 years ago, when the market transitioned to a year-round operation. It has grown now into the largest off-season market event for merchants and shoppers.

Market Manager David Bean said in the release that fall is the perfect time to visit the

market, obviously for all the fresh, local produce, baked goods, and other items available for sale, but also because of the scenic beauty of the marketplace itself.

"With the majestic tree canopy above the marketplace in autumn color and the brisk fall temperatures, it makes for a very special time," he said.

Bean said many visitors seize the opportunity to jumpstart holiday shopping by exploring the various artisan boutiques and galleries at the marketplace.

"There are always some great finds, whether you are hosting dinner or in need of a hostess gift or just getting started on your holiday shopping," he said.

Shoppers will find supplies of locally grown produce, including fresh greens like collards, cabbage, kale, turnip, and spinach, along with essentials like green beans, Brussels sprouts and sweet potatoes.

"Let's be honest — we all

know that the vegetable side dishes are what makes the holiday feast complete," David Joseph Deacon of D.J. David Greengrocer said in the release. "Those vegetable side dishes are always what we want seconds of. It's the green bean casserole, the sweet potato casserole with marshmallows and pecans, and fluffy mashed potatoes that always manage to steal the spotlight from the rest of the table."

Shoppers can also grab a pie from one of the many marketplace bakeries. Or, for those who prefer baking themselves, Stag Run Farm will sell apples from orchards in Sussex County.

For the home cooks, the spice traders at JABBS Seasonings offer herb and spice blends just right for Thanksgiving. Many shoppers return each year for their apple and pumpkin pie blend.

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Ocean Pines pink lady golf tournament raises \$5.6K

(Nov. 9, 2023) The 12th annual Pink Lady Tournament at Ocean Pines Golf Club recently raised \$5,674 for the Imaging Department and the Eunice Q. Sorin Women's Diagnostic Center at Atlantic General Hospital.

The tournament, held on Oct. 18, once again supported the AGH Foundation. According to a news release, proceeds will help pay for and provide mammograms and related care for local women who are unable to afford the services.

Over the past dozen years, the tournament helped to raise more than \$18,000.

"The Pink Lady Tournament stands as a beacon of support for the AGH Foundation, dedicated to making mammograms and related healthcare accessible to women in the local community who face financial barriers," Chanelle Lake, director of the John H. "Jack" Burbage, Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center, said in a news release.

This year, for the first time, the tournament was open to the public and featured a field of 67 players. Each foursome was given a pink ball, and one player from each group had to play that ball from tee to hole. The other three players played a scramble. If the player lost the pink ball, his or her team was out of the pink ball tournament but could continue as a four-person scramble.

Prizes were awarded for first, second and third-place scramble winners, and low pink ball winners.

In the release, tournament organizers thanked the Ocean Pines Golf Club and Clubhouse Grille staff, along with Glen Riddle, River Run and Matt Ortt Companies for donating door prizes.

"We would also like to thank AGH for its continued support in our endeavor, and we hope to increase participation even more next year, all in the spirit of supporting women's health in the community," Janet Stoer, tournament co-chairperson, said.



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Lisa Guerra and Roseann Vinzinni lead a convoy of golfers while driving their cart out to the Ocean Pines Golf Club greens for the annual Pink Lady Tournament on Oct. 18.

Helping Hands for the Holidays

(Nov. 9, 2023) Worcester County GOLD is now accepting donations and shoppers to support its Helping Hands for the Holidays program.

According to a news release, the program provides holiday gifts for over 500 local children every year. All families are referred to GOLD by their community partners to verify needs and prevent duplication of services.

Supporters can donate toys by shipping or dropping them at GOLD's office at 201 River St., Snow Hill, MD 21863, or donate money by mailing a check to Worcester GOLD, P.O. Box

335, Snow Hill, MD 21863.

Those who wish to donate online or sign up to shop for local children can do so at WorcesterGOLD.org. The deadline to donate or sign up to shop is Dec. 1.

The Greene Turtle in West Ocean City will also host the 25th Annual Chili Cook-Off to support the program.

Attendees will provide \$10 or a new unwrapped toy and gain access to drink specials and unlimited chili samples from 12 of the best local restaurants.

The event is set from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 3.

Market open on Nov. 18, 21, 25

Continued from Page 16 blends, great when steeped in warmed apple cider or red wine," JABBS owner Janice Curtis said in the release.

The market also carries supplies to help decorate the home and dinner table.

Merchants like floral artisan Terry Jordan creates stunning centerpiece arrangements. Jordan owns Longridge Gardens and has been at the Ocean Pines marketplace for 10 years. She also creates unique place setting favors and hostess gifts from items found from her gardens.

For many, the long Thanksgiving weekend is the perfect time to begin putting up holiday decorations.

At Snyder's Produce and Beautiful Things, the focus has changed to seasonal

greenery. Debbie Snyder and her team will bring their fresh, handmade wreaths and garland roping to the market throughout the winter holiday season.

"We source a mixture of pine types to make our holiday greens," Snyder said in the release. "The greens are hand cut, bunched, and attached to wreath frames or strung on rope cording for the garlands."

The Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market is open 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays in White Horse Park, next to the Ocean Pines Administration Building and Police Department.

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



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Scharle kayaked around Delmarva Peninsula

It took Ocean Pines woman 11 yrs. to achieve her goal, just short of 40th birthday

By **Cindy Hoffman**
Staff Writer

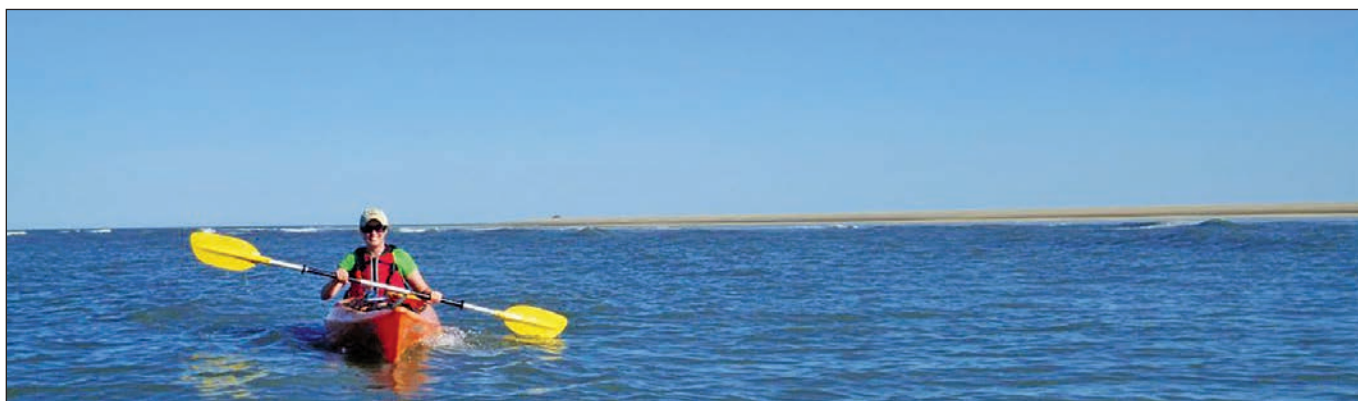
(Nov. 9, 2023) It took 11 years, but she did it. Laura Scharle paddled 600 miles around the entire Delmarva Peninsula.

That includes nearly the entire coast of Delaware from Delaware City, down the Eastern Shore of Maryland, to Cape Charles in Virginia, and back up through the Chesapeake Bay all the way past Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, Kent Island and up to Chesapeake City.

Her entire trip is documented on her blog, laurapaddlesdelmarva.com/

She did not paddle each leg in order around the peninsula, but “bounced around based on the weather, my own schedule and how far I could drive on any given day, and where I could bike versus. find someone to shuttle me,” Scharle said.

Each leg required some serious logistics. She tried to not have to double back in the water. That meant either having someone pick her up, frequently her dad, husband, Brian, or Aunt Margaret Ann, or bringing her bike and dropping it at her destination.



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Laura Scharle set a goal for herself to kayak around the entire Delmarva Peninsula. Eleven years later, she achieved her goal. She tackled challenges in the water and in life during this time. She achieved her goal days before her 40th birthday.

“The first time I did that, I had to draw a flowchart on how it would work with the biking and kayaking,” Scharle said.

She started her trip in June 2012 at Wisharts Point in Atlantic, Virginia. The last leg she traveled was under the bay bridge, ending at Terrapin Nature Park on Kent Island a few days before her 40th birthday.

Scharle was an avid paddler before she committed to this goal. She lived in Easton and did tours for the YMCA. Her boyfriend, now husband, lived in Chincoteague and they paddled together there.

“I had paddled all these different sections of Delmarva before I decided

to do the whole thing,” Scharle said.

“I set this goal back in 2012 when Brian and I were driving northbound over the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. As we approached Fisherman Island, I wondered what it would be like to paddle to some of Virginia’s barrier islands. And then I wondered what it would be like to paddle around the whole damn peninsula.”

Some of her biggest challenges were the lack of public access, including a 25-mile no-access stretch near Cambridge.

“An Airbnb let me launch from there for free. I got very creative,” she said.

Another area in Northampton County, Virginia had a stretch of 40

miles with no public access points. There she met an oyster farmer who let her launch from his family’s property.

“There were a few trips with specific legs that had challenges I did not expect.”

Even though she was a stickler for reading tide charts, one low tide left her stuck in mud.

“The mud was like quicksand, it was 90 degrees, greenhead flies were attacking me,” she said.

At first, she thought she would have to wait until the tide came in, but then, “I pulled myself together and shimmied across the slippery mud until I was in navigable water again. I

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Tickets on sale for Nov. 16 Wild & Scenic Film Festival

(Nov. 9, 2023) For the 13th consecutive year, Assateague Coastal Trust and the Assateague coastkeeper is hosting the Wild & Scenic Film Festival to Ocean City.

The event is set for 7 p.m., with doors opening at 6, on Nov. 16, at Seacrets' Morley Hall.

According to a news release, the film festival is considered one of the nation's premier environmental and adventure festivals, by combining "stellar filmmaking, beautiful cinematography, and first-rate storytelling."

Attendees will watch award-winning films about nature, community, activism, adventure, and conservation. The program will feature 14 short films that celebrate the environment while speaking about concerns the Earth faces.

"This festival is a natural extension of Assateague Coastal Trust's work to inspire people to act on

behalf of the environment to help keep our coastal waterways Swimmable, Fishable, and Drinkable," Assateague Coastkeeper, Taylor Swanson said in the release.

The opening act will feature a local musician, Brian Foley, who will create an ambiance of calmness through music before the films begin.

And because the doors open at 6 p.m, attendees will have time when they arrive before the films begin to view and bid on gift baskets that contain a variety of merchandise, one-of-a-kind art, gift cards and sports packages that have been donated from local merchants, restaurants, artists and galleries. As the night goes on, silent auctions, a 50/50 raffle, and event specials are scheduled.

Advance tickets are on sale now at actforbays.org/wsff. Individual ticket prices are \$25 and bundles of five are .

Kayaking around Delmarva peninsula form of self-care

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was seven weeks pregnant at the time," Scharle said.

She traveled through a variety of waterfronts. In Cape Charles Harbor, she passed giant barges and excavators. In Crisfield, Maryland, she passed by crab shacks. In Lewes, Delaware, she went under the drawbridge and passed the big charter boats. And in the Delaware Bay, she paddled out on a beautiful day with a view of the giant power plant on the New Jersey side of the bay.

"The steam coming out of the cooling plants was actually calming to look at. It was nice to mix it up sometimes. But my heart and soul are with the very remote nature areas," she said.

Not to say that nature doesn't offer its own surprises, including an incident involving a rambunctious stingray.

"One of the wings of the ray smacked the hull of my kayak. I

screamed, it scared me so bad," she said.

"I feel like Delmarva and the Chesapeake Bay should be an international paddling destination. The scenery is so beautiful and so untouched. Kayaking gets you into areas that boats cannot get to," Scharle said.

Kayaking around the Delmarva peninsula was not just an adventure. It was also therapy.

During the past 11 years, Scharle has had a lot happen in her life. She married, had a son with special needs, and lost her mom, who inspired her love of the outdoors.

"This was a form of self-care for me. There were some really stressful times over the years and I would go to it for stress relief."

Scharle said she hopes that her journey inspires other people to get outside and explore.

"We live in a beautiful area, and I don't want people to miss out on that."

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Cuisine

Seared scallops perfect dish for season

Reprint from Nov. 17, 2022

Oh, you thought I was going to write about turkey today, didn't you? No, there is enough rubbish out there this month to feed a small army, or rather a massive one. You certainly do not need to read another thing about that magnificent bird



By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3

and what is quite honestly my favorite meal. Death row? Thanksgiving dinner, please and thank you.

It is good, however, to reflect on the season itself, if I may be so bold. I absolutely adore this time of year, and as much as I hate the thought of chopping down the banana palms in preparation of winter and eventually next spring, I appreciate the seasons with which we are fortunate.

After living in San Diego for three and a half years, a span of coastal desert in which they planted grass and faked an entire ecosystem where there really aren't seasons of sorts, I can appreciate this. Out there, it is either hot or a little chilly. That's about it.

Of course, you can drive a few hours northeast to ski or snowboard, so at least they have that. The mountains in California are beautiful as you gaze at them, snow-covered and peaceful as you stand in the street wearing surf trunks and flip flops. Yet, as amazing as that feeling can be (standing in a street in Riverside trying to get your head wrapped around snow-draped mountains), it takes away from the idea of seasons in the first place.

Just the notion of seasons pleases me, as it was truly the reason I moved back to the East Coast. It happened as my parents picked me up from BWI in June, 1989. I was already embedded in the SoCal culture as well as the Marines, and I enjoyed it. But when we hit the bay bridge on that fateful day, there was a torrential squall that was heading right toward us from the Eastern Shore.

I will never forget that moment, as I grew up with those storms that would pop out of nowhere. In California, the closest I ever came to that sensation was dust devils in the Mojave desert. And while those little bastards can tear a tent city apart in about 30 seconds, they're kind of pointless. It's just more dust, dirt and



sand in every crevice of your body and gear.

A squall ripping across the water is both terrifying and humbling if you happen to be on a vessel on the water. Pulling in the sails, you weather the storm and simply hope that it is a short one. And when it passes, you realize that it all just goes back to business as usual. Set the sails and get flying up the bay again.

So that day was when I realized that I would move back to the East Coast when things were settled with my military contract. And here I am. Not a day goes by that I don't reminisce of good times in Southern California and Mexico, but that was a day gone by.

Now I'm here and love living in such a rich and diverse place. One of my favorite parts of cooking in areas like this is, in fact, the seasons. Soft shells in the summertime, scallops, the point of this article, now waning in their supply as fishermen prepare for dry dock, and the rest of the bounty from our ocean.

I love buying fresh seafood from Skillagallee or Sea Born in the commercial harbor. There is literally no greater sign of the seasons than fresh fish. Embrace it, buy it and cook with it. You can

have turkey next Thanksgiving.

Seared Scallops, Butternut Squash Puree

serves 4

24 ea. Fresh, dry scallops
Trimix, as needed
Clarified butter, as needed
2 c. Shiitake mushrooms, sliced
1/2 c. White wine
4 c. Butternut squash puree (recipe follows)
2 c. Kale sauteed in roasted garlic, as garnish

Pat the scallops dry with a paper towel and set aside until ready to sear.

Season with trimix, and then heat the clarified butter in a good saute pan.

Sear the scallops in the hot pan for around 2 minutes per side, or until they have a nice crust before turning.

Remove and keep warm while you immediately add the mushrooms and more butter, if needed.

Cook until almost done, and then add the wine and reduce.

Season to taste and keep warm until service.

Place the puree in the center of the

plate, and surround it with the scallops and mushrooms.

Top the dish off with a little bit of the kale and enjoy a hearty, lovely autumn meal.

Butternut Squash Puree

Makes about 2 quarts

1 ea. Butternut squash
1 c. Cream, or as needed
1 tsp. Kosher salt
1/2 tsp. Black pepper
2 tbsp. Pure maple syrup
1/2 tsp. Ground cinnamon

Cut the squash in half and scrape the seeds out.

Brush with oil and place face down on parchment on a baking sheet.

Place in a 375F oven for about 40 minutes, or until a skewer passes right through the tender squash.

Remove and when cool enough to handle, scoop out the flesh and place in a food processor.

Add the other ingredients and process until the squash is nicely pureed. Adjust seasoning and keep warm until ready to serve.

Paul Suplee is the owner of Boxcar40 in Pittsville and senior lecturer of culinary arts at UMES.

Tickets on sale locally for Magi Fund concert

Event featuring National Christian Choir and more set for 3 p.m., Nov. 11

(Nov. 10, 2023) Tickets are still on sale for the Magi Fund's holiday performance, A Magi Christmas Concert & Veterans Day Tribute, on Nov. 11.

The show, which will feature the National Christian Choir and the Orchestra of the Eastern Shore, is set for 3 p.m. at the Emmanuel Church Auditorium on Beaglin Park Drive in Salisbury.

The Magi Fund, an all-volunteer nonprofit organization, has for three decades staged musical events as fundraisers for the Joseph House Center and the Christian Shelter. The Magi Fund has devoted 100 percent of ticket proceeds and contributions to benefit the two charities, which provide housing and crisis intervention for the region's needy.

"We are celebrating our 30th year and we're planning a very special and slightly different concert," Magi Fund Chairman Bonnie Luna said in a news release. "November 11 is a sig-

nificant day of remembrance – Veterans Day – and in addition to our Christmas program, we will recognize and honor our Veterans with a special patriotic tribute. This will be particularly memorable as we celebrate the birth of Christ and honor those who have served our country."

Committee Member Cynthia Williams added, "The National Christian Choir is returning for its 20th year of performing in the Magi Fund's annual holiday concert. The Orchestra of the Eastern Shore is making its debut appearance. They will perform separately, as well as together, to produce an unforgettable program of music. You don't want to miss this concert."

Williams said members of the community encourage the Magi Fund

to continue providing this holiday event to kick off the Christmas season.

"Each year, God makes a way for us to do so," she said in the release. "We are often told by attendees that the concert sets the tone for their holiday, and many say it is the highlight of the season."

Luna added that tickets for Magi concerts have always been in high demand.

Tickets are \$20 and available at the Country House in Salisbury and all branches of First Shore Federal Savings and Loan in Salisbury, Ocean Pines, Snow Hill, Pocomoke, Berlin and Ocean View, Delaware.

For more information about the event or the Magi Fund, call Luna at 410-749-1633 or visit the Magi Fund website at magifund.com.

Last safe boating course of '23 set virtually, Nov. 14-16

(Nov. 9, 2023) The last safe boating class of the year will be held virtually next month.

Set Nov. 14-16, the course will be taught by the same U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary instructors as the in-person class. All the required material will be covered in the interactive course with plenty of time for questions throughout the course.

The Maryland Boating Safety Education Act requires that anyone born after July 1, 1972, must possess a Maryland Basic Boating Safety Certificate to operate a boat in the state of Maryland. Those who attend the class and pass the test will receive a Maryland Boating Certificate which is approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators

and valid in all states.

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

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Grand Hotel, 2100 Baltimore Ave., Ocean City. 443-235-2926. 12 a.m.-11:59 p.m., Held from Nov. 8-11. There will be demonstrations, classes and a large flea market of craft supplies. Support local 4-H. 443-235-2926.

MEN'S HEALTH DISCUSSION WITH G.W. SMITH, PA-C

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines. 9-10 a.m., Discussion on men's health issues, latest treatments, screening and answers to common questions. Everything you need to know to stay healthy and active as you age.

STORY TIME - WHEN PB MET J

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin. 410-208-4014. 10:30 a.m.-11:59 p.m., Celebrate National Peanut Butter Lovers Month with this adorable book. Stick around after for a fun craft. For children ages 2-5 years. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org.

STORY TIME - SNAKES ON A TRAIN

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill. 410-632-3495. 10:30 a.m.-11:59 p.m., Stories, songs and rhymes. For ages 2-5 years. 410-632-3495. www.worcesterlibrary.org.

CHESS CLUB

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. 410-524-1818. 10:30 a.m.-11:59 p.m., Come to the library and bring your boards. All are welcome. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org.

SETTING UP YOUR SURVIVING SPOUSE FOR SUCCESS WITH INFOCUS FINANCIAL

Pocomoke City 50plus Center, 400 Walnut St., Pocomoke City. 410-957-0878. 11 a.m.-11:59 p.m., Review planning items consider, common mistakes and strategies to make sure they are financially secure. 443-783-6164, www.worcesterlibrary.org.

SETTING UP YOUR SURVIVING SPOUSE FOR SUCCESS

Pocomoke City 50plus Center, 400 Walnut St., Pocomoke City. 410-677-4848. 11 a.m.-noon, Instructors include Robert Jeter, a certified financial planner and Cynthia MacDonald, an estate planning attorney. Registration: <https://retireinfoocus.com/common-estate-planning-mistakes-berlin/>.

TRUE CRIME TRIVIA

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. 410-524-1818. 1-11:59 p.m., Join in for a themed trivia. Test your knowledge and win prizes. 410-524-1818,

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ACRYLIC PAINT POUR

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City. 410-957-0878. 2-11:59 p.m., The group will learn two techniques. Supplies provided but bring an apron or smock if you choose. Registration required: 410-957-0878. www.worcesterlibrary.org.

SUNCATCHERS

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill. 410-632-3495. 4-11:59 p.m., Get ready for Thanksgiving with this corn-y craft. For ages 6-10 years. 410-632-3495. www.worcesterlibrary.org.

ZUMBA

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., Berlin. 410-641-0650. 4:30-5:30 p.m., Join certified Zumba instruction Joyce Landsman for an hour of movement. These classes uplift and improve mood. Registration required: 410-641-0650. www.worcesterlibrary.org.

Fri., Nov., 10

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AUTUMN HOME & CONDO SHOW & THE ARTS, CRAFTS & CRITTERS FAIR

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. 410-213-8090. 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Featuring the newest products for your home, talented artists and crafters and a pet contest (Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m.). Admission cost is \$6 for adults. <https://oceanpromotions.info>.

BABY TIME

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., Berlin. 410-641-0650. 10:30 a.m.-11:59 p.m., Stories, rhymes and finger plays. For children aged up to 2 years and their caregivers. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org.

MAHJONG CLUB

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. 410-524-1818. 10:30 a.m.-11:59 p.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.

HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., Snow

Hill. 410-632-3495. 11 a.m.-11:59 p.m., Join in for a short structured activity and then socialize and play with other homeschool families. 410-632-3495. www.worcesterlibrary.org.

FRIDAY MATINEE

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City. 410-957-0878. 2-11:59 p.m., What happens when a deadly assassin and a screw-up are mistaken for each other? 410-957-0878, www.worcesterlibrary.org.

BOOK DISCUSSION: A RIFT IN THE EARTH BY JAMES RESTON JR

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin. 410-208-4014. 2-11:59 p.m., Copies of the book are available at the Ocean Pines library circulation desk. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org.

CAREERS IN AVIATION

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., Berlin. 410-641-0650. 4-11:59 p.m., Learn about aviation careers and design your own helicopter. For children aged 8 years and older. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org.

SMALL TREASURES JURIED SHOW AND RECEPTION

The Worcester County Arts Council, 6 Jefferson St., Berlin. 410-641-0809. 5-7 p.m., 18 Artists entered 29 pieces of artwork to be judged by Dr. Cynthia Byrd, Exec. Dir. of the Julia A. Purnell Museum. Awards announced at 5:30. Original art on display, available for purchase.

Sat., Nov., 11

ART YARD SALE

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., Ocean City. 410-524-9433. 8 a.m.-noon, Great bargains on art supplies, materials and excess art at deeply discounted prices. Held rain or shine. www.artleagueofoceancity.org, 410-524-9433, megan@artleagueofoceancity.org.

STORM WARRIORS 5K RUN/WALK

Ocean City Life-Saving Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City. 9-11 a.m., Day-of registration and pre-registration packet pickup opens at 8 a.m. Run takes place on the Ocean City Boardwalk. Awards. Cost is \$30. Rain or shine. emma@ocmuseum.org, <https://www.ocmuseum.org>.

SHOPPERS FAIR

Willards Fire Co, 35356 Regnault St., Willards. 757-408-3170. 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Featuring a variety of vendors, breakfast and lunch items for sale including BBQ chicken and baked goods. 757-408-3170.

TINKER TIME

Worcester County Library, Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill. 410-632-3495. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Drop in to use the library's supplies and your imagination to explore STEM concepts with the self-guided kits. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org.

OCEAN PINES ANGLERS CLUB MEETING

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin. 410-641-7662. 9:30 a.m.-11:59 p.m., Speaker will be Captain Ron Fisher, writer of "Capt. Ron's Fish Tales" column in The Courier newspaper. He will discuss late fall fishing for Tautog, Striped Bass and Sheepshead. All are welcome.

DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 3 Church St., Berlin. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Individuals can bring up to 3 boxed of personal documents to the Shred-It truck. Light refreshments will be available. Tour the church. Bring a canned food item in exchange for the shredding.

AUTUMN HOME & CONDO SHOW AND THE ARTS, CRAFTS & CRITTERS FAIR

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. 410-213-8090. 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Featuring the newest products for your home, talented artists and crafters and a pet contest (Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m.). Admission cost is \$6 for adults. <https://oceanpromotions.info>.

PILLOWCASE DRESS PARTY

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., Berlin. 410-641-0650. 1-11:59 p.m., Make dresses out of pillowcases to donate to those in need. No experience necessary. All materials provided. Registration required: 410-641-0650. www.worcesterlibrary.org.

TEEN JACKBOX PARTY

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. 410-524-1818. 1-11:59 p.m., Teens and their families are invited to compete in fun party games on the Nintendo Switch. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org.

DIY TERRARIUMS

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin. 410-208-4014. 1-11:59 p.m., Beautify your space with a succulent terrarium. Supplies provided. Limit 12. Registration required: 410-208-4014. www.worcesterlibrary.org.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND VETERAN'S DAY TRIBUTE

Emmanuel Church Auditorium, 217 Beaglin Park Drive, Salisbury. 410-749-1633. 3-11:59 p.m., The Magi's Fund 30th Anniversary Christmas Concert,

CALENDAR

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Veteran's Day Tribute. Featuring The National Christian Choir & The Orchestra of the Eastern Shore. Tickets available by mail or local businesses.

FLANNEL FORMAL

Merry Sherwood Plantation, 8909 Worcester Highway, Berlin. 3-6 p.m., Featuring live music, BBQ, oysters and other delicacies, beer, wine, Bloody Mary bar and bonfire. Wear your best flannel. Tickets cost \$85 (until Nov. 3). Tickets: www.lowershorelandtrust.org.

Sun., Nov. 12

FAMILY FRIENDLY WORSHIP FOR ALL AGES

Makemie Memorial Presbyterian Church, 103 W. Market St., Snow Hill. 410-632-1698. 9:30 a.m.- Jan. 7, 11 a.m., All new! Starts with breakfast served by guest cook/crew, followed by simple, kid-friendly message from the book of Luke, hands-on activities and music. This is an experiment. Welcoming feedback.

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HERITAGE DAY

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., Ocean City. 410-524-9433. 1-4 p.m., Storytelling, art exhibits, informational tables and more. Live music and complimentary refreshments. Free and open to the public. <https://artleagueofoceancity.org>, 410-524-9433

Mon., Nov. 13

STORY TIME & FALLING LEAVES

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. 410-524-1818. 10:30 a.m.-11:59 p.m., Story time about the changing seasons and all thing Autumn. Listen to stories, play games and sing songs about Autumn. For ages 2-5 years. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

WRITING FOR WELLNESS

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin. 410-208-4014. 1:30-11:59 p.m., Writing about stressful experiences like illness may boost health and psychological well-being. Group uses exercises to stimulate creative expression. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org.

SMALL SOCIETY WORKSHOP

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin. 410-208-4014. 1:30-11:59 p.m., Build your business from the ground up during this

multi-day program, Nov. 13, 20 and 27. For ages 7 years and older. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org.

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

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin. 410-641-0157. 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 Champion, 410-641-0157.

ONCE UPON DEATH AND DYING: A DUSTIN PARI PRESENTATION

Worcester County. 443-783-6164. 7-11:59 p.m., Held via Zoom. An exploration of unique customs that pertain to the human transition from life to after-life throughout various cultures and religious beliefs. 443-783-6164, www.worcesterlibrary.org.

Tues., Nov. 14

STORY TIME: UP, UP AND AWAY!

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., Berlin. 410-641-0650. 10:30 a.m.-11:59 p.m., Stories, songs and finger plays. For ages 2-5 years. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org.

STORY TIME AT THE DELMARVA DISCOVERY MUSEUM: OTTERS

Delmarva Discovery Museum, 2 Market St., Pocomoke City. 410-957-0878. 10:30 a.m.-11:59 p.m., Join in every second Tuesday at The Delmarva Discovery Museum to see, touch and learn about local animals and enjoy stories, songs and crafts. For ages 2-5 years. 410-957-0878, www.worcesterlibrary.org.

OC KNITTING GROUP

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. 410-524-1818. 10:30 a.m.-11:59 p.m., Bring whatever project you happen to be working on. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org.

MONTHLY MOVIE MATINEE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin. 410-208-4014. 2-11:59 p.m., Catch a recent movie you might have missed in the theaters. Best of all, it's free. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org.

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Neurology, 314 Franklin Ave., Suite 104, Berlin. 410-641-4765. 3:15-4 p.m., Discussions and mutual support, along with education on exercise, nutrition, coping techniques, medications and developments in treatment. Kay Kinnikin, 410-641-4765, kkinnikin@atlanticgeneral.org.

NATIVE AMERICAN STICK GAME

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City. 410-957-0878. 4-11:59 p.m., Celebrate Native American Heritage month by crafting your own Stick Game and learning how to play. For ages 6-12 years.

410-957-0878, www.worcesterlibrary.org.

MEDIA EXPO INFO NIGHT

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin. 410-208-4014. 5-11:59 p.m., Learn about the Worcester County Public School's Media Expo Event. Learn about the categories, rules and regulations and tools you can use. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org.

PANEL DISCUSSION WITH THE POCOMOKE INDIAN NATION

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., Berlin. 410-641-0650. 5:30-11:59 p.m., Facilitated conversation about the experiences of this Nation on the Eastern Shore and how their lives compare to characters in Tommy Orange's There. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org.

MARYLAND BASIC BOATING SAFETY COURSE

Worcester County. 410-935-4807. 6-9 p.m., Held virtually, Nov. 14, 15 and 16. Cost is \$20. Register: Barry Cohen, 410-935-4807, CGAUXOC@gmail.com.

BOOK CLUB: THERE THERE; BY TOMMY ORANGE

Tides & Vine, 106 W. Green St., Snow Hill. 410-632-3495. 6-11:59 p.m., This month's book is a Maryland Humanities community read. Stop by the library to pick up your book, then join the discussion. Must be at least 21 years of age. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org.

ATLANTIC COAST SPORTFISHING ASSN. MONTHLY MEETING

American Legion Synepuxent Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City. 7-11:59 p.m., Capt. Mark from "Dusk To Dawn, charters will speak about local bowfishing. Board members from the OC Marlin Club will speak briefly about cooperation on local issues. Open to the public. Refreshments.

Wed., Nov. 8

BARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP

Worcester County. 410-641-9568. 12 a.m.-11:59 p.m., Takes place via Zoom the third and fourth Wednesday of each month. For surgical patients. Atlantic General Bariatric Center, 410-641-9568.

BACKGAMMON CLUB

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin. 410-208-4014. 10:30 a.m.-11:59 p.m., Drop in for a game of strategy that dates back 5,000 years to Mesopotamia and Persia. Beginners welcome. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org.

PUZZLE PANDEMONIUM

Snow Hill 50plus Center, 4767 Snow Hill Road, Snow Hill. 410-632-3495. 11 a.m.-11:59 p.m., Put your puzzle making skills to the test. Will you and your team

have the fastest time? 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

John H. Burbage, Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center, 9707 Healthway Drive, Berlin. 410-548-7880. 1-2 p.m., For survivors and current patients battling breast cancer. Women Supporting Women, 410-548-7880.

TV SHOW TRIVIA CONTEST

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin. 3-4:30 p.m., Love vintage TV shows? Then you don't want to miss our last FREE trivia contest of the year! Prizes awarded to top 3 finishers. Teams or solo. Refreshments served. No registration necessary.

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Neurology, 314 Franklin Ave., Suite 104, Berlin. 410-641-4765. 3-4 p.m., For stroke survivors, family and friends. 410-641-4765, bglime@atlanticgeneral.org.

SALT ART

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., Berlin. 410-641-0650. 3:30-11:59 p.m., Carefully place grains of colored salt in patterns to make a beautiful work of art. For ages 6 years and older. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org.

ANTIQUÉ GUESSING GAME

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City. 410-957-0878. 4-11:59 p.m., Learn about life on a farm more than 100 years ago by guessing what different tools were used for. For ages 6 years and older. 410-957-0878, www.worcesterlibrary.org.

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ONGOING EVENTS

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, Nov. 16-Dec. 31, 5:30-9:30 p.m. Admission cost is \$6 for adults and free to children 11 years and younger. Take the walking tour through thousands of sparkling holiday lights and many animated light displays located along a paved park paths. Sip hot chocolate, take a photo with Santa, try a family craft, visit the gift shop and see the 50-foot Christmas tree. There will be a Winterfest Express tram ride with multiple "trolley" stops to assist guests in making their way around the 58 acre Northside Park. Pets are welcome on Wednesday evenings. Purchase tickets: <https://oceancitymd.gov/oc/departments/special-events/winterfest/>.

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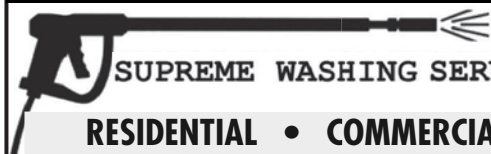
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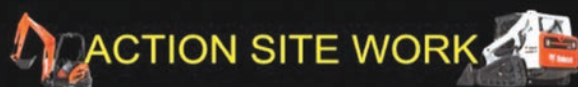
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