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HOMECOMING ROYALTY

While Donovan Henry was named King earlier in the week, Senior Ava Snelsire was announced as queen of Stephen Decatur High School's Homecoming at half-time of last Friday's football game. Standing with the honorees is Principal Tom Sites.

OP looks into night by pool for grownups

'Sunset and Cocktails' would appeal to adults, not kids

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Oct. 17, 2024) The Ocean Pines Association is seeking legal advice on whether to approve or deny the Aquatics Advisory Committee's proposed "Sunset and Cocktails" event which would cater to adults.

The gathering, which would be held at the Yacht Club pool, would gear its entertainment towards adults, including the retiree, single, and older couple crowd. Children were barred from attending in the original concept plan.

Occasions like Sunsets and Cocktails have been presented to the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors a few times over the last couple of years but have been shot down for excluding children.

Ocean Pines' legal counsel Bruce Bright's original opinion maintained that discriminating against juveniles is illegal.

In response, the AAC amended the idea to allow children and families into the event.

As described by AAC Chair Gary Miller at the group's Sept. 12 meeting, Sunset and Cocktails would take place at the Yacht Club pool on a weekday night during the summer.

It would offer hors d'oeuvres, alcoholic beverages, and music catered to the adult crowd. While kids would be allowed entry, the entertainment would lean towards adults.

The committee argued that its single, couples, and retiree event is like the weekly summer Family Fun Nights, where adults without young children are welcome, while the music and simple food, like hamburgers, hot dogs, and sodas, would discourage those who do not have kids from attending.

Similarly, Sunset and Cocktails would invite everyone, but the entertainment, like the more sophisticated

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Voters ask, what's Question 1?

Statewide ballot question aims to amend constitution to guarantee abortion rights

By Brian Shane
Staff Writer

(Oct. 17, 2024) Beginning when early voting opens Oct. 24, Maryland voters will decide this Election Day whether to enshrine abortion rights into the state constitution.

If approved, the ballot referendum would establish reproductive freedom as a "fundamental right," including a mother's right to prevent, continue, or end a pregnancy.

"The state many not, directly or in-

directly, deny, burden, or abridge the right unless justified by a compelling state interest achieved by the least-restrictive means," according to the text of the proposed amendment.

The statewide referendum – which will appear as Question 1 on the ballot – was set in motion by a bill during the General Assembly's 2023 legislative session, the result of which puts the question to voters.

That initiative was sponsored by the legislature's highest levels of leadership, House Speaker Adrienne Jones and Senate President Bill Ferguson, both Democrats. Both the House and Senate passed the bill on party-line votes, and the measure was signed into

law by Gov. Wes Moore.

Local legislators who opposed the measure included Del. Wayne Hartman (R-38C), former Del. Carl Anderson (R-38B), Del. Chris Adams (R-37B), and Sen. Mary Beth Carozza (R-38).

Carozza in an interview said she objects to the fact that neither the ballot question nor the amendment mention age limits or parental notifications for abortions – the word "adult" does not appear in the amendment, she noted – which she and her Republican colleagues unsuccessfully attempted to include in the bill's language.

"You can be pro-choice and vote
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Berlin planning commission okay with Microtel revisions

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Oct. 17, 2024) While no formal action was taken, the Berlin Planning Commission and the Microtel Inn and Suites by Wyndham developers reached an agreement this week.

On Wednesday, Oct. 9, the town's planning commission once again were presented concept plans for the proposed Microtel Inn and Suites by Wyndham planned for Berlin. The outline includes an authentic brick exterior, mature trees around the pool, cornices, plate glass storefronts, and other elements similar to the Victorian downtown area.

Developers initially approached the planning team in March with a proposal to build a four-story, 78-unit Microtel Inn and Suites on the east side of Route 113 near Franklin Avenue. The builders went before the committee again in July, and the group criticized the outlined structure for a lack of Berlin charm. The commission's priority has been to ensure the hotel matches the town's historic aesthetics.

In particular, a few planning group members were unhappy with the proposed building's overall "box" appearance.

"Looking at the current plan, it doesn't work for me," Commissioner Pete Cosby said at the summer meeting. "The colors, the architecture, it just doesn't work ... We talked about getting Victorian street lamps; you have three, but not throughout the project. It is just incoherent."

Through early discussions, the planning commission told developers they wanted to see architecture more aligned with downtown Berlin's old-school style rather than the simple, boxy design typical of standard Microtels. Per those conversations, bricks at the facility's entrance, an enclosure for the pool, cornices, Victorian-style lights, and mature trees were added to the outline shown in July.

The commission said the changes were insufficient. The developer's legal team encouraged the commission to provide specific design guidelines, which the town does not currently have to provide to prospective developers. The builders were told to regroup and return, which they did this week. This time, as more aspects similar to Berlin's uniqueness were added and enhanced, the commission was receptive to the up-

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SUBMITTED RENDERING

The Berlin Planning Commission last week reviewed the latest set of designs proposed for a new Microtel hotel to be located on Franklin Avenue to the east of Route 113. Above is one of the renderings reviewed that worked in commission feedback from previous meetings.

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OP's Halloween festival planned for Oct. 26

White Horse Park to host free event featuring games, haunted house, contests

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Oct. 17, 2024) The Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department will welcome residents for an afternoon of autumnal, spooky fun.

On Saturday, Oct. 26, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., the OPA Recreation and

Parks group is hosting a free Halloween/Fall Festival at White Horse Park. The event will feature costume competitions, face painting, a haunted house, carnival games, and food and refreshments sold by the Kiwanis Club.

"Witches and ghosts will be parading around as music fills the air," a Facebook post by the OPA Rec and Parks Department reads.

The costume contests will be divided into age categories. The two and under group will compete at 11:30

a.m., three- to four-year-olds at noon, five- to seven-year-olds at 12:30 p.m., eight- to 10-year-olds at 1 p.m., 11- to 17-year-olds at 1:30 p.m., and the 18 and older crowd will spar off at 2 p.m.

The rec and parks department has requested volunteers for their "spooktacular" event. Individuals interested in helping can contact Debbie Donahue, the group's director, at ddonahue@oceanpines.org or by calling 410-641-7052.

In keeping with the autumnal theme,

OPA's recreational group is hosting a Pumpkin-Painting Family Fun Night on Friday, Oct. 18, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Participants may bring their own pumpkin to decorate or purchase one from the recreation department for \$6 upon arrival. A limited amount will be available.

Decorations and paint will be provided to attendees. The event is \$5 for Ocean Pines residents and \$6 for non-residents. To register, contact 410-641-6057.

Developer proposes revised hotel designs

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graded proposal.

The revised elevations for the hotel were inspired by various structures throughout Berlin. While some brick was added to the plans shown in July, the upgraded design presented this week replaces brick veneer with authentic brick instead.

The material, placed on the left side of the hotel from the top of the cornices down, will be sourced and repurposed from old buildings nearing the end of their lives.

Developers also intend to add splashes of brick around the pool area and on walkways.

"It will be authentic, used, old, 100-year-old brick on a third of the hotel," site applicant Thomas Zambetis said.

To capture Berlin's historic charm, the developers' plan includes simple geometric forms like Outten's Delites, flat roofs with parapets similar to Heart of Gold Kids, and large plate glass storefronts like those at Beach Memories Studio.

Brick is planned as the material underneath the glass storefronts in the proposed hotel. The commission recommended that developers use paneling instead, as seen at Beach Memories Studio, to remain cost-

effective.

Some commission members said that they would like to see canopies placed on the building as well.

The developers also note the roof will be constructed to support solar and maintain it will not be visible.

Mark Cropper, attorney for applicant Zambetis, said the goal was to have the elevations approved at Wednesday night's meeting. However, per the discussions with the town's planning commission, the developer agreed to make additional minor modifications and return within the next few weeks to get the concept plans approved.

The current moratorium that prohibits the planning commission from signing off on final site plans, annexation requests, and rezoning until a new planning director is hired does not apply to Microtel's impending elevation authorization. The project must undergo a few more design phases before ultimate approval, allowing the planning commission to confirm the preliminary outline.

"The intent was not to stop everything in its tracks," Berlin Administrator Mary Bohlen said of the pause. "It was to get everything as far as it could but stop just shy of the final site approval."



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County opposes 'devastating' Md. mandate

By Brian Shane
Staff Writer

(Oct. 17, 2024) Worcester County officials voiced their opposition to "devastating" state mandates that would force condos, hotels, shopping centers, and government buildings to meet future emissions standards by converting their power sources from fossil fuels to electricity.

"This could be devastating to businesses throughout the county that would have to change over from oil or natural gas to electric energy to run their buildings," said District 7 Commissioner Joe Mitrecic. "The first-year fines would not be that bad, but they would escalate after that and cost a lot of money."

Commissioners voted unanimously at their Oct. 1 meeting to send a strongly-worded letter opposing the measures.

Officials also expressed concern that enforcement of the statewide electrification requirements, being overseen by the Maryland Department of Environment (MDE), would be pushed to the local level.

"While some larger counties have existing programs and dedicated staff to handle this, Worcester does not," wrote Chief Administrative Officer Weston Young in a memo to commissioners.

The county also will need to conduct a study to review the regulations and evaluate alternatives for conversion, including proposed penalties for non-compliance and an overall timeline to convert the affected buildings, Young noted in his memo.

Policy changes here are tied to the state's Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022. The goal of the legislation is for certain buildings – the policy doesn't apply to facilities under 35,000 square feet – to have net zero greenhouse emissions in the next 15 years.

The law doesn't require that all buildings go fully electric. Rather, it's asking for buildings to meet emissions standards based on averages for specific building types, according to a legislative analysis provided by the office of Del. Wayne Hartman (R-

38C).

Very efficient buildings may already meet these standards. Other buildings may be able to meet them by implementing energy efficiency measures, such as weatherization improvements, the analysis notes.

Building owners would be asked to start logging emissions data next year to set a baseline, which would then be measured against increasingly stringent standards every five years between 2025 and 2040. Those standards are expected to be finalized by next month, according to the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE).

For non-compliant buildings, the state's meter starts running by 2031: properties that fail to meet emissions standards will have to pay an "alternative compliance fee." The fee starts

at \$234 per metric ton of excess greenhouse gases emitted. That fee rises to \$270 in 2040, and increases by \$4 annually from that point forward.

Data provided by MDE shows the policy would impact 269 facilities in Worcester County, public and private, totaling more than 20 million square feet. Of those, 80 percent are in Ocean City, and include 150 dwellings such as condos, 52 hotels and motels, a handful of retailers, as well as the resort's convention center.

Other affected buildings in the county would include Atlantic General Hospital, a Lankford Sysco warehouse in Pocomoke City, the West Ocean City shopping outlets, and Walmart stores in Berlin and Pocomoke City.

Government buildings affected would include the county's headquarters building, the jail, the county recreation center, and the Snow Hill health department building.

Exceptions to the law include carve-outs for public and private K-12 school buildings, manufacturing or agricultural facilities, certain historic properties, and federal government buildings.

District 3 Commissioner Eric Fiori said "it just doesn't make any sense" to burden large commercial buildings without research to say the power grid locally could support all-out electrical conversions.

"I think it's putting the cart before the horse on this," he said. "I think it would be very detrimental to everything economic within the county. I just can't agree with it."

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In politically conservative northern Worcester County, signs of opposition to the statewide referendum on abortion have been prevalent.

Question 1: Right to abortion

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against Question 1," she said. "When I talk to certain constituents and talk through the issue, some who support abortion believe at the same time there should be limits to abortion, which this amendment would preclude. They also are concerned about their parental rights."

Carozza also noted that, while other states have tightened restrictions on reproductive rights, Maryland "went the other direction and expanded the rules, by allowing non-physicians to perform abortions. Already in Maryland law, there's no limit, all the way up to birth. This amendment, in essence, has no limits."

Existing Maryland law states that abortions must be performed by a "qualified provider" like a doctor, nurse practitioner, or midwife, according to a legislative analysis. Such medical providers are not liable for civil damages or criminal penalties if an abortion is "made in good faith and in the qualified provider's best clinical judgement using accepted standards of clinical

practice." The referendum comes as a direct result of the Supreme Court voting to end federal oversight of abortion rights in the 2022 Dobbs v. Jackson case. The justices in Dobbs held that the Constitution does not confer abortion rights, which overturned the landmark 1973 case of Roe v. Wade.

The Dobbs ruling set the stage for state lawmakers across the country to enact their own abortion plans.

As of January 2023, there are 14 states where abortion bans are in place. Another nine states have abortion bans on hold, and several others are currently challenging abortion bans in state courts, according to an analysis by the Maryland Department of Legislative Services.

Maryland would join 17 states and the District of Columbia as states where the right to abortion is protected by law. Voters in California, Michigan, and Vermont already have approved ballot initiatives that establish the right to abortions in their respective state constitutions.

OP seeks event for grownups

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bites and tunes, would make it so that families with kids would be dissuaded from participating.

Miller argued that Ocean Pines residents are interested in an adults-only space. The Yacht Club was once the community's sole pool where children were not allowed. However, officials ruled in 2017 to allow the under-18 crowd.

"The Yacht Club pool was once adults-only," Miller said. "We understand that we could not go back once it was changed, but many people miss that. This is a way of allowing a segment of the community that has no other specific events tailored to them to go out and enjoy an evening with similar people."

The AAC gathered on Thursday, Oct. 10, but Bright's recommendation had not yet been finalized. At the meet-

ing, Miller asked OPA Board Vice President Rick Farr, who also acts as the liaison to the AAC, about the possibility of privately renting out the Yacht Club for the Sunset and Cocktails event if legal counsel rules against the occasion.

That way, the adult crowd may still have their evening, but it would be unaffiliated with OPA.

"I am thinking is, if [Bright] comes back and says OPA cannot do this, with the Sunset Cocktails, I am wondering if a small group of us got together to rent the Yacht Club for a private party, that we could then charge an entrance fee for the people that wanted to come but it would be a private party," Miller said.

Farr agreed to confer with operations and the appropriate officials regarding the possibility and report back to the committee.



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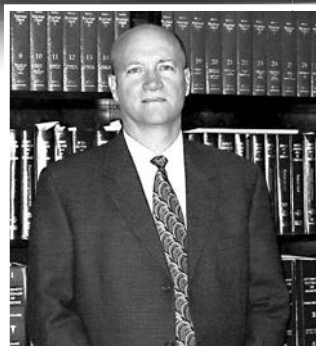
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Free bulk waste collection days announced for Berlin

Curbside effort scheduling will depend on residents' weekly trash pickup days

(Oct. 17, 2024) Town of Berlin will hold free curbside Bulk Waste Collections in November. Collections are for improved, occupied residential properties, and the collection date is according to regular trash collection schedules.

For neighborhoods with Tuesday and Wednesday trash collection, Bulk Waste Collection will be on Wednesday, November 6, 2024; for Thursday trash collection customers, Bulk Waste Collection will be on Wednesday, November 13, 2024. Anyone placing items for collection must submit a request to the Town, either by phone or online, no later than 4:00 PM the day before their collection day.

A form is available online at berlinmd.gov under "Departments/Public Works," or the customers can call Town Hall at 410-641-2770, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. A maximum of four items will be collected. All fabric items must be bagged or wrapped in plastic and sealed; bags for large items such as mattresses are available at local retailers, and a limited supply is available at Town Hall. Additional regulations may apply; details are available online and/or can be emailed or picked up at Town Hall before collection day.

Several holidays in November will impact regular trash or recycling collection. In observance of Veterans Day, the town offices will be closed on Monday, Nov. 11. Recycling collection normally scheduled for this day will be collected on Tuesday, Nov 12 along

with regular Tuesday trash collection.

Thanksgiving: Most Town Offices will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 28, and Friday, Nov. 29. Thursday and Friday trash collection will be picked up on Wednesday, Nov. 27, along with regular Wednesday collection. There will be no recycling collection on Friday, Nov. 30.

Fall yard waste collections will be scheduled for December; look for additional details in the coming weeks. For more information about Special Collections, please visit the Town website at berlinmd.gov and go to the Public Works page under Departments.

Pines Marina to extend operating days to mid-Nov.

(Oct. 17, 2024) The Ocean Pines Marina will officially close for the season on Oct. 31.

However, to accommodate Ocean Pines boat owners, the marina will extend its operating hours for three weekends in November: Nov. 1-3, Nov. 8-10, and Nov. 15-17. During these weekends, the marina will be operating under normal operations, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"While we prepare for winter, we want to ensure that our community has ample opportunity to enjoy the water," Deputy Director of Public Works Nobie Violante said. "These extended hours allow us to provide services to our valued customers before the season ends."

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Protected land's rezoning request approved by county

Part of 80-acre property can now be subdivided into 'farm-ette' lots as desired

By Brian Shane
Staff Writer

(Oct. 17, 2024) A local couple will be able to build on their land after having successfully petitioned county leaders to rezone a portion of protected acreage.

The move will allow property owners Chris and Shelley Mason to set aside 18.54 acres of their 80.95-acre property off Purnell Crossing Road as agricultural. The remaining 62.41 acres will stay zoned as a Resource Protected.

They propose to subdivide the area into three "farm-ette" lots, in a cluster near the road, on that rezoned land. The couple already has an application pending with county planners for the three buildable lots.

"There's this sprawl from people that move here and want to change what it is that we kind of already have," said Kristina Watkowski, an attorney representing the Masons, at an Oct. 1 public hearing before the Worcester County Commissioners.

"And, while I think Worcester County (offers) a wonderful opportunity for growth, I think slow, smart, and steady is probably the best way," she said.

Zoning regulations impose limits on development in property zoned as Resource Protected. To subdivide the land, or to build a house or agricultural structure, a special exception is required. Agricultural land, however, does not impose such restrictions.

Previously used for timber harvesting, the acreage in question does not receive public water or sewer service. There are five approved sewage reserve areas and three well-water locations identified in the petitioned area.

The Masons will make no changes to the still-protected portion of their acreage, which is forested.

"We're not really asking to do anything with that other than preserve it," Watkowski said.

The land had been zoned agricultural since 1964. Additional county zoning efforts in both 1978 and 1992 maintained that ag status. However, in 2009, the property ended up being rezoned by the county as a Resource Protection District.

Watkowski noted that the zoning designation in 2009, which she characterized as "a mistake," was as accurate as it could be, given the available resources.

At the hearing before the commissioners, Watkowski called up veteran land surveyor Frank Lynch Jr. to support this argument.

Lynch explained how the 2009 rezoning relied on guidance from wetland maps to determine which land would be best suited for a Resource Protected zoning status.

"But that big term, guidance – it was probably wetlands, but maybe not," Lynch said. "And that's what happened in this particular case. They thought the site was a majority non-tidal wetlands, they zoned it as resource protection. In fact, a larger portion almost 19 acres adjacent to the road was all uplands."

Worcester's planning commission already had sent the zoning request to the County Commissioners with a favorable finding. The Maryland Department of the Environment also has reviewed and verbally approved the wetland delineation, according to Watkowski.

District 6 Commissioner Jim Bunting made a motion to approve the re-zoning request, followed by a motion to second from District 4 Commissioner Ted Elder. The motion passed with unanimous approval without discussion.

The Masons are long-time Worcester County residents. Shelley has worked for the Board of Education, and Chris is part of a generational farming family, according to their attorney.



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Dispensary will relocate to former Rite Aid

By Brian Shane
Staff Writer

(Oct. 17, 2024) West Ocean City could end up with the state's largest cannabis dispensary, in terms of square footage, after Hi Tide completes a move into a former retail pharmacy space along Route 50 by early 2025.

However, the amount of parking required by law at any Worcester County cannabis dispensary is now up for debate. Officials last week launched into public scrutiny of the zoning code as it relates to dispensaries.

The county's Planning Commission at its Oct. 3 meeting agreed on a zoning amendment that would tighten parking restrictions for licensed cannabis dispensaries over and above regular retail facilities.

The bill would set parking requirements for dispensaries to a minimum of one space for every 150 square feet. The original version of the legislation would have set the minimum at 50 square feet. Retail parking now requires one space for every 300 square feet.

Since the advent of legalized medical cannabis in 2017, Worcester County has treated dispensaries as the equivalent to a retail pharmacy, which is a permitted use of a commercially zoned property, according to Planning

Director Jennifer Keener.

However, since the expansion of cannabis from medical only to adult use in July 2023, it "has generated a significant amount of additional (vehicular) traffic impacts that were not originally contemplated" under medical-only sales, Keener wrote in a Sept. 26 memo to members of the planning commission.

This conversation about dispensaries and parking started in early September. County attorney Roscoe Leslie had conferred with the County Commissioners about an inquiry into a possible new retail cannabis dispensary location, according to county spokeswoman Kim Moses.

"During the discussion, commissioners asked (the planning department) to begin the process of drafting legislation to amend the parking requirements for cannabis dispensaries for their consideration," she said in an email.

The parking bill now moves from the Planning Commission to the County Commissioners. If at least one commissioner introduces the amendment as a bill, then a hearing date will be set to obtain public input. If passed, the bill is written to take effect immediately as emergency legislation.

Worcester County has two licensed cannabis dispensaries, Positive Energy and Hi Tide, both located less



BRIAN SHANE/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Electrical crews work outside the former Rite Aid on Ocean Gateway on Oct. 7. The 12,000 square foot building is slated to re-open as the new home of Hi Tide cannabis dispensary.

than two miles from each other in the West Ocean City area. Positive Energy is located off Route 50, while Hi Tide is situated off Route 611.

Hi Tide will soon relocate. Owner and clinical director Bob Davis said he's now in the process of renovating a former Rite Aid pharmacy and will complete the move in a few months.

"We're growing. It's a growing business," Davis said. "We're striving to give a great vibe and maintain customer satisfaction. It's because of our customers, both patients and recreational, that we're making this move. That's what it's about. Everything is

about the customer experience for me."

According to a building permit filed Aug 13 with Worcester County, Hi Tide's build-out plans include a public-facing waiting room and merchandise area, with a separate area for sales and check-out. Employee spaces would include offices, inventory room, and an employee break room. The old Rite Aid drive-through will be put to use for Hi Tide customer pickup.

Davis added that he hopes for a December opening, but that may be delayed until January. That's because Hi

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Owner hopes to be open in larger space this year

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Tide cannot open both locations simultaneously, and must shutter the original Hi Tide, located off Route 611, before opening the new facility.

Under the original parking restriction floated by the planning commission, Hi Tide would have needed 240 parking spaces because Rite Aid is approximately 12,000 square feet. The bill currently under consideration would lower the minimum spaces needed to 80. That building currently has 74 parking spaces.

Maryland's 98 dispensaries have sold \$775 million in product in 2024, according to data compiled by the Maryland Cannabis Administration (MCA). Since retail sales of adult-use cannabis became legal on July 1, 2023, sales to date have exceeded \$1.3 billion.

The state levies a 9 percent tax on cannabis sales (from which medical patients are exempt) and distributes a percentage of all revenue to dedicated state funds as well as the general fund. Maryland counties by law get a 5 percent share of that revenue.

Despite the fact cannabis remains a controlled dangerous substance under federal law, about a million people each month are customers of adult-use cannabis in Maryland, according to MCA data dating to March.

Safe boating course planned

(Oct. 17, 2024) The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary will be offering the "Recreational Safe Boating Course" for the final time this year, Nov. 6-8, 6-8 p.m., at the Ocean Pines Library branch.

The Maryland Safe Boating Course is taught by certified instructors from the Ocean City Coast Guard Auxiliary who will be offering this comprehensive class. All the required material is covered plus information on local waters and nautical navigation.

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 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, Md. 21811. Payment via PayPal is also accepted.

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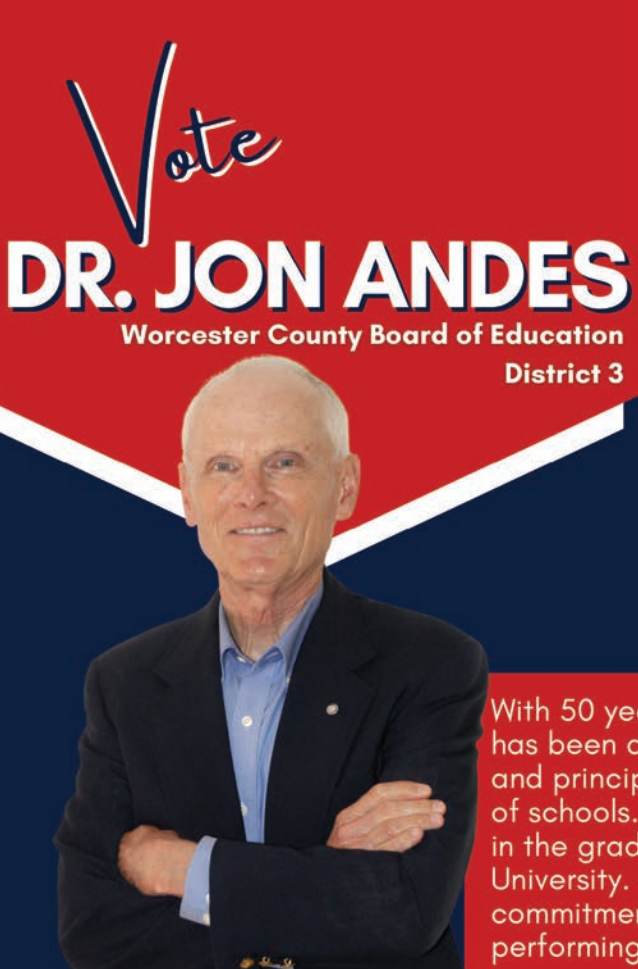
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Worcester's literacy coordinator recognized

Hamborsky honored with administrator award at national conference in July

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Oct. 17, 2024) A Worcester County Public Schools literacy coordinator was honored earlier this year for effectively implementing reading and language arts instruction.

Cassidy Hamborsky, a coordinator of instruction with WCPS, was named a recipient of the Wilson Language Training's 2024 Mary Ann Bonneau Administrator Award at Wilson's National Conference in Boston last July.

The Worcester County educator was recognized for utilizing the Wilson Reading System (WRS), created by Wilson Language Training, in the area's schools. The method is a Tier 3 Structured Literacy program designed for second- to twelfth-grade students with language-based learning disabilities, particularly dyslexia.

"WRS is designed for students ... and adults with word-level deficits who are not making sufficient progress through their current intervention, have been unable to learn with other teaching strategies, or who require more intensive Structured Literacy instruction due to a ... learn-

ing disability," the Wilson Language Training website reads.

The program uses intervention techniques based on phonological-coding research and Orton-Gillingham principles to help the kids who need extra help grasp the tools necessary to become effective readers.

The Orton-Gillingham approach was designed in the 1930s for dyslexic students, known at the time as "word-blindness," by neuropsychiatrist and pathologist Dr. Samuel T. Orton and educator and psychologist Anna Gillingham.

The method's official website describes it as breaking "reading and spelling down into smaller skills involving letters and sounds and then builds on these skills over time."

Hamborsky said WRS helps struggling learners comprehend the code of phonics through reading, spelling, writing, and decoding and encoding.

"It is a gold standard for intervention," she added.

Hamborsky said WCPS also utilizes Wilson Language Training's Foundations program for daily instruction for pre-k to third graders.

The educator noted that the method "provides systematic and explicit instruction every day in areas of phonics." The teaching technique also includes letter formation and handwriting practice. Hamborsky said that the county has noticed student growth since its implementation.

The WCPS educator was honored with Wilson Language Training's 2024 Mary Ann Bonneau Administrator Award for effectively implementing the systems and ensuring that all teachers are properly trained in the program.

The award is named after Bonneau, an educator from Worcester, Massachusetts, who passed away in May 2004. Bonneau worked for over 30 years as a special education teacher and chaired the Learning Disabilities Department.

According to the WCPS website, "Bonneau was an active member of the Wilson community and was involved in several area literacy associations, including the International Dyslexia Association (IDA). Her dedication to helping children with disabilities was an inspiration to many."

The WCPS honoree was nominated for the language-learning award by a literacy specialist from Wilson, who provided professional development in Worcester County last year. Hamborsky said she believes she was recognized for her dedication to her role as coordinator of instruction, which she was appointed to in 2019, and for creating the ability to read for all students.

"In my time in this position, I have worked hard to make sure we are implementing the structured literacy aspect of our reading language arts block with integrity and making sure teachers have the support to do so," she said. "I have worked hard to make sure we are building sustainability. I have worked hard so teachers understand the 'why' behind structured literacy and why it is impactful for all readers. The award reflects the hard work of teachers who provide daily instruction. I am at the central office, but they are in front of students daily, making it happen."

"In my time in this position, I have worked hard to make sure we are implementing the structured literacy aspect of our reading language arts block with integrity and making sure teachers have the support to do so."
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Planning continues for 13th Holiday Craft Fair in Pines

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Oct. 17, 2024) The Ocean Pines-based Pine'er Craft Club is set to host its 13th Annual Holiday Craft Fair next month.

On Saturday, Nov. 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., the group will welcome shoppers at the Ocean Pines Community Center to browse hand-made items by local artisans and crafters, many created by Pine'er Club members.

Holiday-themed creations, including pottery, paintings, jewelry, wreaths, stained glass, home decor, pet products, American Girl Doll clothes, cross-stitched goods, and more, will be available for purchase.

"We encourage everyone to come early, as many of the most popular items sell out quickly," event co-chair Debbie Jiwa said in a press release issued by Ocean Pines Association Director of Public Relations and Marketing Josh Davis. "Our bake sale, a favorite among attendees, is usually sold out by noon."

Fairgoers will have the opportunity to buy one-of-a-kind pieces like fabric-decorated plates, quilted items, and gourd ornaments. The press release noted that the Kiwanis Club will also be in the Community Center's Marlin Room, selling breakfast and lunch options.

Proceeds from the Holiday Craft Fair will be used to bolster the Ocean Pines community. The Pine'er Craft Club, established 50 years ago in 1974, has donated more than \$177,000 to local organizations, including the Ocean Pines Police and Fire departments, Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks, and the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation.

The group is dedicated to giving back to the neighborhood. The Artisan Gift Shop, an extension of the Pine'er Craft Club, is open Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The shop will also welcome patrons from 10 a.m. to

2 p.m. on Fridays throughout December.

The shop sells handmade décor, jewelry, and other items created by club members. Like the craft fair, profits are donated to the Ocean Pines Community.

Shoppers are welcome to browse the Artisan Gift Shop in White Horse Park each weekend. The store offers a jewelry section chock-full of earrings and bracelets, handbags and totes, baby items like crocheted blankets, hats, sweaters, plaques, baby bibs, and home décor pieces.

The Nov. 2 Holiday Craft Fair is free to enter. For more information, contact **Jiwa** at djjb7855@yahoo.com.



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One of the exhibits on display during last year's Pine'er Craft Club's Holiday Craft Fair is pictured inside the Ocean Pines Community Center.

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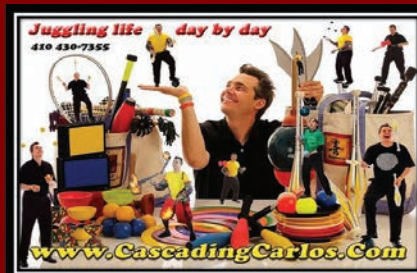
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Bingo event hopes to repeat spring success

OP's Community Center to host OPVFD fundraiser on Nov. 8 with food truck

By **Tara Fischer**
Staff Writer

(Oct. 17, 2024) The Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department will host yet another fundraising event next month.

On Friday, Nov. 8, the OPVFD welcomes residents to the Ocean Pines Community Center at White Horse Park for a bingo night. The event will feature cash prizes, 50/50 raffles, and pull tabs. Grateful Grub Food Truck will be onsite for attendees to fuel up.

OPVFD President Joe Enste said the event was inspired by the department's annual spring bingo night,

which attracts over 200 participants. While that occasion will remain in the group's yearling fundraising rotation, the firefighters wanted to add a similar but smaller evening.

"We plan to continue [the spring] tradition, but we are now introducing a more intimate bingo night at the Ocean Pines Community Center," Enste noted.

The department is selling just 150 tickets at \$40 each to align with the maximum capacity limit of the Ocean Pines Association Community Center's Assateague Room, where the November bingo event will be held. The group also wanted to use the attendance cap to increase the participant's odds of winning. Less than 90 tickets remained as of Thursday, Oct. 10. The firefighter maintained that tickets would sell out.

The bingo night will help raise funds for the department. The money collected from the event will be used for the fire group's apparatus replacement program, the acquisition of Personal Protective Equipment, and the South Station building project.

The current South Station building is outdated and does not meet the department's needs. In July, the OPVFD and the OPA Board of Directors signed a Memorandum of Understanding outlining each party's role in funding and constructing the updated facility.

The groups are in regular communication, and the initiative is expected to break ground within the next year or two.

Per the agreement, the fire department is trusted to make a "diligent and organized effort" to secure private donors and fundraising for the structure. Events like the Nov. 8 bingo help garner such financial support.

"Each of these initiatives is vital to ensuring that we continue to provide safe and efficient emergency services to our community," Enste said. "... Our fundraising efforts play a crucial role in ensuring that we can continue to serve the community with the highest standards of safety and pre-

paredness. The funds raised help us provide top-quality training, equipment, and resources, all while maintaining a cost-effective approach for the benefit of our residents."

The OPVFD hopes that in addition to raising money to increase the neighborhood's safety, the bingo night will bring OPA residents together.

"We believe that through activities like bingo, we offer a chance for community members to connect with one another in a fun and relaxed environment while also fostering stronger relationships with their local first responders," Enste said. "... Ultimately, these events help us engage with the community on a deeper level while ensuring the continued excellence of the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department."

Participants will also have the option to pick up tickets for the fire department's truck raffle and the Queen of Hearts fundraising initiative during the bingo event.

Bingo tickets can be purchased at <https://opvfd.com/cash-bingo/>. Twenty games will be played, with 18 \$50 winners, one \$250 winner, and one \$500 winner. Per gaming regulations, participants must be 21 to enter. Doors will open at 5 p.m., and bingo will begin at 6 p.m.



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For their quick responses in saving the life of an 8-year-old girl, Acting Cpl. Noah King (left) and Cpl. Chris Parr (right) were named Employee of the Quarter by Worcester County Sheriff Matt Crisafulli.

Deputies honored for saving child's life at campground

By Brian Shane
Staff Writer

(Oct. 18, 2024) When the 911 call came in for an unresponsive child at Frontier Town, it only took two minutes for sheriff's deputies Noah King and Chris Parr to both respond from nearby road duty.

They found an 8-year-old girl unresponsive in her car seat, not breathing, and with no detectable pulse.

Acting Cpl. King pulled her from the minivan and watched as the girl's eyes rolled back in her head. Laying her on the ground, Cpl. Parr began chest compressions. They rotated doing CPR to the point where they were administering life-saving aid for almost 15 minutes.

"It felt like an eternity," King said in an interview.

It was the afternoon of July 10. Emergency medical crews arrived the on scene and took over. Tension filled the air as a growing crowd of people surrounded the life-saving efforts. First responders feared the girl was on the verge of not surviving.

Then - a shout from the paramedics: We have a pulse.

The girl was rushed to the Ocean City airport and airlifted to Nemours Children's Hospital in Wilmington. By

the next day, the deputies got word that she had returned to almost normal.

"It's the kind of feel-good story people hope for," King added.

Authorities later learned that the child, visiting with her family from Pennsylvania, suffers from a history of pre-existing medical issues due to a complex and rare diagnosis.

For first responders in moments of crisis, even when emotions are running high, King said that you have to push past it and focus on the matter at hand.

"We're paid problems solvers, in more ways than one," said King, 27. "It sounds really cliché, but we can worry about being upset later. In the meantime, we need to devote all our training, knowledge, and resources to solving this problem."

For their quick response and lifesaving efforts, both deputies were named Employee of the Quarter by Worcester County Sheriff Matt Crisafulli.

"In my mind, that's miraculous - she was getting ready to be declared dead, and they were able to get a pulse back," Crisafulli said. "Had it been five or 10 minutes more, those extra minutes would have made the difference in a life-or-death situation. It doesn't get any more heroic."



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Sunset, cocktails and legally risky business

The Ocean Pines Association's tax-exempt status and federal anti-discrimination laws suggest that a more suitable name for the proposed "Sunset and Cocktails" adults-only night at the Yacht Club pool would be "Sunset, Cocktails and Risky Business."

That's a shame, too, because even new parents will sometimes confess to a desire to get away from the kids for an hour or two. That's what this proposal aims to do: give grownups an opportunity to relax and be themselves one night a month.

The law is the law, however, as was made clear to the OPA Board of Directors back in 2017, when legal counsel advised the board that the adults-only designation at the Oasis pool should be dropped to protect the association from being sued for discrimination.

Even worse, as it was pointed out at the time, is that losing a discrimination lawsuit could jeopardize the OPA's tax-exempt status as a nonprofit 501 (c) (4) social welfare organization, and that would have serious financial consequences no one even wants to contemplate.

Given these circumstances, association members have limited options regarding monthly grownups-only nights at any amenity that is open to the public.

They could, for instance, hold such gatherings anyway and see if anyone complains or brings it to the attention of the IRS for legitimate reasons or out of spite.

Another possibility mentioned in recent discussions is for a group of people to rent the pool for a night for a "private event," assuming that the cost of such a rental isn't set lower than it ordinarily would be. That might work, but then ...

The only remaining alternative is to forget this idea, however appealing it might be. It's tough to outsmart the IRS and members should weigh that risk against the rewards of a monthly night out with friends of a certain age.

Generally speaking, the best advice in this or any other legally uncertain situation is to listen to the advice of the people being paid to give it.

Letters

Logging awareness needed throughout Worcester County

Editor,

I am writing to bring awareness to an issue that affects us all. The Maryland Forest Service, a division of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, has released the draft of their 2025 annual work plan. This plan tells what forests in our area are going to be logged for timber.

I am the Reporter for the Worcester County 4-H club the Nature Adventurers. Recently, members of our club visited and hiked tract P06-25-S-05 part of the Blue Bike trail. The trail is located just South of Pocomoke State Park and is accessed from 113 South. This 45 plus acre tract is supposed to be logged. Many of us have grown up camping, hiking and biking in these woods. We do not want this beautiful trail to be logged. There are many species that will lose their homes if this plan is not stopped.

I personally have gone birding in these woods and there are many different birds that depend on this forest. I know many experts have already contacted the Forest service about this tract and I hope their knowledge is listened too. Our future depends on conserving lands and ecosystems like this one.

For more information about the fight to stop this tract from being logged, search and join the group on Facebook called, "Friends of Maryland Forests." Or go to the website Marylandforestfriends.org.

Also please consider writing to express your support for not logging this tract at this address: Forest Service, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, 580 Taylor Ave., E-1, Annapolis, MD 21401.

Ewan Betz
Berlin

Another early voting site needed for south end

Editor,

Over the years, voting has been made more convenient with Vote-by-Mail and Early Voting added to Election Day voting. If the Worcester County Commission wants to ensure maximum voter participation, it should add another Early Voting site in southern end of the county.

Currently, Early Voting is conducted only at the Ocean City Convention Center, a 45-minute drive from Pocomoke City on a good day. It takes Snow Hill residents about half an hour to reach the convention center. No voter should have to drive that far to vote early.

I'm a resident of both Worcester and Sarasota County, Fla. and vote in Florida. While Sarasota County is larger than Worcester, their County Commission and Supervisor of Elections offer 10 Early Voting sites across the County ensuring minimal drive time to vote. Seven of these Early Voting sites are in public library meeting rooms. (See sites below.)

So, Worcester County could offer Early Voting at either the Pocomoke or Snow Hill libraries and eliminate the unreasonable drive time to the Ocean City Convention Center. Sarasota County sets up several tables/chairs for voter check-in, sets up a few ballot booths, and provides an optical scanner to accept and tabulate the ballots at each site. Staffing is minimal. The same could be done in Worcester County.

Voters who live from Pocomoke to Berlin would experience the same Early Voting convenience as voters who live in or close to Ocean City. Seems like a reasonable proposal, right? Then please do it.

Pat Rounds
Ocean Pines

Junior lifeguard course announced

(Oct. 17, 2024) Starting this month, the Ocean Pines Aquatics Department will offer both single-day and six-session versions of its popular Junior Lifeguard Program, designed for children ages 7 and up.

Aquatics Director Michelle Hitchens said the courses are intended to be both fun and educational, and they are scheduled on school closure days to support local parents.

"The Junior Guard program focuses on essential life skills such as water safety, teamwork, problem-solving, swimming endurance, and self-confidence, while incorporating a variety of games and

activities to keep the children engaged. It's also a great opportunity for kids to enhance their water skills when schools are closed."

To participate, children must be strong swimmers who can swim the length of the pool and tread water for at least one minute. Most the class will take place in the deep end of the pool.

Single-day courses will be held at the Sports Core Pool on the following dates from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Friday, Oct. 18, Tuesday, Nov. 5, Monday, Jan. 27, Monday, Feb. 17 and Friday, April 4

The program is led by Steve Yarzinsky and his team of in-

structors. Participants will receive a Junior Lifeguard t-shirt and whistle. The cost is \$75 for Ocean Pines residents and \$80 for non-residents.

Additionally, a six-class Junior Lifeguard session will be offered every other Sunday from 1-3 p.m., starting Oct. 20 through Dec. 29, and again from Jan. 19 through March 30.

Each session includes six two-hour classes, totaling 12 hours of instruction. The cost for this extended program is \$135 for residents and \$150 for non-residents, and it also includes a t-shirt and whistle.

For more information or to register, call 410-641-5255.

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Obituaries

ROLAND N. MURRAY JR.

Ocean City
Roland N. Murray Jr., 90, of Ocean City, died Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2024.

Mr. Murray was born in Washington, D.C. to the late Col. Roland N. Murray of Aiken, South Carolina and Margaret Holden of Washington, D.C.

He attended St. Johns College High School and graduated from Georgetown University as a "Distinguished Military Graduate."

He married his high school sweetheart, Doris Marie Werres. After his graduation they moved to Fort Hood, Texas, where he served as a 1st Lieutenant Army Signal Corps in the 4th Armored Division.

After military service, he returned to Washington, D.C., and went to work for the Prudential Insurance Company of America as a special agent. After 32 years, he took an early retirement and they eventually moved to Ocean City, where they owned their summer home.

Roland was very active as a 4th degree Knights of Columbus in Ocean City council #9053. In 2010, he received the Knights of Columbus "Citizen of the Year" award and was also named "Worthy Sir Knight of the Year."

He was also very active as a volunteer at Atlantic General Hospital, where he gave 5,000 hours over 23 years. He served on the Atlantic General Hospital's board of directors for seven years. Additionally, he was a driver for the American Cancer Society.

For ten years, he served as Neighborhood Watch coordinator for Caine Keys II Civic Association, where he worked closely with the Ocean City Police Department. In 2001, Roland received the Governor of Maryland's Certificate of Merit for Crime Prevention. On June 15, 2009, he received a certificate of appreciation from Chief Bennedette Di Pino of the Ocean City Police Department for his service to his community.

Mr. Murray was a member of St. Luke's Catholic Church in Ocean City, and served as an usher and money counter.

Mr. Murray is survived by his daughters, Debora Ann Rafeedie (Samir), Sharron Murray Lewis, Kelley Murray Von Blon, Patrice Murray Sabatano (John) and, Kristin Murray Peterson (Eric); his eleven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Doris (Werres) Murray; and his son, Michael John Murray.

A mass of Christian Burial will be held at noon, Oct. 26, at St. Luke's Catholic Church, 9903 Coastal Highway in Ocean City. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the mass. Interment will be private at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in Mr. Murray's memory to the

Ocean City Paramedic Foundation or to Atlantic General Hospital.

Arrangements are in the care of The Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin. Condolences may be shared with the family via burbagefuneralhome.com.

GLORIA JONES LEBLING

Stonington, Connecticut

Gloria Jones Lebling, 92, of Stonington, Connecticut, passed away peacefully on September 17, 2024.

The youngest of seven siblings, she was born Gloria Jean Jones to Earl and Edith Jones of Baltimore, Maryland. Gloria was a shining light in many lives, never forgetting to say "I Love You" to everyone she met. She raised

her family in Ellicott City, embraced her community in Ocean Pines, and spent her final years watching her grandchildren grow in Stonington, Connecticut. Her faith was shared at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Ellicott City, Church of the Holy Spirit Episcopal Church in Ocean City, and Calvary Episcopal Church in Stonington. Gloria will always be remembered for her perpetual patriotism, for her hugs and enduring love, and for always sending birthday and holiday cards to everyone in her ad-

dress book.

Gloria is preceded in death by her father, Earl Lark Jones and mother, Edith Jones (nee Ehrhart) and by her husband Richard Terry Lebling, and siblings, William Jones, Earl Jones, Eileen Wolters, Beverly Fader, Shirley Moran, and Dorothy O'Connell. With Gloria's passing, the Jones Family is all together

once again, and anyone who knows this family knows how truly special that is.

Gloria is survived and deeply missed by her sons, Jimmy and Timmy Lebling, by her daughter-in-law whom she loved like her own, Erika Lebling, and her grandchildren whom she adored, Jude and Aurora.

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R. Murray Jr.



Gloria Lebling

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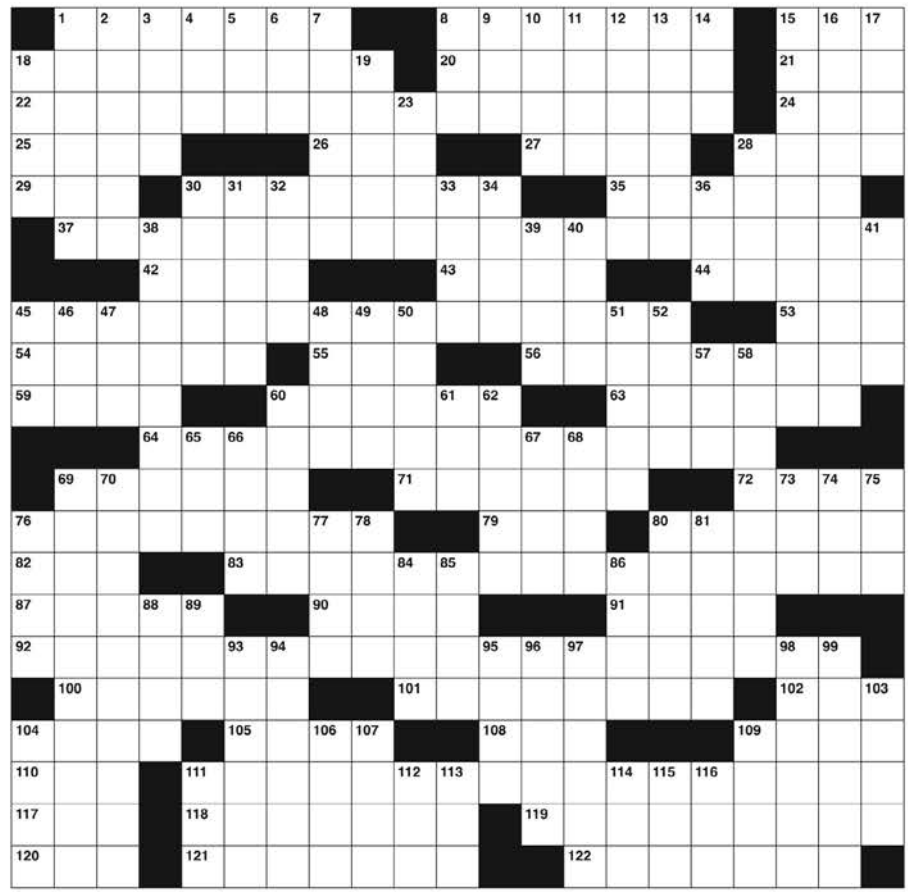
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Puzzles

TEACHER'S MARKS BY JOHN KUGELMAN / EDITED BY JOEL FAGLIANO

John Kugelman, of Gainesville, Va., is a software engineer and musician. He dedicates this puzzle to his sister Julie Buffington, a.k.a. "Mrs. B.," a second-grade teacher at nearby Haymarket Elementary. For authenticity, she provided all of the red-pen marks in this puzzle's original submission.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Remained under cover?
 - 8 John Singer Sargent portrait that scandalized Paris in 1884
 - 15 Just peachy
 - 18 "Time to start the day!"
 - 20 What Beyoncé Knowles goes by
 - 21 Tournament pass
 - 22 Mrs. B you'll die when you hear what happened to *She* this summer.
 - 24 Steve Jobs called it "one of the two or three most important things I have done in my life"
 - 25 Municipal regulations: Abbr.
 - 26 Soccer-star Hamm
 - 27 Make airtight
 - 28 "Shall we?" reply
 - 29 ___ degree
 - 30 Windfalls
 - 35 Digestive enzyme
 - 37 So we're at the convenience store and WOW I find a \$5 dollar bill on the floor
 - 42 Stewart's successor on "The Daily Show"
 - 43 Needy
 - 44 James Joyce short story set in a bazaar
 - 45 Surprise surprise! Whom should walk in? Just my best friend ever!
 - 53 Old West actress?
 - 54 "Queen of the Jungle," in comics
 - 55 Grp. with an in-season tournament beginning in 2023
 - 56 "You say it, you pay it" containers
 - 59 Tandoor bread
 - 60 Multi-movement works
 - 63 Progeny
 - 64 Me and Jamie ask if we can get a couple of scratchers
 - 69 2001 title role for Audrey Tautou
 - 71 Bottoms of boots
 - 72 Ending with spy or ransom
 - 76 Indelicacy
 - 79 "Licensed to ___" (Beastie Boys album)
 - 80 They might be said to be dancing or raging
 - 82 Draw conclusions, in brief?
 - 83 My mom buys them, and she knows how much I *looooooove* lottery tickets
 - 87 Marilyn who sang "Aquarius/Let the Sunshine In"
 - 90 Inappropriate to say, maybe
 - 91 Greetings from Brazil
 - 92 "Scratch them your self girls," she says, so we do
 - 100 Feature of Japan's flag
 - 101 Tool with metal jaws
 - 102 Bad thing to do during a meeting
 - 104 Confront
 - 105 Bumps off
 - 108 Introspective question
 - 109 Et ___
 - 110 One of four rhyming letters
 - 111 *OMG can you believe it! We won the mall!!! sp?*
 - 117 Neither's partner
 - 118 Polar-sky phenomena
 - 119 Devilish
 - 120 Ones ordering shots, for short
 - 121 Ransack
 - 122 Wrestler's outfit
 - 30 Lightly fry
 - 31 The "O" in a H.O.R.S.E. poker tournament
 - 32 N.Y.C. neighborhood just below Astor Place
 - 33 Ancient symbols of royalty
 - 34 Spoiled brat
 - 36 Smartphone predecessor, for short
 - 38 Neglected
 - 39 Impressed responses
 - 40 Waxed
 - 41 Most spiders have eight
 - 45 QVC alternative
 - 46 "Eureka!"
 - 47 Thompson of the box-office bomb "Howard the Duck"
 - 48 Bearded beasts
 - 49 Newspaper notice
 - 50 Trouble
 - 51 "No playing" signs
 - 52 A pop
 - 57 Lip
 - 58 Longtime guitarist for the Eagles
 - 60 World's most recycled material
 - 61 Drop the ball
 - 62 Bier holder
 - 65 Flamenco shout
 - 66 One in a historic trio
 - 67 Thick plank of a ship
 - 68 Loaf
 - 69 Monet manager?
 - 70 Mustangs and Firebirds
 - 73 "Te ___" (Rihanna song)
 - 74 Fire (up)
 - 75 Suffix with Milan or Bhutan
- DOWN**
- 1 Bandmate of Ginger, Scary, Posh and Baby
 - 2 Cry from a crow's nest
 - 3 Fangorn Forest inhabitants, in fiction
 - 4 A.S.A.P.
 - 5 Sigma follower
 - 6 "What was ___ do?"
 - 7 Volleyer in a doubles match
 - 8 What a stooge!
 - 9 Good "Wheel of Fortune" buy for TOO COOL FOR SCHOOL
 - 10 Fox burrows
 - 11 Prefix with chamber
 - 12 "Thank you," on Oahu
 - 13 Actor Estevez
 - 14 Strikes (out)
 - 15 Rank in the Merchant Marine
 - 16 Eateries whose patrons dine with tiny forks
 - 17 Sneaker brand
 - 18 Thick Japanese noodle
 - 19 German possessive
 - 23 Labyrinthine
 - 28 Cowardly Lion portrayer



- 76 Give for free
- 77 Legato mark
- 78 Terms and conditions, e.g.: Abbr.
- 80 Auditor's target
- 81 Exams for aspiring clerks, in brief
- 84 International grp. based in Vienna
- 85 Home of Pauley Pavilion: Abbr.
- 86 Lead-in to coin, for a meme currency
- 88 Adjective used with "ye"
- 89 Yiddish exclamations
- 93 "Certainment!"
- 94 Straighten, as hair
- 95 Shortcoming
- 96 Fainthearted
- 97 Voices one's views
- 98 Braid
- 99 Upbraid
- 103 Dark cloud
- 104 Ward (off)
- 106 Darwinian subj.
- 107 Tegan and ___ (pop duo)
- 109 "Thanks ___!"
- 111 Yammer
- 112 Get after
- 113 Timeout signal
- 114 "Ew!" in a text
- 115 Darlin'
- 116 Home to the Cotswolds: Abbr.

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HARD - 16

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

9	4	8	7	3	2	5	1	6
2	1	3	4	5	6	8	9	7
6	7	5	9	1	8	3	2	4
8	9	1	3	4	7	6	5	2
3	2	4	1	6	5	7	8	9
5	6	7	2	8	9	1	4	3
7	8	9	6	2	1	4	3	5
1	3	6	5	9	4	2	7	8
4	5	2	8	7	3	9	6	1



Veterans memorial tourney raises funds for programs

(Oct. 17, 2024) The Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation hosted its 17th Annual Veterans Memorial Tournament on Sept. 18 at the Ocean Pines Golf Club, raising crucial funds to support educational programs for Worcester County students.

The tournament, which serves as the major fundraiser for the foundation's education initiatives, brought together 132 golfers, marking a successful event that supports an important cause. Highlighting the day was Mickey Lobb, who scored a hole in one on the fifth hole — a first in the tournament's history.

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit programs that provide local fifth-grade students with the opportunity to tour the Worcester County Veterans Memorial grounds. The field trips are part of a long-standing collaboration between the Worcester County Board of Education and the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation, which has sponsored the trips since 2010.

The tours, led by volunteer docents, offer students a chance to learn about the sacrifices made by veterans, the history of American military service branches, and proper flag etiquette. Junior ROTC cadets from Stephen Decatur High School, Snow Hill High School, and Pocomoke High School provide addi-

tional support by demonstrating flag handling and folding, fostering meaningful connections between generations.

In addition to the hands-on learning, each student receives an activity guide designed to reinforce the lessons learned during the tour and encourage further discussions about their family's military service history.

The Veterans Memorial Foundation operates as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization (EIN# 20-3130695). Those interested in giving back to the community can volunteer to become a docent. Training begins in April, ahead of the annual student tours in May and October.

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In lieu of flowers and in honor of her favorite tradition, we ask that you send a card to someone you love.

Family and Friends are welcome to join a memorial gathering at Calvary Episcopal Church (27 Church Street, Stonington, CT 06378) on Friday, November 1 at 10:30 a.m. and a Celebration of Life at Gloria's final resting place, St. Peter's Episcopal Church (3695 Rogers Ave, Ellicott City, Md. 21043) on Friday, March 28, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

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DAWG TEAM THANKED

Members of the Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines-Ocean City's Dawg Team were recently thanked for their work selling concessions at community events to raise money for high school scholarships, school Kiwanis clubs and local service organizations. Pictured, holding thank you mugs with President Bob Wolfing, far left, are team members Tom Flanagan, Mary Page, Ron Wildgust, John Hulit, Doug Ege and Sarah Walker.



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KIWANIS CLUB ADDS ONE

Adding new members is vital to sustaining the ability to carry out the mission of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City. On Oct. 2, the newest member of the club, Jerry Corso, was inducted. Pictured, from left, are Sponsor Ron Wildgust, Corso and Kiwanis Club President Bob Wolfing. A former Assistant District Attorney and later a presiding Judge in Montgomery County, Pa. for the Court of Common Pleas, Corso bought his first house in Ocean Pines in 1990 and moved to his current residence in 2000 in the Pines.



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HOMECOMING COOKOUT, GAMES

Worcester Prep's Upper School dedicated the second week of September to celebrating Homecoming. Festivities kicked off Sept. 16, with an activity-packed Spirit Week. The celebration culminated with an alumni/family cookout and home games for varsity volleyball and boys' and girls' soccer on Sept. 20, followed by the homecoming dance on Sept. 21. The Balloon Brothers, WPS sophomore Ronen Poddar and seventh grader Ronit Poddar, are pictured in front of their balloon art booth, where they made balloon art for the homecoming festivities



Head of School John McDonald and WPS parent, Patrick Montague, are pictured manning the grill, from which they served hundreds of hamburgers and hot dogs to the crowd at the cookout.



The WPS Class of 2028 sponsored the kids' activities during the homecoming barbecue. Pictured are Freshmen Rani Yonker and Wesley Wisniewski, who helped run the face painting station.



The WPS Varsity Girls' Soccer Team won the homecoming game 4-1 on Friday against rivals Gunston. Pictured are "Lucky Ducky" recipients, senior Lindsay Bruner and freshman Harper Hertrich.

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. 17

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. Appointments required: Robin Rohlfing, 410-641-9726.

STORY TIME: ROOM ON THE BROOM

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Can a dog, a cat, a frog and a bird fit on a broom? With a little teamwork, they try to manage. Join the adventure with us. For ages 2-5 years 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

STORY TIME 'DON'T WAKE UP THE TIGER'

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

MUSIC LEGENDS MOVIE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. John Lennon made an indelible mark on music. This 1988 documentary features home movies as well as interviews with Paul McCartney, Ringo Starr and Fred Astaire. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

HONEY IN THE KITCHEN

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 2 p.m. Learn what makes honey unique as a sweetener and how it acts as an ingredient. Learn tips on how to cook and bake with it. Samples included. Register: 410-957-0878. www.worcesterlibrary.org

MAGIC THE GATHERING

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 3:30 p.m. Battle it out with sorcery, dragons and giants. Experienced and novice players welcome. BYOC recommended. For ages 12-18 years. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

PILATES, BARRE, TONING

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 4:30 p.m. Pilates and Barre focus on strength, flexibility, breathing and full body alignment. Both are low impact and can be done standing, sitting or holding on to a chair. Toning adds optional light weights.

FREE PROSTATE CANCER SCREENING EVENT

John H. "Jack" Burbage, Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center, 9707 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 5-7 p.m. Men over 50 years of age, those with a family history of the disease, and African American men are at increased risk of developing prostate can-

cer. Pre-registration is required: 410-629-6313.

BEACH SINGLE 55 PLUS MEET AND GREET

Thursdays - Harpoon Hanna's, Fenwick Island, DE, 4-6 p.m. 215-385-4993, BeachSingles.org

Fri., Oct. 18

BRONCO BEACH BASH

Hugh T. Cropper Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. A celebration of "everything Bronco!" welcoming all makes and models. Featuring Sand Course, Vendor Village, Show & Shine and After Parties. <https://broncobeachbash.com>, 443-366-5944

FAMILY BEACH BONFIRE

Ocean City beach at 130th Street, 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$3 per youth; \$5 for adults, 18 years and older; or \$15 maximum per family. Pre-registration is encouraged. <https://oceancitymd.gov/oc/departments/recreation-parks/>, askrec@oceancitymd.gov, 410-250-0125

FAMILY FUN NIGHT PUMPKIN PAINTING

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 6-8 p.m. Bring your own pumpkin or purchase one at the event (\$6). Admission cost is \$5 for Ocean Pines residents and \$6 for non-residents. All decorations and paint provided. Register: 410-641-6057.

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 our own tile set. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

FANDOM FRIDAY

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 2 p.m. Spend your day off school at the library. Play Nintendo Switch games and do crafts and activities: Mario, Pokemon, and other favorite characters. For all ages. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

EXPLORING LATIN AMERICAN ART

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. A talk about the Mexican Muralist movement, moving into photography and Surrealism/Realism, and then through post-1945 abstractions. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB: 'THE MAN WHO COULD MOVE CLOUDS' BY INGRID ROJAS CONTRERAS

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 2 p.m. Copies of the book are available at the Berlin Library circulation desk. 410-641-0650,

www.worcesterlibrary.org

FRIED FLOUNDER DINNER

Bowen Um Church Hall, 8423 Newark Road, Newark. 4:30 p.m. Fried flounder dinner with Mac & cheese, green beans, cornbread, dessert and beverage. Carry-outs available. Cost is \$10.

KIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO

Fridays - Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway, behind St. Luke's Church. Doors open at 5 p.m., bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. Light snacks available before bingo and at intermission. 410-524-7994

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AUTUMN HOME SHOW WITH ARTS & CRAFTS AND FAMILY FALL FEST

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Three shows in one. Admission is \$6 for adults and free for kids 13 years and younger, military, fire and police with ID. Schedule of events: <https://oceanpromotions.info>.

OKTOBERFEST

Historic Downtown Berlin, 124 N. Main St., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Featuring The Edelweiss Band, The Dunehounds, Cascading Carlos, Scales-n-Tails, sidewalk sale, local craft beer and food. Free kids crafts and face painting.

HALLOWEEN SWIM

Ocean Pines Sports Core Pool, 11144 Cathell Road, 5-8 p.m. Halloween crafts, games, music and food. Costume Contest for a chance to win a free daily pool pass. Admission cost is \$8 residents, \$10 non-residents, \$6 swim members, \$2 non-swimmers. 410-641-5255

FREE COMMUNITY FLU CLINIC

Gudelsky Family Medical Center (Drive-Thru), 10614 Racetrack Road, Ocean Pines, 8 a.m.-noon. Providing flu vaccinations for those ages 13 years and older. No appointment required. High-dose vaccines available and billed to Medicare or insurance for those 65 years and older. www.agh.care/flu

OCEAN PINES FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 9 a.m.-noon. Choose your perfect pumpkin, get lost in the artisan village and enjoy a glass of fresh-pressed

apple cider.

WORCESTER COUNTY DEMOCRATS' SPIRIT OF THE PARTY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Ocean City 50plus Center, 104 41st St., 9 a.m.-noon. Pancakes, sausage, fruit and drinks. Featuring a Board of Education Candidate Forum and information on upcoming Democratic candidates. Cost is \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. worcesterdems.org, 410-804-3971

STEAM SATURDAY

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Join in anytime during the day to use your creativity and complete the STEAM Building challenge. For ages 0-5 years and 6-11 years. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

WALK WITH A DOC

South Gate Pond, Ocean Pines, 9-10 a.m. An Atlantic General representative will speak on a topic of their expertise, and then lead the group for a walk. First 10 participants received a \$10 WalMart gift card. amarzola@atlanticgeneral.org, 410-641-9268

STORY TIME: DOGS

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. Learn more about man's best friend for National Adopt a Shelter Dog Month. Bring your stuffed animal so they can hear the story too. For all ages. 410-208-4014

FAMILY LIBRARY DAY: BUILD IT

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 10 a.m. Build and create with a variety of items. For all ages. 410-957-0878, www.worcesterlibrary.org

CRAFTY SATURDAY: HALLOWEEN

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Create some spooky crafts to celebrate the season. For ages 0-11 years. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

CHICKEN BBQ

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 405 Flower St., Berlin, 11 a.m. Cost is \$15 for 1/2 BBQ chicken platter with two sides, roll and drink or \$12 for 1/2 BBQ chicken, roll and drink. Proceeds benefit the church's Men's Ministry.

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.

TANGER OUTLETS REHOBOTH BEACH TO HOST INAUGURAL BARKTOBER EVENT

Tanger Rehoboth Beach - Seaside, 36470 Seaside Outlet Drive, Rehoboth Beach, 1- Continued on Page 22

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3 p.m. Event includes pet costume contest and parade. Free and open to the public. tanger.com/rehoboth

ROAST BEEF AND CHICKEN PARMESAN DINNER

Bethany United Methodist Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, 5 p.m. Roast beef and chicken parmesan dinner with sides and dessert for \$15. Dine in or take out. Pre-orders recommended: 410-614-2186 or Bethany21811@gmail.com.

Sun., Oct. 20

BRONCO BEACH BASH

Hugh T. Cropper Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. A celebration of "everything Bronco!" welcoming all makes and models. Featuring Sand Course, Vendor Village, Show & Shine and After Parties. <https://broncobeachbash.com>, 443-366-5944

AUTUMN HOME SHOW WITH ARTS & CRAFTS AND FAMILY FALL FEST

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Three shows in one. Admission is \$6 for adults and free for kids 13 years and younger, military, fire and police with ID. Schedule of events: <https://oceanpromotions.info>. 410-213-8090

RUN THE BOARDS LIKE ROB

606 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 8-10 a.m. A 5k run and 1 mile fun walk in memory of Rob Schultheis. Come support his family, friends and the Salisbury University Alumni Association, which he loved so much. info@tcreventmanagement.com

GOSPEL CONCERTS

St. Matthews By the Sea UMC, 1000 Coastal Highway, Fenwick Island. Featuring "Heaven 4 Shore" for 9:30 a.m. church service and "The Hyssongs" for the 6 p.m. concert. Free admission, love offering accepted. Debby Dudley, 302-228-7809

BERLIN FARMERS MARKET

Sundays through October - Pitts Street, Commerce Street and Main Street, Berlin, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine. Featuring more than 50 farmers, bakers, growers, brewers, food cultivators, distillers, creators and artists. Also free kids art projects, petting zoo, face painting and live music. <https://berlinmainstreet.com/farmersmarket/>

BERLIN FLEA MARKET

Sundays - Uptown Emporium Parking Lot, 13 S. Main St., Berlin, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Vendor opportunities available. Julie, 410-726-9012; Bill, 410-629-9656

THE ART OF BERLIN

Sundays through October - The Berlin Welcome Center Lot, 14 S. Main St., 9

a.m. to 1 p.m. The Merry Haven presents A Local Makers Market.

SEWING FOR A CAUSE

Sundays - Buckingham Presbyterian Church, 20 S. Main St., Berlin, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Learn how to sew while making a difference. 410-641-0234

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MEETING

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

Mon., Oct. 21

STORY TIME: PUMPKINS

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Crafts, songs and stories. For ages 0-5 years. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

FIBER ARTS

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 11 a.m. Bring your own fiber art project (crochet, knitting, etc.) and join in for a casual meet up to work on projects. 410-957-0878, www.worcesterlibrary.org

FOPL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & MONSTER MASH

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1 p.m. Friends of the Ocean Pines Library members are invited to a membership meeting at 1 p.m., followed by a Halloween party at 2 p.m. All are welcome for the "Dean of Doo Wop's" 1950s faves. 410-208-4014

TRUE CRIME BOOK CLUB

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2 p.m. Featuring "The Poisoner's Handbook: Murder and the Birth of Forensic Medicine in Jazz Age New York" by Deborah Blum. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30 p.m. The group is reading from Book 5 of the Great Conversations Anthology. Today the group will focus on "The New Organon" By Francis Bacon. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

LEGO STEAM CHALLENGE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 4:30 p.m. Join in for a Lego challenge event. All materials provided. For ages 6-11 years. 410-208-4014

BRIDGE

Mondays - Ocean City 50plus Center, 104 41st Street, Ocean City, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Reserve a spot: Tish, 410-804-3971. www.Worcoa.org/oceancity

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 Champion, 410-641-0157

MURDER AND MAYHEM RODE THE RAILS

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 5:30 p.m. By 1907, railroads were the largest cause of violent death in the nation. Historian Mike Dixon will discuss stories of murder, mayhem and other calamities. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

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. 22

POP-UP FARMERS MARKET

Flower St. Field across from Henry Park, 125 Flower St., Berlin, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP - WIC & seniors) checks and WIC Fruit & Vegetable checks welcome here.

STORY TIME: 'PUMPKINS'

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and fingerplays. For ages 0-5 years. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

STORY TIME: AUTUMN LEAVES

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and crafts. For ages 0-5 years. 410-957-0878, www.worcesterlibrary.org

OC KNITTING GROUP

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

HOMESCHOOL HISTORY

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 12 p.m. Learn facts about different historical time periods through reading, writing and games. For ages 6-11 years. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

CHAIR YOGA

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2 p.m. Certified yoga instructor, Therese O'Boyle, teaches this class that stretches and strengthens in a gentle manner. Registration required: 410-524-1818. www.worcesterlibrary.org

WOOD LASER

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines

Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 4:30 p.m. Join Worcester Tech teacher Silviya Gallo with her Laser Shop wooden structures. Be ready to decorate and design. For ages 6-11 years. 410-208-4014

ARTSCAPE: AT THE PARK

Cypress Park Nature Trail, Pocomoke City, 5:30 p.m. A casual meetup for artists of all levels to share techniques and explore different mediums. Basic painting and sketching supplies for use or bring your own. Weather permitting. 410-957-0878

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

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

OC KNITTING CLUB

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

ARGENTINE TANGO PRACTICE

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

ZUMBA TONING TUESDAYS

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

WEIGHT MANAGEMENT AND WELLNESS GROUP

Tuesdays - Holy Trinity Cathedral, 11021 Worcester Highway, 2-2:45 p.m. Use the weight loss program/app/plan of your choice. Free and open to everyone. 410-641-4882, www.htcanglican.org/activities.

Wed., Oct. 23

BABY TIME

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. Songs, stories and giggles. For ages 0-2 years. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 3-4:30 p.m. Providing participants with

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hope for the future. Gail Mansell, 410-641-9725, gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org

BARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP

Meets online via Zoom the third and fourth Wednesdays of each month. For surgical patients. Atlantic General Bariatric Center, 410-641-9568

ENGINEERING CHALLENGE: HOVERCRAFT

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 4 p.m. Choose from a variety of supplies to build a hovercraft that you can test in the wind tunnel. For ages 6-11 years. 410-957-0878, www.worcesterlibrary.org

FAIRYTALE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 4:30 p.m. Join in for a reading of "The Three Billy Goats Gruff" and create your own bridge. For ages 6-11 years. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

THRILLER THRIFT SHOP PAINT NIGHT

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 5 p.m. Turn a thrift shop painting into a creep work of art by adding ghosts, graves and other scary scenes. All supplies provided. Must pre-register: 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org.

KIWANIS CLUB MEETING

Wednesdays - Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 8 a.m. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. Third Wednesday meetings are offsite and information can be found on the website and Facebook. www.kiwanisofopoc.org.



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GHOST SIGN RESTORATION

The Town of Berlin's latest effort to bring back former signage and historic marketing through artistic restoration is pictured on Main Street. The work was expected to be completed this week.



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Oct. 17 - Oct. 24



DAY/TIME	ADDRESS	BR/BA	STYLE	PRICE	AGENT/AGENCY
Fri-Mon 11am-4pm	Heron Harbour, 120th St., Bayside	1BR/2BR/3BR/4BR+	Condos, Towns & SF	-	Nanette Pavier/Holiday Real Estate
Mon-Fri 9am-4pm, Sat 11am-4pm	12346 Old Bridge Rd, West OC	3BR/2BA	Single Family	starting at \$239,750	Shelly Wilson/Salt Life Community
Mon-Fri 9am-4pm, Sat 11am-4pm	12346 Old Bridge Rd, West OC	2BR/1BA	Single Family	starting at \$179,900	Shelly Wilson/Salt Life Community
Friday 1-3pm	73 King Richard Rd., Berlin	4BR/2.5BA	Single Family	\$769,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Friday 2-4pm	12 Garrett Drive, Ocean Pines	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$439,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Sat & Sun 11am-4pm	13 44th St. Units 402 & 403, Ocean City	1BR/1BA	Condo	\$299,900/\$319,900	Terry Riley/REMAX Shore4U Division
Saturday 10am-Noon	172 Seafarer Lane, Ocean Pines	3BR/2.5BA	Single Family	\$444,900	Power of 2 Team/Hileman Real Estate
Saturday 11am-1pm	73 King Richard Road, Berlin	4BR/2.5BA	Single Family	\$769,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday Noon-2pm	11727 Winding Creek Drive, Berlin	4BR/3.5BA	Single Family	\$799,000	Jake Spence/BHHS/PenFed Realty
Saturday 1-3pm	43 Seabreeze Road, Ocean Pines	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$450,000	Power of 2 Team/Hileman Real Estate
Sunday 11am-1pm	11602 S. Hills Drive, Berlin	5BR/4.5BA	Single Family	\$1,849,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Sunday Noon-4pm	12351 Southhampton Rd., Lighthouse Sound	4BR/3.5BA	Single Family	\$1,771,700	Greg Erdie/BHHS/PenFed Realty
Sunday 12:30-2:30pm	12905 Sand Bar Lane #3, Ocean City	4BR/3.5BA	Townhouse	\$799,900	Power of 2 Team/Hileman Real Estate
Sunday 1-3pm	36937 Creekhaven Drive, Selbyville	4BR/2.5BA	Single Family	\$759,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Monday 1:30-3:30pm	733 Bradley Road, Ocean City	5BR/6BA/2 Half BA	Single Family	\$2,950,000	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Wednesday 1:30-3:30pm	73 King Richard Road, Berlin	4BR/2.5BA	Single Family	\$769,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Thursday 11am-1pm	12 Garrett Drive, Ocean Pines	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$439,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Thursday 2-4pm	109 Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City	5BR/4BA	Mixed Use Property	\$ 1,499,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker

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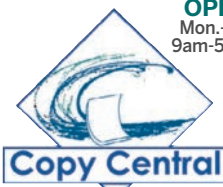
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