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HALLOWEEN FUN

Warm weather brought out solid crowds last Saturday for the annual Halloween Fall Festival, which was highlighted by a costume contest for the kids. Above, the Hershey family was first place in the 2-and-under age group for this toddler's scarecrow costume and get up. Also pictured are Hadley and Hayes DiMare as Velma and Scooby who won first place in the 3- to 4-year-old division.

OPA gets multiple bids for food services vendor

GM Viola tells board he will make his recommendation some time in November

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Oct. 31, 2024) The Ocean Pines Association's general manager is looking to make a food and beverage contract recommendation to the board of directors next month.

Matt Ortt Companies is the community's current food and beverage vendor. In March 2018, the group signed a two-year deal with Ocean Pines to manage the neighborhood's food service locations: the Ocean Pines Yacht Club, the Ocean Pines Beach Club, and the Clubhouse Bar and Grille. The initial arrangement was extended by five years in 2020.

Ortt's contract with the community ends on April 30, 2025. As the agreement nears its completion, OPA released a request for proposals (RFP) on Sept. 13 to seek out potential new food and beverage vendors.

At the OPA Board of Directors meeting on Saturday, Oct. 26, Viola reported that the association had received "multiple bids, definitely more than one," vying for the new contract as of the Oct. 18 deadline. The agreement awardee should be announced soon.

"The team is working on it," Viola said. "I believe it is on track. I am looking somewhere around November to make a recommendation to the board."

OPA Board of Directors Vice President Rick Farr said the decision to seek proposals from firms outside of the Matt Ortt Companies was based on advice from the homeowner association's legal counsel, Bruce Bright of Ayres, Jenkins, Gordy, and Almand, and the community's governing documents regarding the RFP process.

The OPA bylaws state that "all purchases and contracts for services or supplies for the Association shall, to the fullest extent practicable, be made by open competitive procedures." Despite the broadened search, Matt Ortt Companies could still bid on the new contract.

The Ocean Pines community has largely expressed satisfaction with Matt Ortt's operations.

On Friday, Sept. 13, the day the community announced the proposal request, OPA resident Budd Shea wrote on the community's online forum, "Ortt has done an outstanding job, but...nothing helps business better than competition."

Viola assured board members that his team is reviewing all proposals and will soon submit a final recommendation.

Cell tower conversations continue in Ocean Pines

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Oct. 31, 2024) Last week, Ocean Pines Association officials updated the community on the potential initiative to strengthen the neighborhood's reception with a cell phone tower.

During the public comments portion at the OPA Board of Directors Saturday, Oct. 26 meeting, residents Mark Goldwater and Karen Kaplan

asked the community officials to clarify what the cell phone tower project will entail and where it currently stands. OPA leaders maintained that nothing is set in stone, including a possible site, and the initiative is still in the preliminary stages.

Still, OPA General Manager John Viola assured that community personnel have been in contact with the

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OP revisits discussion of cell service needs

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Worcester County Commissioners regarding the project.

“We have had meetings with the county,” he said. “They did say they would work with us in whatever way they could as we look into this.”

OPA Police Chief Tim Robinson said that he met with a representative from a potential contracting company on Friday, Oct. 25, with whom Ocean Pines is “considering working.” The contractor is putting together a draft proposal for the association to look over. The name of the maybe-partner was not disclosed.

If the project moves forward and a site is determined, Robinson said the selected contractor will build the tower at their cost. The chief also explained to the community on Saturday how that prospective partnership would work.

“[The contracting company] is hoping to get all three major carriers on board: T-Mobile, AT&T, and Verizon,” he said. “[The contractors] are the ones now reaching out to the carriers. They will work with the carriers; the carriers will come on. [The carriers] will then rent the space from the tower that the contractor has put up, and then the contractor will, in turn, do a profit sharing with Ocean Pines, and that is what they will pay us for



Members of the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors are pictured with OPA staffers and members of the community during last weekend's monthly meeting.

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the land.”

The police chief said he reached out to the contractor he has been in contact with because the previous towers they constructed are disguised. Robinson said the company built the cell phone reception structures on school properties in Wicomico County and accessorized them to look like decorative pieces for the facility.

“There are possibilities,” Robinson said. “It may not look like a traditional tower ... there are different things they can do.”

Robinson and OPA have prioritized a cell phone tower to improve community safety. At a board meeting last month, the police chief said that making calls can be difficult in the area, particularly during holiday weekends and large gatherings.

Neighborhood welfare may be compromised if endangered individuals cannot get through to 911. The proposed structure would alleviate these concerns.

The project is in the early planning phases and nothing is concrete. Viola said any updates and developments will “go through the board” and be communicated with the association membership.

Athletic complex improvements set for celebration

(Oct. 31, 2024) Area residents are cordially invited to join the Worcester County Commissioners as they cut the ribbon on the new scoreboard and playground at the Northern Worcester Athletic Complex, located off U.S. Rt. 113 in Berlin, on Nov. 6, at 1:30 p.m.

Worcester County Recreation and Parks professionals contracted with Daktronics to install the scoreboard measuring 8' H x 18' W and positioned 10' above the ground. The scoreboard will be utilized by Pop Warner Football and other leagues and tournaments that use the field.

GameTime through Cunningham Recreation installed the playground equipment, which encompasses 4,465 square feet of play space. The playground is comprised of sports themed equipment, including a tower structure, rope climbers, inclusive seesaw, and an arch swing. Inclusive components in the play structures allow children of all abilities to play and adults of varying ages and abilities to actively engage with their children.

The park also includes a pavilion with grills, picnic tables, and a new public parking area with 285 parking spaces.

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Solid crowds were seen in Berlin on Sundays throughout October for the farmers market. Over the summer, Berlin officials agreed to run a pilot program this fall to determine if extending the market through October would attract enough shoppers before deciding on future years.

Additional month for Berlin Farmers Mark received well

Vendors, businesses report solid feedback, as town set to add October in 2025

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Oct. 31, 2024) The extension of the Berlin Farmers Market into October this year was a success, as organizers say the new six-month season will continue going forward.

The Berlin Farmers Market, which typically runs from May through September, added the four Sundays in October this fall as a pilot program to determine if demand was high enough for an annual autumnal market season.

According to Ivy Wells, Berlin's economic and community development director, the town received the extension well.

"I'm thrilled to report that the extended market was monumentally successful across the board," she said. "I attended the market Sunday and talked with everyone, including business owners and locals; the response was overwhelmingly positive. I'm pleased to confirm that we always plan to run the Berlin Farmers Market through October."

The extra month was discussed at a July meeting of the Berlin Mayor and Council when Councilman Jay

Knerr asked if the market could continue beyond its end of September closing.

Wells maintained that as the farmers have extended their seasons through innovations like greenhouses, giving town residents and visitors a few more weeks to shop for fresh produce would be beneficial.

"I love the farmers market; everyone loves it, they look forward to it; it is the week's highlight," Wells said in July. "The farmers have additional crops; the vendors want to be there. Everyone wants the farmers market to continue."

Those on the council also appreciated the October market season. Member Shaneka Nichols noted at the group's Monday, Oct. 28 meeting that in addition to offering goodies from local vendors and fresh fruits and vegetables, the event fosters connection and brings people together.

"It's not just shopping that happens out there," she said.

"It is a lot of congregating, community, and time to slow down and catch up. My daughter and I have truly enjoyed the farmers market season; the extended season was great... I look forward to that again next year."

The Berlin Farmers Market will occur each Sunday from May through October in the coming years.

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Viola details recent improvement projects

Yacht Club's bocce courts improved with new carpet, lights for nighttime play

By **Tara Fischer**
Staff Writer

(Oct. 31, 2024) Ocean Pines Association officials updated the community on maintenance efforts and ongoing initiatives at the Saturday, Oct. 26, Board of Directors meeting.

According to OPA General Manager John Viola, per requests, the bocce ball courts at the Yacht Club were recarpeted, and lights were added. The work was completed in-house for a total cost of \$5,140.

"I think it was a good move, so we

put them in," Viola said of the new illumination. "You can now play bocce at night at the Yacht Club."

The bocce ball court at White Horse Park was also retouched. The border was replaced, and the space was leveled with additional stone dust for \$3,630. The recreation area's shuffleboard courts were power-washed and are scheduled to be repainted this week.

Director of Business Administration Linda Martin discussed recreation and parks projects. A proposed crosswalk at Seabreeze Road and Ocean Parkway is under further review, as staff believes there is not enough foot traffic crossing the space. To improve safety, green PVC wire

fencing was installed at White Horse Park and Manklin playgrounds for \$1,120. A gate is also set to be installed at the Manklin play space "in lieu of a perimeter fence" for \$20,000.

Martin added that fencing was not required at Bainbridge, Somerset, or Huntington parks as they sit away from traffic.

To enhance customer service, the association has opted to extend the marina's hours past Oct. 31. To accommodate owners, the boatyard will now be open weekends until Nov. 17 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Martin also updated the community on the electronic sign initiative. Four additional devices have been ordered, totaling \$85,079. The struc-

tures will be placed on Ocean Parkway at the Community Center, at the Yacht Club Entrance, at the south gate near Sherwood Forest, and on Cathell Road.

The digital signage project was approved last year to improve events, programs, and emergency notifications. The updated technology allows the community to rotate messages, so drivers are adequately informed of neighborhood occurrences. The manual banners restrict the amount of information residents may see on their commutes.

The Ocean Pines Board of Directors' next public meeting is set for Saturday, Nov. 23, at 9 a.m. in the Clubhouse Meeting Room.

Berlin signs off on wind energy agreement

Ohio-based farm estimated to save town ratepayers \$100,000/year eventually

By **Tara Fischer**
Staff Writer

(Oct. 31, 2024) Berlin has entered into a purchase power agreement (PPA) with American Municipal

Power (AMP) to buy renewable energy from the Blue Creek Wind Farm based in Ohio. Officials estimate the move could yield an average savings of \$100,000 annually for consumers.

The renewable energy agreement will be in effect from 2026 to 2029. According to a letter to the town from financial consultant Steven Miller from Booth & Associates, the wind

farm presents a "good opportunity" for Berlin to save on energy costs. The PPA through AMP could reduce the town's current energy expenses, which average 41.76 per megawatt-hour (MWh) plus a renewable energy credit (REC) cost of \$23- totaling \$64/MWh. The town's rate could drop to \$59/MWh with the new PPA. Ultimately, the AMP agreement produces

a price lower than what the municipality is currently paying.


According to Berlin's Utility Director Tim Lawrence, every electric utility in the State of Maryland must acquire a certain amount of its purchase power from renewable energy sources, like wind or solar. Berlin would have to pay a penalty if these expectations

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Md. probe of school system spending comes up empty

Complainant's identity not available under Public Information Act, state says

By **Stewart Dobson**
Editor

(Oct. 31, 2024) A state Department of Education investigation into accusations that Worcester County Public Schools employees were misusing school money to pay for meals and other expenses unrelated to official business has come up empty, according to a letter from the Maryland Office of the Inspector General for Education.

The letter dated Oct. 18 from Inspector General Richard P. Henry to Superintendent of Schools Lou Taylor said investigators could not substantiate the allegations that meal money was misused or that school system employees bought meals and were reimbursed above the allowable per diem rate.

"While we anticipated that the resolution of this complaint would affirm that school system officials continue to be trusted stewards of taxpayer dollars, we appreciate the Office of the Inspector General for Education issuing this formal report dismissing any impropriety in our school system practices," Taylor said Wednesday.

Investigators did find two areas where the Worcester school system's

policy on reimbursements needs to be brought up to date to reflect federal and state standards.

Last revised in 2008, the policy apparently is not in line with current guidelines in the Code of Maryland Regulation or Federal Travel Regulations and should be reviewed, the letter said.

Otherwise, Henry's letter said, investigators interviewed school system employees and reviewed purchasing card statements and receipts. They also reviewed the system's policy governing official travel and reimbursement procedures and the school board's agreements with the Worcester County Teachers Association and the Worcester County Educational Support Personnel Association (WCESPA).

"In closing, the [inspector general's office] could not substantiate the allegations and is referring this matter back to the Worcester County Public Schools and the Worcester County Public Schools Board of Education for further review and consideration," the letter said.

Regarding the author of the complaint and other information pertaining to its filing, the inspector general's office does not release that information to the public.

All complaints are treated confidentially, the office says on its website, and are not subject to the state's Public Information Act.

Council supports energy deal

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are unmet.

Town Mayor Zack Tyndall maintained that consultants often evaluate the prices to determine if obtaining the renewable energy credits (RECs) would be more cost-effective or take the fine.

RECs are used to track and verify the use of renewable energy. As the United States Environmental Protection Agency states, "RECs are issued when one megawatt-hour (MWh) of electricity is generated and delivered to the electricity grid from a renewable energy resource."

By acquiring RECs, Berlin can meet the state's renewable energy mandates.

"Us to purchase renewable energy credits is a state requirement because we have an electric utility," Tyndall said. "We are unique in that respect."


Tyndall said it's hoped the partnership could help with meeting the requirements handed down by the state.

"Some years, we will take a penalty

if it is going to be more expensive to acquire the RECs," Tyndall said. "But in this analysis, it is actually going to be advantageous for us to acquire the RECs, so as [Lawrence] noted, our consultants said it is better to lock in this right now and potentially save \$100,00 a year for the duration [of the agreement]."

The letter from Miller adds the town needs 18.45% of its total electricity sales, measured in kilowatt-hours (kWh), to come from non-solar renewable sources. AMP initially requested to allocate 2.3 megawatts (MW) of wind power to Berlin. However, increasing this to 2.7 MW would cover around 16% of the town's sales. Since 2.7 MW does not quite reach the 18.45% goal, the suggestion is to adjust the allocation to be closer to the 18.45% without going over it to "get what you need and not have to sell RECs."

The Berlin Town Council unanimously passed the AMP agreement at its Monday, Oct. 28 meeting.



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The two-vehicle accident scene on Route 50 east of the North Main Street is pictured Monday morning. The tanker was hauling refrigerated carbon dioxide liquid. Witnesses reported the tanker was preparing to stop at the railroad track when it was rearended by a motorist, who was charged with negligent driving for causing the wreck .

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Tanker accident spills carbon dioxide liquid

(Oct. 31, 2024) The work week got off to a slow start for motorists on Route 50 after an accident involving a tanker led to the highway being closed for multiple hours.

Shortly before 9 a.m. on Monday, troopers from the Maryland State Police Berlin Barrack responded to east-bound Route 50 east of its intersection with North Main Street for a crash.

The preliminary investigation indicates a black and silver 2009 International tanker style truck, bearing Texas registration was traveling east-bound on Route 50 when it was struck from behind by a black 2011 BMW 328 with Maryland registration. The impact caused the tank on back of the truck to rupture contents of "carbon dioxide refrigerated liquid," according

to messaging on the tanker.

The driver of the International truck is identified as Deonshaye D. Waters, 28, of Laurel, Del. Waters was transported to Atlantic General Hospital for precautionary measures.

The driver of the BMW is identified as Sandra Jean Elliott, 39, of Pittsville. Elliott was transported to Tidal Health hospital for precautionary measures.

Elliott was charged with negligent driving.

Troopers on the scene were assisted by Berlin Fire Company. The Maryland State Highway Administration also responded and assisted with the road closure. Route 50 was closed for approximately three hours.

The investigation was continuing as of Tuesday.

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Worcester board approves school system policy tweaks

Student attendance, auto behavior, career and tech changes move forward

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Oct. 31, 2024) At a meeting this month, the Worcester County Board of Education approved brief changes to school system policies.

Regarding the Local Advisory Council for Career and Technical Education, formerly the Advisory Council for Vocational Education, any mention of the term 'vocational' was officially replaced with 'career and technical.' According to the Association for Career and Technical Education, the updated language is broader, encompassing more diverse pathways.

"To reflect the changing nature of this type of education, we no longer use the term 'vocational education,' but instead 'career and technical education (CTE),' the ACTE website reads. "CTE gives relevance and context to learning by emphasizing real-world skills and rigorous, yet practical knowledge anchored within a selected career focus."

has used 'career and technical' instead of 'vocational' for some time. The official policy update reflects the language used by the system's educators.

In the same document, the career and tech high school principal's role in the Advisory Council for Career and Technical Education, a group tasked with advising the system on CTE programs and developments, was altered. Rather than serving the body in an ex officio capacity, the leader will now act as a committee member.

"We feel that the principal's voice is an important voice to be heard on that committee and they should be an official member," WCPS Chief Operations and Academic Officer Annette Wallace said.

An amendment was implemented to the student attendance policy. The death of a stepsibling was added as a lawful cause of absence, which also includes the passing of a parent, a stepparent, a sibling, a grandparent, an aunt, and an uncle.

The system also changed how school attendance hours are calculated, as mandated by the state for reporting purposes. Previously, the

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Rural Legacy Area coming to north county

Showell, Bishopville, other areas account for 11,753 acres set aside in program

By **Brian Shane**
Staff Writer

(Oct. 31, 2024) Landowners in the Bishopville and Showell communities have a new opportunity to preserve their land forever from residential development – and get paid for it.

The state has pledged grant funding in the amount of \$800,000 for what is being called the Bishopville-Showell Rural Legacy Area (RLA). The preservation tract will encompass approximately 11,753 acres and is one-third farmland. The land is also viable for forestry.

“Maintaining the rural landscape here is of huge importance to the

local agricultural economy that depends upon contiguous farmland for productivity,” said Katherine Munson, planning manager for the county’s Department of Environmental Programs. “Continued significant residential and commercial development of these watersheds will inevitably lead to further degradation of streams, the river and the bays.”

Funds will be used to secure conservation easements in the county with willing landowners. The Worcester County Board of Commissioners at its Oct. 15 meeting voted to approve an agreement with the state to proceed with this new RLA.

Another \$525,000 in grants will be available also for an existing RLA straddling the Somerset County border, called the Dividing Creek RLA,

officials said. Worcester and Somerset counties share the Dividing Creek RLA.

There is no cost to Worcester County to participate. Funding for RLAs comes from the state’s Program Open Space, which is sourced by a tax on real estate transfers. Munson said the county’s environmental team has been working for months to obtain this grant funding to purchase and preserve property.

The state’s Board of Public Works, which greenlit Worcester’s RLA plan at its August 28 meeting, is the body that eventually give final approval to release Rural Legacy funds, after getting a full report on applicant properties, Munson said.

Securing a portion of your property for a Rural Legacy Area can take up to two years, Munson said. The application process for each easement includes reviewing the property for environmental hazards, assessing land for value, a border survey, clearance of title, and then a final OK from the Board of Public Works.

Properties up for conservation, however, must have development potential. In exchange for a buyout, no residential development will ever be allowed on the land. The landowner will still own their segment of

served property, and the county will hold the easement. The easement runs with the property in perpetuity.

Once RLA status is granted, it doesn’t end there. County officials will continue to visit the property every three years to make sure that the landowner is remaining in compliance, Munson said.

Nine landowners expressed interest in joining the Bishopville-Showell RLA, connecting with the county through flyers mailed home or at a public meeting. Munson said two to four conservation easements will be purchased this cycle.

It’s the first time a new preservation tract has been introduced for Worcester County since 2008. The state created the Dividing Creek RLA in 2008 and the Coastal Bays RLA in 1999.

The state also will be allowing up to \$925,000 to transfer from the existing Coastal Bays RLA to the new Bishopville RLA, officials noted.

“There are still great properties to protect in the Coastal Bays RLA,” Munson said. “So, we will keep offering the option to landowners there and can apply for more funds in the future if there is interest.”

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School board okays wording changes in several policies

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WCPS policy stated that a child present for four or more hours would be marked as present all day, two hours to three hours and 59 minutes was deemed present one-half day, and less than two hours was considered an all-day absence.

This language was modified to include the percentages. Now, present all day is constituted as being in the building for 51% of the time, a half-day is considered 10% to 50%, and an all-day absence is less than 10%.

“What we had to go to was a specific way of calculating school attendance hours,” Wallace said. “This gives the actual percentage that matches up with the report that we need to give to the state.”

An additional wording change was also made to the attendance policy. The phrase, “for a given subject or course at the high school level, five unlawful absences during any one grading period,” was adjusted to replace the language of ‘grading period’ with ‘course term.’

Wallace said that this modification does not alter the policy’s intent. The system currently uses ‘course term’ in PowerSchool, the software that manages and stores student information. The revision is simply meant to align

the official document with the language already in place.

Revisions were made to the school vehicle behavior policy. The word ‘bus’ was replaced with ‘school vehicle.’ Additionally, item E, the amendment that stated that in the case of alcohol, drugs, or smoking violations on a school bus, the principal shall deny bus transportation to the offending student twenty consecutive school days for the first offense, forty consecutive school days for the second offense, and the third offense, transportation shall be denied permanently, was eliminated.

The specific consequences were removed, and violations will instead be dealt with as specified in the policy, which reads, “In cases of misconduct, the principal shall, in addition to denial of school vehicle transportation, take appropriate action, which may include suspension or expulsion.”

“Essentially, the focus is to create a policy and direct the superintendent to create the specific things that come after it,” Wallace said. “Taking that out is in the spirit of the way that policies are intended to be written.”

The policy revisions were approved unanimously by the board of education.

County officials view Rural Legacy as positive move

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protected 13,372 acres of farmland and forest through the Rural Legacy program, with a goal of protecting another 2,000 acres in the Bishopville-Showell RLA in the next decade. Cropland accounts for about 89,000 acres, or about a third of Worcester County, Munson said.

The state already has one existing land preservation program, called the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation Program, or MALPF. This program is available only for properties under 50 acres. The county has preserved 10,788 acres with MALPF easements since 1993.

Munson said her office had been approached by eager landowners who wanted to participate in MALPF but did not qualify based on acreage.

“There are a number of family farms under 50 acres that do not meet the minimum lot requirement to participate in (MALPF), so this new RLA area opens new doors of opportunity for them to protect their farms in perpetuity,” Munson said. “This may be our last chance to preserve the farmland and woodland in this area.”

Bishopville-Showell Rural Legacy Area Boundary Worcester County, Maryland



The map created by Worcester County government shows the details of the new Rural Legacy Area boundaries.

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Author reflects on book ahead of library visit

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Oct. 31, 2024) The Berlin Library branch will host Eastern Shore author Pat Valdata as she highlights the world's first women pilots on Wednesday, Nov. 13, at 2 p.m.

Valdata is a poet and novelist. Her book of poetry, "Where No Man Can Touch," showcases the early women who weren't afraid to break the glass ceiling. These aviators, who the local writer and the Berlin Library will feature next month, are brought to light through a series of poems. Valdata will be at the branch on Nov. 13 to highlight the trailblazers, read her poems, answer questions, and sign books.

The program is free to attend, and registration is not required. Worcester County Library's Adult Program Coordinator Elena Coelho said that Carol Rose, the library system's foundation president, met Valdata at an event, where she learned of the poetry book and was inclined to spotlight the piece in Berlin.

"The community will get to experience incredible stories of pioneering women," Coelho said. "There is so much joy in this book...I hope that will come through to everyone, just how amazing these women were and what they went through. The fact it is written in poetry...you feel like you know



Eastern Shore author Pat Valdata will visit the Berlin library Nov. 13 to highlight the female aviators in her book "Where No Man Can Touch." SUBMITTED PHOTO/ BAYSIDE GAZETTE

them. There is an intimacy to it."

Worcester County Library Director Jennifer Ranck emphasized that poetry can be daunting for some. She hopes the event will open a new literary world for community members and make the writing style more accessible.

Ranck's favorite poem from the work, she said, is "Cream and Coffee," about Willa Brown, the first African American woman to earn a pilot li-

cense in the United States.

"I did not know the history of African American women in aviation, so that was a really great poem," she said. "I love the accessibility, and I think this program will encourage people to read a little more."

Valdata said that "Where No Man Can Reach" was inspired by her own experience flying sailplanes and power planes and her admiration for the women who paved the path. The

pioneers she features in her work were forced to face society's opposition to female pilots. The discrimination was so brutal, she said, that several aircraft at the first Women's National Air Derby in 1929 were sabotaged.

"There was so much sentiment against women getting in the air back in the day," the author said. "I always understood that I was standing on the shoulders of the women who came before me."

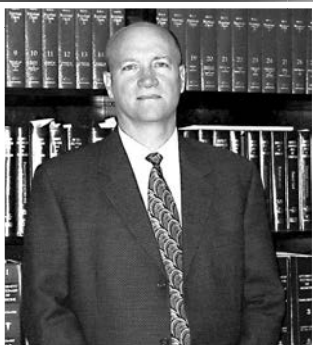
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Women's Club celebrates 50 years

OPA recognizes group's five decades of service within Ocean Pines community

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Oct. 31, 2024) The Ocean Pines Association Women's Club is celebrating 50 years of service, community dedication, and connection.

At the OPA Board of Directors meeting on Saturday, Oct. 26, the group was honored with a proclamation from the governing body for its five decades of duration. Since its for-

mation in 1974, the group has raised tens of thousands of dollars to support the community and its youth.

According to OPA Board President Stuart Lakernick, in 1988, the Women's Club of Ocean Pines donated \$19,000 from its Memorial Fund to construct the White Horse Park Pavilion. The contribution was the single-largest amount provided for the project by anyone. Since 2007, the group has awarded \$69,650 in scholarships to 58 high school seniors, "continuing its legacy of service and commitment to education." A press release issued by the community last

month said that during that same period, the do-gooders had donated \$35,315 to various local groups, including the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks, police and fire departments, Women Supporting Women, Coastal Hospice, and Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services. They have also aided programs like the Ocean Pines Skateboard Park and the Worcester County Veterans Memorial.

Money for these initiatives is accumulated through fundraising efforts such as restaurant nights, fashion shows, bake sales, game nights, and

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Poet, novelist to highlight works

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fore me...I started writing these poems, and it progressed...I went down a wonderful rabbit hole of research."

"Where No Man Can Touch" was completed over a few years. In 2015, it received the Donald Justice Poetry Prize, an award given to stellar original, book-length manuscripts, and was then published. Wind Canyon Books re-released the piece in 2023.

Valdata said she is always writing. In addition to being a poet, she is also a novelist. The author is in the early draft stages of a book set during World War II that features the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP).

Valdata said that she was lucky enough to chat with a few WASPs.

"They are aging very much," she noted. "Most of them are 99, 100 years old if not older, so we are losing that generation of women."

The author received a Master of Fine Arts Degree from Goddard College after a career in corporate communications. She also has experience teaching college English and creative writing at several institutions, including the University of Delaware and the University of Maryland Global Campus, formerly the University of Maryland University College.

Valdata belongs to the Eastern Shore Writers Association and encourages anyone who wants to kick-start their writing career to get involved. Individuals can sign up online for \$35 a year. The author said that since the COVID-19 pandemic, meetings occur primarily via Zoom.

Valdata is originally from New Jersey but now resides in Crisfield, Maryland. In addition to "Where No Man Can Touch," the writer has released works of fiction. Her novel "Eve's Daughters," published by independent press Moonshine Cove Publishing, won first prize in the annual competition of the Delaware Press Association. She also penned books "Crosswind" (Wind Canyon Books) and "The Other Sister" (Plain View Press). Additionally, Valdata has articles published in magazines like Chesapeake Bay, Diverse: Issues Higher Education, Soaring, and Women in Aviation.

Attendees can catch the local author at the Berlin Library on Wednesday, No. 13, at 2 p.m.

"I hope [the event] can introduce people to women who have really big dreams and try to serve as inspiration for younger women on what their dreams could be," Valdata said. "You need to go for your dreams, work at it, and persist. These women all persisted and did it in the face of incredible opposition...I want people to see that you can overcome obstacles and do amazing things as all these women have done."

Flannel Formal planned for Nov. 9

(Oct. 31, 2024) The Lower Shore Land Trust is hosting its annual Flannel Formal event at the Coulbourn Farm on Nov. 9, from 3-6 p.m.

The Coulbourn Farm, located at 7538 Whiton Road, has a rich history in Snow Hill with land acquired from 1850 to 1882. The farm has gone through many names but the original and patented name is Wickers Neck from 1695. The farmhouse on the property was first built in the late 1800s by Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Pow-

ell and two additions were completed later in the early and mid 1900s. In 2018, the farm was bought by the current owners, Jill and Coard Bounds.

Since then, the family has renovated the farm and structures including the barn in a way that respects the history of the property but allows for lasting use. The farm is now used for corn, soy, and lavender production. The Lower Shore Land Trust is thrilled to partner with Coulbourn Farm for the first time as host of the Flannel For-

mal.

The event will showcase live music by Fil Rhythm Band w/guest Margot Resto, Pit 'n Pub BBQ, Modern Graze charcuterie, Baywater Seafood oyster bar, George's Mixes bloody mary bar, yard games, fine wine and craft beer, fire pits, silent auction, and fun for everyone. Attendees are urged to wear flannel.

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The OPA Board of Directors celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Ocean Pines Association Women's Club with a proclamation during last week's board meeting.

Club recognized by OPA directors

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garage sales. One such project is the annual "Cash for Winners" raffle, which originated during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Women's Club boasts over 100 members. In his proclamation, Lakernick maintained that in addition to community service, the group creates bonds of friendship.

"The Women's Club of Ocean Pines, now in its 50th year... has provided countless local women with opportunities to socialize and give back to the community," the board president said. "We commend and celebrate the Women's Club of Ocean Pines for its remarkable contribution and enduring impact on our community over the past 50 years."

The group's dedication to the community has continued to foster connection. The Ocean Pines press release says that in 2002, the group awarded one student a \$1,000 scholarship, and, to showcase his appreciation, the recipient has given back more than \$4,000 to the Women's Club since 2016.

The Women's Club of Ocean Pines began as the Year Rounders Club. A group of women started meeting in 1972 to play cards, sew, and chat about the community. The organization's initial purpose was to promote social activities and familiarize new residents with the neighborhood.

In 1974, that group transformed into the Women's Club of Ocean Pines that we have today.

"One of the first things I did when I moved to Ocean Pines from Rockville was to join the Women's Club of Ocean Pines," member Susann Palamara said in the OPA press release. "What better way is there to make new friends and give back to the community?"

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SCHOOL DONATION

Parishioners at St. Paul's Episcopal in Berlin recently collected school supplies for students and teachers at Buckingham Elementary School. Between the parishioners' donations and the cash donation from The Church Mouse Thrift Shop of Berlin, there was enough collected to make 31 baskets of school supplies for teachers' classrooms. Principal Chris Welch graciously accepted the donations of school supplies and distributed them to teachers for use in their classrooms.



GARDEN CLUB MEMBER HONORED

Worcester County Garden Club member Suzy Young, pictured, was awarded the Joanna Lloyd Tilghman Award of Special Recognition at the recent District 1 Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc. semi-annual meeting. The award, which consists of an engraved nine-ounce pewter Alabama Julep cup, is presented to a District 1 member who exemplifies the objectives of the by special dedication to District 1 work. Young has been a member of the Worcester County Garden Club since 2006 and has served in leadership positions at both club and district levels. She is committed to improving the environment through gardening, practices "reduce, reuse and recycle" principles, and supports the club in community efforts to nurture healthy habitats for all living beings.

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DESIGN AWARDS

Worcester County Garden Club member Jackie Davies, pictured, received top design awards at the recent Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland District 1 "Spirit of America" Flower Show in Easton. Her multi-rhythmic "Patriots Path" design won both the Designer's Choice Award and the Holiday Excellence Award. She also received the Evelyn Williams/Joanna Cato Perpetual Award for demonstrating the most creativity. The Worcester County Garden Club is a member of Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization, whose mission is to provide support, leadership and education for garden clubs and the public about best practices for horticulture, conservation, and landscape design. Individuals interested in learning more about Worcester County Garden Club can contact the membership chair at WorCtyGardenClub@gmail.com.

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WORKING CONCESSIONS

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City participated in the Ocean Pines Halloween Celebration on Saturday October 26, 2024 in White Horse Park. Serving up concessions were some members of the Kiwanis "DawgTeam" (L-R) Barbara Southwell, Mary Page, Kitty Wrench, Candy Foreman, Ed Ahlquist and (seated) Doug Ege. The club is appreciative of every opportunity to raise funds to support their programs serving the children and families of Worcester County. See www.kiwanisofopoc.org.

LEGION DONATION

American Legion Post 166 Leathernecks, at its October meeting, presented Worcester County GOLD with a donation of \$1,000. Accepting the donation from Leathernecks Vic Freeman and Jon Pearl were GOLD board members Amber Ray and Joe Schanno. Members OF Post 166 Leathernecks are veterans of all military branches of service, the Post Auxiliary, and Sons of the American Legion.

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Wor-Wic plans for a new student center hub

Multi-purpose space, new-competitive athletics eyed as part of major campaign

By **Brian Shane**
Staff Writer

(Oct. 31, 2024) Wor-Wic Community College is planning for a \$55 million capital project that not only would see construction of a dedicated student center on campus, but would introduce the school's first-ever athletic department.

"The vision for the building is to be a holistic environment for students' well-being – making them comfortable belonging on campus, making spaces for student clubs and activities," said Jennifer Sandt, Vice President for Administrative Services. "We really want to give the student a hub, a place to go when they're not in classes. We hope it becomes the heart of the campus."

At an estimated 70,000 square feet, the future Student Success and Wellness Center may end up being the largest building on campus, she added.

Students will have input on what the building will be used for and may look like inside, Sandt noted, right down to the furniture.

Plans for now are calling for various gathering spaces, from lounges to cozy cubby holes, to breakaway study rooms. Other areas would be reserved for student clubs and support services.

Office space would be reserved for campus staff and employees in the areas of mental health and disabilities services, student success, events, and public safety.

A multipurpose room and stage with a capacity of 200-300 people could house campus activities, or host outside groups having their own events. Additional areas would include a new school bookstore, a concessions area and catering kitchen, and a dedicated room for competitive online gaming, or e-sports.

Not only will the student center house a workout space and locker rooms, but the project will include construction of a multipurpose gym and outdoor field with a track – paving the way for competitive athletics to emerge at Wor-Wic for the first time in its almost 50-year history.

Sports under consideration include soccer, lacrosse, golf, track & field, basketball, and volleyball. The school will have to join a league, hire an athletic director and coaches, and consider funding for teams and transportation. The new athletic department would get their own dedicated office space as well.

Wor-Wic is the only community college in Maryland that does not field athletic teams, according to Sandt. For now, the school is looking at founding some intramural teams and club sports, and student will be surveyed for which sports interest them most,



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she added.

"We don't have any recreation space on campus," Sandt said. "We have a half-gym, but it's really used by our criminal justice department for their programming. It's available to students but only for a few hours a week. It's more of a criminal justice lab than recreation space."

The project is estimated to cost \$55 million. Funding would be shared by the state, Wicomico County, and Worcester County. While the state will pay for 75 percent, the remaining 25 percent is shared between the counties, based on which county has more students attending. Wicomico would pay about 2.5 times more than Worcester, per Wor-Wic's last five years of pro-rated enrollment, Sandt said.

The college is now in the process of submitting formal capital improvement plan requests to the counties: Worcester County is being asked to contribute \$3.78 million, and Wicomico County is being asked for \$9.97 million.

Each county's share will help fund engineering and design, construction, and equipment and furnishings. Those requests would be fulfilled in fiscal years 2028-2030.

The Baltimore-based firm of Whiteman, Requart and Associates is helping Wor-Wic compile its planning documentation and a preliminary needs report, which then will be submitted to the state by March 2025, according to Sandt.







Then, a long wait: the state won't reveal until early 2027 whether funding is approved. The school would then hire an architect, and schedule ground-breaking for July 2027. If all

goes to plan, the student center would open its doors by June 2030, Sandt said.

Wor-Wic's last major construction

project was the 50,000 square foot Patricia and Alan Guerrieri Technology Center, which opened in April 2023 at a cost of \$36 million.

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Opinion

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Andes, McComas deserve reelection

The Worcester County Board of Education election in Districts 3 and 5 is, thankfully, rushing toward a conclusion on Tuesday. It has been a nasty affair, stoked by people who apparently believe that the county's public school system is the manifestation of everything they see as wrong with society today.

We disagree and therefore endorse the reelection of District 3 board representative Dr. Jon Andes and District 5 representative Elena McComas, whose avowed interests are to help students have successful lives. That's it. They aren't on the board for any reason other than to instill in these children the desire to become good, productive citizens.

It is certainly notable, however, that the opposition's insinuations that the incumbents are anti-religion so offended Andes that he posted his religious bona fides online, even though religious beliefs should have nothing to do with public education.

We have churches, spiritual leaders, our families and religious schools for that, whereas public schools are morally and legally obligated to embrace and educate children from all faiths and backgrounds.

Further, a centerpiece of the challengers' platform is their pledge to prohibit any kind of accommodation related to students' gender identity.

The fact is that is not the school board's call to make. It is federal and state law. Although the law is being challenged in federal court by other states and schools, this county's government doesn't have the appetite or the budget to do the same, especially when there's been no sign of a problem in the local system.

These strident calls for change in the school board's composition aren't backed up by the need for change, since Worcester's schools are among the best in the state.

This school system didn't arrive at the top by accident or good luck, but by good planning, good management and good teachers. Reelecting Dr. Jon Andes and Elena McComas will help keep it that way.

Letter

Facts tell the story with offshore wind problems

Editor.

I registered for and attended the Oct. 16 Maryland Board of Public Works zoom hearing on US Wind's application to add millions of acres of our Atlantic Ocean to its Offshore Wind plans.

I sat through three hours of "testimony" before my comment time. I was so angry when my time came to comment that I just lost it. I'm not proud of that, but it is what it is.

I listened to commenter after commenter spew US Wind talking points with stars in their eyes -one even dreamily talked about viewing the beautiful turbines while sipping her morning coffee.

So I thought I'd write about some facts that have come to light in just the last 7 to 10 days.

The official scallop yearly landings from 2021 to 2024 show that since sonar soundings and construction of the wind farms began the harvest went from 21 million to 11 million. (New Bedford Base Seafood Auction Price Report 01/01/22-09/30/24).

The latest data from the United Kingdom reveals a record-breaking 5,000 dead whales, dolphins and porpoises in just five years. The "evidence suggests that artificial noise in the marine environment, including infrasound and low frequency noise emanating from wind farms, poses a real danger to marine mammals and the wider ecosystem." (See JasonEndfield.Medium.Com)

Remember the broken blade in the Vineyard Wind project that littered the beaches and ocean waters of Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard with shards of fiberglass and all kinds of chemical compounds that are completely foreign to the marine ecosystem? Remember when the remains of the 300-foot-long blade fell into the ocean? The break occurred on July 13th. The developer is just now, in mid-October, removing that blade from the ocean floor. This incredible delay tells me that these wind developers do not know what to do when a blade breaks, as they are breaking all over the world, both on land and in the sea. Friends recently took a

cross-country road trip from their home in Georgia to California. In West Texas they passed several huge wind farms and were shocked at the number of broken turbines - huge blades scattered everywhere and most not operating at all. Their first thought was the effect of a hurricane on an offshore wind farm and what it would do to sea life and the environment. Scary.

Did you know that almost every wind developer, including US Wind, has been relieved of the contractual obligation for the expense of decommissioning the farms when accidents occur or when the turbines "age out", which is occurring much faster than advertised.

(See americanexperiment.org/crippled-willmar-wind-turbines-to-be-scrapped-years-early). This article is about a land-based wind farm - imagine how much worse it will be with the salt air and salt water corrosion. So, if the developers won't be decommissioning, who will? You guessed it - the taxpayers and ratepayers. The developers will take the money and run and leave us holding the bag.

The Environmental Impact Statement prepared by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management for the Atlantic Shores project off the coast of New Jersey states the "reduction in regional GHG (greenhouse gas) emissions would be noticeable in the regional context, would contribute incrementally to reducing climate change, and would represent a minor to moderate beneficial impact in the regional context but a negligible beneficial impact in the global context". This is the justification for industrializing New Jersey's most precious natural resource, for destroying the shore, the fishing industry and the tourism industry, and the widespread killing of wildlife. Coming to our beautiful Ocean City soon.

In addition to the above, I encourage all to review the videos posted on the Facebook pages "Protect our Coast-Delmarva" and "VA/NC Coastal Wind Energy Discussion" among others. You will see what we in Ocean City will be enduring and the monstrosities that will take over our ocean and our harbor.

*Carol Frazier
Ocean Pines*

Cold weather shelter seeking help

(Nov. 1, 2024) It is that time of year again when the beauty of the leaves falling comes with the harsh reminder that freezing temperatures are around the corner.

As the only overnight cold weather shelter in Ocean City, it's imperative that for

organizers to secure enough volunteers to keep the doors open.

If you would like to learn more about being a volunteer and how you can help, please plan to attend one of our upcoming training sessions in the shelter at St. Peter's Lutheran Church at

10301 Coastal Highway. Please send an email with any questions or to RSVP to Jason Long at ocmcdcold-weather Shelter@gmail.com.

The three training sessions will be Thursday Nov. 14 at 6 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 17 at 1 p.m. or Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 1 p.m.

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Hundreds of people annually attend the ceremonies marking Memorial Day and Veterans Day. The veterans memorial is pictured recently. SUBMITTED PHOTO/ BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Veterans Day event to celebrate new gazebo

(Oct. 31, 2024) The Worchester County Veterans Memorial Foundation will host a traditional Veterans Day ceremony honoring all who have served in the U.S. military.

The ceremony will begin promptly at 11 a.m., at the Worchester County

Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines.

Michelle Winemiller will emcee the event this year. Miller is a Veterans Memorial Foundation Board member who spent 11 years in the U.S. Air Force, in intelligence, and 19 years as a civilian employee of the Air

Force.

The guest speaker will be Robert Hanson, a veteran of the U.S. Air Force now serving as a Commissioner in the Department of Veterans and Military Families. Hanson, an Eastern Shore native, enlisted in the U.S.

Air Force Security Forces in 1971 and served until 1974 in South-East Asia during the Vietnam War. He later served in the Air Force Reserves at Dover Air Force Base from 1982-1986. He is currently one of the com- See CEREMONY Page 21

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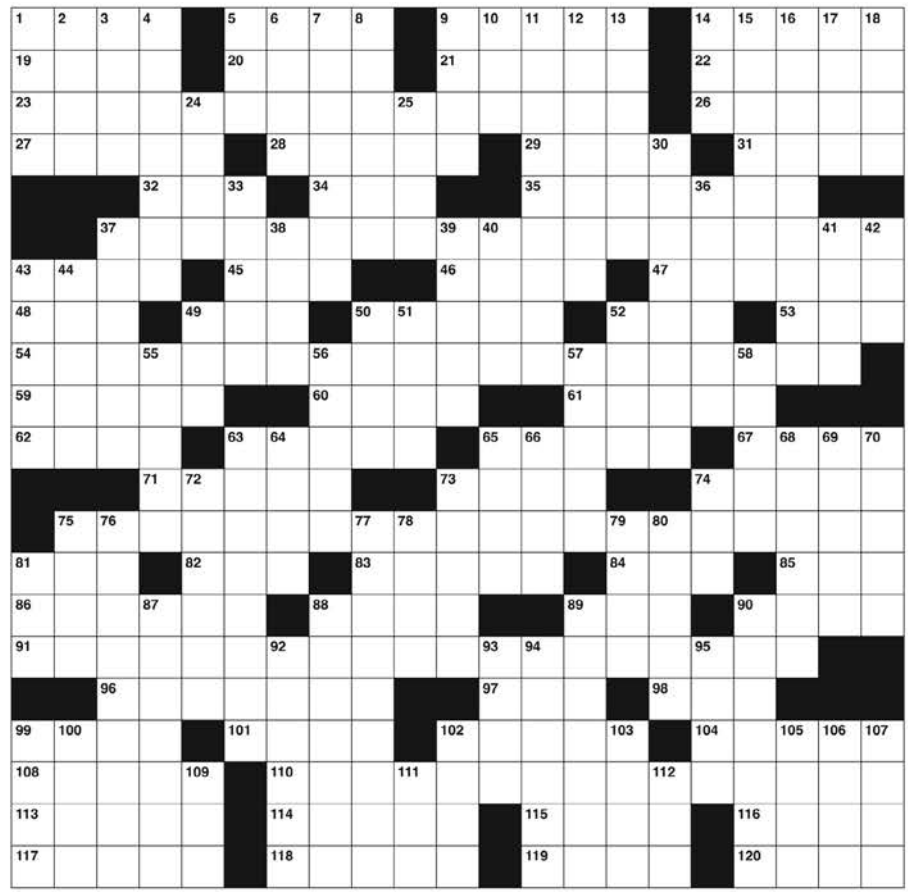
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TRIPLE FEATURES
BY JERRY MICCOLIS / EDITED BY JOEL FAGLIANO

Jerry Miccolis is a retired actuary and financial executive who splits his time between the Garden State (Basking Ridge, N.J.) and the Garden Isle (Kauai, Hawaii). He spends his days as a playwright, math tutor, softball player and volunteer with NASA's Solar System Ambassador program. This puzzle's theme riffs on the same idea as his New York Times debut of July 17, 2016, which was titled "Double Features."

- ACROSS**
- 1 "Yikes!"
 - 5 Italian sauce whose name sounds like a French stew
 - 9 Last word
 - 14 It can bust one's bracket
 - 19 Island west of Komodo National Park
 - 20 Privy to
 - 21 Call to mind
 - 22 10th of 24
 - 23 Marquee at the Tri-Plex mistaken as a promo for ... "Godzilla"?
 - 26 ___ Island, designated historic site for both New York and New Jersey
 - 27 Fantasy-football fodder
 - 28 Something seen framed in a Zoom background, perhaps
 - 29 Honors for David Beckham and Leona Lewis: Abbr.
 - 31 Bandmate of Keith for 60-plus years
 - 32 Hasten, old-style
 - 34 Rival of Forbes
 - 35 Futuristic microscopic machine
 - 37 ... "E.T., the Extra-Terrestrial"?
 - 43 Essen exclamations
 - 45 Bile
 - 46 Band whose name is sometimes rendered with a backward B
 - 47 Grave words?
 - 48 "While I nodded nearly napping, suddenly there came a tapping" poet
 - 49 ___ alai
 - 50 Sam who directed "Spider-Man"
 - 52 D-Day craft: Abbr.
 - 53 With 112-Down, a small laugh
 - 54 ... "Independence Day"?
 - 59 Having had a few bites, say
 - 60 What this is
 - 61 Mediterranean condiment
 - 62 "Mon ___"
 - 63 Liturgical vestment
 - 65 Center
 - 67 At sea
 - 71 Suitor of Christine in "The Phantom of the Opera"
 - 73 Kind of shell that's easily broken
 - 74 Novelist whose name is synonymous with nightmarish absurdity
 - 75 ... "Rush Hour"?
 - 81 "Devilish" cartoon character
 - 82 Publishing V.I.P.s
 - 83 Like golden eagles vis-à-vis bald eagles, in the United States
 - 84 Unsafe?
 - 85 Modern H.R. initiative
 - 86 Bryn Mawr grad, c.g.
 - 88 Nag
 - 89 Connections
 - 90 One in a line at a grocery store
 - 91 ... "Insomnia"?
 - 96 Person with attachment issues, perhaps
 - 97 "The Strife Is ___, the Battle Done" (hymn)
 - 98 Detergent brand
 - 99 Baja resort town, familiarly
 - 101 ___ Sidle, longtime role on "C.S.I."
 - 102 Moving-day leftovers
 - 104 Overseas refusals
 - 108 Holding nothing back
 - 110 ... "Sex and the City"?
 - 113 "Welcome" introduction?
 - 114 Texas A&M athlete
 - 115 Girl's name that sounds like two adjacent letters
 - 116 Singer Horne
 - 117 Mount
 - 118 Detritus at the bottom of a bag of bagels
 - 119 Variety
 - 120 Novelist Johnson who won the 2012 Pulitzer Prize for fiction
 - 5 Narrow inlet
 - 6 Antonio López de Santa ___, three-time president of Mexico
 - 7 Finally saw through a deception
 - 8 Emasculates
 - 9 Ward (off)
 - 10 E.R. lines
 - 11 o%
 - 12 Japanese art of flower arrangement
 - 13 Star in Venus's orbit?
 - 14 Island strings
 - 15 Ingredient in some lipsticks, pizza dough and biodiesel
 - 16 Cause of a hung jury
 - 17 Larger-than-life
 - 18 Assignment
 - 24 "Really?"
 - 25 Marine menace
 - 30 Sensitive subject
 - 33 Pioneering computer
 - 36 Harsh
 - 37 From what place
 - 38 Actor-turned-policeman Estrada
 - 39 Jazz singer Cleo
 - 40 Some PCs
 - 41 Ending with teen
 - 42 "That's a ___!" (chemist's punny observation)
 - 43 Garden invader
 - 44 Raccoon relative
 - 49 Partner of pride
 - 50 Small brook
 - 51 Illness with chills
 - 52 Island rings
 - 55 Soil
 - 56 Give a lecture, say
 - 57 Sported
 - 58 Seasoned rice dish
 - 63 Listing agent's condition
 - 64 Voting day: Abbr.
 - 65 Feature of some English gardens
 - 66 "Happy Birthday" writer, sometimes
 - 68 Athlete's out-of-character performance, say
 - 69 Lift-ticket purchaser
 - 70 Unspoken
 - 72 Word after hidden or political
 - 73 Calorie-rich cake
 - 74 Apt name for a veterinarian
 - 75 Ankle bones
 - 76 Sky shade
 - 77 Claim on an egg carton
 - 78 Woodworking tool
 - 79 Tennille of Captain & Tennille
 - 80 Charlotte ___ (dessert)
 - 81 Shooting marble
 - 87 Aide-___ (mnemonic device)
 - 88 Nobility
 - 89 "Let's do this thing!"
 - 90 Creator of colorful crafts
 - 92 Woolly pack animals
 - 93 Origin
 - 94 Hexad
 - 95 Rubik of puzzle-cube fame
 - 99 Coral islets
 - 100 Quite often
 - 102 Sweeties, informally
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Fill in the blank spaces in the grid so that every vertical column, every horizontal row and every 3 by 3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9, without repeating any. There is really only one solution to each puzzle.

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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| 8 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 5 |
| 5 | 7 | 9 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 1 |
| 6 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 7 | 2 |
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Blood donation pod now offered at Outlets

West Ocean City site allows convenient giving, website for appointments available

(Nov. 1, 2024) Blood Bank of Delmarva (BBD) has launched its new blood donation experience with the introduction of its state-of-the-art Blood Donation Pods, including at the Outlets Ocean City, located at 12741 Ocean Gateway, through Nov. 15.

The Blood Donation Pods are portable donor centers equipped

with comfortable donor beds, a climate-controlled environment, and entertainment options, including access to streaming services and music to keep donors entertained throughout their donation process. Donors have the option of donating whole blood, double red cells, or platelets – a much-needed donation type that is typically limited to fixed donor centers only.

Recognizing the average person is willing to travel only 10 minutes to donate blood, BBD is prioritizing convenience and bringing lifesaving

opportunities to every corner of the tri-state area. Given the limited number of donor centers – only 19 in the region – these portable pods serve as convenient, mobile donor centers, making it easier for communities far from established centers to participate in this lifesaving mission.

“We’re thrilled to introduce this new and innovative portable donor center and improved donor experience to blood donors in Maryland,” said Steve Corse, Executive Director at Blood Bank of Delmarva. “Our goal is to make blood donation as com-

fortable and convenient as possible, and we believe these Pods will help us attract new blood donors and ultimately save more lives.”

To make an appointment at the Outlets Ocean City pod location, visit delmarvablood.org/pod.

Blood donors can give every 56 days, and platelet donors can give twice per month. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently lifted several blood donor eligibility restrictions; for updated guidelines, visit delmarvablood.org or call 1-888-8-BLOOD-8.

Ceremony to feature U.S. Air Force veteran

missioners from Congressional District One in Maryland, and an advisor to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

The ceremony will also feature patriotic music, including a salute to all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces.

“Veterans Day is a day to honor and celebrate all who have served in our military,” Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation President Marie Gilmore said. “We are forever indebted to those who were willing to serve to protect our freedoms, and we are grateful for the

families they left behind.”

Some seating will be provided, but guests are encouraged to bring a chair. The ceremony will move to the Ocean Pines Community Center in the event of inclement weather.

Prior to the Veterans Day ceremony, the Memorial Foundation will host a short dedication for the new gazebo at 10:45 a.m. No seating will be provided.

Gilmore said the new gazebo is joint project between Ocean Pines Association and the Veterans Memo-

rial Foundation, and will help aid in educational outreach programs to the memorial.

“Our educational outreach program brings every Worcester County student to the Veterans Memorial for a field trip each year, and they spend about an hour with docents at the memorial learning about the branches of the service, service of our veterans dedicated the sacrifices that the veterans and their families make,” she said.

“It’s a program that’s very near

and dear to our hearts, and this new gazebo will help to enhance that experience.

“We’re looking forward to a very, very special Veterans Day ceremony this year with the dedication and our emcee and guest speaker, and I hope everyone will come out and enjoy it,” she added.

For more information about the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation and the Worcester County Veterans Memorial, visit www.WoCoVets.org.



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| Saturday 11am-1pm | 8 60th St. #301 Meridian | 4BR/3.5BA | Condo | \$899,900 | Lauren Bunting/Keller Williams Realty of Delmarva |
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Calendar

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Thurs., Oct. 31

OC RV & VAN LIFESTYLE SHOW

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 12-7 p.m. Motorhomes, trailers, custom van builds, watersports, powersports and numerous special events and activities. Show schedule: ocrvshow.com. Tickets: tickets.ocrvshow.com/e/ocrvshow/tickets.

HAUNTED HIGHWAY: TRICK-OR-TREAT BASH

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FREE FLU & COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 8-11 a.m. Drive-thru. High dose flu vaccines available for those 65 years and older and will be billed to Medicare or private insurance. Covid-19 vaccines (billable to insurance) for those 12 years and older.

STORY TIME 'NOT SO SPOOKY STORIES'

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

STORY TIME: CORDUROY'S HALLOWEEN AND COSTUME PARADE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Come dressed in your favorite costume for a story and a parade through the library. Trick or treat around the different areas and make a craft. For ages 2-5 years. 410-208-4014

DOCTOR MADDOCKTER'S HAUNTED LABORATORY

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 1-7 p.m. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

HALLOWEEN MURDER MYSTERY

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2 p.m. Someone was killed in the library. Help the Ocean City Library solve this case before time runs out. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

BEACH SINGLE 55 PLUS MEET AND GREET

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

FIRESIDE CHAT

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 3 p.m. A popular and entertaining book discussion

featuring books participants have read and want to share. Come find your next great read. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

Fri., Nov. 1

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FIRST FRIDAY OPENING RECEPTION FOR NOVEMBER EXHIBITS

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 5-7 p.m. Meet the artists, enjoy hors d'oeuvres, and see the new exhibits by a variety of local artists. Free event. All are welcome. 410-524-9433, www.artleagueofoceancity.org

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

Sat., Nov. 2

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CLAYS FOR KIDS FUNDRAISER

Synepuxent Rod & Gun Club, 7909 Purnell Crossing Road, Berlin, 8 a.m. Clay tournament, specialty shots (\$5), 50/50, gun raffle, and more. Registration starts at 7 a.m. Cost is \$100. Register: www.scorechaser.com. Proceeds benefit The Cricket Center. Rain date is Nov. 3. 410-641-0935

BAZAAR/YARD SALE

Showell United Methodist Church, 10115 Pitts Road, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Housewares, toys, tools Christmas and more. Charlene Upham will do verbal appraisals. Precious metals, coins, antiques, collectibles, artwork and jewelry. Cost is \$7 for one item or \$15 for three.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Community Church at Ocean Pines - Family Life Center, 11227 Racetrack Road, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Featuring Table Top

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Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Only handmade items for sale. Free admission. Food and baked goods offered until sold out.

FALL INTO THE HOLIDAYS SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA

Powellville Volunteer Fire Company, 5085 Powellville Road, Pittsville, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Local crafters, vendors, businesses. Ladies Auxiliary will have oyster fritter sandwiches, crab cakes, and many other amazing foods for sale! www.facebook.com/share/K82KrsBdLWaT2T6M/?mibextid=9l3rBW, 410-835-8181

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRIED CHICKEN BUFFET

Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church, 36536 Mount Pleasant Road, Willards, 11 a.m. Vegetables, beverages and desserts included. Cost is \$15 for carry outs, \$17 to dine in, \$8.50 for children and free to those 5 years and younger. 410-835-8340

FALL FESTIVAL AT COASTAL WILDS

Coastal Wilds, 34215 Peppers Corner Road, Frankford, 2-4 p.m. Self-guided tour, Spooky Animals Maze Games, Bring own pumpkin decorating & carving station. Limited supply of pumpkins for sale. Tickets: <https://book.singenuity.com/469/activity/details/2297/rates> . 302-829-1549

BINGO NIGHT

Holly Center, 926 Snow Hill Road, Salisbury, 6 p.m. Doors open at 4 p.m. Cash only at the event. Cost is \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Tickets: <https://form.jotform.com/242488089757172>. Prizes include designer purses, Boggs bags, baskets and more.

FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

Saturdays - White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, 9 a.m. to noon. Shop for everything from fresh local produce to unique handmade artisan goods. Open to the public.

Sun., Nov. 3

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Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Motorhomes, trailers, custom van builds, watersports, powersports and numerous special events and activities. Show schedule: ocrvshow.com. Tickets: tickets.ocrvshow.com/e/ocrvshow/tickets.

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Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 12-4 p.m. Free skate from 10-11:30 a.m. Main event starts at noon. Skaters registered in competition receive free entry into OC RV Show. Register: <https://ocrvshow.com/skateboard-competition/>. 443-786-3928

OKTOBERFEST CELEBRATION FUNDRAISER

St. Peter's Lutheran Church Community Life Center, 10301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 12 p.m. Menu includes sour beef (Sauerbraten) & real dumplings, brats & sauerkraut, hot dogs, German potato salad, red cabbage, desserts and beverages. A \$25 donation. RSVP: Linda Grace, 443-604-8068.

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

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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., Nov. 4

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

John H. "Jack" Burbage, Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center, 9707 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 3-4 p.m. A safe place for caregivers who share similar challenges and rewards of providing care for adults who have any type of serious illness. Nicole Fry, nfry@atlanticgeneral.org, 410-641-2626

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

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

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

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.



First grader Andie Meeks-Ainsworth spent time with her mom, Lindsay Meeks, and grandfather, Wilson Davis, at the birdfeeder built by Mr. Davis decades ago. It still stands today inside the Children's Garden on Worcester Prep's campus.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

On Friday, October 25, Worcester Preparatory School (WPS) hosted the grandparents and guests of our lower school students for a special day on campus. Lower School (Pre-K-Grade 5) students have been busy preparing class projects and performances in anticipation of Grandparents' Day at WPS. The day began with coffee and refreshments, followed by a "Gold Medal Moments" themed performance by each grade. The students then met their grandparents and special guests in the Field House to present their projects. Next up were visits to the Lower School classrooms and a quick stop for a keepsake photo. The day ended in the library with a visit to the Book Fair.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Calendar

OVEREATER'S ANONYMOUS

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

of your choice. Free and open to everyone. 410-641-4882, www.htcanglican.org/activities.

Tues., Nov. 5

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

Wed., Nov. 6

KIDS PAINT NIGHT

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Open to boys and girls ages 8 years and older. Cost is \$22 and includes materials and instruction. Pre-registration required: 410-641-7052.

BARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP

Nov 6 — Worcester County. 410-641-9568. 12 a.m.-11:59 p.m., Held via Zoom call the first and second Wednesday of each month. For non-surgical patients. Atlantic General Bariatric Center, 410-641-9568.

GRACE PARKER BREAKFAST

First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City, 1301 Philadelphia Ave., 7-11 a.m. Eggs, pancakes, sausage, grits and more. Cost is \$10 to carryout and \$12 to eat in.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Providing discussion and education on the topic of diabetes. Patti Yocubik, 410-641-4217, pyocubik@atlanticgeneral.org

SAFE BOATING COURSE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 6-9 p.m. Classes held Nov. 6, 7 and 8. Cost is \$20 for all three evenings. Register: Barry Cohen, 410-935-4807, CGAUXOC@gmail.com.

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.



1st grader Gunner Derrickson (Pocomoke, MD) leans in for a kiss from his grandmother and head of the WPS Grandparents Association, Beth Sharpley.



5th grader Isabella Labin (Rehoboth Beach, DE) holds the LEARN banner that makes up the WPS 2024-25 slogan, "LEARN, GROW, LEAD" as she prepares to go on stage with her class.

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