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Fog shrouds the polls at Showell Elementary School Tuesday, but the signs promoting candidates for the Worcester County Board of Education did not suffer from a lack of visibility.

## McComas, Andes win board seats

Challengers run hard but can't overtake incumbents

By Tara Fischer  
Staff Writer

(Nov. 7, 2024) The Worcester County Board of Education will remain as is, as incumbents Elena McComas, Jon Andes and Donald Smack have been reelected to serve four-year terms.

District 5 candidate Elena McComas, elected to the board in 2016 and again in 2020, secured 2,050 total votes, enough to defeat opponent Dorothy Shelton-Leslie's 1,696 votes.

Jon Andes, representing District 3, captured 2,220 ballots, while challenger Cheryl Middleton received 1,865 votes.

McComas has 25 years of experience as a middle and high school biology teacher and served as president of the Worcester County Board of Education following the sudden passing of former position holder Eric Cropper in 2021.

Going into her third term, McComas's priorities include keeping class sizes small to foster academic excellence, recruiting and retaining talented educators and securing them fair salaries and raises, encouraging parent involvement, supporting art, music, and Worcester Technical High School programs, and ensuring the safety of all county schools.

Andes was Superintendent of Worcester County Public Schools from 1996 to 2012 when the county rose from 19th out of 24 school systems on state tests to number one. Andes' priorities going into a second term include ensuring school safety, identifying areas for academic improvement, expanding the system's early childhood offerings, and enhancing college and career readiness programs.

District 2 seat holder Donald Smack will also return to the board after an unclear race. The incumbent garnered 1,995 votes. Kalemah Barkley, who appeared on the ballot but stated she withdrew from the election for "personal reasons," obtained 747 votes.

## Garlitz honored at memorial

Known for efforts on behalf of veterans, 'Sarge' loved military and people in it

By Tara Fischer  
Staff Writer

(Nov. 7, 2024) To recognize the late military veteran William Lawrence "Sarge" Garlitz, friends and family gathered at the Ocean Pines Veterans Memorial last week to lay a brick at the community's remembrance space in the former soldier's honor.

Garlitz, a Worcester County transplant and a Lonaconing, Maryland native, passed away on April 19. He served in the United States Air Force and Army.

After enlisting in the Air Force in 1961, Garlitz saw duty During his in

French Morocco during the Vietnam era and in Florida during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Garlitz joined the US Army in 1974, where he provided security at Fort Meade. According to a press release issued by the Ocean Pines Association, the Garlitz returned to the Air Force in 1988 and was involved in "major operations, including the record-breaking drug bust in Texas."

He handled surveillance undercover in El Paso and was involved in making the largest cocaine bust in the history of the military, confiscating over \$54 million worth of the drug, his obituary states. He eventually retired with the rank of master sergeant.

The OPA release added that Garlitz was involved in the Boy Scouts, the

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# Sarge Garlitz honored for work on behalf of veterans, military

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Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, and Veterans of America as an active community member.

He also worked with former Maryland State Senator Jim Mathias to pass pro-veteran legislation, such as permitting slot machines in service clubs and veterans and nonprofit organizations in Worcester County to enhance fundraising efforts, displaying Prisoner of War/ Missing in Action flags at state buildings, and allowing retired active service members to have the "veteran" distinction on their driver's licenses.

Once moving to Worcester County, Garlitz joined American Legion Post 166 in Ocean City, serving in leadership roles such as commander and vice commander, and worked as the editor of the Post 166 newsletter.

He also served as vice chairman of the National American Legion Homeland/National Security Council and commander of the South Eastern Shore American Legion. He was a member of St. Mary's Refuge of Sinners in Cambridge.

Garlitz is survived by his wife, Rosemary "Rosie" (Smith) Garlitz, who spoke at the Nov. 1 brick dedication at the Ocean Pines Veterans Memorial.

"Veterans were at the top of his list for his entire life," she said. "Worcester County, the community of Ocean City, as well as the State of Maryland, now realize the impact of Sarge's unwavering dedication to helping veterans. He left a legacy of caring, honesty, humility, humor, integrity, and leadership. I am comforted by the thought of his service to our county."

The Veterans Memorial broke ground on Veterans Day 2004.

The primary part of the space is a "large circle of brick pavers honoring U.S. military men and women, surrounded by brick-wall monuments for each branch of the U.S. Armed Forces and flags for each branch flying high in the air," the OPA press release said.

Sand from the beaches of Normandy lies under each brick.

"The bricks and pavers tell the story," Veterans Memorial Foundation President Marie Gilmore said. "Those are the veterans that local families wanted to honor. Anyone can purchase a brick for \$75, and it's inscribed with the name of someone who has served, or a paver for \$150, which allows four lines of information."

Profits from the program support the memorial and its educational and outreach initiatives.



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Last Friday's ceremony celebrated the life and service of Sarge Garlitz, who was well known in the Ocean City area for his commitment to the local American Legion Post and organizing numerous patriotic observances for local veterans.



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# Tyler Walsh friends, builder plan home improvements

By Brian Shane  
Staff Writer

(Nov. 7, 2024) Friends of a teenager who barely survived a motorcycle hit-and-run in Ocean City will pitch in and help renovate his home as he prepares for life after debilitating injuries.

In the wake of Tyler Walsh's near-fatal pedestrian accident seven weeks ago, a group of his closest pals have met weekly for counseling at their school, Stephen Decatur High, in Berlin. About 17 of them, all boys, have talked about how to turn their anger and frustration over the accident into something positive.

Grief specialist Bethann McIntosh, who has a teenage daughter at Decatur, reached out to the school in the

wake of Tyler's hit-and-run incident in September to offer her services. McIntosh hopes to offer the boys what she called an "emotional toolbox" to cope with their shock and grief.

Even after just a handful of meetings, McIntosh said the friend group — who call themselves the Gators — have astonished her by opening up, showing empathy, and being engaged and nonjudgmental during an incredibly difficult time.

"They're a great group of kids that really thrive on helping one another and showing up for one another," she said. "They're showing up for Tyler, but I remind them you're showing up for yourself and your buddy next to you. They've impressed me more



PHOTO COURTESY NICK DENNY

Hundreds of students and residents turned out for the Sept. 17 varsity girls soccer game in orange, Tyler Walsh's favorite color. Tyler's twin sister, Emma, played on the team. Above, part of the bleachers is shown during the playing of the National Anthem.

than I can ever say."

McIntosh now leads the support sessions during lunch breaks every Wednesday and, as she told the school, "I'm here as long as you need me."

"This is not a quick fix. This is not a short-term group," she said. "We started out with so many unknowns — fear, anger, sadness. We're gauging their thoughts and emotions with Tyler's progression. Now we talk about, how are we going to feel when he's home? It'll be exciting but there's a lot of changes. Life will be different."

Tyler was struck by a speeding motorcyclist the night of Sept. 13 while walking across southbound Philadelphia Avenue at 12th Street. Police said the driver, 51-year-old Michael Scot Schenieder, fled the scene on foot. Officers followed a blood trail to find him in West Ocean City. Schneider is being held on bond and is facing a litany of criminal charges in Circuit Court.

After being rushed to Shock Trauma in Baltimore with life-threatening injuries, Tyler has since undergone multiple surgeries, including surgery on his skull to relieve pressure on his brain, according to his father Cory in an interview with Coastal Point newspaper.

Cory has been going back and forth between the hospital and home, where Tyler's twin sister Emma and younger brother Carter are being cared for by their grandmother. Their loss is compounded by the death of their mother Rhonda, 50, a beloved schoolteacher who lost her battle with cancer two years ago.

As McIntosh continued to lead counseling sessions, the Gators talked about how they wanted to do anything they could to help their friend. At the same time, Berlin-based T&G Builders was making plans for a massive renovation of the Walsh's home, to accommodate Tyler's needs for his eventual return from the hospital.

"In talking with (company president) John Rego over at T&G, he was like, 'let's incorporate them into what we're doing,'" McIntosh said. "They're putting their entire plans around these boys, having them come in, learn how to build. It actually kind of works hand-in-hand."

Rego said he didn't personally

know the Walsh family, but "my children and I would pray for him every night, the little boy who got struck by the motorcycle."

The Gators will work alongside T&G crews at the Walsh's home in Selbyville to build ramps, retrofit a bedroom for the first floor, widen doors, a retrofitting a bathroom for wheelchair accessibility, Rego said.

It won't cost a penny for the Walsh family. T&G will be covering the full cost of the renovation, including materials and specialty tradesmen. Rego said the project may be completed as soon as Thanksgiving — with the Gators' help.

"To measure out wood, cut on a saw, that's all stuff these guys can do. They can learn a little about the construction industry, too," Rego said. "We're going to knock it out and have this awesome home for Tyler to be able to come home to.

Rego added, "I can't believe that, for an injury of that magnitude, you've got such a tough young man who is so resilient, who's already gone through so much. He's nothing short of a warrior."



Rego isn't alone with his generous gift. So far, the greater Ocean City/Berlin community has contributed more than \$200,000 in donations for Tyler and the Walsh family.

That includes two different GoFundMe campaigns that have raised about \$112,000 and \$63,000, respectively, as well as \$6,000 from a fundraiser held last month at Tall Tales Brewery.


And, at Stephen Decatur High School, donations have been pouring in through athletic boosters, casual days, and stadium concessions. Efforts have raised \$25,000 for the Walsh family, according to Carrie Sterrs, spokeswoman for Worcester County Public Schools.

Back at the Gators' support group, McIntosh said despite the difficulty of the situation, the boys are learning every week more and more how to handle their emotions instead of acting on them. They're committed to having a hand in Tyler's recovery.

"This is their new life, and we have to keep ourselves mentally healthy and emotionally strong to help them," she said. "It's so layered. You're grieving the life you expected, the life that you knew. You look at it as this is a horrible tragedy. But Tyler being alive is truly a miracle."





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# Berlin man challenging rezoning rejection

## Worcester contractor looks to change operation space to C-2 General Commercial

By Brian Shane  
Staff Writer

(Nov. 7, 2024) A Berlin businessman is appealing in court a rejected rezoning of his commercial property, saying he can't expand his contracting operation because Worcester County's zoning restrictions won't permit him to build bigger workspaces on his land.

A year ago, Paul Sens asked the Worcester County Commissioners at a public hearing to rezone his commercial property, arguing the C-1 designation was erroneous and didn't fit the land use. The Commissioners in a 4-3 vote denied the request, saying Sens did not meet the burden of proof to show that the zoning was a mistake.

Sens is now back to appeal the denial. He is saying through attorney Hugh Cropper that the Commissioners were wrong, their decision should be overturned, and his client should be allowed to re-zone into a classification that makes sense for his business. Judge Thomas Groton heard the appeal Oct. 25 in Worcester County Circuit Court. His ruling is

not yet been made public.

At issue is the specific zoning designation for the property, which is a 5.5-acre parcel located just north of the intersection of Route 113 and Route 50. Its current zoning is C-1 Neighborhood Commercial.

Neighborhood Commercial is a zoning district intended to provide day-to-day shopping conveniences for communities of 1,000 people or more – places where you can shop for sundries, or find service-based storefronts like auto repair, according to Cropper, an attorney who specializes in zoning and land use cases.

"Here there is no neighborhood to serve, you honor. There is no dispute. It's a dead-end road. They are completely isolated. There are 10 ag lots back there," Cropper told the judge. "If there was ever a piece that shouldn't be Neighborhood Commercial, this is it."

The lot has been C-1 following a countywide rezoning effort from 2009. Cropper argued in court that not only was the 2009 rezoning done in error, but there's no record as to why the change was even made.

The Sens petition also argues the Commissioners in Nov. 7, 2023, denial failed to heed a favorable recommendation from the county's Planning Commission, and also failed

to consider whether the zoning was consistent with the county's comprehensive plan – both of which are mandatory by state and local codes, according to Cropper.

"To me, that's no meaningful judicial review at all, which means the commissioners can deny anything by categorically, saying, 'it's now in our discretion to do what we want,'" he said.

Sens' stated goal is to secure C-2 General Commercial zoning for the land, a designation that would allow him to expand his contractor shops and even add storage units.

His property now has 9,528 square feet of space housing contractor shops for his business, Sens Mechanical. Because contractor shops are no longer allowed under the current C-1 zoning, that makes the site "legally nonconforming."

"This is not a minor nonconformity, your honor," Cropper told the judge. "This is like going out to McDonalds and rezoning it (agricultural) and having it a legally existing nonconformity."

Arguing the other side for the commissioners was Roscoe Leslie, the county's attorney. He said the county already has in place an established rezoning process that comes up every 10 years, and that citizens generally

don't get to petition the government to change their zoning without meeting a heavy burden of proof.

"When we are going to change the zoning, we have to have a good reason," Leslie told the judge. "In this case, we're leaving it the same. We're not taking any action. I don't think there's as much a need to go through why the change is necessary, because we're not changing it, we're leaving it the same."

Leslie added, to show a correctable mistake, that the petitioner needed to prove there was bad information going into the 2009 zoning process.

"Just because something is a certain use in the past doesn't mean zoning will preserve it that way in the future. To me, it's not evidence of a mistake at all," he said.

The case bears similarities to another recent legal challenge, also tried by Hugh Cropper, where the petitioner appealed to Worcester's Circuit Court after the Commissioners rejected a rezoning request.

Judge Brian Shockley in an Oct. 4 opinion ordered the Commissioners to re-evaluate after they failed to publicly explain why they turned down Amy Kelly's request to rezone her Snow Hill-area warehouse, where she wants to open an antique store, from agricultural to commercial.



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# Worcester unveils five-year plan for capital projects

Landfill expansion could cost county \$16M; water, sewer projects even more

By Brian Shane  
Staff Writer

(Nov. 7, 2024) Brand-new county libraries, schools, and public works improvements are among the many ambitious capital projects on the table for Worcester County officials to consider pursuing over the next five years.

Projects listed on the county's Capital Improvement Plan for fiscal years 2026-2030 are estimated to cost about \$267.8 million – thought officials note the list is a planning document to anticipate future needs. Just because a project gets a mention doesn't guarantee it will come to fruition.

Some of the most high-profile projects on this list have been discussed at length for months in the community, including the \$71.3 million replacement of Buckingham Elementary School, and the subsequent \$80 million replacement or renovation of Berlin Intermediate School.

Additional educational projects mentioned in the Capital Improvement Plan include a new roof for Pocomoke Elementary School (\$3.3 million) as well as the county's share of funding (\$3.8 million) toward a new \$55 million Student Success and Wellness Center at Wor-Wic Community College.

Additional projects include ongoing countywide road paving (\$6.5 million), replacing the county's outdoor siren system (\$1.4 million), and replacing HVAC units at the county's recreation center.

Worcester County isn't on the hook for every penny of potential projects. Existing county coffers would fund about a third (\$87.4 million) of overall spending, while borrowing on the bond market would source another quarter (\$68.2 million) of capital expenditures.

Additional funds would come from enterprise bonds, grants, user fees, as well as matching funds or loans from the state, according to county officials.

Some projects are expected to be grant-funded, and would not proceed without the grant money, according to Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Candace Savage.

She added that all the projects on the list are staff submissions with no official ranking. Some projects have been approved and would move to the top of the list, but each project goes through its own individual approval as funding allows.

The public is welcome to attend a hearing to discuss the overall planning document on Nov. 6 at 10:35

a.m., during a regularly scheduled meeting of the County Commissioners at the Government Center in Snow Hill.

Below are some of the projects listed in the Capital Improvement Plan, as prepared by county administrators and department heads. Details about these projects are sourced from official planning request documents submitted to the commissioners at their Oct. 15 meeting.

**New Pocomoke Library**

Projected cost: \$9.2 million  
Budgeted for: fiscal year 2026

The county library at 301 Market Street is a space that's central to the Pocomoke community. But now, at 54 years old, the building is aging out of its useful life. It last saw an addition 20 years ago.

A replacement building would address problems like a lack of flex space for collaborative work, poor ADA compliance, a shortage of shelf space for books and materials, and outdated electrical and data systems. Operating costs would likely be lowered, too, with a new facility.

The county's cost would be deferred by a \$3.99 million Public Library Grant from the state.

**Renovated Snow Hill library**

Projected cost: \$3.4 million  
Budgeted for: fiscal year 2026

Built in 1974, Snow Hill library branch on North Washington Street in good shape architecturally, but its mechanical systems in need of replacement. Upgrades are needed for the building's plumbing, HVAC, and restrooms, and lighting. Some changes would be made, as well, to the building layout.

Replacing the HVAC also would help maintain keepsakes in the Worcester Room, which holds some one-of-a-kind items from the local history collection.

Overall, the project is deemed "necessary but not time critical" by county officials.

**New roof for Government Center**

Projected cost: \$2.8 million  
Budgeted for: fiscal year 2026

The county isn't just slapping new shingles on the roof of the government center.

It's likely to be a massive structural project and is a priority project.

In fact, internal documents show the evaluating engineer and roofing contractors were heard to comment how "they are surprised that the roof has not blown off yet."

The project would include a complete replacement of all metal and rubberized roof sections, due to potentially severe failures of the roof system, as well as include additional structural support and insulation

**Expanded Family Court**

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# Major capital projects for county outlined

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Projected cost: \$1.3 million  
Budgeted for: fiscal 2026-28  
Courtroom #4 in the Snow Hill Circuit Courthouse is home to hearings for divorce, child custody, and truancy. So far this year, more than 1,100 hearings already have been held here.

Things can get heated in Family Court, and as of now, courtroom attendees are slightly on top of each other. Even the magistrate judge has to walk through a conference room to get to the bench, which is disruptive and potentially unsafe. For this reason, court personnel are asking to expand the courtroom, to provide distance between parties to the case.

Overall, at 1,500 square feet with a fire marshal capacity of just 22 people, court personnel have deemed the space as inadequate – especially compared to the building's other three courtrooms, which are at least twice the size.

This project also would centralize Family Services offices to improve public access. Room for expansion would not be possible without removal of some existing offices, including taking 2,000 square feet from the Register of Wills office and some divisions of the Clerk of Court.

## Courthouse safety vestibule

Projected cost: \$606,000  
Budgeted for: fiscal 2026-28  
Getting into the Circuit Courthouse at the Washington Street entrance can be a little tight. There's barely room for a few people to wait for the metal detector and X-ray screeners, let alone space to accommodate literally dozens of jurors, attorneys, and members of the public who spill outside to queue on a busy docket day.

The proposed solution is building a vestibule outside this entrance. At 672 square feet, it could provide more room for sheriff's deputies to better control the flow of foot traffic and conduct screening of visitors. There are three different versions of an architect's rendering; one is traditional and brick, another is modern in glass, and a third is in-between those.

## New Pocomoke Senior Center

Projected cost: \$8.4 million  
Budgeted for: fiscal year 2027-28  
Plans here are calling for the wholesale replacement of an existing county Health Department building at its same Walnut Street location. Built in 1949-50, the 14,000 square foot building is noncompliant with modern safety, accessibility, and energy efficiency codes.

County aging officials say a new building, which would keep serving

as the "50Plus" Senior Center, not only would lower maintenance and repair costs but could provide a safe and attractive environment for Pocomoke's aging population to socialize.

## Addition to State's Attorney building

Projected cost: \$6.1 million  
Budgeted for: fiscal 2026-29

In decades past, the State's Attorney had office space on the second floor of the courthouse. By 2009, prosecutors got their own stand-alone facility, the William G. Kerbin, Jr. State's Attorney Building, which opened on Franklin Street adjacent to the Government Center.

Today, the current prosecutorial team may have outgrown the "new" building, where space is inadequate for current and projected staffing levels. Preliminary plans are calling for a 6,000 square foot addition adjacent to the existing State's Attorney office on Franklin Street.

## New Sheriff's Office

Projected cost: \$40.8 million  
Budgeted for: fiscal 2026-28

For years, the sheriff's office has been located in the basement of the county's Government Center, so this is an area is not easily accessible to the public. Storage spaces have become office spaces. The sheriff adds that his team has no way to accommodate large groups, so multi-agency briefs and meetings have to be held at outside locations.

Another concern is safety. The office floor plan means deputies cannot "completely isolate individuals in custody." Also, people who are criminal charged use the same public entrance as regular government staffers coming into the Government Center.

Sheriff Matt Crisafulli says he is looking for its own stand-alone facility on Route 113 next to Worcester Technical High School, but offered few other details in proposal documents. The space may also house the county's Emergency Services division, documents mention.

Another related project on the Capital Improvement Plan is a request for a \$3.5 million public safety storage warehouse and fleet garage for the sheriff's office, emergency services department, and fire marshal's office. Its proposed site is a current county firefighter training facility.

## Landfill expansion

Projected cost: \$16 million  
Budgeted for: fiscal year 2026-27

An engineering study found that Cell 5 at the county's central landfill will run out of landfill space by December 2027. Without an expansion, the county will need to find a place for its trash when Cell 5 becomes full.

Plans, therefore, are calling for Cell 6 to be built. When that happens,

the landfill won't run out of room for another 18 years, in 2042.

Another related project on the Capital Improvement Plan calls for the construction of a gas collection system at the landfill. At an estimated cost of \$4.6 million, this project would be mandated by the state Department of the Environment, documents show.

## Landfill capping

Projected cost: \$8.1 million  
Budgeted for: fiscal year 29-30

In a related matter, county sanitation staff say it's time to close off the very first space ever used at the landfill, a zone known as Cell 1. The zone is now the cause of many problems, including leachate seeps. Capping Cell 1 means they could do away with problematic issues that take a lot of manpower to fix weekly.

## Water, sewer projects

The Capital Improvement Plan includes more than a dozen projects that would improve several wastewater treatment plants (WWTP), water lines, or sewer connections. They include some of the following, with the county's estimated cost in parentheses:

- Rehabilitate wastewater treatment plant for the Riddle Farm service area (\$3.6 M)
- Extend county sewer lines along Lewis Road, eliminating 60 septic systems (\$4 M)
- Increase emergency storage in the capacity of the Ocean Pines WWTP lagoon (\$450,000)
- Belt filter replacement for Ocean Pines WWTP (\$4.6 M)
- Connect Mystic Harbor water to Riddle Farm service area as a backup, to allow Mystic Harbor to provide water for Riddle Farm in case of an emergency (\$2 M)
- Rehab the Riddle Farm water tower (\$750,000)
- Install a sewer force main bypass line to connect Riddle Farm to Ocean Pines WWTP (\$3.2 M)
- Replace an undersized sewer main along Sunset Avenue in West OC (\$2 M)
- Connect St. Martin's by the Bay community to OP water system (\$2.5 M)
- Replacement of the Newark Water Treatment Plant Building and equipment (\$6 M)
- Upgrades to Mystic Harbor WWTP plant (\$6.9 M) and building rehab (\$1.6 M)
- Replace failing force main in Ocean Pines (\$1.7 M)
- Connect the River Run and Ocean Pines sewers via a new sewer line (\$2.1 M)
- Connect Mystic Harbor effluent discharge to Riddle Farm WWTP (\$6.5 M) and expand effluent disposal network for Mystic Harbor WWTP by tying into Assateague Point and Landings WWTP systems (\$3.6 M)

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# Group plans Ocean Pines holiday give back

By **Tara Fischer**  
Staff Writer

(Nov. 7, 2024) The Ocean Pines Association Get Involved group will give back to the community this holiday season as it gears up to host its annual charity events.

The Ocean Pines Get Involved organization, a Facebook group administered by Esther Diller, a former OPA Board of Directors member and wife of current board president Dr. Stuart

Lakernick, holds charitable initiatives each year to aid OPA and Worcester County residents. One such effort is the food drive. Those interested in supporting the program can drop non-perishable items like cereal and canned goods at the Ocean Pines Administration Building or the Yacht Club through Nov. 22. The collected food will be donated to Diakonia.

Diller said the drive raised over 1,000 pounds of food last year and

the year before. She hopes to see a similar bulk donated this time around.

"I hope we do the same," she said. "It's a tough year; everyone is talking about the cost of food, so we shall see."

Ocean Pines Get Involved is yet again hosting its 'Seniors Helping Hands' program in conjunction with Worcester GOLD, a service group dedicated to providing emergency financial and basic-needs assistance to area citizens. The effort gifts necessities and treats to elderly Ocean Pines residents who live alone and "need happiness for the holidays." Diller said that individuals can contact her on Facebook or email at Esmatt4@aol.com if they or an older person they know would like to receive the contribution basket. The organizer asks that the name and address of the elder be included in the request.

The charity, held for the first time last year, ends on Dec. 21. Diller said that the group is expecting to host a basket-assembling day sometime in the middle or end of December, where Ocean Pines Get Involved members and volunteers get together to create the gift bags.

Last year, the baskets included scarves, gloves, lap blankets, diabetic

socks, large-print crossword puzzles, large-print playing cards, adult coloring books with markers, fuzzy socks, cookies, puzzles, and toothpaste. Similar items are expected to be packaged in the goodie bags this year.

The initiative is to give back and create joy for oftentimes forgotten community members.

"Everyone is focused on kids during Christmas, but what about the seniors during Christmas?" Diller said.

The group created approximately 30 baskets in the program's inaugural year in 2023.

'Senior Helping Hands' is separate from the countywide 'Be a Santa to a Senior' program organized by Home Instead. Ocean Pines participates in 'Be a Senior to a Santa' through the neighborhood's recreation and parks department.

In addition to the food drive and senior initiative, Ocean Pines Get Involved is also preparing for its annual Toys for Tots, which will begin on November 24 and end on December 21.

"We are just asking people to get involved," Diller said. "I know this year is tough; prices are high, but there is always someone who has it worse than you. I believe in paying it forward."

## Area pedestrian loses life in night collision on Route 611

(Nov. 7, 2024) Maryland State Police are investigating a fatal pedestrian crash in Worcester County.

The victim has been identified as Carolyn Melissa Long, 49, of Berlin. She was pronounced deceased at the scene by emergency medical services personnel.

Troopers from the Berlin Barrack responded at about 10:15 p.m. on Nov. 2, 2024, to a report of a crash on northbound Maryland 611 and Landing Blvd. in Berlin.

According to a preliminary investigation, Long was walking north on

Route 611 before she was struck in the road by a 2011 Toyota Sienna. The driver and sole occupant, Christopher Lee Miller, 69, also of Berlin, was interviewed by police and subsequently released.

Police are investigating whether alcohol was a contributing circumstance to the crash. Charges are pending the outcome of the investigation. The Maryland State Police Crash Team is leading the investigation.

The cause of the crash is under investigation.

## New local business plans ribbon cutting on Saturday

(Nov. 7, 2024) Get Baked, LLC will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony for its brick-and-mortar quick service store, at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 9. The new location is at 11070 Cathell Road, Unit #6.

The ribbon cutting ceremony for Get Baked marks the launch of a new twist on a nostalgic concept, the stuffed pretzel, available fresh in-store in Ocean Pines. The owners have invited the Worcester County Commissioners, Berlin's mayor, the Worcester County Chamber of Com-

merce and locals to attend.

Get Baked, LLC launched its mobile division locally three years ago and have been working toward this milestone from the beginning. From scratch made dough, to top notch customer service, the business motto says it best, "Bake. Eat. Be Happy." Inside the fresh, vegan dough, there are dozens of combinations and ingredients to fill it with.

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# Ocean City leads suit against offshore wind

By **Bethany Hooper**  
Associate Editor

(Nov. 7, 2024) The Town of Ocean City and several local agencies and businesses are suing a federal agency over its approval process for the US Wind project off Maryland's coast.

On Oct. 25, the Town of Ocean City announced it has retained Marzulla Law, LLC to file a lawsuit against the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM). The lawsuit, which lists several co-plaintiffs, challenges the agency's process for approving the US Wind project, which will involve the construction of 114, 938-foot-tall wind turbines roughly 10 miles off the coast of Ocean City.

"We have a responsibility to protect our ecosystem, our economy, view shed and our future," Mayor Rick Meehan said in a news release. "For the past seven and half years we have been trying to work with the State of Maryland and the federal government to address our concerns with this project. All of our concerns were either ignored or considered insignificant. It is unfortunate that it has come to this, but the Town was left with no choice but to file suit against BOEM and challenge their favorable record of decision on the US Wind project."

In September, the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management released a favorable record of decision for the commercial-scale Maryland offshore wind project. The agency's approval concluded a two-year National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process and set US Wind on a path to securing all of its remaining federal permits by the end of 2024.

Since that time, however, city officials have been meeting with consultants and attorneys to discuss a potential lawsuit, which came to fruition last Friday. The complaint, filed in U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland, alleges the U.S. Department of the Interior, BOEM and the National Marine

Fisheries Service failed to conduct a transparent approval process and meet statutory and regulatory requirements set forth by the Administrative Procedure Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, the Endangered Species Act, the Marine Mammal Protection Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the Coastal Zone Management Act, and the National Historic Preservation Act.

"When the Government announced its goal of deploying 30 gigawatts of offshore wind energy projects by 2030, it set into motion a coordinated effort to approve major federal undertakings on the Outer Continental Shelf as fast as possible, sacrificing a transparent approval process, the purpose of notice and comment rulemaking, and short-cutting the statutory and regulatory requirements that were enacted to protect our nation's environmental and natural resources, its industries, and its people," the complaint reads.

When reached this week, both BOEM and US Wind declined to comment on the litigation.

## Several co-plaintiffs join Ocean City in lawsuit

Marzulla Law, LLC, a firm known for its expertise in environmental and property rights litigation, will lead Ocean City's case against the federal government. City Manager Terry McGean said Ocean City has spent roughly \$40,000 in its lawsuit, and that none of the 20-plus co-plaintiffs have contributed money toward the effort.

"We expect the total cost for the lawsuit to be between \$300,000-\$400,000," he said this week.

Named co-plaintiffs in the lawsuit include the Worcester County Commissioners, the Mayor and Town Council of Fenwick Island, the Ocean City Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association (HMRA), the Greater Ocean City Chamber of Commerce, the Coastal Association of Realtors, the White

Marlin Open, and several other local organizations and businesses, including companies representing Thrasher's French Fries and Jolly Roger. Those joining in the lawsuit raise concerns about the potential negative impacts the project could have on the viewshed, local environment, tourism industry and the fishing community.

"Because adding hundreds of towering turbines, each affixed with red lights visible day and night, would drive visitors, residents, and second home buyers elsewhere, notwithstanding the unknown environmental impacts to marine life, the Worcester County Commissioners vehemently oppose the project and have joined the Town of Ocean City and other members of the community in this lawsuit," Commissioner Chip Bertino said this week. "Such marine, environmental, and economic devastation would in perpetuity diminish property values and reduce tax revenues in Worcester County."

When reached for comment this week, Fenwick Island Mayor Natalie Magdeburger recognized Meehan and the Town of Ocean City for leading the legal effort. She argued the US Wind project posed concerns not only for the environment and the economy, but also for public safety.

"We see what our future is going to entail," she said. "Putting these wind turbines up is a disaster on so many levels."

Co-plaintiffs in and around Ocean City echoed those concerns.

"While we recognize climate change and are not anti-renewable energy, we do not support the current offshore turbine proposal; the 114 turbines 10.7 miles off our beach pose an immediate, concrete threat to a vibrant tourism-based economy," Susan Jones, executive director for the Ocean City HMRA, said. "We have grave concern for blades ending up in our oceans and destruction of ecosystems."

Amy Thompson, executive director for the Greater Ocean City Chamber of Commerce, said her organization supported the city and other plaintiffs in the lawsuit against the federal government. She opined the offshore wind project would impact visitation,

property values, and the recreational and commercial fishing industries.

"There is much enthusiasm across the state for the jobs offshore wind projects will bring," she added. "Certainly, there will be startup needs for labor, but maintenance and ongoing needs will not outweigh the industries destroyed by these wind turbines placed in our waters."

In a statement issued this week, the White Marlin Open shared its opposition to the US Wind project. The organization states it joined the lawsuit "in order to both protect and continue" the town's legacy as the "White Marlin Capital of the World."

"This project would be catastrophic to the recreational fishing industry and pose an obvious threat to the marine ecosystem that the sport fishing industry relies on," the statement reads. "The proposed windmills will also create a significant safety hazard for all vessels. Known affectionately as 'The Best Week of the Year,' the White Marlin Open generates a significant economic impact for the town of Ocean City and the state of Maryland. We know that this is a poorly conceived and executed project that will not be good for our business or the citizens of the town and we intend to fight it every step of the way."

Several local organizations – including the Caine Woods Community Association, the Little Salisbury Civic Association, the Delmarva Community Managers Association and the Ocean City Development Association (OCDC) – are also named as co-plaintiffs. At Caine Woods, 89.9% of the association's voting membership opted to join the city in its lawsuit, according to Board President Mike Quade. And within the OCDC, participation in the city's lawsuit was supported by the organization's board of directors.

"The Board of Directors and Staff at the OCDC feel very strongly that the planned offshore wind turbines will be detrimental to the local economy and environment," Executive Director Zach Bankert said. "You simply need to look at what happened in Nantucket this past summer, where their beaches

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# Senior Santa program returns to Worcester

By Tara Fischer  
Staff Writer

(Nov. 7, 2024) Ocean Pines is again partnering with Home Instead to give back to the community's aging population this holiday season.

The Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department will continue to partner with Home Instead, a national aging care group with a location in Berlin, Maryland, in their annual 'Be a Santa to a Senior' program.

Home Instead's Home Care Consultant Crystal Heiser said that around this time each year, the group seeks nominations for local seniors who may

need some extra help. The names of the submitted elders are placed on a paper ornament with a list of three essential requests and hung on a Christmas tree at a partnering site. Community members can then grab a tag, shop for the items, wrap them, and return them to the tree location. Home Instead takes it from there, ensuring all gifts are delivered to the appropriate recipients.

Ocean Pines is participating in the program by setting up a tree in the neighborhood's community center lobby.

Heiser added that senior nominations can come from anywhere, but

they most commonly are submitted by facilities like nursing homes and rehab centers.

"It is from the community for the community," she said.

Requests typically include snack gift baskets like cookies and candies, bath towels, alarm clocks with large numbers, word searches, puzzles, shower items like shampoo and conditioner, and dental care. Shoppers may also include non-requested treats in the gift if they choose.

"Historically, every gift has way more than just the three requested items," Heiser said.

While this program provides joy and care to the nominated seniors during the holiday season, Home Instead works to help the aging population every day.

"We not only are meeting a financial and physical need for the community, but we are bringing the spirit and sup-

port to the people who need it the most," Heiser said. "It has been our privilege to continue this program and serve the community... it truly is year-round, not just this part of this season, but we can show it more during this season... My heart is torn that so many people need extra help around the holidays, but it is great to see how the area comes together to fulfill the needs."

The program yielded roughly 900 senior gifts last year, and 200 of those came from the Ocean Pines community. Heiser hopes to reach 1100 total presents this time around.

Area residents are encouraged to help their neighbors this holiday season. The Berlin Home Instead location, which has participated in the 'Be a Santa to a Senior' program for 15 years, updates its Facebook page with the full list of tree site locations.

## OC concerned offshore wind could have negative impacts

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were closed after being littered with fiberglass shards after their offshore wind turbine blades failed. There are multiple concerns including the environmental impact of building and operating the turbines, the takeover of the harbor, the negative effects on the local real estate market, and the harm caused to our fishing and tourism industries. It was an easy decision for the OCDC Board of Directors to join the City's lawsuit as a co-plaintiff."

### US Wind, government tout offshore wind benefits

From the outset, officials with US Wind, as well as state and federal agencies, have highlighted the benefits offshore wind could bring to Maryland. The phased project – to include up to 114 wind turbines, four offshore substation platforms, four offshore export cable corridors and one meteorological tower – is expected to generate more than two gigawatts of renewable energy for the Delmarva Peninsula and support nearly 2,700 jobs over the next seven years.

As part of its approval process, BOEM evaluated the impacts of US Wind's project, as well as a range of alternatives, in a document known as an Environmental Impact Statement.

While acknowledging the project "would result in major impacts" to the viewshed, the federal agency opined new reefs and wind turbine structures could result in sightseeing opportunities.

The document also reports the US Wind project could result in minor to moderate impacts on water quality, wetlands, and coastal habitat, and disturbances to marine mammals. BOEM said project construction, operation and decommissioning could affect port and fishing access.

When BOEM issued a favorable record of decision in September, it put US Wind's project on the path of becoming one of the nation's first ten commercial-scale offshore wind operations.

### Ocean City lawsuit follows similar cases

Similar lawsuits have been filed in New Jersey and Massachusetts, where nearby offshore wind projects have been challenged by local governments and interest groups.

In New Jersey, Cape May County and other local groups hired Marzulla Law to sue the federal government last year over its approval process for Ørsted's Ocean Wind projects. Since that time, however, the Danish renewable energy company has announced it would cease development of Ocean Wind 1 and Ocean Wind 2, citing high inflation, rising interest rates and supply chain issues, among other things.

In August, months after the company's announcement, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities terminated its orders approving the company's offshore wind projects. However, litigation continues in U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey, with Ørsted seeking to stay the case rather than dismiss it.

"The Company, however, insists that the case should be stayed – not dismissed – posing the speculative notion that 'Ocean Wind could potentially sell the Project, including the Federal permits and approvals being challenged in this lawsuit,'" an Oct. 15 supporting exhibit from the plaintiff reads.

Marzulla Law also represents a group of Nantucket, Massachusetts residents challenging the adequacy of the federal government's environmental review of the Vineyard Wind Project, which came under scrutiny earlier this summer when debris from a collapsed turbine blade washed ashore on Nantucket beaches. In September, the law firm petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court to review a decision of the First Circuit, which upheld a district court decision to dismiss the case. At the center of the petition, the law firm reports, is the North Atlantic right whale. The plaintiffs argue that BOEM and the National Marine Fisheries Service ignored the Endangered Species Act in their approval of Vineyard Wind.



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# Coastal bays health improves to B- overall

Annual assessment finds improvements in major water quality indicators

(Oct. 31, 2024) The Maryland Coastal Bays Program unveiled the 2023 Coastal Bays Report Card on Thursday, Oct. 24, revealing a grade of a B-.

The Report Card is the annual assessment on the health of the Maryland Coastal Bays, the five bays located behind Ocean City and Assateague Island which provides a transparent, timely and geographically detailed assessment of the health of the watershed. Bays health is defined as the progress of four water quality indicators, and two biotic indicators toward scientifically derived ecological thresholds or goals. The six indicators are combined into one health index score, which is presented as a report card letter grade.

The Coastal Bays had an overall grade of a B- last year; however, this year's data revealed a better score,

due to the improvement of the overall scores of two bays but remained as a B- grade. The Isle of Wight Bay received a B- over a C+ from last year due to strong improvements in nitrogen, phosphorus, and chlorophyll a, and Newport Bay received a C- from a D+ last year also experiencing improvement in chlorophyll a, nitrogen, and phosphorus scores. Hard clams improved in a number of locations, except Chincoteague. Sea grasses improved slightly only in Sinepuxent and Chincoteague.

"It's nice to see the slight improvement, but we need to make sure that we keep moving in the right direction," said MCBP Executive Director Kevin Smith.

The Report Card is a scientific collaborative effort among the Maryland Coastal Bays Program, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science - Integration and Application Network, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Virginia Institute of Marine Science and the National Park Service. Funding for the

publication is provided by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

This year's report card release program included four Gold Star award presentations to recognize the contributions of partners and their efforts to protect the coastal bays. Recipients of this recognition were Sunset Island Community and Oceanic Motel for their dedication to programs monitoring horseshoe crabs and other environmental initiatives; Maryland Conservation Corps for assisting with water quality monitoring; Baywater Seafood, the first bay scallop aquaculture farm in the state of Maryland and has been working closely with researchers to track wild populations and reintroduce bay scallops to the Coastal Bays; and the Ocean City Green Team, established in 2001 as a forum to help keep the Ocean City Mayor and City Council informed of issues that would impact the environmental and natural resources of the town.

Hundreds of volunteers work with MCBP, including residents and visitors, to support environmental initia-

tives to protect, promote, and preserve our coastal bays, by volunteering to count horseshoe crabs, terrapins, and birds; collect water samples, work on restoration projects, clean neighborhoods, wetlands and dunes of trash and invasive plants, and assist in many other activities.

Part of the National Estuary Program, the Maryland Coastal Bays Program is a non-profit partnership among the towns of Ocean City and Berlin, the National Park Service, Worcester County, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Maryland Departments of Natural Resources, Agriculture, Environment and Planning. One of only 28 such programs nationwide, the goal of the Maryland Coastal Bays Program is to protect and enhance the 175-square mile watershed, which includes Ocean City, Ocean Pines, Berlin and Assateague Island National Seashore.

Report Cards and State of the Bay Reports are available online at [www.mdcoastalbays.org](http://www.mdcoastalbays.org).

# Veterans Day ceremony set for OP memorial

Event will serve as new gazebo's dedication after construction work finished

(Nov. 7, 2024) The Worcester 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 Nov. 11 at 11 a.m., at the Worcester 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 commissioners 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 Presi-

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

"Our educational outreach pro-

gram 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 memorial, visit [www.WoCoVets.org](http://www.WoCoVets.org).



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# Berlin Fire Company to host farmers market vendors

By Tara Fischer  
Staff Writer

(Nov. 7, 2024) Berlin residents won't have to say goodbye to the beloved farmers market yet, as the town's fire company intends to continue it into the holiday season.

The regular Berlin Farmers Market kicks off in May and runs through September. This year, town officials elected to extend the market, offering fresh produce and goodies each week in October. The event will be stretched out once again to give Worcester County citizens a few extra days to shop from the vendors as the holiday season approaches.

The fall market will be hosted by and located at the Berlin Fire Com-

pany. Repeat vendors, including Eastern Shore Kettle Corn, are slated to participate. Currently, the department has markets planned for Sunday, Nov. 17, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. outdoors, weather permitting, and a special festive event on Sunday, Dec. 1, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The market next month will be half inside and half outside and feature products related to the holidays such as decorations and gifts. Santa may also make an appearance in the afternoon.

David Fitzgerald, the fire company's president, said the group will offer breakfast sandwiches on Nov. 17 and Dec. 1 and hamburgers and hot dogs on Dec. 1 for the holiday event.



PHOTO COURTESY OF BFC

Several vendors are pictured last Sunday at the Berlin Fire Company's parking lot preparing for the pop-up farmers market.

Fitzgerald noted that the department picked the market up to "continue to be a part of the community and provide a place for vendors to continue to offer their products to the public."

Fitzgerald added the company does not plan to continue the market into January or February. However, the BFC intends to pick it back up every Sunday in March and April.

"This is all based on the vendor's feedback and interest," he said.

The Berlin Farmers Market starts each year in May. This year, organizers extended the market through October to give residents an extra four Sundays to shop for autumnal good-

ies and fresh fruits and vegetables.

Berlin Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells said the extended sale was a success, and the town intends to keep the market open through October each year.

Now, the Berlin Fire Company is contributing to the effort and giving Berlin citizens and visitors the chance to shop for farmers market items closer to the holiday season.

"This allows the vendors to earn additional income and provides the opportunity for customers to continue to obtain the great products the vendors offer and for additional benefits for visitors to Berlin," Fitzgerald said.

# Berlin Fall Glow Walk set for Friday after year-long break

By Tara Fischer  
Staff Writer

(Nov. 7, 2024) The Town of Berlin and the Worcester County Health Department encourage residents to get their steps in this week with the annual Fall Glow Walk at Stephen Decatur Park, an event included in this year's Just Walk Fun Walks lineup.

The Worcester County Health Department hosts their Just Walk Fun Walks program annually. The 2024-2025 project began in October and will conclude in June. During this period, organizers have scheduled nine walks throughout Worcester County to encourage residents to get active.

This cycle, the program has introduced Just Walk Passports. The forms, which are available to pick up at the Snow Hill Health Department, the Berlin Health Center, and the Pocomoke Health Center, will be stamped by staff at each event. Residents who have completed all nine walks are entered into a raffle.

The Fall Glow Walk is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 8. Registration will begin at 5 p.m., and the walk will begin at 5:30 p.m. Participants will start and end at Stephen Decatur Park, weaving through downtown Berlin during the 4.5-mile route.

Town of Berlin Special Projects Administrator Kate Daub added that walkers who cannot commit to the full path are welcome to exit the trail at specific points before the finish line.

"The total length is 4.5 miles, but if people would like not to do the full walk, they are permitted to only do certain aspects of the walk," she said.

Strollers and leashed dogs are welcome, and walkers are encouraged to complete the trail as they see fit.

"Even though the walk does begin at 5:30, people are welcome to walk at their own pace," Daub said. "They

are not expected to stay with the group and are more than welcome to do it as they wish."

According to Daub, in the past, Berlin worked with the Worcester County Health Department to create two events as part of the Just Walk Fun Walks program, one in the spring and one in the fall. However, this year, the town has elected to cancel its spring activity due to low participation and exclusively focus on the Fall Glow Walk.

Participants are encouraged to wear their own glow gear, and staff will have illuminant sunglasses, tubes, and necklaces available upon registration.

Daub said the Glow Walk was canceled last year as it overlapped with another event, a march for Buckingham Elementary, that had already been planned. This year, organizers expect to welcome 50 attendees on Friday.

"We are hoping for a good turnout," the special projects administrator said.

Participants will also receive a free raffle entry to win a local goodies basket, which Daub said will include a Town of Berlin tote bag, a beach towel, a lunch bag, sunglasses, and miscellaneous items from the Worcester County Health Department.

Those interested in attending can pre-register by contacting Daub at 410-641-4002 or [kdaub@berlinmd.gov](mailto:kdaub@berlinmd.gov). They can also register the day of by showing up at Stephen Decatur Park by 5 p.m. on Friday.

"This walk, in particular, takes a little different spin than other events that happen in Berlin throughout the year," Daub said. "It encourages people to be more mindful of the importance of being active. We focus on safely getting people out together."

The additional Just Walk Fun Walk events can be found on the Worcester County Health Department's website.

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# Snapshots



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## SCHOOL VISITS VETERANS MEMORIAL

The fifth grade at Worcester Preparatory School embarked last month on a meaningful field trip to the Worcester County Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines. The goal was to educate the students on the concept of the memorial and instill an appreciation for the sacrifices made by veterans in service to their country. During the excursion, students participated in various activities, including a guided tour of the Patriot's Pathway, where they learned about significant American conflicts throughout history. Students delved into stories of local heroism tied to those who have served and gained an understanding of the Memorial itself. Above, the grade is pictured with teachers Lisa Rill and Camille Jenkins, parent chaperones and members of the US Coast Guard and NJROTC.



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Above left, fifth grade teacher Camille Jenkins stands with a group of students on a US Coast Guard search and rescue vessel. Students, pictured from left, are Peter Van Dalen, Jude Waked, Maverick Pyne, Bia Prosekova, Madelyn Tull and Nora Rafinski. Above right, Grace Tunnell, Anya Murukutla and Jaanvi Pandher listen attentively to the docent on the Patriots Pathway tour. Below left, Jaanvi Pandher and Grace Tunnell watch closely as members of the SDHS NJROTC program carefully prepare the flag. Below right, Abigail Kratzer, Lila Holland and Avrum Gudelsky reflect on their day at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines.





# Germantown center to open with women's presentation

(Nov. 7, 2024) The Germantown School Community Heritage Center has announced an exhibit honoring African American women's service beginning with a walk-through history with U.N. Emeritus Dr. Clara Small of Salisbury University and a panel discussion with veterans Pastina O'Neal Tingle (Navy) and Valerie Smith McCall Lee (Army) on Nov. 9 from 10 a.m.-noon.

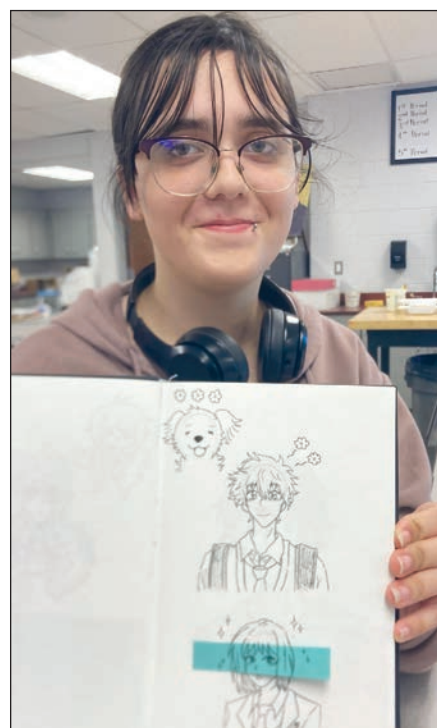
From the birth of the nation, African American women have not only served the nation but also fought for their right to serve. As members of the military, directly, and in the earlier days, indirectly, they fought as women disguised as men, they built and repaired forts, served as nurses, supported field units by nursing wounded soldiers, cooking, cleaning and mending clothes. They built armaments, served as spies and guides, provided logistics and advocated for war efforts.

In World War II, women served overseas as nurses. They resolved a three-year backlog in servicemen's mail delivery in three months. At home, ac-

ording to the heritage center's press release, they were integral members of intelligence operations, were part of the Atomic Ladies and worked as Rosie the Riveters. When the Army became fully integrated during the Korean War, and positions opened to women, they served alongside men.

At the same time, women fought for their right to serve, their right to defend the spirit of our country, one in which all are created equal, all born with the inalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Some of their names are known Phyllis Wheatley, Harriet Tubman, General Hazel Johnson Brown and Admiral Michelle Howard, but most are lesser known or remain unnamed.

Following the history presentation and panel discussion, the exhibit will run through Dec. 7 at the Germantown School Community Heritage Center, which is located at 10223 Trappe Road, Berlin. For more information call 410-641-0638 or email [www.germantownschool@gmail.com](mailto:www.germantownschool@gmail.com)



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### AFTER-SCHOOL ART CLUB

The after-school art club, an outreach program of The Art League of Ocean City, is in full swing at Snow Hill High School. Pictured are participants Carly Hadel, left, and Daisy Harris.

# Pine Tones Chorus holiday concert planned for Dec. 6

Free holiday program set with selection of classic, contemporary, pop music

(Nov. 7, 2024) Continuing its 40-year tradition, the Pine Tones Chorus is staging a selection of beloved Christmas favorites this holiday season on Friday, Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m., at the Community Church at Ocean Pines on Racetrack Road.

This year's concert includes a mix of contemporary, classical, and pop holiday favorites, including sing-alongs, that will be fun for the whole family. In keeping with the group's tradition, there is no admission fee for this holiday concert, but voluntary offerings will be gratefully accepted.

The Pine Tones Chorus is a non-profit, all-volunteer group of folks who love to sing for their community. The chorus presents spring and fall concerts every year and each season the group also travels to several area senior centers to share the music with

those who are not able to come to the shows. This season is partially funded by the National Endowment for the Arts, through the Maryland State Arts Council and Worcester County Arts Council.




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# Opinion

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## Election results must matter to officials

While Worcester County voters are celebrating or be-moaning the results of Tuesday’s presidential election — 63% of them will be rejoicing and 34% will be grinding their teeth in despair — the only contests in the county turned out the way they should have.

In the three county board of education elections, voters solidly rejected the notion that Worcester’s public schools are on the brink of moral, academic and managerial collapse. Clearly, they are not, and the voters agreed by returning incumbents Jon Andes, Elena McComas and Donald Smack Sr. to office.

Although some Worcester County Commissioners would love to gain more control over the public school system via a more sympathetic school board, the electorate’s support of the board’s incumbents suggests that a public majority likes things the way they are.

Further, Tuesday’s results indicate that most people would not look kindly on renewed attempts to malign or persecute the public schools in pursuit of that goal.

More succinctly, a repeat of tactics of the past — painting the schools as hotbeds of violence, sticking with punitively flat funding, and treating school officials as suspects who can’t be trusted — would not be well received by the voting public.

A more pragmatic, even collaborative, approach this year and the next between the school board and the commissioners would serve the commissioners well, assuming they intend to stand for election two years from now.

This doesn’t mean that the school board can’t be criticized, complained about or called on to explain itself, but this election does make clear that the burning desire for change board challengers thought they saw never really existed.

## Letter

### Governors must protect our states, treasured assets

Editor,

Having finally returned from out of town, I was glad to get to read the Oct. 25 edition of the paper until I got to the article with the information about The Maryland Coastal Bays Program’s (MCBP) failure to take a stance on the offshore wind farm when questioned by the OC Council.

I believe that Coastal Bay health is important and that MCBP has an important role to play in protecting it. I am not familiar with their charter, but I must assume that much of their initiative is to protect and enhance the fishery and provide important habitat. That fishery extends well beyond the Bays and into the surrounding ocean waters. I am not a scientist, but I am a local boy who has enjoyed the bayside for a lifetime and believes our Bays needs to have some protections in place and I rely on MCBP to be one of those important “checks”.

The Bishopville-Selbyville-Showell Jaycees “Bishopville Mill Pond” project began the return to health of our bay in 1980 when they stopped the Bishop Processing Company waste ponds from leaching their pollution into the head waters of the St. Martin’s River. Those who value and use our bays owe a forever debt of gratitude to that Jaycee Chapter and their leader Al Wesche. That project won the Maryland Jaycee award for best environmental project and I think an award from the US Jaycees as well. The bays are so much more alive than in the 1970’s thanks to that small group of young men and women. In fact, Kevin Smith built upon the Jaycee’s work with the dam project some 30+ years later. Now the threat is from the opposite direction....offshore wind companies threaten our very way of life and our economy. They threaten the resource we all rely upon to bring tourists and visitors in our direction.

“Thank you” to Mayor Meehan and the Ocean City council as well as Fenwick Island Mayor Magdeburger and her council for taking the brave stance to refuse what appears to be the offshore wind “hush money.” Money is freely flowing thinly disguised as donations to our 501C3’s and to other political jurisdictions to gain their support. This in the face of a technology that lags far behind the political will that is pushing for it. The Democrats believe Wind Turbines will deliver us from Global Warming. I am not a climate denier, but I am also not convinced that humanity can do much to alter the course of these events, especially when the most populous countries in the world ignore all climate initiatives. The USA is not the problem. Unproven wind technology which is already experiencing catastrophic failure in Vineyard Wind is not the answer.

I am going to tell you a short story about MCBP which has some relevance in their failure to take a stance AGAINST off-shore wind.

Two years ago, an environmentally sensitive property in my neighborhood with significant

creek frontage came up for rezoning by Jack Burbage. Now, I count Jack as a friend, but this was a philosophical argument and not at all something personal between us, as my neighbors and I had always been told that this property would be a forever residential buffer for our creek from its neighboring commercial center on Route 50. In fact, there is some anecdotal evidence to suggest that the former owners, Cripp and Irma Hastings, attempted to severely restrict the transferability of EDU’s to this property when the Sanitary Sewer was installed in West Ocean City to prevent any intensive use. Fourteen of my neighbors showed up to protest and Attorney Hugh Cropper was afforded ample opportunity by the County Commissioners to rebut each of our arguments on behalf of his client, but I was shut down and told, that as a citizen, I could not rebut Mr. Cropper’s arguments. It passed and only Commissioner Bertino voted against it. What I found even more astounding is that there were several other zoning matters on the docket that day, mostly of lesser impact on Coastal Bays than ours. In each of the other cases, a representative from MCBP made verbal comments on the record during those public hearings.

However, to my knowledge, MCBP failed to make any verbal comments on the record for the Herring Creek rezoning hearing, the one, in my biased opinion, with the most environmental impact for the health of our bays. That to me is a glaring omission, just as is the argument that they believe in alternative energy sources and so that should influence their charge of protecting the inland bays and the surrounding fisheries. I have to think that the donation they admitted taking from the foreign wind companies has had some impact on that decision or non-decision.

But forgive me, there is no conscience anymore. Have we truly returned to the Watergate era? We are back to “Follow the money!” As someone who spent much of my professional career fighting for ethical practice, I am appalled at the lack of ethics on behalf of the party pushing the Green New Deal and shoving these turbines down the throats of her citizens.

Where is the money coming from to fund these foreign wind power companies in their systematic attempt to buy silence and support? Apparently, “Anything goes” so that the Democrats can claim victory in the battle for offshore wind. I sure hope it is not our tax dollars being repurposed against us. At best it is hush money and it should be illegal, but these companies continue to bull ahead. Where is Greenpeace to protect the Right Whales and the other marine mammals? Where is the National Park Service to protect Assateague National Seashore. Where is DNR to protect the fish and shellfish and Maryland/Delaware State beaches? Where are National Marine Fisheries organizations to protect the fisheries. “Ocean Conservancy”, I suggest you change your name to something else! My understanding from Mayor Magde-

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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 burger is that one Environmental Impact Statement predicts the wind farm will result in complete collapse of the offshore and local commercial fishery not to mention lower property values. That's it? That's the trade off? No fish for saving a fraction of a degree?

Governor Moore, you are the CEO of Maryland first and not a Democrat owing blind loyalty to the Democratic Party's national agenda. You need to protect Maryland's only Seashore resort and National Seashore so that her citizens can continue to enjoy that major recreation area without living in fear that fiberglass debris will close our beaches and infect our fish and enter our food chain. We are an important part of Maryland's economic engine. Governor Carney, same directive, you should protect your citizenry from the over reach of your own party. Isn't that the oath that you both took - to protect the citizens of your respective states?

I suggest a crazy approach. Towns should annex the commercial and recreational fishery out to the Canyons, as important to the economic health of the area. Zone it "recreation conservation area" Only allow town or county permits for fishing reefs, navigational beacons, etc.

This is craziness and I am flabbergasted.

*Chuck Shorley  
 Ocean City*

## Tournament nets \$15K for breast cancer programs

(Nov. 7, 2024) Members of the Ocean Pines Pickleball Club are thanking participants of the recent Pink Ribbon Pickleball Round Robin.

Held on Oct. 4 at the Ocean Pines Racquet Center, the event helped raise more than \$15,000 for the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer campaign. The campaign raises funds for lifesaving breast cancer research, along with advancing the cause of health equity through essential programs and services.

In total, 128 players competed on 16 courts, and the event featured roughly three dozen volunteers, 27 sponsors, and more than 30 donations for raffle prizes.

Event organizer Becky Colt-Ferguson called the tournament "a festive, supportive, organized, welcoming, day of 'pink' fun."

"Exercise supports overall well-being, cardiovascular health and lowers cancer risk," she said. "This round robin event is a demonstration that allows our community to play - all puns intended - and support a time-honored fundraising cause.

"The round robin is a memorable



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A group of women participating in October's Pink Ribbon Pickleball Round Robin paused for a photo under the pink ribbon breast cancer.

experience for friends and families who honor individuals past and present who are fighting cancer," she continued. "I am thankful to be a survivor."

The Pickleball Club extends a special

thank you to the dedicated volunteers, whose efforts are essential to the success of this event. The Club and the American Cancer Society look forward to continuing the event next year.

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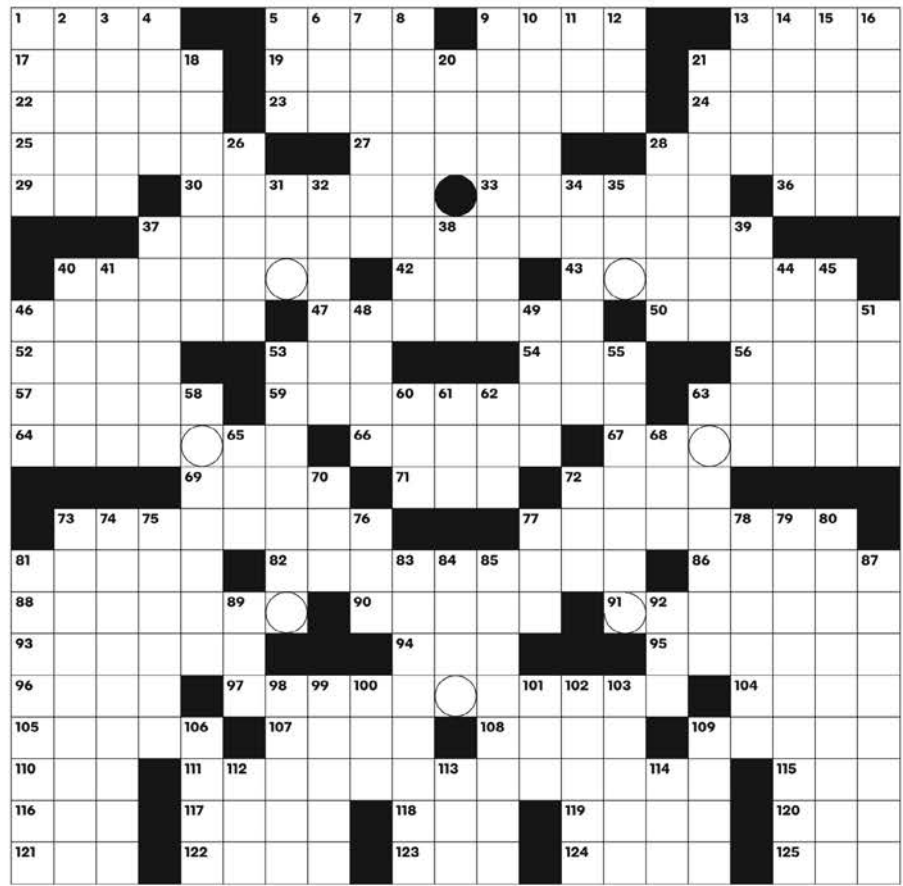
# Puzzles

## WORKING THE NIGHT SHIFT

BY JEFFERY MARTINOVIC AND JEFF CHEN / EDITED BY JOEL FAGLIANO

Jeffrey Martinovic is a mechanical-engineering student at Western University in London, Ontario. Jeff Chen, of Seattle, is a writer and longtime Times crossword contributor. They brainstormed puzzle ideas and entries over email and nearly three months, 200 messages and 100 grid versions later, submitted the artful puzzle here. The theme is neatly explained at 111-Across.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Exams first administered in 1926
  - 5 View from St. Moritz
  - 9 "I thought you were my friend!?"
  - 13 Load of laundry
  - 17 Jeweler's unit
  - 19 Complete journey ... or what 84-Down makes in this puzzle?
  - 21 Woodworker's spinner
  - 22 Like Yeats, but not Keats
  - 23 Aids in car buying
  - 24 Remove from packaging
  - 25 Complete some reps
  - 27 In the red
  - 28 Do-to-do delivery?
  - 29 Joan Cusack and Robert Downey Jr. each spent one season on it, for short
  - 30 Certain court documents
  - 33 In which 1 + 1 equals 10
  - 36 Former senator Kennedy
  - 37 Completing a cycle, like 84-Down in this puzzle?
  - 40 "Battle Hymn of the Republic," for one
  - 42 Borrower's note
  - 43 Like many verification codes
  - 46 Impressively tough, in slang
  - 47 Crocheting template
  - 50 Re-lease?
  - 52 Nickname for a 2000s Yankee slugger
  - 53 Montreal hockey player, to fans
  - 54 Check scanner, for short
  - 56 A.P.R.-lowering option
  - 57 A.P., Reuters, etc.
  - 59 Hudson Bay or the Caspian
  - 63 Hair-lightening brand
  - 64 Sherlock Holmes, e.g.
  - 66 Apt central entry for this puzzle
  - 67 The Lone Ranger, to Tonto
  - 69 Gender-neutral possessive
  - 71 Possesses
  - 72 Office message
  - 73 Millimeter-wide photo used for conveying secret messages
  - 77 Pants, informally
  - 81 Roofed porch
  - 82 Late-night sub, say
  - 86 Garfield's predecessor
  - 88 Weary cry
  - 90 Company whose name ends in an exclamation point
  - 91 Steak option in northern Canada
  - 93 Celebrity chef Hussain who won "The Great British Bake Off"
  - 94 However
  - 95 Fit to serve, in a way
  - 96 Ireland, poetically
  - 97 Newlyweds' booking
  - 104 Behind
  - 105 Gives a lot of attention, with "on"
  - 107 Old \_\_\_\_, Conn.
  - 108 Supermodel with a palindromic name
  - 109 \_\_\_\_ Johnson Sirleaf, Africa's first elected female head of state
  - 110 "What have we here!"
  - 111 "They'll grow out of that" ... or a description of eight squares in this puzzle
  - 115 Every member of the C.I.A.'s K-9 unit
  - 116 "\_\_\_\_ Affaire de Femmes" (1988 French classic)
  - 117 It can be quite sappy
  - 118 Half of an exchange
  - 119 "Let's do it!"
  - 120 Texter's "As I see it ..."
  - 121 Co. that introduced Dungeons & Dragons
  - 122 Means of getting unstuck
  - 123 Black \_\_\_\_
  - 124 Margaret Thatcher, e.g.
  - 125 Chiding sound
  - 12 Big name in shipping
  - 13 Wish-list item
  - 14 Time "up"
  - 15 Act rudely in a crowd
  - 16 Did some spelling?
  - 18 Jersey-born rock icon, familiarly
  - 20 Roman numeral that anagrams to part of the eye
  - 21 "Charlie's Angels" actress
  - 26 Charlie's Angels and others
  - 28 Their dorsal fins can reach six feet in height
  - 31 Stopover
  - 32 Vessel for an omelet
  - 34 Diminuendo al \_\_\_\_ ("fade to nothingness," on a score)
  - 35 Slot-machine lever
  - 37 Marked
  - 38 Property unit
  - 39 Europe's highest volcano
  - 40 Nintendo antagonist in purple overalls
  - 41 Decorate
  - 44 First name on the Supreme Court
  - 45 Lifesaving device, for short
  - 46 Cry loudly
  - 48 Skilled
  - 49 Symptom of an allergic reaction
  - 51 Fork part
  - 53 Mob enforcer
  - 55 Add milk to a customer's coffee, in diner lingo
  - 58 Feature of James Earl Jones's voice
  - 60 "That hits the spot!"
- DOWN**
- 1 Hits a rough patch, perhaps
  - 2 Judge seen on a bench
  - 3 Major ordeal
  - 4 Lip
  - 5 Constellation in the southern sky
  - 6 Reed or Rawls
  - 7 Delay
  - 8 Sledder's outfit
  - 9 Color named for a famed prep school
  - 10 Oh-so-regrettable
  - 11 What's mined in a stannary



- 61 Gun-lobby org.
- 62 Some N.F.L. linemen, in brief
- 63 Gave a big kiss
- 65 Big name in experimental music
- 68 CPR expert
- 70 Insignificant amount
- 72 "\_\_\_\_ Robinson" (Simon & Garfunkel hit)
- 73 Cookies made with ground almond or coconut
- 74 Highly agitated
- 75 Ain't that the tooth!
- 76 Crime-novelist Josephine
- 77 Sound from beneath a sheet
- 78 Skywalker portrayer
- 79 Guesstimate
- 80 Elite naval groups
- 81 Nearly succeeded ... but there's a catch!
- 83 Green-light
- 84 This puzzle's subject
- 85 Places for grilling
- 87 Horned antelope of southern Africa
- 89 Cry of frustration
- 92 "You follow?"
- 98 Elizabeth of "WandaVision"
- 99 A.F.C. East player
- 100 Bird that's incapable of walking backward
- 101 Ballpark figure
- 102 Cry in a laser-tag arena
- 103 Spanish "I love you"
- 106 Jedi foe
- 109 Nonsense word in a playground rhyme
- 112 Prefix with glyceride
- 113 Gentle attention-getter
- 114 Polite term of address

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### HARD - 13

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.

1		3	8		9	
		5				
8	4				3	
	5				3	
9		4	6	1	2	
7					4	
	6				9	7
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### Answers to last week's puzzles

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

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BALI	INON	EVOKE	KAPPA	
BIGG	ANTMON	STER	ELLIS	
STATS	AWARD	OBES	MICK	
HIE	INC	NANOBOT		
WITNESS	SALIEN	ARRIVAL		
ACHS	IRE	ABBA	EULOGY	
POE	JAI	RAIMI	LST	TEE
HANCOCK	SIGN	STHE	PAPER	
ITCHY	CLUE	AIOLI		
DIEU	STOLE	MIDST	LOST	
RAOUL	TACO	KAFKA		
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ALUMNA	PEST	INS	CART	
WIRED	SLEEP	PERMIS	ERY	
EMAIL	ER	OEM	ERA	
CABO	SARA	BOXES	NYETS	
ALLIN	MANHATT	TANHOOK	UP	
YOU'RE	AGGIE	EDIE	LENA	
STEED	SEEDS	TYPE	ADAM	



# WPS partners with Let Them Play for drive

(Nov. 7, 2024) Worcester Preparatory School announced its successful collaboration with Let Them Play Delmarva to collect donations of sports equipment for children in need. This initiative aims to promote youth engagement in sports, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to play and grow.

The equipment drive, organized by Let Them Play Delmarva and WPS teacher Megan Leslie, saw an overwhelming response.

Ashley Barcus, founder of Let Them Play Delmarva, expressed her gratitude, said. "We are so grateful to everyone who donated as well as everyone who played a role in organizing the equipment drive and ultimately making it happen! We just cannot say enough about the community support when it comes to Let Them Play and what it means to see everyone come together to want to see all children get the opportunity to play."

Worcester Preparatory School is committed to fostering a spirit of community and inclusivity and this partnership exemplifies those values. The collected equipment will be sorted and prepared for distribution, with plans to begin sharing these vital resources with local youth sports programs by the new year.

Both organizations are hopeful that



A group of Worcester Prep Middle School students gathered to load equipment collected by the entire student body for the Let Them Play Delmarva organization. Also pictured are Let Them Play Delmarva founder Ashley Barcus and WPS teacher Megan Leslie.

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this initiative will spark greater community involvement and inspire oth-

ers to support youth sports. For more information about the equipment

drive or to get involved, please contact LetThemPlayDelmarva@gmail.com



## OPEN HOUSES

Nov. 7 - Nov. 14



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
Sat. & Sun. 10am-1pm	103 125th St., #105 Ocean City	3BR/2.5BA	Condo	\$529,900	Terri Moran/Coldwell Banker Realty
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 11am-1pm	5401 Coastal Unit 204, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$449,000	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 10am-2pm	607 Osprey Road #4, Ocean City	1BR, 1.5BA	Condo	\$389,900	Larry Holdren II/ReMax One Real Estate
Saturday 11am-1pm	73 King Richard Road, Berlin	4BR/2.5BA	Single Family	\$769,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 11am-1pm	25 Arcadia Court, The Parke, Ocean Pines	2BR/2BA	Townhome	\$365,000	Debbie Bennington/BHHS PenFed Realty
Saturday 11am-1pm	13 75th St. Unit 1W, Ocean City	3BR/2BA	Condo	\$515,000	Ann Holtz/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 11am-1pm	12622 Dawn Circle, Bishopville	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$525,000	Power of 2 Team/Hileman Real Estate
Saturday 1:30-3:00pm	5401 Coastal Unit 204, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$449,000	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Sunday 1-3pm	73 King Richard Road, Berlin	4BR/2.5BA	Single Family	\$769,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Sunday 1-4pm	11003 Gray's Corner Rd., Berlin	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$75,000	Sonia Zaffiris/Hileman Real Estate
Wednesday 1:30-3:30pm	5401 Coastal Unit 204, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$449,000	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Thursday 11am-1pm	12 Garrett Drive, Ocean Pines	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$424,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty





# Calendar

Please send calendar items to [editor@baysidegazette.com](mailto:editor@baysidegazette.com) by 5 p.m. Monday. All community-related activities will be published at no charge.

Submit calendar items to: [editor@oceancitytoday.net](mailto:editor@oceancitytoday.net). Submission deadline is 5 p.m. Monday, the week of publication. Local submissions have priority. Area event listings are subject to space availability.

## Thurs., Nov. 7

### STORY TIME: THE LEGEND OF THE BLUE-BONNET

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin. 410-208-4014. 10:30 a.m. Join in for a Native American origin story of the flower, the BlueBonnet, to celebrate Native American Month. Songs, stories and crafts. For ages 0-5 years. 410-208-4014, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org).

### CHESS CLUB

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. 410-524-1818. 10:30 a.m., [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org).

### MUSIC LEGENDS MOVIE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin. 2 p.m., Highlighting Led Zeppelin's 1973 Madison Square Garden concert, with compelling interview segments. 410-208-4014, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org).

### QUIT SMOKING & VAPING CLASSES

Gudelsky Family Medical Center, 10614 Racetrack Road, Ocean Pines. 5-6 p.m., This weekly group helps participants learn to set goals, create a quit plan, manage stress and control their health. Register: 410-632-1100, Ext. 1102, [www.worcesterhealth.org](http://www.worcesterhealth.org).

## Fri., Nov. 8

### MAHJONG CLUB

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. 410-524-1818. 10:30 a.m. Join in for a fun morning of playing tile Mahjong. 410-524-1818, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org).

### MARYLAND CRAB CAKE DINNER

Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin. 4-6 p.m. Cost is \$14 for platter with one crab cake sandwich, \$24 for platter with two crab cake sandwiches and \$10 for crab cake sandwich only. Platters include green beans, bake potato and cole slaw.

### BINGO NIGHT

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines. 6 p.m., Doors open at 5 p.m. Cash bingo night featuring 50/50 raffles, pull tabs and food truck. Cost is \$40. All proceeds benefit the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire

Department. Tickets: [www.OPVFD.com](http://www.OPVFD.com).

## Sat., Nov. 9

### 10TH STORM WARRIORS BOARDWALK 5K RUN/WALK

Inlet Boardwalk, 899 S. Second St., Ocean City. 9 a.m., Registration begins at 8 a.m. Register early at [www.ocmuseum.org/5k-walk-run](http://www.ocmuseum.org/5k-walk-run). Benefits the Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum.

### OCEAN PINES ANGLERS CLUB MEETING

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin. 9:30 a.m. Charter updates, tournament opportunities and all things fishing will be discussed. All welcome. Jack Barnes, 410-641-7662.

### VETERANS VOICES

Germantown Heritage Center, 10223 Trappe Road, 10223 Trappe Road, Berlin. 410-641-0638. 10 a.m.-noon, Dr. Clara Small and military veterans Valerie Lee and Pastina Tingle will present the history of African-American women's service to the country and lead a panel discussion. Reservations recommended.,

### SATURDAY WRITERS

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., Berlin. 10 a.m. Novice and established writers gather to share their writing projects. Structure includes critiques and appreciation, market leads and writing exercises. Drop ins welcome. 410-641-0650.

### FALL FESTIVAL AT COASTAL WILDS

Coastal Wilds, 34215 Peppers Corner Road, Frankford. 302-829-1549. 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/activities/details/2297/rates>.

### MID ATLANTIC SYMPHONY-FIREWORKS OF FATE

OC Performing Arts Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. 3-11:59 p.m., Featuring soloists Grace Park and Gabriel Martins. Cost is \$55. Tickets: <https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/83606982/mid-atlantic-symphony-fireworks-of-fate-ocean-city-oc-performing-arts-center>

### CHICKEN & DUMPLING DINNER

Remson Christian Church, 4249 Sheep-

house Road, Pocomoke City. 443-614-2226. 4-7 p.m., Includes chicken, dumplings, mashed potatoes, turnip greens, Cole slaw, baked tomatoes, roll and dessert. Drinks for dine-in only. Price per dinner is \$18. Dine-in or carry out. 443-614-2226.

### A SHERLOCK CAROL

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., Ocean City. 410-524-9433. 7-9 p.m., Tickets \$25. The worlds of Sherlock Holmes and A Christmas Carol collide. Lower Shore Performing Arts Company. Tickets [www.eventbrite.com/e/a-sherlock-carol-saturday-showing-tickets-1016789854827?aff=oddtcreator](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-sherlock-carol-saturday-showing-tickets-1016789854827?aff=oddtcreator).

## Sun., Nov. 10

### FREE WRITERS GROUP

Nov 10 &mdash; Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., Ocean City. 410-524-9433. 1-3 p.m., Discussion with Author, Jonathan Nordstrom. Registration is requested. See prompts and register: <https://canvas.artleagueofoceancity.org/classes/1986>

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## Mon., Nov. 11

### MONDAY MOVIE MATINEE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin. 410-208-4014. 2 p.m., Come see a movie you might have missed in theaters. Light refreshments provided. 410-208-4014, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org).

### TRUE CRIME BOOK CLUB: KILLERS OF THE FLOWER MOON, BY DAVID GRANN

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. 410-524-1818. 2 p.m., Join in for an afternoon of true crimes. 410-524-1818, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org).

### WARHAMMER

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., Berlin. 4 p.m., Use the library's armies or bring your own. Tutorials and demos will be available, so novice and veteran player alike are welcome. For ages 12-18 years. 410-641-0650, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org).

### LEGO STEAM CHALLENGE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin. 4:30 p.m., Join in for a Lego challenge event.

All materials provided. For ages 6-11 years. 410-208-4014, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org).

### T.O.P.S. OF BERLIN - GROUP #16

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.

### OC KNITTING GROUP

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. 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](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org).

## Tues., Nov. 12

### STORY TIME AT DISCOVERY MUSEUM

Delmarva Discovery Museum, 2 Market St., Pocomoke City. 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs, crafts and a visit with the animals. A different animal will be featured every month. For ages 0-5 years. 410-957-0878, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### SONG CELEBRATION

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., Berlin. 6 p.m., Bring a song to share with other players and writers. Originals encouraged. Listeners welcome. Hosted by Mikel Campbell.

## Wed., Nov. 13

### AARP MEETING

Ocean City 50plus Center, 104 41st St., Ocean City. 10 a.m. Refreshments served at 9:30 a.m. Guest speaker will address nutrition and brain health. New members welcome. Bob McCluskey, 410-250-0980.

### DECOUPAGE SHELLS

Snow Hill 50plus Center, 4767 Snow Hill Road, Snow Hill. 11 a.m. All supplies provided. 410-632-3495, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org).

### BREAKING THE CEILING: WOMEN AVIATORS IN & WHERE O MAN CAN TOUCH

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., Berlin. 2 p.m., Do you know who the first women pilots were? Crisfield poet and novelist Pat Validate will discuss her prizewinning book of poetry. 410-641-0650, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### TRIVIA WITH JIM MECKLEY: AMERICA

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin. 3 p.m., Test your knowledge of our nation. Prizes and refreshments provided. 410-



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## STROKE SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Neurology at the Atlantic Health Center, 9714 Healthway Drive, Berlin. 3:15-4 p.m., For stroke survivors, family and friends. 410-641-4765, [bglime@atlanticgeneral.org](mailto:bglime@atlanticgeneral.org).

## ENGINEERING CHALLENGE: EGG DROP

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City. 4 p.m., Choose from a variety of supplies to build a safety device to protect your egg from breaking during a fall. Test your design by dropping your egg from a certain height. Ages 12-18 years. 410-957-087.

## TABLE TOP ROLE PLAYING GAME

Nov 13 - Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St. 5 p.m., Come play a selected role-playing game for adults and teens. Registration required: 410-632-3495. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

## PAINT & SIP

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines. 410-641-7052. 6-8 p.m., Cost is \$27 and includes wine and crackers. Must be over the age of 18 years to attend. Register: 410-641-7052.

## Ongoing Events

### NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH CRAFT

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Nov. 11-16. Celebrate Native American Heritage Month with a craft kit to do at the library or to take with you. For ages 0-5 years and 6-11 years. 410-524-1818

### NOVEMBER INSPIRATION CHALLENGE

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Art, photography or poetry competition for all ages. Pieces will be displayed in the library for viewing and voting by age bracket. The theme is "Fairytale." Due by Nov. 20. 410-632-3495

### TEENY ARTS

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., during November. A themed craft program available in the teen section all month long. November's Teeny Art is "Rock Painting." For all ages. 410-632-3495

### BUS TRIP TO NEW YORK

Spend the day exploring New York City on your own. Depart Ocean Pines Community Center at 5:30 a.m. on Dec. 7.

Time in New York approximately 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$85 for transportation only. Reservations: 410-641-7052.

### CHRISTMAS TREE GIFT CARD RAFFLE

The Church of the Holy Spirit in Ocean City is raffling off three small artificial Christmas trees. Each tree is filled with gift cards including those worth \$500, \$300 and \$200. Tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. Drawing held Dec. 8 after the 10 a.m. service. For tickets: Marena, 443-944-3276.

### PRE-HOLIDAY SHOWING

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Oct. 1-Dec. 31. A pre-holiday showing of original art work. 410-208-4014

### OCEAN PINES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT RAFFLE

Win a 2024 F-150 4X4 Supercrew 5.0L V8. Tickets cost \$100. All registration, sale, etc. expenses covered by O.P.V.F.D. Drawing will take place when all of the tickets have been sold. For more information: [www.opvfd.com/f-150](http://www.opvfd.com/f-150).

### QUEEN OF HEARTS

Weekly virtual drawings on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. Winner receives 60 percent of jackpot. [www.opvfd.com/queen-of-hearts](http://www.opvfd.com/queen-of-hearts). Sponsored by the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department.

### 2025 KIWANIS LOTTERY TICKETS ON SALE

On sale every Saturday morning at the Ocean Pines Farmers Market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. One \$20 ticket is good for all 365 drawings in 2025. Benefits the youth of the community.

### OCEAN CITY-BERLIN ROTARY CLUB

Meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at Don's Seafood & Chop House at the South Gate of Ocean Pines, 6 p.m. [ocberlinrotary@gmail.com](mailto:ocberlinrotary@gmail.com)

### 2024 JUST WALK CHALLENGE

Get the most miles of physical activity between Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 and be crowned the Just Walk Worcester Champion of 2024. Sign-up for Just Walk Worcester and report your monthly miles: <https://justwalkworces-ter.org/>. 410-632-1100, Ext. 1110

### OCEAN CITY CHAPTER OF THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY

Meets every month (except July and August) at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Membership is open to individuals of Italian descent and their spouses. [www.sonsofitalyocencity.com](http://www.sonsofitalyocencity.com)



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## BEER BOOTH VOLUNTEERS

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City was given the opportunity to man one of the four beer booths at the 2024 Sunfest to raise funds. Pictured are some of the volunteers manning one of the eleven shifts: Tim Hill, Ron Wildgust, Kiwanis event Chair Bob Wolfing and Kathy Hill.



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## AFTER-SCHOOL ART

Pocomoke Elementary School held its first after-school art class, an outreach program of the Art League of Ocean City. Instructor Maya Benson and the "Art Blazers" studied artist Alma Thomas, a public school teacher in Washington, D.C. They discussed how her artwork used many colors and different designs, and they used her as inspiration to design art squares.



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## ROTARY CLUB DONATIONS

October 24 was World Polio Day. The Ocean City-Berlin Rotary Club held a pound auction at their meeting. Members bid on unidentifiable wrapped packages weighing about a pound. All monies raised is sent to Rotary International for polio eradication efforts. The club meets the first and third Wednesday of the month at Don's Seafood at the South Gate of Ocean Pines. For more info email [ocberlinrotary@gmail.com](mailto:ocberlinrotary@gmail.com)

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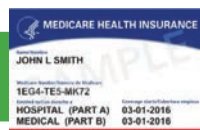
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