



OPA joins resort in wind farm challenge

Ocean Pines Association partnering as co-plaintiff with Worcester, OC, others

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Nov. 28, 2024) The Ocean Pines Association has joined the legal fight against wind turbines off Ocean City.

At the community's monthly board meeting last Saturday, the OPA Board of Directors agreed the community will join the fight against US Wind's plan to construct 114 wind turbines 10.7 miles off the coast of Ocean City and Fenwick Island, Del.

OPA will officially enter as a co-plaintiff into litigation against the U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), part of the U.S. Department of the Interior, alongside the Town of Ocean City, the Worcester County Commissioners, the Town Council of Fenwick Island, the Ocean City Chamber of Commerce, the White Marlin Open, the Ocean City Marlin Club, the Harrison Group, Castle in the Sand, Coastal Association of Realtors and others.

The Town of Ocean City retained the Washington D.C.-based Marzulla Law, LLC, to file the suit against BOEM in the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland in October after the U.S. Department of the Interior announced approval of the wind initiative on Sept. 5.

Ocean City is arguing the federal government failed to secure regulatory requirements in its favorable recommendation of the project.

The wind turbines proposed for the Delmarva Peninsula, which would extend roughly 900 feet above the ocean's surface, are part of a federal and state effort to reduce harmful

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O' CHRISTMAS TREE

In advance of Friday's tree lighting ceremony during Ice Ice Berlin, the Town of Berlin welcomed its new holiday centerpiece to its home in front of the Atlantic Hotel. The tree has been a holiday fixture downtown for decades and heralds the numerous Yuletide festivities that will occur in the town's commercial center over the coming weeks.

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OPA joins resort, county in wind farm suit

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energy emissions and instead turn to wind sources. Proponents say the initiative could generate up to 2,200 megawatts of renewable energy and power up to 777,000 homes. Worcester County officials and residents worry that if erected, the structures will adversely affect the local fishing industry, the environment, tourism, and the beach's viewsheds.

At the community's Saturday, Nov. 23 meeting, the OPA Board of Directors voted to enter as a co-plaintiff in the litigation against the federal government for its approval and permitting of the wind turbine project. Board Vice President Rick Farr said the reason for joining the lawsuit is primarily to protect the "unindustrialized" views of the Atlantic Ocean from the community's Beach Club, an Ocean City-located property owned by OPA for its residents, among other economic and environmental concerns listed in the suit. These worries include alleged neglect by the U.S. Department of the Interior, BOEM, and the National Marine Fisheries Service to meet 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.

According to the suit, a federal goal to have 30 gigawatts of offshore wind energy by 2030 caused BOEM to act hastily in approving the wind project and fail to weigh the potential negative impacts. One such effect includes possible disruption to the endangered North Atlantic right whale.

"The government approval of this project violates some of our nation's most vulnerable and effective environmental protection laws," Farr said. "... As the lawsuit alleges, the federal government ignored the substantial adverse effects this project will have on the 10 miles of beautiful beaches along Ocean City, including locations of OPA's Beach Club. Our tourism, industry, and economy are based directly on commercial and recreational fishing, bird and whale watching, and open and unindustrialized views of the Atlantic Ocean."

BOEM assessed the effects of the US Wind proposal in its Environmental Impact Statement as part of the agency's approval process. While the document acknowledges that the project would result in "major impacts" on the viewshed, it amended that the structures could encourage sightseeing.

The report also states that the initiative may negatively impact water qual-

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"Each and every one of us here believes we live in a special place. What is being proposed without being thoroughly vetted threatens this very special place," said Ocean City Mayor Rick Meehan.

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OPA group reviews water quality test results

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Nov. 28, 2024) The community's marine activities advisory committee finds that Ocean Pines' water quality is "excellent" per preliminary testing.

On Saturday, Nov. 23, at the Ocean Pines Association's Board of Directors meeting, OPA Marine Activities Advisory Committee member Sue Challis and Assateague Coastal Trust Coastkeeper Taylor Swanson updated neighborhood residents on a six-week water quality testing initiative that took place from the end of last summer into the fall.

The marine committee purchased testing kits to evaluate the nutrients in five Ocean Pines waterway spots: the White Horse Park boat ramp, the upper end of Manklin Creek, where it is the shallowest, a residential canal close to the Ocean Pines golf course, the Ocean Pines Yacht Club, and the Bainbridge Park Pond.

"At each of these sites with the test kits, we are testing for various parameters," Swanson said. "This includes dissolved oxygen, nitrogen, phosphorus, pH, temperature, and turbidity. Each of these gives us a different piece of the puzzle for what we look at in the water and what kind of inputs we're seeing."

Particularly, the coastkeeper said

they are interested in the impacts of nitrogen and phosphorus coming into the water and where they see the biggest quantity. In moderate amounts, these nutrients support algae and aquatic plant growth, providing food for marine life. In excess amounts, the nutrients can become harmful to water quality. According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), "too much nitrogen and phosphorus in the water causes algae to grow faster than ecosystems can handle. Significant increases in algae harm water quality, food resources, and habitats, and decrease the oxygen that fish and other aquatic life need to survive."

"We are going to use that data to try and identify the biggest sources of nitrogen and phosphorus coming into Ocean Pines," Swanson added. "Everything that comes into Ocean Pines eventually ends up in your coastal bays, so your ability as a community to address what is happening in your canals has a profound impact on what is happening on the coastal bays at large."

The project will resume at the beginning of April. Challis hopes that when it picks back up again, the group will be able to provide a better, more comprehensive picture of Ocean Pines' water quality. Currently, the data is limited to the six summer-fall weeks when the water was warmer. In the spring, the

water will differ from what was initially recorded. For instance, "the algae blooms will probably be really present," the marine committee member said.

Challis added that throughout the early testing, regarding pH rating, they have been getting "sevens across the board," which is a classification of "excellent." Seven indicates that the water is neutral. EPA recommends that drinking water sits at a pH range of 6.5 to 8.5. The group has also found high levels of dissolved oxygen, essential for healthy and stable waterways. However, the committee member notes that while these are good signs, the data findings are early, and additional and continuous testing will reveal more long-term and accurate trends.

"This project began at the end of summer, the beginning of fall months where we do see a sharp decline in nitrogen and phosphorus coming into the waterway," Swanson said. "This project will resume at the beginning of April. We hope to see the spring rains that start in April and the warming of temperatures that bring a lot of excess nutrients into the waterway. We will have data that we will be eager to show next year. It is important this program continues for some time so we can start to see trends throughout the years because you can never know when you're going to have certain spikes because of

an anomaly. We don't want to be presenting data that is not statistically significant."

The Assateague Coastal Trust has a water quality test of its own. The organization focuses on prevalent bacteria in Assawoman and the Isle of Wight Bay.

"We take an angle of trying to look at the most popular fishing and swimming spots across the bay to make sure people are safe," the coastkeeper said. "We post our data online every Friday from Memorial Day through Labor Day."

More data will be revealed once the Ocean Pines program resumes in 2025. Swanson hopes the compiled data will improve the quality of the Ocean Pines waters.

"First, we need to understand what is in the water in the first place," he said. "What are the inputs coming into the water? And then we can work on campaigns and solutions that take what you do as a board of directors, what we do with the marine advisory committee, and we can pass that on to citizens to show them how their impact on the land, what they do in the landscape influences the quality of the water. We can have clean water, beautiful water that you can fish in and swim in right here in the canals. You already have wonderful water, but it could be better."

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Pines will not pay legal fees for wind battle

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ity, wetlands, coastal habitats, and marine mammals. Additionally, the turbines could affect commercial and recreational fishing via port and fishing access.

Proponents argue the benefits of the wind devices override the potential negative impact.

If successful, the project will include four offshore substation platforms, four offshore export cable corridors, one meteorological tower, and the turbines themselves. The initiative is expected to create over two gigawatts of renewable energy for the Delmarva Peninsula and support approximately 2,700 jobs over the next seven years.

Ocean City Mayor Rick Meehan was present at OPA's meeting on Saturday, where he added that the Maryland Board of Public Works' Wednesday,

Nov. 20 approval of a tidal wetlands permit requested by US Wind to reconstruct a 353-foot concrete pier and 383 feet of steel bulkhead for the company's proposed Operation and Maintenance Facility in the West Ocean City Harbor, will eliminate the local fishing industry.

The proposed development site is the location of Martin Fish Company and Southern Connections. As granted by the permit, the properties will be reworked to include an onshore office, a marine coordination center, warehouse space, and quayside and berthing areas for US Wind's crew transfer vessels.

At Wednesday's meeting, Senator Mary Beth Carozza (R-38) argued the redevelopment would displace the "only facility for commercial vessel operators to offload the seafood catch." As such, the redeveloped pier would yield a negative environmental impact, she said, as

well as disturb the fishing industry.

"Those changes, if they're approved and that happens and they build that pier, and they remove those buildings, which are the only buildings in the West Ocean City harbor where our commercial fisherman can offload their catch and process their fish, it will eliminate the commercial industry in Worcester County, and that's a fact," Meehan said. "They are trying to offer compensation to our fishermen in lieu of allowing them to continue with their jobs ... These are Eastern Shore jobs. This is part of our heritage and way of life in Worcester County."

"If we don't stand up for ourselves, what I can tell you, and what I have learned, is no one else is going to, and the Eastern Shore has to have a voice," the mayor continued. "Each and every one of us here believes we live in a special place. What is being proposed without being thoroughly vetted threatens this very special place."

The OPA Board of Directors voted to join the litigation against the federal government with six votes. The seventh member of the community's body, Steve Jacobs, abstained.

"I have been coming to Ocean City all my life," John Latham, the board's secretary, said. "The beach is important. I plan on spending a lot of time here. I want my kids to enjoy the beach.

We have a multi-million-dollar beach club out there. That is a reason for Ocean Pines, but personally, I fish inshore and offshore. I know everybody at the docks, and I know how those people make their living. It will decimate that business. There is no chance I support anything like this."

Director Elaine Brady echoed Latham's sentiments, stating that there are many reasons why the wind project is not a favorable proposal for Ocean City.

"[The project] will destroy our coast, marine life, and fishing," she said. "Environmentally, it is a horrible project. In addition to the fact that financially, it isn't even viable ... I am strongly against it."

Director Jeff Heavner, who had a three-decade long career with Exxon-Mobil, argued that US Wind's project is a hasty effort with untested consequences. He said that while he favors reducing carbon footprints, the proposed project does not consider the plaintiffs' environmental and economic reservations.

"This particular wind project is misinformed and a race to a blind energy policy," Heavner said.

OPA has agreed to enter into the lawsuit with the stipulation that the community will not incur any legal fees.



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The MDTA will display materials describing the agency's proposed action to remove the existing eastbound and westbound Bay Bridge spans and replace them with two new bridge spans. The new bridge would be constructed near the location of the existing bridge. On-going studies will determine the exact location of any new structure. Seven proposed alternatives retained for detailed study will be presented including the No-Build Alternative and six build alternatives. The MDTA will also display options that were considered but not being advanced.

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Open House attendees will be able to:

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- provide comments (the comment period will end at midnight on January 13, 2025).

There will be no formal presentation; however, the Study team will be available to answer questions during both the in-person and virtual Open Houses.

The same information will be provided at each of the Open Houses. Visit the Study website at baycrossingstudy.com to view the Open House materials, provide comments, and to submit your questions to be answered during the virtual Open House.

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Holiday festivities planned for Taylor House Museum

Events include candlelight tours, scavenger hunt, more

By **Tara Fischer**
Staff Writer

(Nov. 28, 2024) Berlin's Calvin B. Taylor House Museum will welcome residents and visitors to upcoming winter and holiday festivities.

The Taylor House, located at 208 N. Main Street in Berlin, will host holiday-themed events this weekend and throughout December for adults and kids alike. On Friday, Nov. 29, the museum will open its gift shop with fun and festive items, including Christmas decor and puzzles, during Ice Ice Berlin, where ice sculptures will be displayed downtown. It will also be welcoming visitors for candlelight tours. Per the facility's website, "decorated as it would have been for a holiday gathering, the house will be decked out in its traditional finery."

The museum is hosting its own sculpture for Ice Ice Berlin for the first time. The facility's sponsored structure will be located at the corner of Main and Baker streets during the Nov. 29 event.

Tuesday, Dec 3, is the Shore Gives More Giving Tuesday. The program is a 24-hour online donation event that helps support local Eastern Shore nonprofits. Financial aid can be given to the museum by heading to www.shoregivesmore.org/organization/taylorhousemuseum or by swinging by the house from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. the morning of Dec. 3. The facility will provide donuts and "tech wizes" to assist those who would like to donate online. Taylor House President Melissa Reid said the money will be used to continue allowing the museum to tell the stories of Berlin.

The Taylor House will welcome kids and adults for two separate occasions on Saturday, Dec. 7. From noon to 3 p.m., children will get to make old-fashioned gingerbread and wassail and a pinecone feeder. Reid added that the museum will be decorated for Christmas, and officials have planned a scavenger hunt for the kids.

Later that night, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., the facility is hosting a new event called Sip and Shop. Vendors will be present, as will special guest speaker Joyce White of the Annapolis Hammond Harwood House. White is a food historian who will present how holidays were celebrated when the house was built in the 1830s. According to Reid, the guest has created a fake dessert course to highlight the cuisine from the 1800s.

White will also be selling her book, "Cooking Maryland's Way: Voices of a Diverse Cuisine," which depicts food and its preparation methods from Maryland's early cultural influences,

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Sip and Shop, kids events to highlight state, local history

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According to White's website, "voices of key individuals who shaped Maryland's early culinary history are resurrected. They include those of indigenous Marylanders, African Americans such as Sybby Grant, Agnes Moody, Lucy Smith, and Joseph Peterson, and German immigrants such as Shinah Solomon Etting. In sharing their stories and those of others, this volume pays tribute to the legacy of early Maryland's skilled culinary artisans."

"[White] is a wealth of information," Reid said. "We learned much about how food would have been served in the 1830s. The Covington's who built the Taylor house and the enslaved people who would have provided all the meals, she told us."

The historian has been featured on television shows like State Plate with Taylor Hicks, Eatin' the Chesapeake for MPT, CBS News Sunday Morning, and America the Bountiful.

Forgotten 50 Distilling will also

offer a handcrafted holiday beverage at the Sip and Shop event.

On Wednesday, Dec. 11, and Dec. 18, the museum will offer candlelight tours beginning at 5 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Reid said the events will have an "emphasis on kids."

The museum president noted that the holidays provide a special opportunity to represent the facility.

"The house is so beautiful," she said. "You don't get to see something by candlelight often. It's so fun to use the holidays to redo [the museum], and it's a way to represent the Taylor House. People love to see things decorated for the holidays."

"It helps us tell Berlin stories in a different way," Reid continued.

The events, sans the Giving Tuesday donations, are free to enter. However, donations are welcome.

"Any money spent at the museum by the public and visitors goes back into new exhibits and updating old exhibits," Reid said. "Any money goes right back to helping us tell the stories of Berlin."



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OPVFD issues holiday safety tips

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Nov. 28, 2024) The Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department cautions residents to practice cooking and Christmas tree safety as the holidays quickly approach.

OPVFD President Joe Enste warned the community at the Saturday, Nov. 23 OPA Board of Directors meeting that cooking is the "leading cause of home fires during the holidays" and that extra precautions should be taken as Thanksgiving nears.

Some tips include staying in the kitchen while preparing food, such as frying, grilling, or baking.

"If you've got a kitchen appliance on, you should stay near it, so if there is a problem, you can act accordingly," Enste said.

Anything flammable, like kitchen towels and potholders, should be kept away from heat. Placing groceries on top of a stovetop should also be avoided so as to not turn the knob accidentally and then "have melted plastic and bread burning on the stove."

Enste urged residents to be extra mindful if using a turkey fryer to pre-

pare the bird this Thursday. The fryer should be far away from the house, or anything else combustible, and the turkey should be fully thawed.

"Anytime you put frozen turkey right in a fryer, you are going to create a reaction that will cause it to instantly boil over, catch on fire, and cause many problems, so please be careful with that," Enste said. "There are lots of injuries and accidents that happen every year around turkey fryers. We will be putting out videos this week on social media about turkey fryer safety, so please feel free to check that out."

The fire president noted that live Christmas trees can also lead to fire hazards. To mitigate the risk, Enste emphasized that the trees must be watered leading up to the holiday and after, "as long as it is up," to prevent drying out, which can lead to a dangerous reaction when combined with the light decorations.

"If it starts to get dried out, it takes very little for that tree to go up in a matter of seconds," Enste said. "The drier that tree gets, the more dangerous it is. A tree can go up in about 30 seconds to a minute just from a little spark when it gets super dry."

The trees should also be kept at least three feet away from fireplaces and space heaters. Additionally,

Christmas tree and wreath lights must be UL-rated, meaning Underwriters Laboratories have tested them for fire and electrical safety.

"A lot of folks just go on Amazon and purchase lights, and it seems like a great deal; however, not all things are created equal, and they are not always meeting the United States standard for safety," the fire department representative said.

It is recommended that a fire extinguisher, a fire blanket, or similar protection measures be kept on hand to avoid potentially deadly situations.

Rounding out his update, Enste added that the OPVFD is continuing its fundraising initiatives. The truck raffle, in which the winner will receive a Ford F-150, will conclude with the drawing on Dec. 21 at the North Station's train garden following the community's Santa Ride. To enter, tickets are \$100.

The Queen of Hearts fundraiser is ongoing, and the jackpot is up to \$53,555. Tickets can be purchased weekly for \$5 each. The jackpot winner, who will receive 60% of the accumulated money, must pick the Queen of Hearts from the raffle board. If the space is not drawn, the pot rolls over to the next week, and all names from the previous week are discarded.



Joe Enste

Chief updates on traffic violations, cell tower project

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Nov. 28, 2024) Since the community's September meeting, the Ocean Pines Police Department has handled 138 traffic violations, and it is making progress toward furthering the cell phone tower initiative.



Tim Robinson

Tim Robinson, the Ocean Pines police chief, attended the neighborhood's Saturday, Nov. 23, board of directors meeting. The officer updated the association members on recent traffic violations since September, reporting that the law enforcement department has handled 138 incidents. Of those incidents, 50 were speeding-related, two were unlicensed drivers, one was an uninsured driver, which Robinson said is "always very concerning," and a few were occasions of improper passing.

The chief also said there were four motor vehicle collisions, four stop sign violations, two cases of an individual leaving the scene of an accident, and one child safety incident. Additionally, there were two driving under the influence

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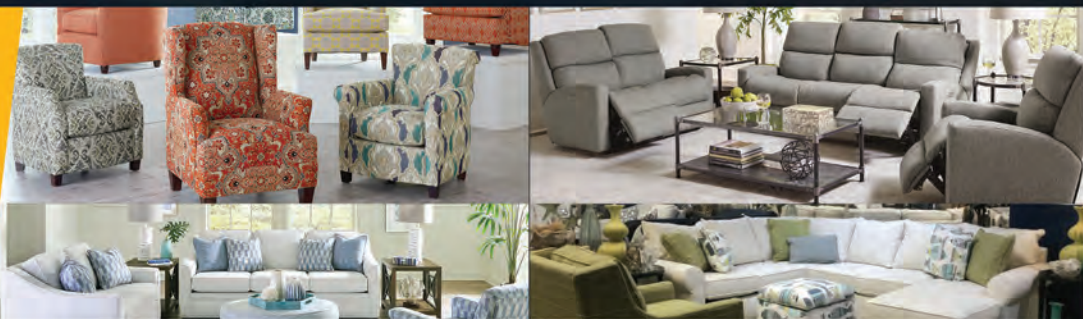
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By Brian Shane
Staff Writer

(Nov. 28, 2024) Disheartening. Deleterious. The Devil.

These and other harsh words were spoken last Tuesday as county officials excoriated a local environmental non-profit for accepting \$125,000 in donations from the developer of proposed offshore wind project on Maryland's coastline.

"Your organization sold out to a big business. It sounds to me that was a payoff to keep you neutral – a payoff to keep you quiet," said District 4 (Western) County Commissioner Ted Elder. "I'm sorry, that's the way I feel."

Elder's tongue lashing was directed at Kevin Smith, the executive director of the Maryland Coastal Bays Program. Smith came before the commissioners Nov. 19 to ask for a letter of support than would help the conservationist organization secure a multimillion-dollar state grant.

Instead, Smith was scolded not only for Coastal Bays' neutral stance on wind energy, but for the organization's acceptance of monetary donations over a three-year period from US Wind. The developer plans to install 114 wind turbines off the Ocean City shoreline to generate electricity for the mid-Atlantic.

Wind power is not without its problems. District 1 (Pocomoke) Commissioner Caryn Abbott mentioned a July



County Commissioner Ted Elder, center with Commissioners Chip Bertino and Diana Purnell, was critical of the Maryland Coastal Bays Program's decision to accept grant funding from US Wind.

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incident when splintered bits of a detached fiberglass turbine blade washed ashore on the Massachusetts island of Nantucket.

"With just one blade breaking off, those beaches were closed for weeks. God knows how much revenue was lost. It's disheartening when environmental groups in our own country are accepting money," she said. "What did they expect for that money?"

Smith countered that the donations from US Wind came over a three-year period with "no strings attached" and helped the Maryland Coastal Bays Program successfully fund habitat conservation for threatened bird species.

"We were fortunate to get funding to address those issues, because we don't have the funding otherwise. I understand

Commissioner Elder's take on this, but for us, as an environmental organization, we like to deal with issues that are directly in front of us and in the coastal bays themselves. I think it's important you understand that," Smith said.

He added that his group takes a neutral position on the wind project because his organization is not an advocacy organization. To take a position against the US Wind project, the program's leadership would have to feel there was a "deleterious effect" – harmful or damaging – "to the coastal bays."

Elder said he's of the opinion that not only should the Maryland Coastal Bays Program be supportive of Worcester County's anti-wind position, but the organization should return the money.

"When you start accepting money

from the devil, bad things start happening," Elder told Smith. "It's been proven over and over again that these are deleterious, to use your word, to the ocean."

According to the website Open Secrets, US Wind has given more than \$68,000 in campaign contributions to political candidates and their parties in both Maryland and Delaware since 2015. That includes \$26,000 to the Maryland Democratic Party, \$2,500 to Maryland Senate President Bill Ferguson, and \$7,000 to Gov. Wes Moore.

An Italian-based corporation with local operations out of Baltimore, US Wind in 2019 secured a lease area in the Atlantic Ocean to construct 938-foot-tall turbines within view of Ocean City.

Opponents argue the turbines, which could come as close as 10.7 miles off the beach if US Wind is allowed to proceed with a third phase of its project, will harm commercial fishing, hurt tourism, and upset the ocean's ecological balance.

While the wind farm developer has yet to drive its first piling in the ocean floor, Maryland's Board of Public Works voted Nov. 20 to grant a tidal wetlands license that will allow US Wind to build a 353-foot concrete pier and bulkhead in the West Ocean City commercial fishing harbor. The pier would serve as home port for wind farm support vessels.

At last Tuesday's meeting in Snow Hill, Smith did not get what he came for: a letter of support for an application for a rare and substantial grant. The grant from the state Department of Natural Resources will award \$1 million a year for five years to up to five applicants. The money will be drawn from the newly created Whole Watershed Fund. With local matches, Smith said the grant could yield \$20 million. The grant window closes Dec. 3 and won't reopen for five years.

Smith said the money would go toward restoration of Newport Bay, an arm of Chincoteague Bay nestled between South Point and Newark.

District 3 Commissioner (West Ocean City) Eric Fiori, with a second from District 2 (Central) Commissioner Diana Purnell, moved to approve the letter. But the motion failed to carry without the requisite four year votes: Elder voted nay, while Commissioners Abbott, Chip Bertino (Ocean Pines) and Jim Bunting (Bishopville) abstained.

"Before voting on this, I would like to

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Contractor eyed for tower project

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 cases, one of which was related to heroin possession and occurred in the middle of the day, around noon.

Aside from the traffic incidents, Robinson added that this month, the department handled two cases of vandalism, one domestic assault arrest, and two thefts by fraud. The chief said that the two thefts by fraud are a "growing crime in our society."

During his update, Robinson touched on the cell phone tower initiative. The potential project would be to construct a cell phone tower in Ocean Pines to alleviate poor reception, which is particularly felt during congested days and holiday weekends.

Robinson said Ocean Pines has been in communications with a potential partner and contractor, Milestone Towers, who, if a contract is signed, would put up a tower at their expense and ensure all necessary permits are obtained. The department chief added that some potential sites have been picked out in Ocean Pines for the tower and that representatives from the company will scope them out and determine their viability. The locations were not disclosed.

"If it is all good, once we sign the contract, [Milestone Towers] will pay a one-time fee prior to building the tower, plus it will be a monthly 40% revenue share for Ocean Pines," Robinson said.

Robinson said that Milestone Towers has built three sites at three high schools in Wicomico County. As such, he has communicated with the facilities' administrations "to look at what deals they got, look at their contracts, and to make sure what we're being offered is commensurate with what [the schools] are getting."

The cellphone tower project is in the preliminary phase; no contract has been signed or negotiated. The association and the police department will share updates as necessary.

Officials request input from board

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 hear what your board has to say," Bertino said, with Abbott and Bunting agreeing with him. "You understand the concerns we have. I understand the constraints you're in. I'd like your board to have the opportunity to address the concerns we have."

Bertino, the board of commissioners president, said the wind turbine project as proposed could prove "the beginning of the decimation of our fishing industry."

"The commissioners, this government, has taken a very strong stance of opposition to these wind turbines, to the fact that we will be losing our harbor and fishing industries, if it moves forward," he said.

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State grants wetlands permit for wind pier

By **Bethany Hooper**
Associate Editor

(Nov. 28, 2024) The Maryland Board of Public Works last week granted US Wind a tidal wetlands permit to build a pier and bulkhead at the West Ocean City Harbor, but officials say the company will first need to meet numerous special conditions.

On Nov. 20, a state board comprised of the governor, comptroller and state treasurer supported the Maryland Department of the Environment's recommendation to grant US Wind a permit to construct a pier and bulkhead, which will support a planned operations and maintenance facility on Harbor Road. While the board heard from various local officials about the impacts such a facility would have on the commercial harbor, officials opined their concerns went

beyond the board's purview.

"I want to reiterate that the tidal wetlands license before us is only for the work to be completed on the bulkhead and the existing pier," Comptroller Brooke Lierman said at the conclusion of Wednesday's hearing. "It is not the actual operations and maintenance facility or the turbines themselves. We are not permitted to look at what this is actually being used for. We are looking at what is actually happening regarding the physical structure."

To support its wind energy project off Maryland's coast, US Wind is planning to construct an operations and maintenance facility at 12929 and 12933 Harbor Road in West Ocean City. Home to Martin Fish Company and Southern Connections, the properties will be redeveloped to include an

onshore office, a marine coordination center and warehouse space, as well as quayside and berthing areas for the company's crew transfer vessels.

To moor vessels at the proposed site, US Wind officials have planned upgrades to the existing pier and bulkhead, which requires the state wetlands permit approved by the Maryland Department of the Environment. With a favorable recommendation from the department, the Maryland Board of Public Works held a hearing this week to gather public feedback on the company's permit application.

"There are no unique impacts to the wetlands here relative to many other pier and bulkhead projects the board regularly issues licenses for," Wetlands Administrator Bill Morgante told the board this week. "The license activity here along this commercial harbor in West Ocean City is consistent with past license work in the state tidal wetlands. Therefore, I recommend the board approve the license."

Maryland Department of the Environment Secretary Serena McIlwain told board members Wednesday that US Wind's wetlands permit application met all the requirements of state law and her agency. She noted that during the permitting process, the Maryland Department of the Environment extended its public comment period. From the public's response, she said, the company had reduced the size of the pier.

"So there's really no doubt about this license, like none," she said. "We made our decision based solely on the size of the pier in linear feet, the impacts to the waterway and sediments, and other technical questions that we always ask for permits. And they met everything. Those requirements of the governing law and regulations are really the only thing that matters to the Department of the Environment."

Those supporting the permit application included Salisbury-based engineer Matt Drew, Wicomico Environmental Trust's Charles Stegman and Maryland League of Conservation Voters Executive Direc-

tor Kim Coble, all of whom provided testimony on the benefits of the US Wind project. Coble said approval of the tidal wetlands permit was a crucial step for the state.

"Onshore infrastructure is critical to support the offshore project," she said. "And so, as we look to meet our goals in the state around clean energy, this permit becomes pivotal."

The board also heard from US Wind's Laurie Jodziewicz, who detailed plans for the pier and bulkhead project and addressed concerns related to the operations and maintenance facility. She added that the company was working with local fishermen, to mitigate any impacts the facility could have on the West Ocean City harbor.

"The application seeks to replace 353 feet of an existing wharf and bulkhead, extend the bulkhead 18 inches forward and build the concrete pier flush with the bulkhead to create a unified structure facing the harbor," she explained. "The operations and maintenance facility would support the technicians that travel out to the wind farm, and transfer vessels will dock there when not in use. The crew transfer vessels are 90 feet in length, largely the same size as fishing vessels that frequent the harbor. They would not cause any interference."

However, several state, county and municipal officials, as well as business owners and those representing various interest groups in northern Worcester County, asked the board Wednesday to either delay its decision or deny the permit application. Sen. Mary Beth Carozza, Del. Wayne Hartman and Del. Chris Adams all spoke of their constituents' concerns regarding the project and the impacts it would have on the local tourism and fishing industries.

"From the economic standpoint, the proposed O&M facility would eliminate commercial fishing as it removes the only facility for commercial vessel operators to offload the seafood catch," Carozza said, "and therefore, would create a major negative eco-

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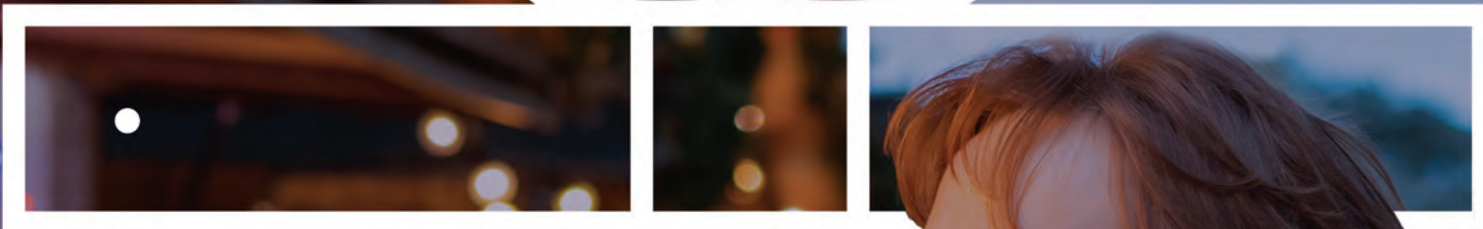
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Local officials oppose pier permit

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nomic impact.”

Officials also highlighted a lawsuit the Town of Ocean City and numerous co-plaintiffs filed against the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, as well as a compensation package that US Wind and the Department of Natural Resources is developing for local fishermen. They argued those issues, as well as other permitting requirements, must first be addressed.

“It is simply premature to make a decision on the license today when there are multiple pending issues, including federal litigation not resolved and pending applications that are far from complete,” Carozza said. “Under COMAR, the performance of project work under this license is contingent upon the licensee receiving all other state and local approvals and permits. US Wind has not even applied for local permits. And other pending applications like the landfall permits in Delaware requiring the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are not complete. I respect you to listen to the voice of those Marylanders who are asking you to reject this application.”

Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino argued the proposed operations and maintenance facility tied to the pier and bulkhead project would hurt the fishing industry and put locals

out of business. He added that Worcester County has yet to receive a permit application for the project.

“This will compound existing problems,” he said of the facility. “Most acutely, approval of this project begins the industrialization of the harbor and compromises a fragile marine ecosystem. COMAR states a project must be evaluated based on ecological, economic, developmental, recreational and aesthetic values. The permit before you today negatively impacts all of the above.”

Ocean City Mayor Rick Meehan told the board Wednesday the pier and bulkhead project could result in environmental and property damage related to pile driving, reduced water quality and navigational safety issues. However, he said the biggest concern was the displacement of the fishing fleet.

“While the state proposed a fund for commercial fishermen for the loss, we believe that it is more important to our local area and to the state of Maryland that our fishing fleet remain a vibrant part of the economy rather than be displaced for the project, one you know we also believe impacts tours and property values,” he said. “Bottom line, our local watermen want to fish. They want to utilize the water. They want to maintain their livelihood. They are not looking for compensa-

tion.”

Representatives from the Ocean City Development Corporation, the Greater Ocean City Chamber of Commerce, the Waterman’s Association of Worcester County, the White Marlin Open and the Ocean City Marlin Club also came before the Board of Public Works this week to state their opposition to the wetlands permit, as well as the related operations and maintenance facility. At the conclusion of Wednesday’s hearing, however, the board voted to support the Maryland Department of the Environment’s recommendation and approve the wetlands permit.

During the board’s remarks, officials reiterated that their decision was confined to the impacts the proposed pier and bulkhead project would have on state wetlands.

“What we are considering today is limited by the board’s regulations and precedent by the Supreme Court of Maryland to only work in the wetlands ...,” Lierman said. “99% of the protests really have to do with the use of the pier, not the renovation of the physical structure of the pier. And actually, most of what the proponents have to say too is not about the structure itself. It’s about the use. And that is not state statute. That’s not what we consider according to state statute.”

County changes parking rules for pot dispensaries

By Brian Shane
Staff Writer

(Nov. 28, 2024) Future cannabis dispensaries in Worcester County will have to meet new parking restrictions, a change made by county officials based on concerns about vehicular traffic and high demand.

The Worcester County Board of Commissioners on Nov. 19 approved legislation that sets a minimum parking requirement for dispensaries: 1 spot for every 100 square feet of floor space. It also sets a minimum of 8 stackable spaces for drive-through service.

This code amendment separates retail cannabis dispensaries from retail pharmacies, establishing the use as a special zoning exception. Existing dispensaries are now considered a legally conforming special exception, and do not have to make any parking changes. As emergency legislation, the policy takes effect immediately.

Because cannabis dispensaries got their start in Maryland as a medical-use service in 2017, the county to date put cannabis dispensaries in the same zoning category as a pharmacy, where the parking requirements have been 1 spot for every 300 square feet of retail space.

At issue is how the July 2023 expansion...
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 sion of cannabis sales from medical to recreational “generated a significant amount of additional (vehicular) traffic impacts that were not originally contemplated” under medical-only sales, Zoning Administrator Jennifer Keener wrote in a Sept. 26 memo to members of the county’s planning commission.

Worcester County has two licensed cannabis dispensaries, Positive Energy and Hi Tide, both located less than two miles from each other in the West Ocean City area. Positive Energy is located off Route 50, while Hi Tide is situated off Route 611.

By contrast, there are 39 retailers or restaurants in Worcester County that sell to-go alcohol, according to a spokeswoman for the county’s Board of License Commissioners.

Officials with the Maryland Cannabis Administration are planning in January to grant 75 new dispensary licenses statewide by a lottery system. While it’s unclear whether Worcester will get a third dispensary in this round of licensing, it still set in motion the county’s regulatory review of parking at cannabis dispensaries going back to September.

The change doesn’t sit well with at least one dispensary operator.

Greater parking restrictions on future dispensaries could be a violation of state law, according to Bob Davis, the owner and clinical director of Hi Tide dispen-

sary, which will soon move from Route 611 to Route 50 to occupy the former Rite-Aid.

When reached for comment, Davis cited House Bill 805, which was passed by state legislators earlier this year. Text of the law says cannabis dispensaries should be regulated on an equal playing field with businesses that sell to-go alcohol. He also said compliance with these parking restrictions passed by the county could prove challenging for future operators.

While his dispensary won’t be affected, Davis said “going forward, there’s going to be host of new licensees coming on board, say, in the next 10 years. If they can’t open their doors, that’s significant. If they’re trying to keep out any new dispensaries in Worcester County, that’s a good way of doing it, making it so they can’t get the parking.”

Roscoe Leslie, attorney for Worcester County, says the county believes the new parking restrictions are consistent with Maryland law.

“The only two state-licensed cannabis dispensaries currently create high traffic and parking demands that are burdensome to nearby areas when compared to more common businesses that are often compared to dispensaries, like drug stores or licensed alcohol stores,” he said in a statement to *OC Today-Dispatch*.

A representative from Positive Energy did not respond to a request for comment.

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Opinion

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Count your blessings

The one thing for which most of us are grateful in 2024 is that it's almost over. Soon, we will flip the page on the calendar, leave this difficult year behind and start anew. Or so we like to tell ourselves.

The question then is how do we count our blessings while we also acknowledge that the current year, like every preceding year, had its share of disappointments and struggles?

For Clinical Professional Counselor Corinne Webster of Frederick, the answer is simpler than most people realize:

- Name friends/family who bring you joy and how they do that.
 - Name events/things in your life that have been awe inspiring.
 - Name one person who has betrayed you and how. Name their three good qualities. Decide to forgive them and let it go.
 - Name kind acts you have witnessed. Which ones blessed you the most and why.
 - Name what makes your temper flare. Decide to breathe, count to 10 and make a space before you react.
 - For each decade of your life, name the best person, place, thing, animal and/or joy and tell why.
 - Who do you miss the most? What do you miss about them?
 - Who has been most influential in your life? How? Why?
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 - Name your most prized possessions and what makes them so (even if you do not have them anymore). Remember, we do not possess people.
 - Name experiences you would like to re-live and why.
 - Remember the kindness of a stranger or acquaintance. Tell the story, lift them in prayer and think of them with joy.
 - Make a list of the happy moments this year. As many as you can! As fast as you can! Keep this close to your heart to review often and add more.
 - On Thanksgiving Day (and repeat as needed) think of everyone, known or unknown, who has worked hard to keep this country moving and on its feet.
- Be grateful for everyone.

Letters

Stakeholders watching school board closely moving ahead

Editor,

Congratulations to Elena McComas on her successful run for the Worcester County school board. She ran a campaign supported by at least three strong political clubs, committees and unions backing her along with two local newspapers. Elena is a friend of mine. While we both enjoy a shared organization striving for the same excellence, we differ in school board policies.

On Election Day, our Republican tent and table, supporting Dorothy Shelton Leslie, campaigned to keep public school boys out of girls bathrooms and sports, and to give stakeholders a voice. Four times, while sitting at my table, I was harassed by a McComas sign holding, female, public school parent campaigning for her belief in liberal policies. While approaching my table at our tent, in a shrill voice, she called us liars, was embarrassed because she had to explain to her young son about 'keeping boys out of girls bathrooms.' She called me by name promising to call elected officials to "tell on me." She taunted me saying, "you've got no children in public schools."

Myself, being a stakeholder, a Worcester County taxpayer, with no young children, I definitely believe I have a voice. She asked me, "what is a stakeholder?" I was in awe at her question.

Politics is a blood sport; using dirty harassing politics isn't kosher. Elena won fair and square, amiss of a few tactics used by other campaigners, of which I'm sure she had no knowledge. One of the McComas supporters is facing a judge Dec. 10 for his alleged illegal tactics while campaigning for another candidate in lower Worcester County.

Again, congratulations to Elena. I mean that as a friend and fellow Worcester County Citizen.

But the school board has to know we are monitoring them and that we stakeholders, (whether current public school parents or

not), are watching closely. We don't like certain policies, rules and laws and will be monitoring carefully their multiple lunchtime meetings as well as the two promised evening meetings.

*Susan Ostrowski
Berlin*

(The writer is a member of Worcester County Republican Central Committee.)

Congratulations to both school board candidates

Editor,

The Worcester County Board of Education District 5 race demonstrated our community's dedication and commitment to education. Elena McComas, reelected with 54% of the vote, demonstrated her strong connection to the community and her track record of leadership on the board. Her campaign highlighted her experience, her understanding of state and federal mandates, and her ability to articulate the board's role effectively.

Dorothy Shelton-Leslie's campaign, while falling short, cannot be overlooked. She received 45% of the vote. Her message resonated with voters and brought issues like school safety, library materials, and gender identity policies into the spotlight. These are not easy challenges, but they reflect genuine community concerns that demand careful and open discussion.

This election also showed the tension between Worcester County's predominantly conservative values and Maryland's broader state policies. Balancing these dynamics is a difficult task for the school board, but transparency and proactive communication are crucial.

Congratulations to both candidates for running campaigns that brought important issues to the forefront. As the board moves forward, addressing these concerns constructively and openly will be vital to maintaining trust from the community.

*John Huber
Ocean Pines*

Free Christmas movie nights on tap

County recreation, parks department to host family events

(Nov. 28, 2024) Worcester County Recreation & Parks (WCRP) will be hosting four, free Christmas movie nights in Ocean Pines, Berlin, Snow Hill, and Pocomoke this December. Movies will play on a giant,

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Nightmare Before Christmas will take place Dec. 6 at Newtown Park in Pocomoke and Dec. 13 at the Northern Worcester Athletic Complex in Berlin.

Elf will take place Dec. 7 at John Walter Smith Park in Snow Hill and Dec. 14 at

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Newark slaughter business receives special exception

By Brian Shane
Staff Writer

(Nov. 28, 2024) A Worcester County cattle farmer was granted permission to slaughter cows for butchering on his own property instead of having to outsource the job.

Call it the Ewell Rule. It was farmer Bob Ewell of Newark who successfully petitioned Worcester County officials earlier this year to tweak the county code, making in-house livestock slaughtering a permitted use in agriculturally zoned areas – but only when zoning officials give the OK as a special exception.

Ewell did just that, appearing Nov. 14 before the county's Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). The board unanimously approved his special exception because he met the requirements. Now he'll be able to sell beef he butchered himself at his Fresh Cut Butcher Shop, located off Route 113 at Croppers Island Road.

For personal use, one can cull as many cattle as they want, and the law doesn't interfere. But in order to sell butchered beef at market, cows have to be processed under USDA supervision. Ewell did this by having his cattle slaughtered out-of state, at an annual cost of about \$34,000, he told

the BZA.

In a new slaughterhouse he'll construct on his farmland, Ewell said he plans to process up to three cows a week, based on demand. A cattle farmer for 36 years, Ewell said he keeps about 75 head of cattle on his pasture and feed lot.

Cattle will be processed one day a week, from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m., alongside two employees and joined by a USDA inspector. He won't be receiving cattle from any other source, because the only cattle allowed to be harvested will be ones raised on his property.

The slaughterhouse rule stipulates that a processing facility must be located on a minimum 140-acre farm where livestock is already raised, can't be any bigger than 600 square feet, and must maintain a 400-foot setback from roads or homes.

Ewell's attorney Mark Cropper told the BZA his client will meet the setback requirements.

"You're not going to hear it and you're not going to smell it," he said. "This use is so far away from all of the residences on Croppers Island Road – let's just say I would be stunned and amazed if anybody even knows

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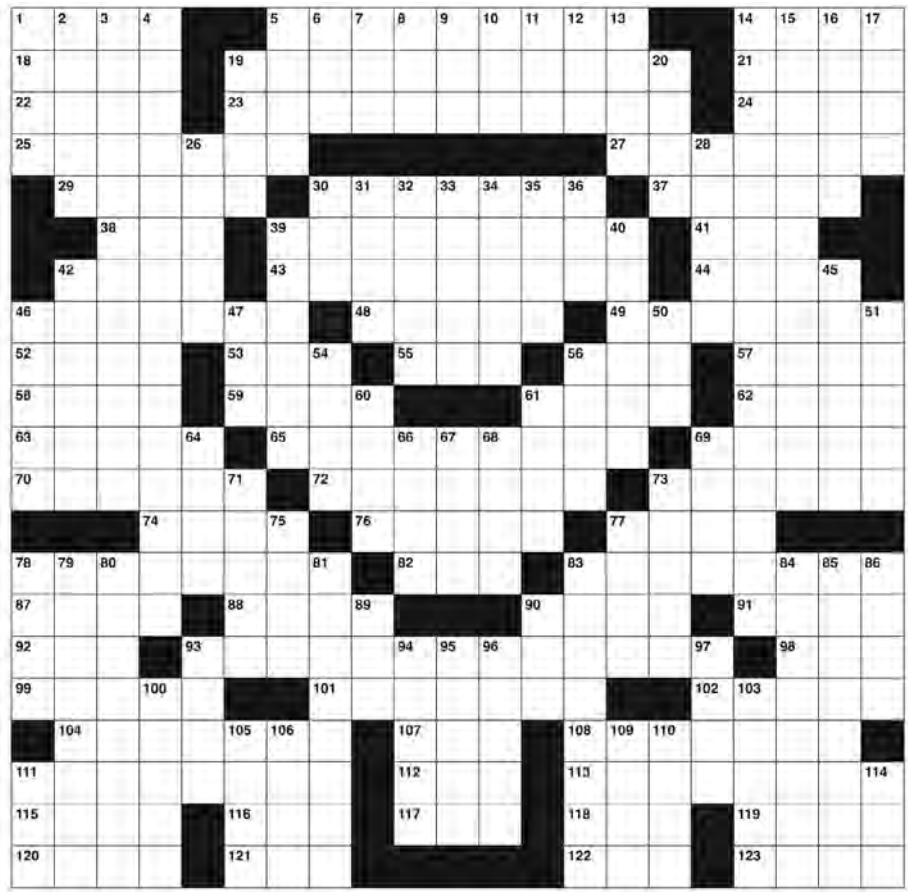
Puzzles

NOTHING BUT BLUE SKIES

BY REBECCA GOLDSTEIN AND ARIELA PERLMAN / EDITED BY JOEL FAGLIANO

Rebecca Goldstein is a research scientist living in the Bay Area with her wife, Ariela Perlman, an educational therapist. This is Rebecca's 18th puzzle for The Times and Ariela's first. Ariela set Rebecca down the path of crossword constructing back in May 2020, when she (strongly) suggested Rebecca find a hobby to fill some newly found free time. This puzzle's theme was inspired by a surprise 40th-birthday gift from Ariela.

- ACROSS**
- 1 James for whom a NASA telescope is named
 - 5 The other way around
 - 14 Work the land
 - 18 M.I.A.
 - 19 Pasted pasta
 - 21 Amazon streaming content?
 - 22 Try again
 - 23 Line before takeoff
 - 24 Actress Russell
 - 25 Soave or Sangiovese
 - 27 Detector of lies, informally
 - 29 Apt rhyme for "fling"
 - 30 Mandarin : xièxie :: Japanese : _____
 - 37 Litter of a cockpoo and a puggle, say
 - 38 Part of Q&A: Abbr.
 - 39 Neighborhood seen from a 93-Across?
 - 41 Mum's word?
 - 42 Huff
 - 43 Movie in which the Wet Bandits get "scammed by a kindygartner"
 - 44 Herbal essences
 - 46 Helpful toehold for a French learner, say
 - 48 Record of the year
 - 49 Antiquated laundry receptacle
 - 52 Touch
 - 53 Part of a strong hand
 - 55 Typo catchers, in brief
 - 56 "The Penguin" aier
- DOWN**
- 1 Jesmyn _____, first woman to win two National Book Awards for Fiction
 - 2 Pour things?
 - 3 Crossed arms, furrowed brows, etc.
 - 4 Seminal protest song written at a Greenwich Village cafe
 - 5 Use a pen, say
 - 6 R.N.'s workplace
 - 7 Maximum
 - 8 Swing _____
 - 9 From, in Frankfurt
 - 10 When the credits roll
 - 11 Small stream
 - 12 One may be circular
 - 13 Like over half the residents of Dearborn, Mich., the largest U.S. city with this distinction
 - 14 Refuse to sully oneself
 - 15 "So they tell me"
 - 16 Spinners, jigs and flies
 - 111 Enthusiastic assent
 - 112 Concerning "speck" in a sugar bowl
 - 113 "Perish the thought!"
 - 115 Lumpy-looking fruit
 - 116 Activist Yoko
 - 117 Bit of swag that may be screen-printed
 - 118 Super Mario Bros. console
 - 119 Reason to see a dermatologist
 - 120 Push (around)
 - 121 Sports division?
 - 122 Nosh
 - 123 Bit of quinoa
 - 17 Den
 - 19 Asian bean variety
 - 20 Texted reply of gratitude
 - 26 App with pics
 - 28 Nonnegotiables
 - 30 "I love," in Lima
 - 31 Hindu god of rights and responsibilities
 - 32 "The L Word" creator Chaiken
 - 33 Saliva secreter
 - 34 Bronze statue outside of 30 Rockefeller Plaza
 - 35 Jack, for one
 - 36 Take responsibility for
 - 39 Tom's partner
 - 40 Rookie
 - 42 "Fair enough"
 - 45 Cloying
 - 46 Decisions
 - 47 Picture you carry everywhere, for short?
 - 50 Company with a yellow stick-figure mascot known as the "Running Man"
 - 51 Matt of "Magic Mike"
 - 54 HOMES component
 - 56 Attachment to an air pump
 - 60 "My treat"
 - 61 Tushies
 - 64 Outer edge of Brie
 - 66 Everyone in Georgia?
 - 67 _____ mind
 - 68 Shouts from fútbol fans
 - 69 Gives in to gravity
 - 71 Cynthia of 2024's "Wicked"
 - 73 "Truth alone triumphs," for India
 - 75 Awards quartet



- 77 Counterpart of an abrazo
- 78 _____ and Jan Berenstain, co-creators of "The Berenstain Bears"
- 79 One of Mario's catchphrases
- 80 Pots for pens
- 81 Ice belt?
- 83 Invaluable source of information, metaphorically
- 84 Give an artfully evasive answer
- 85 Like Swiss Army knives
- 86 Scottish loch
- 89 "Fake it _____ you make it"
- 90 Singer in the '24 documentary "The Greatest Love Story Never Told"
- 93 Consecrated
- 94 Moroccan metropolis
- 95 Rose of "Bridesmaids"
- 96 Stone for some ear gauges
- 97 Cosmetic product whose name is a portmanteau of its result
- 100 Purveyors of pastrami and pickles
- 103 Optic layers
- 105 Seemingly forever
- 106 Of sound mind
- 109 "The _____ of You" (2024 rom-com)
- 110 Creator of the G.O.P. elephant
- 111 Kennedy for American, e.g.
- 114 A Kennedy

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HARD - 10

Fill in the blank spaces in the grid so that every vertical column, every horizontal row and every 3 by 3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9, without repeating any. There is really only one solution to each puzzle.

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Answers to last week's puzzles

1	6	5	9	2	3	4	7	8
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7	4	3	5	1	9	2	8	6
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MANAGED	MICRO	WESTEL	M
ITA	ARTE	KENMORE	SLOB
ZIG	ROO	EAR	SPINE
PHIL	PENULTIMATE	ANTE	
MEW	LOTION	IRON	EHS
GRADEA	LUANN	WROTE	
RACY	WEIGHT	WII	ILOSE
AFRICAN	PAN	SOLVING	DIS
STENO	EST	MTNDEW	ROMP
GLARE	CARTA	ICERUN	
AUK	MSG	SHREDS	NRC
APOCALYPTIC	POST	OOPS	
ASWAN	HAR	HRS	OTS
STAN	YESB	BABE	ARES
PAT			
ALTTEXT	COMPLETE	AUTO	
VISIONPRO	HEATED	SUPER	
IRK	STEIN	RECAP	TRAIT
PSI	HELPS	STORM	ADDY

Arts Council opens 'Art for the Heart' gallery in Berlin

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Nov. 28, 2024) The Worcester County Arts Council is opening its Art for the Heart Little Free Gallery this week to serve as a designated space for sharing and observing creative work.

According to a press release issued by Worcester County Arts Council Executive Director Anna Mullis, the gallery will be "a unique new community space dedicated to the transfor-

mative power of art in promoting healing, creativity, and emotional well-being." The space is located at the front of the Arts Council building.

The Worcester County Arts Council Gallery will hold a grand opening on Nov. 29 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided, and attendees are encouraged to bring their art.

Mullis said the gallery was her idea, inspired by her passion for the "impact the arts have on well-being and mental health."

While not an arts council member, the gallery itself was constructed by World War II veteran James Panzetta. According to the press release, the vet found solace in craftsmanship, which "led him to construct the space."

"For Panzetta, working on this project was not only an act of creating a community asset but also a deeply therapeutic process of personal healing, helping him find peace through building something meaningful and lasting," the release continued.

Local artists and community members are encouraged to contribute to the gallery, donating their

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J. Humphries

Obituary

JENNIFER LYNN HUMPHRIES
Berlin

Jennifer Lynn Humphries, age 52, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2024, at Tidal Health in Salisbury, surrounded by family. Born in Montgomery County, she was the daughter of Barbara Helme Humphries, Howard Humphries and devoted stepmother, Kathleen Humphries.

In addition, she is survived by her two sisters, Janet Humphries Konnick, and Jane Humphries Grout (David), and her loving nieces and nephews, Emma Konnick, Mason Grout, Robert Konnick, and Morgan Grout Jacobs (Cole). She was preceded in death by her brother-in-law, James Konnick.

Jennifer loved living in Ocean Pines and never knew a stranger. She had the gift of making light of every

situation with her quick-witted sense of humor, even during her toughest battles. She had a great love and passion for teaching, all the family canines, Vincent Van Gogh and her daily Dunkin Donuts Iced Coffee (two creams and two sugars). Jennifer was a kind and generous soul, who loved her family and friends and was a true warrior.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations in Jennifer's name be made to the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition (12221 Merit Drive, Suite 1950, Dallas, Texas 75251), or the Worcester County Humane Society (12330 Eagle's Nest Rd. Berlin, Md. 21811).

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 23, 2024 at 5:45 p.m. at The Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin. Visitation will take place from 4-5:45 p.m. Letters of condolence can be sent to the family via www.burbagefuneralhome.com. Arrangements are in the care of The Burbage Funeral Home.

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SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

An Art for the Heart Little Free Gallery is pictured at its new location in front of the Worcester County Arts Council building in Berlin. The gallery will be free and open to the public.

Slaughter house operation eyed

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this is occurring. There's no way you would ever see this."

When the matter came before the Worcester County Board of Commissioners in April, opponents had a beef of their own – raising concerns about negative impacts to groundwater from cattle processing, as well as with traffic on Croppers Island Road.

Ewell's attorney told BZA members he'd commissioned a traffic study that concluded there would be little to no impact on vehicular traffic.

He also said there will be no on-site disposal of waste from the slaughtering process. Bone, hide, offal, and other solids will be sorted into bins, while separately, an in-ground catch tank will collect liquids for removal. Solids and liquids will be removed by different vendors and shipped to separate processing facilities in Maryland and Virginia.

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Thurs., Nov. 28

3RD ANNUAL DIAKONIA TURKEY TROT (5K FUN RUN & WALK)

Atlantic Avenue & First Street, Ocean City, 8-10:30 a.m. Music, Thanksgiving Day fun and registration start at 8 a.m. Costume contest prior to race time. Prizes awarded for costume contest winners and winning runners/walkers. Cost is \$30. diakoniaoc.org

44TH ANNUAL FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER

Ocean City Baptist Church, 102 N. Division St., 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Menu includes turkey, stuffing, gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, string beans, corn, cranberry sauce, pies, rolls and butter. Sign-up: OCBaptist.com. Call for delivery to shut-ins. 410-289-4054

Fri., Nov. 29

HOLIDAY SHOPPERS FAIR

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. More than 120 vendors, food court, non-shoppers lounge, children's activities, face painting and more. Cost is \$3/weekend for adults and free to ages 13 years and younger. 410-723-8605, ococean.com

EASTERN SHORE TRAIN, TOY, AND HOBBY SHOW

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Trains, accessories, vintage toys and collectibles. Admission cost is \$5 for adults and free to ages 10 years and younger. <https://www.ococean.com/event/eastern-shore-train-toy-and-hobby-show/2084/>, 443-618-6866

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Historic Downtown Berlin, 124 N. Main St., 5-9 p.m. Featuring more than 30 Holiday themed lighted ice sculptures. Tree lighting at 6 p.m. Greet Santa at Kringle Kottage on Artisan's Green. Shops will be open late. www.berlinmainstreet.com

MEET SANTA

Kringle Kottage on Artisan's Green, 124 N. Main St., Berlin, 5-8 p.m. Meet Santa during the Ice Ice Berlin & Tree Lighting event. www.berlinmainstreet.com

CANDLELIGHT TOURS

Calvin B. Taylor House, 208 N. Main St., Berlin, 5-7 p.m. Held during Ice Ice Berlin. www.taylorhousemuseum.org

MAHJONG CLUB

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Join in for a fun morning of playing tile Mahjong. Feel free to bring your own

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

KIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO

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

Sat., Nov. 30

CHARACTER BREAKFAST

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 8:30-10:30 a.m. Reserve 8:30-9:30 a.m. or 9:30-10:30 a.m. Kids come in PJs for breakfast, games and photos with beloved characters. Tickets: <https://www.etix.com/ticket/?search=ocean+city+convention+center>.

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AUCE BREAKFAST BUFFET

Whaleysville United Methodist, 11716 Sheppards Crossing Road, Whaleysville, 7-10 a.m. Buffet will include pancakes, bacon, sausage, scrapple, scrambled eggs, chipped beef, hash brown potatoes, toast, fruit and assorted beverages. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

BIKERS WITHOUT BORDERS FOOD DRIVE

Food Lion, 11007 Manklin Creek Road, Berlin, 8 a.m.-noon. Members will be collecting nonperishable food items, microwaveable ready to eat item, canned goods, toiletries, baby necessities and monetary donations for local food banks. 410-375-1607

PANCAKES WITH SANTA

Coastal Wilds, 34215 Peppers Corner Road, Frankford, 10 a.m.-noon. Build

your own pancakes bar, photo op with Santa, Christmas ornament craft and participants can mail letters to the North Pole. Tickets:

<https://book.singenuity.com/469/activity/details/2250/rates>. 302-829-1549

FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

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

Sun., Dec. 1

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MARKET AT THE FIREHOUSE

Berlin Fire Co Headquarters, 214 N. Main St., 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Featuring some vendors from the Berlin Farmers Market as well as new vendors. Breakfast sandwiches available. www.berlinmainstreet.com

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Ocean City Life-Saving Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Featuring a raw oyster bar, music by The Jolly Tars (11:30 a.m.), silhouette cutting (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.), a book signing with Cindi Offutt (2-4 p.m.) and 20 percent discount in store. Free admission. 410-289-4991

WEEKLY CHURCH SERVICE

New Hope United Methodist Church, 7348 New Hope Road, Willards, 11 a.m. Weekly church service. All are welcome.

BERLIN FLEA MARKET

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

SEWING FOR A CAUSE

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

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MEETING

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

Mon., Dec. 2

DELMARVA CHORUS HOLIDAY SING ALONG

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 6:30-7:30 p.m. The group will be singing all your favorite holiday songs that you know and love. Spend some time listening, singing and enjoying complimentary cookies, goodies and beverages. 484-949-5515

STORY TIME: NOCTURNAL ANIMALS

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

TAKING FANTASTIC PHOTOS BY IPHONE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 11 a.m. Three classes, Dec. 2, 9 and 16, to teach participants the true capabilities of an iPhone camera. Bring your iPhone. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

ESL CONVERSATION CLUB

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2 p.m. Come join other non-native English speakers for casual conversational practice and a short lesson prepared by an ESL instructor. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30 p.m. The group is reading from Book 6 of the Great Conversations Anthology. The focus will be on "The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam" by Omar Khayyam and translated by Edward Fitzgerald. 410-208-4014

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

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

RESEARCHERS MEET UP

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 3 p.m. Discuss local history, get tips from the local history librarian and work on your citizen research project or other historical research. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

WARHAMMER

Worcester County Library - Berlin

Calendar

Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 4 p.m. Use the library's armies or bring your own. Tutorials and demos will be available, so novice and veteran players welcome. For ages 12-18 years. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

LEGO MASTERS CHALLENGE

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

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

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

BRIDGE

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

DELMARVA WOMEN'S A CAPELLA CHORUS

Mondays - Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 6:00-8:00 p.m. All ladies who love to sing invited. Mary, 410-629-9383 or Carol, 302-242-7062.

OVEREATER'S ANONYMOUS

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

Tues., Dec. 3

GIVING TUESDAY

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., Ocean City. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a difference. Give at shoregivesmore.org/organization/artleagueofoceancity. 410-524-9433, megan@artleagueofoceancity.org

WOMEN SUPPORTING WOMEN'S 4TH ANNUAL DELICIOUS DESSERT AUCTION

Desserts Auction during Shore Gives More Giving Tuesday to benefit Women Supporting Women. Check out the auction here: <https://www.biddingfor-good.com/wsw>. Donations: <https://www.shoregivesmore.org/>. 410-548-7880

GIVING TUESDAY - DONUTS & DONATING

Calvin B. Taylor House, 208 N. Main St., Berlin, 7-8 a.m. Grab a treat and donate with the help of the tech wiz helpers. Watch live on Facebook at 7 a.m. www.shoregivesmore.org/organization/taylorhousemuseum

STORY TIME

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Supporting early literacy skills with stories, songs and finger plays. For ages 0-5

years. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

STORY TIME: GINGERBREAD MAN

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

BABY TIME

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Songs, rhymes and stories. Stay after to socialize with other families. For ages 0-2 years. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

OC KNITTING GROUP

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

MASTER GARDENERS PLANT CLINIC

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 11 a.m. Master Gardener Ginny Rosenkranz talks about all things plants. Bring questions and fee free to show your plants as well. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

HERBAL HOLIDAY

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Discuss the therapeutic properties of common holiday herbs while learning how to blend them into gifts for family and friends. Registration required: 410-208-4014. www.worcesterlibrary.org

REINDEER RICE CEREAL TREATS

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 4 p.m. These treats are cute, festive and easy to make. Leave with a recipe so you can make more at home. For ages 6-11 years. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

COMIC CON READY

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 4 p.m. Work together or on your own designing and making your cosplay materials. Some materials provided. BYO costume parts and put it together. For ages 12-18 years. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

BEACH HEROES-OC

Tuesdays - Volunteer beach clean-up group meets from 9-10 a.m., year-round. Trash bags, grippers and gloves provided. Check the Facebook page "Beach Heroes-OC" for weekly meeting locations. All are welcome.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MEETING

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Tuesdays - Worcester County Health

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

OC KNITTING CLUB

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

ARGENTINE TANGO PRACTICE

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

ZUMBA TONING TUESDAYS

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

WEIGHT MANAGEMENT AND WELLNESS GROUP

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

Wed., Dec. 4

PIZZA PARTY WITH SANTA

Northside Park Recreation Complex, 200-244 125th St., Ocean City, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Kids, aged Pre-K to Grade 4, will enjoy pizza, crafts, cookie decorating, and a visit from Santa and Winterfest of Lights. Pre-registration required on oceancitymd.gov/rec.

BIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP

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

GRACE PARKER BREAKFAST

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

PLAY TIME

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. Join in for imaginative play and social interaction. For ages 0-5 years. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

JUNIOR HISTORIANS

Calvin B. Taylor House, 208 N. Main St., Berlin, 4:30 p.m. This month's topic: Traditional Winter Decorations. Free event. www.taylorhousemuseum.org

PUZZLE SWAP

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 1-5 p.m. Bring a gently used puzzle and leave with a new-to-you puzzle. Don't have a puzzle

but still want one? That's OK too. All puzzles must be in their original box. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 5-6 p.m. Group provides discussion and education on the topic of diabetes. Patti Yocubik, 410-641-4217, pyocubik@atlanticgeneral.org

BINGO NIGHT AT THE STERLING TAVERN

The Sterling Tavern, 119 N. Main St., Berlin, 6 p.m. Five rounds, cards are \$2 each, cash only. Plus, win additional prizes provided by the Art League of Ocean City. Benefiting the Art League of Ocean City. www.artleagueofoceancity.org, 410-524-9433

KIWANIS CLUB MEETING

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

ONGOING EVENTS

SEND LETTERS TO SANTA

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Nov. 25 through Dec. 20. Children of all ages are welcome to drop off their written letters to Santa at the red mailbox. Make sure that letters have child's name and address so Santa can respond.

WINTER TRAIN GARDEN

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, December through Jan. 4. Visitors of all ages will delight in interacting with buttons that activate accessories and sounds. A scavenger hunt for young patrons will also be available. 410-524-1818

LETTERS TO SANTA

Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Dec. 2-7. Stop in the library to write a letter to Santa and decorate the envelope. Leave it in the special mailbox to be sent to the North pole so Santa can write you back. All supplies provided. For families. 410-957-0878

TEENY ART

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., during December. A themed craft program available in the teen section all month long. December Teeny Art is "Trees." For ages 12-18 years. 410-632-3495

DECEMBER 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 "Envy." Due by Dec. 20. 410-632-3495

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Worshipful Master Doug Trimper, right, of Evergreen Lodge #153 presented a donation from Masonic Charities of Maryland to Vicky Nock, center, and Charlotte Powel of the Stevenson United Methodist Church Spirit Kitchen to help continue their work in the community.

Grand opening set for Nov. 29

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own work to foster a “growing collection that will continue to inspire and uplift,” Mullis said. “It is a community-driven project, and everyone is welcome.”

“We believe that art has the power to heal and connect us in profound ways,” Mullis said in the press release. “This space is for everyone—

whether you’re an artist, someone seeking solace, or simply someone who appreciates creativity’s beauty and therapeutic effects. We want this to be a place of community, comfort, and inspiration.”

Once opened, the gallery will be free and open to everyone, Mullis maintained.

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DAY/TIME	ADDRESS	BR/BA	STYLE	PRICE	AGENT/AGENCY	
Fri-Mon 11am-4pm	Heron Harbour, 120th St., Bayside	1BR/2BR/3BR/4BR+	Condos, Towns & SF	-	Nanette Pavier/Holiday Real Estate	
Mon-Fri 9am-4pm, Sat 11am-4pm	12346 Old Bridge Rd, West OC	3BR/2BA	Single Family	starting at \$239,750	Shelly Wilson/Salt Life Community	
Mon-Fri 9am-4pm, Sat 11am-4pm	12346 Old Bridge Rd, West OC	2BR/1BA	Single Family	starting at \$179,900	Shelly Wilson/Salt Life Community	
Friday 10am-1pm	9 46th St., Unit 6 Old Wharf Condos, Ocean City	1BR/1BA	Condo	\$295,995	Steve Green/Coastal Life Realty Group	
Friday 1-3pm	5401 Coastal Unit 204, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$444,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty	
Friday 10am-Noon	202 S. Heron Dr. Unit 204C, Heron Harbour, OC	3BR/2BA	Condo	\$539,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty	
Saturday 10am-Noon	11 142nd St. #213, Royal Hawaiian, OC	1BR/1.5BA	Condo	\$399,900	Lauren Bunting/Keller Williams Realty	
Saturday 11am-1pm	261 Charleston Road, Ocean Pines	4BR/4.5BA	Single Family	\$849,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty	
Saturday 1-3pm	73 King Richard Road, Berlin	4BR/2.5BA	Single Family	\$749,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty	
Saturday 1-3pm	48 Robin Hood Trail, Ocean Pines	4BR/3.5BA	Single Family	\$399,900	Greg Erdie/BHHS PenFed Realty	
Saturday 1:30-3:30pm	202 S. Heron Dr. Unit 204C, Heron Harbour, OC	3BR/2BA	Condo	\$539,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty	
Sunday Noon-3pm	73 King Richard Road, Berlin	4BR/2.5BA	Single Family	\$749,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty	
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