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Projects list paired down by committee

Budget panel elects to go with less expensive ones

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Nov. 5, 2020) After mulling a pair of proposals last month, the Ocean Pines Association's Budget and Finance Committee vetted four other proposed capital projects for fiscal 2021/2022 during its meeting last Wednesday.



General Manager John Viola said after hearing presentations about additional court facilities at the Ocean Pines Racquet Center and boat slips at the Yacht Club marina on Sept. 30, committee members reviewed details for a Sports Core Pool project, mailbox cluster updates, boat ramp elec-

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AWAITING TREATS

Delighted children wait patiently to enter the White Horse Park woods in search of sweets during the Ocean Pines Trunk or Treat event last Friday.

Douty lawsuit proceeds against OP

Some counts dismissed, but wrongful termination charge will go to trial

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Nov. 5, 2020) The wrongful termination lawsuit filed by former OPA Human Resources manager Nate Douty is proceeding after a Oct. 22 ruling in Worcester Circuit Court.

In January 2019, Douty was fired by then General Manager John Bailey following a closed session meeting tied to a complaint by an association employee against former Director Slobodan Trendic.

Although Director Doug Parks followed the closed session meeting with a statement clearing Trendic of wrongdoing, Douty was terminated



Nate Douty

soon thereafter.

Douty subsequently claimed he was fired in retaliation after conducting an ethics investigation into Trendic, which found the director had not violated procedures.

Representing Douty is attorney Francis Collins, who said, after filing paperwork in July 2019, Worcester County Circuit Court ruled on Oct. 22 the wrongful termination suit could proceed.

"We filed a multiple-count complaint," he said. "The court threw out some of the counts but left in wrongful discharge."

Collins said the next legal phase for his client involves conducting dis-

covery.

"We hope to prove that it was a wrongful discharge," he said.

Douty said terminating Douty violated OPA Resolution B-08 regarding board ethics.

"Ethics are very important for an organization such as Ocean Pines," he said. "They passed a set of ethics rules and have taken the position that the rules don't really apply to the employees, they only apply to the board and don't protect employees."

Collins said his client feels the ethics rules were intended to protect both employee and residents.

"When they violate those rules in a way that causes someone to be fired, they should be held accountable for it," he said. "Mr. Douty was a very good HR director with no problems

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Berlin museum interpretive sign recently installed

Now, it can have another one posted on Route 50

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(Nov. 5, 2020) The Berlin Public Works Department has installed an interpretive sign on the Baker Street side of the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum lawn in compliance with State of Maryland Tourist Attractions Sign Program Policy.

"This permanent sign is a stipulation for getting a state highway sign on Route 50, naming us a historical site to visit," said Melissa Reid, president of the museum.

According to the policy, signs in-

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Parks Comm. talks about prioritizing projects in Berlin

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(Nov. 5, 2020) The Berlin Parks Commission on Tuesday agreed to recommend the final draft of its commemorative program to the Berlin Mayor and Council.

The program will allow individuals, families or organizations to honor the memory of loved ones or to memorialize a significant event through the dedication of park amenities or living tributes.

"This will go online," said Deputy Town Administrator Mary Bohlen. "Once it's approved, it will go online."

Bohlen also provided a follow-up to the tennis programming at Stephen Decatur Park in September and October.

According to Worcester County Recreation and Parks, about 13 people participated in the clinics and an average of five people participated in the drop-in tennis evenings.

"I think that working with the county recreation like this is really great," Bohlen said.

Commission member Laura Stearns asked if the Stephen Decatur Park scrap tire path could be replaced with different material.

"It's something that is really well used and it's in such deplorable condition," she said.

Bohlen responded that the scrap tire material was an experiment and it does not work well this far north.

"Part of the issue with grant funding for a project like that is grant funders prefer to fund new projects," Bohlen added. "That would be considered more of a repair and maintenance kind of thing. It's not impossible, but it's fairly unlikely."

Stearns believes the path should be a priority project because it is a safety concern.

Bohlen said to replace the path material would cost hundreds of thousands of dollars and the town staff patches the path when it can.

"You have to prioritize when you're doing these great big projects," Bohlen added. "You've got to prioritize."

Commission member Patricia Dufendach agreed that the commission should make a list of priorities.

Resident Tony Weeg emailed Bohlen about another project he believes is a priority in Berlin – a skate park.

"I would say that these kinds of really high-dollar projects, the only way that they're going to happen is with fundraising of some kind, and that is not something that the town can undertake for a number of reasons," Bohlen said.

She emphasized that money for projects will need to come from different sources than the town or typical grant funding.

"This is not enough to move with, but it's definitely a start," Bohlen said about Weeg's proposal.



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Berlin to apply for covid relief grant funding

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(Nov. 5, 2020) Maryland businesses, restaurants, Main Street programs, arts organizations, and entertainment venues that have been suffering financially from the coronavirus may be able to tap into the \$250 million economic recovery package announced by Gov. Larry Hogan on Oct. 22.

Drawn from the rainy day fund, the relief package contains \$50 million for the small business covid-19 relief grant fund, \$50 million for restaurants across all 24 counties, \$20 million for small businesses, entertainment venues and Main Street Maryland communities, \$20 million for the covid-19 layoff aversion fund, \$5 million for small and minority business low interest loans, \$2 mil-



Gov. L. Hogan

lion for hometown tourism, \$3 million for nonprofits, county arts organizations and local artists and \$100 million for an emergency rapid response fund for small businesses.

"I have directed our entire team in each agency to ensure that this much-needed funding gets out the door to our struggling citizens and small businesses as quickly as possible," the governor said. "We also intend to work closely with our local partners so that they can assist in expeditiously getting this money into the hands of those who need it most."

The Worcester County Arts Council in Berlin and other county arts councils in the state have to apply to

receive money from the recent emergency funds. Applications are due on Nov. 13 at 5 p.m.

For more information, visit www.msac.org/grants/emergency-grant.

"The last round of the Maryland State Emergency funds was offered in a form of the grant that each individual county had an opportunity to apply for," said Anna Mullis, the executive director of the Worcester County Arts Council.

Owen McEvoy, the director of public information at the Department of Housing and Community Development, said the Worcester County Arts Council received \$40,000 from the Maryland State Arts Council's non-profit relief assistance funded grants that ran through the Department of Housing and Community Development.

The Worcester County Arts Council

has not received the \$40,000 yet, but Mullis said the grant will be allocated in three ways: operational grants for local nonprofit arts organizations, funding for Worcester County artists and nonprofit organizations that have initiatives for healing through the arts and the arts council's marketing.

In addition, the Berlin Main Street Program will be eligible to request between \$75,000 and \$500,000 to be used for its current or proposed coronavirus relief grant program to be deployed to its Main Street businesses, McEvoy said.

Berlin is among the 33 designated Main Street communities in Maryland.

The application period for funding will open soon.

For more information, visit dhcd.maryland.gov/Pages/MarylandStrongEconomicRecoveryInitiative/MainStreet.aspx.

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Internet connectivity issues caused by internal hardware

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(Nov. 5, 2020) Internet connectivity issues continued to disrupt learning for Worcester County's public school students on Monday.

Virtual learners were instructed to work on assignments asynchronously until the issues were resolved.

Worcester County Public Schools Superintendent Lou Taylor provided a technology update to families on Monday on the school system's website, apologizing for the nearly week-long technology issues.

"After a thorough investigation and consultation with several outside vendors, we narrowed the problem to an internal hardware issue," Taylor



Lou Taylor

said. "We have repaired this hardware and tested it to ensure stability. We hope that this issue has now been resolved."

Carrie Sterrs, coordinator of public relations and special

programs for the county school system, said the piece of hardware is located at the central office in Newark.

In the video update, Taylor added that the internet connectivity was expected to be fully functioning when instruction resumed on Wednesday.

Worcester County Public Schools were closed on Tuesday for Election Day and professional development.



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Pines plans adjusted Hometown Christmas

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Nov. 5, 2020) A slightly altered Ocean Pines Hometown Christmas Tree Lighting in White Horse Park is scheduled on Nov. 28 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Recreation and Parks Director Debbie Donahue said the response from community members and area businesses interested in sponsoring and decorating trees has been phenomenal.

“We’ve got 15 trees left out of 40,” she said. “It’s not been out there that long and we’ve already sold the majority of them.”

For a \$60 fee residents, businesses and social organizations can reserve and decorate nearly 10-foot tall trees for the Hometown Christmas event, which is now hitting the 10-year mark.

“We haven’t quite figured out if we’re going to limit numbers per tree,” she said. “Sometimes you have an organization that purchases a tree and a whole group of people will come.”

Donahue said some aspects of the Nov. 28 event are still being finalized.

“We’re still ironing out the details of how the actual event is going to go,” she said.

In addition to lighting the official Ocean Pines Association tree, the event will receive a visit from Santa Claus, who may be seen but not touched.

“We will have Santa in his house, however, it will be roped off in some fashion,” she said. “We can’t have kids sitting on his lap [but] they can give us a letter [or] put it in a mailbox.”

While not able to whisper gift wishes in Santa’s ear tikes can still relay holiday hopes.

“They can tell Santa what they want from a distance,” she said.

Family members can also witness the holiday light displays scattered throughout White Horse Park.

Donahue said although a host of finer details are still being negotiated the event timeframes will remain unchanged.

“As we get closer we will have more information,” she said.

Donahue said this year’s event was supposed to include an anniversary celebration, but that idea was dropped because of the pandemic.

To reserve a tree, contact Goetzinger at kgoetzinger@oceanpines.org or call the Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052.



Tree sponsorship opportunities are quickly fading for the Ocean Pines annual Hometown Christmas Tree Lighting, with more than half already reserved for the event, scheduled to take place on Nov. 28 in White Horse Park.

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Berlin Mayor and Council discuss meetings

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(Nov. 5, 2020) Mayor Zackery Tyndall and the new Berlin council members discussed with town staff the protocols of the various types of meetings they will participate in during an orientation work session on Oct. 21.

Deputy Town Administrator Mary Bohlen said the mayor and council will participate in regular meetings, public hearings, executive sessions, work sessions and town hall meetings.

“Public hearings in mayor and council are a legal requirement in certain instances,” Bohlen said.

She continued that public hearings are mandatory whenever an ordinance is adopted, with the exception of an emergency ordinance, as well as certain resolutions.

Responding to Tyndall’s question, Bohlen said he is supposed to ask for comments from county or state elected officials at the end of public hearings.

As for executive sessions, the public does not participate.

“On occasion, we meet in closed session, and we’re only allowed to do that if we’re going to discuss certain topics, like personnel matters or if you need legal advice, purchase or sell a piece of real estate or negotiating with a company and we’re going to discuss our negotiating strategies [and] goals”

said Dave Gaskill, the town’s attorney for 14 years, early in the work session. “When we meet in closed session, it means just that. You cannot, after the meeting, divulge anything that has



Jeff Fleetwood

been discussed, be it with your spouse, your significant other, your best friend. You can’t do that, and I can’t stress enough how important it is to keep in mind that when we meet in closed session you cannot divulge what we discuss.”

Bohlen reiterated Gaskill’s statements about the importance of confidentiality.

She said executive sessions protect the privacy of third parties.

“Anything that is decided on to move forward in executive session will then be discussed in public,” Bohlen added. “So, even if it’s discussed in executive, it does end up in front of the public at some point.”

Also, items that are not on the agenda for an executive session cannot be discussed at that closed meeting.

Tyndall also said when an executive session is appropriate, the request will be made from the dais.

“The reason that we’re going to meet, the proposed reason why we’re

going to meet in executive, will be read from there and we’ll take a motion to go into executive from the dais, at which time we’ll go into the conference room and then, we’ll come back out here when we’re done.”



Mary Bohlen

decision-making. “It can be a discussion that leads up to a decision, but the decision cannot be made at the work session,” Bohlen said.

Lastly, town meetings provide an opportunity for Berlin citizens to converse informally with elected officials.

In addition, the mayor and council discussed adapting a more formal version of “Robert’s Rules of Order,” which would involve a second motion.

“I think that would be our major deviation from what we do now, would just be asking for that second” Tyndall said. “I think that it will add some clarity to the way we do business, and I know some of us are more familiar with ‘Robert’s’ than others, but I think that the big change would be calling for a second for each mo-

tion.” Bohlen added that each step allows a motion to move forward or die.

Town Administrator Jeff Fleetwood also reminded Tyndall to ask for comments from the public and press after all items on the agenda have been addressed.

Then, Fleetwood read the Open Meetings Act’s definition of “to meet”: “convene a quorum of a public body to consider or transact public business.”

“The act does not apply to a chance encounter, a social gathering or other occasion that is not intended to circumvent the act,” he continued reading.

Fleetwood reminded the mayor and council to not discuss business or set up a meeting amongst themselves as a group of three or more because those scenarios classify as quorums.

Bohlen added that Gaskill informed the town officials after the election not to debate anything via email.

“When you reply to emails, typically it’s best to reply just to the person,” said Administrative Manager Kelsey Jensen. “Don’t reply all and start a chatter on it. That’s a meeting.”

At-Large Councilmember Jay Knerr and District 3 Councilmember Shaneka Nichols mentioned that David Fitzgerald, the president of the Berlin Fire Company, invited the

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Berlin's 2020 fireworks show canceled for health concern

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(Nov. 5, 2020) The Berlin Mayor and Council agreed last Tuesday to cancel the 2020 fireworks show proposed for New Year's Eve and have 50 percent of the 2020 deposit applied to the fireworks show on at dusk on July 3, 2021.

Ivy Wells, the town's economic and community development director, presented three options regarding the annual fireworks show.

The first option was to pay the remaining \$5,000 of the \$10,000 contract for a 20-minute fireworks show at Worcester County Ball Fields on Route 113 on Dec. 31 at 8 p.m. The decision had to be made by Dec. 1 for the first option.

"I have confirmed with the fire marshal that he will issue the permit for New Year's Eve," Wells said. "I've also contacted Tom Perlozzo with Worcester County Parks and Recreation, and he sees no problem with this day to use the fields for the fireworks shoot."

In addition, Wells said the Worcester County Health Department requires a map of the layout

and a plan to enforce social distancing among viewers to be submitted in advance.



Chief A. Downing

Social distancing measures and the health department's rules must be enforced during the event.



Ivy Wells

Berlin Police Chief Arnold Downing reported that he spoke to county health officer Becky Jones, who said if everything remains as it is today her advice to the mayor and council would be not to hold a fireworks show.

"The location itself changes everything and makes things a little bit more difficult for us because we have no traffic devices [and] no lights off of Germantown Road, and we have to go ahead and do all of that with personnel," Downing said. "Fireworks itself without the pandemic is going to be difficult. With it is going to be very

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elected officials for a tour, which would classify as a meeting.

Tyndall responded that they plan to reschedule the tour when all members of the council can attend. He added that the press will be invited as well for more transparency.

Tyndall and Fleetwood are responsible for developing the agenda for all meetings, then Jensen prepares the packets for the officials and the public.

Content for the packets are due by Wednesday at noon for regular meetings.

"We like to get them posted to the website by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, the Wednesday preceding the Monday meeting," Bohlen said.

Fleetwood told the elected officials that the packets they receive are different than what the public receives.

He and Jensen reminded them that sometimes their packets contain confidential information, such as the meeting minutes from executive session.

Tyndall then asked how the mayor and council adopts changes in the meeting minutes of executive sessions.

"If you spotted something in the executive minutes that you felt an open discussion of would give away too much information, I would say discuss

it with David Gaskill and he'll advise how to proceed with it," Bohlen said.

Knerr suggested submitting an amended set of minutes during the next executive session.

"I don't want to be out of line here, but I do know other municipalities – not all of them, everybody does things a little different – but I do know others do approve [the minutes] in executive," Jensen added.

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An interpretive sign was installed on the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum lawn on North Main Street in Berlin in compliance with State of Maryland Tourist Attractions Sign Program Policy to receive a historical attractions sign on Route 50.

‘Tourist Attractions’ sign can now be posted on Route 50

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forming motorists of attractions are placed at the nearest exit to the attraction on interstate highways and limited access highways, as permitted by law.

“We’re really excited because that means people that will be driving toward Berlin will be able to see that sign and that will bring more people to the museum,” Reid said.

To be included on an attractions sign, the destination must meet several criteria, such as be open at least eight months annually, be open to the general public at least five days a week, including Saturday and/or Sunday and be open to the general public at least six hours per day. Public activities must also be available during hours of operation, according to regulations established by the State Highway Administration and Maryland Tourism Council.

Ivy Wells, the town’s economic and community development director, said because of the museum’s limited hours of operation, an outdoor interpretive sign was required.

The sign, which was installed on Oct. 22, offers a consistent, educational message about the museum’s historical significance to Berlin 24 hours a day for residents and visitors.

Wells contacted the Maryland State Highway Administration about the museum’s compliance with the attractions sign policy, but new attractions signs have been postponed at this time because of budget concerns caused by the covid-19 pandemic.

Brian Robertson at Berlin Printery, 16 N. Main St., made the informational sign for the museum, which features a brief history of the museum and pictures.

“The text was actually written by Susan Taylor, our curator, probably for a brochure or some other things that

we’ve had publicized over the years, but she re-polished it,” Reid said.

Robertson took pictures of the museum for the sign, she added.

Wells was able to provide a \$1,500 sponsorship from the town for the interpretive sign to cover the expense of design, fabrication and installation of the sign.

Reid added that it was “a nice sense of community” to be involved with a local business and the town for the sign.

“People that just walk by now will have a little bit more information that’s going to allow them to understand what this beautiful building is,” she said. “I’m not sure everyone knows about the Taylor House Museum, so it’s another way that we can put our message out there and anyone visiting the town will be able to now have a greater understanding of what the point of this Taylor House Museum is.”

Suit over firing can now proceed in circuit court

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shown.”

Collins said Douty performed competently and the issue was related to internal political squabbles.

“Residents of Ocean Pines should be protected from those type of things,” he said. “It’s their money, it’s their property and they shouldn’t have somebody’s ego and political views about Ocean Pines effecting their investment.”

Attorney Katelyn Brady, who is defending Ocean Pines in the case, had no comment when reached by phone on Tuesday.

TidalHealth in Berlin opens Nov. 9

Primary care office on Main Street to offer services for family medicine, lab work

(Nov. 5, 2020) TidalHealth announces the opening of TidalHealth Primary Care in Berlin, scheduled for Monday, Nov. 9.

TidalHealth Primary Care in Berlin, located at 9950 Main Street, offering complete family medicine services, will be staffed by Tammy Donoway, DO and Jordan Braniff, CRNP, who will be transitioning from the Ocean Pines Family Medicine practice. Anastasiya Deem, NP, will join them.

The practice will also house a full-service TidalHealth FamilyLab offering onsite comprehensive lab and EKG services. The medical office is now accepting patients of all ages.

Dr. Donoway, a Worcester County native and graduate of Stephen Decatur High School, completed medical school in 2007 at Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

She received an Army Health Professions Scholarship and completed seven years of active duty with the Army. She completed residency

training at Womack Army Medical Center Family Medicine Residency in 2010.

After residency, she was officer in charge of Robinson Health Clinic, the largest clinic in the Department of Defense.

In 2012, Dr. Donoway became the assistant residence director of Family Medicine Residency and in 2017, became chief of executive medicine. She joined TidalHealth in 2017.

Braniff is also a native of Worcester County and a graduate of Stephen Decatur High School.

He is board-certified in family medicine by the American Association of Nurse Practitioners.

A former firefighter/EMT and emergency department nurse, Braniff earned his Bachelor of Science degree and became a registered nurse through the program at Salisbury University.

He also attended Salisbury for his advanced practice education, earning a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree and a post-graduate certificate in healthcare administration.

He has been with TidalHealth since 2012, and joined the provider network in 2018.

Deem has been with TidalHealth

since 2010, most recently as the RN care coordinator for Patient Care Management.

She has also provided nursing care on one of TidalHealth Peninsula Regional's medical/surgical units and in its progressive care unit for critically ill patients.

Her RN was earned from Wor-Wic Community College. She also holds a BSN degree in Nursing from Wilmington University and a Doctorate of Nursing Practice-Family Nurse Practitioner from Salisbury University.

The medical records of existing patients of Dr. Donoway and CRNP Braniff will automatically transfer to the new Berlin office.

If patients of those providers wish, instead, to remain with the practice in Ocean Pines, they will simply need to inform the Ocean Pines office of their desire to remain there.

Anyone interested in becoming a patient of the new TidalHealth Primary Care practice in Berlin may call 410-912-6710 to schedule an appointment.

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'Very difficult' to regulate socially distanced crowd

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difficult."

The second option applies a \$2,500 credit from the 2020 canceled show to next year's Independence Day show. The town also forfeited the remainder of the deposit.

The fireworks show on July 3, 2021 will now cost \$7,500 instead of \$10,000.

The third option would not cost the town any money.

"Moving forward the town would forfeit the \$5,000 2020 deposit, and the town could choose to no longer be responsible for any fireworks event," Wells said.

Town Administrator Jeff Fleetwood suggested the mayor and council choose between the second and third options, saying it is unrealistic to enforce a social distancing plan during the event without knowing what size crowd to expect.

"If we're the only show in town, then everybody's going to come here," Downing added.

Councilmember Troy Purnell moved to approve the second option, and the mayor and council agreed.



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After highlighting pumpkins and ghosts for Halloween last Saturday the Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market shifts focus for the remainder of 2020 to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

OP Farmers Artisans Market flips focus to holiday season

By **Greg Ellison**
Staff Writer

(Nov. 5, 2020) With Thanksgiving and Christmas on the horizon, the Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market remains a hotbed for fresh produce and holiday necessities.

Market Manager David Bean said people sometimes forget the market continues to be vibrant well beyond the summer harvest.

“In reality, we’re still going strong and continue ... through the fall and winter,” he said.

Numerous fresh pickings are available each Saturday, but offerings shift with the seasons.

“There’s still local stuff being grown,” he said. “Even though the corn and tomatoes are finished, there’s fall crops like cabbage, broccoli and cauliflower that are being harvested.”

Other farm fresh yields include greens, such as bok choy and collards, along with vegetables, such as carrots and turnips.

Autumn offerings also include squash, including butternut, acorn

and spaghetti varieties, as well as sweet potatoes.

“This is a big time of the year for sweet potatoes,” he said. “There’s a local heirloom variety ... called a Hayman that becomes available now at the beginning of November and it’s grown along the Eastern Shore.”

Bean said the white-flesh Hayman sweet potato has been a longstanding regional offering for holiday feasts.

“They call this the harvest season for a reason,” he said. “There’s a lot of stuff coming in and still growing even though the warmer temperatures are gone.”

Bean said apple crops are being picked, with byproducts like apple butter now in abundance.

“Pumpkin butter and the jams and jellies that have been made with the fresh fruits all summer, they’re available now too,” he said.

Bean said preserves provide an ideal homemade type of gift for seasonal gift giving.

“The things that people look for towards the holidays, the focus seems

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Rachel Eure, a Salisbury University alumna and Berlin resident, showcases her giant mask project that emphasizes the importance of following state and local guidelines about face coverings.

Face mask project promotes state, local safety directives

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(Nov. 5, 2020) Rachel Eure, a recent graduate from Salisbury University, created a giant face mask for her senior year sculpture project in response to the prompt "NOW."

Originally, she planned to do a piece based on museums stealing artifacts. With closures during the novel coronavirus pandemic, she changed her subject to be about the national controversy over face coverings.

"The point is to show how big of a deal it is," Eure said.

She added that the seven-foot tall mask is "meant to be in your face."

The 22-year-old Berlin resident, who majored in painting, made the

mask from fabric and scraps of wood from her grandparents' farm.

Eure said the cost was roughly \$30.

Since Eure completed the project, she has taken it to the Fulton School of Liberal Arts and Holloway Hall at Salisbury University, Snow Hill Elementary School, Snow Hill High School, the Worcester County Court House in Snow Hill, the Worcester County Board of Education office in Newark and the Ocean City Boardwalk.

She hopes to take it to the Maryland State House in Annapolis in the future.

For more information, visit Eure's Instagram at [eure.artwork](#) or contact her at eureartwork9@gmail.com.

Harvest season provides fall produce options to end year

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to change now to the heartier things that we eat in the cooler temperatures," he said.

Fresh baked goods, while always enjoyable, tend to peak in demand with Thanksgiving approaching.

"Our bakers are making apple dumplings, banana breads and pies," he said. "If someone doesn't bake and they want a homemade pie, our bakers make those ... by special order."

To assure freshness, and accommodate other last-minute meal requirements, the market will open on Tuesday Nov. 24 from 9 a.m. to noon.

"Pies can be picked up at the market before Thanksgiving so they're fresh," he said.

Starting this week the market changes to slightly reduced offseason hours from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday for the remainder of 2020.

Bean said new vendors continue to join the ranks. That includes Revell Roaster Coffee and Jackie Blue Crabs Seafood debuting on Nov. 21.

"They will have oysters, soft shell crabs, crab meat and scallops," he said. "We even have a firewood vendor if someone wants to put a fire on the fireplace and not buy a whole bunch."

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Van Gasbeck offers 'cozy' venue for recording

By Ally Lanasa

Staff Writer

(Nov. 5, 2020) Berlin resident Matthew Van Gasbeck worked for a month to create a comfortable audio production studio for local musicians and podcasters, transforming the snug space on Old Ocean City Boulevard with charcoal painted walls, a soothing earth-toned rug and a plush, dark teal sofa.

Cozy Recordings officially opened on Oct. 20 in Unit 106 of the Berlin Professional Center, which formerly housed the Atlantic Business Center.

"I've been trying to start a business here for a long time. Actually, like four or five years ago, I wanted to do a food truck. I've lived here for six years, but my schedule in my prior life kept me away like 10 months out of the year," Van Gasbeck said, who has worked as a guitar technician for 12 years. "I've always wanted to build a studio, and I've been a songwriter for my whole life pretty much, and I just knew that the changes in the music industry, as far as even not being able to play shows, is going to send a lot of creative people back into the bedroom to write and create music."

Van Gasbeck added that he wants to build a stronger connection to the community. Although he has lived in Berlin for six years with his daughter Willa, 6, and wife, Emily, he was often out of town touring overseas as a guitar technician.

"I kind of saw it as an opportunity to bring my skillset into town, but also utilize all the great musicians that are around here and kind of provide a service that is somewhere between a home studio and Abbey Road," Van Gasbeck said.

He added that Dana Helmuth from Harvest Guitars visits the studio frequently, and they plan to collaborate on recordings.



ALLY LANASA/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Berlin resident Matthew Van Gasbeck opened Cozy Recordings, an audio production studio for local musicians and podcasters, in Unit 106 in the rear of the Berlin Professional Center on Old Ocean City Boulevard on Oct. 20.

Van Gasbeck hopes Cozy Recordings will become "a staple of the community."

"I really want local bands to feel confident that they can come here and have something that sounds great," he said. "I know there's a lot of musicians that are fleeing the cities at the moment. Some of them live nearby, and I'm offering [the studio] to established bands that need a place to come and be creative that is not right in the middle of New York City or L.A."

According to its website, the multi-track recording studio offers eight channels of Apollo Unison mic preamp emulation from classic Neve, API, SSL and Studer consoles. The new technology brings the audio quality of a multimillion-dollar studio to Berlin.

For the full list of gear at the studio, visit www.cozyrecordings.com/studio.

"As far as studio production, I don't have a set rate, an hourly rate because

each project is a bit different," Van Gasbeck said. "My goal is to — as a person who has paid for studio services like my whole life — is to eliminate the idea of watching the clock. If you're in a big studio and you're paying by the hour, you're always thinking about time wasted."

Van Gasbeck aims to quote studio time on a project basis after discussing with artists what they want to accomplish.

"If somebody wants to come in and record a whole band with live drums and everything like that, it might be a little bit more time to do that. But if they want to sit here with me and work on some drums inside the computer, and it will take a lot less time and it will sound just as good," he said. "There is a lot of new ideas and a lot of new technology out there that makes it very accessible for people to have a great song for not having to book out a giant studio for a month."

In addition to recording services for musicians and podcasters, Van Gasbeck said the studio offers guitar, bass and drum lessons for beginner and intermediate level musicians.

"We'd like to utilize the afterschool hours and midday for lessons," he said. "I've been doing guitar lessons myself."

Wilson Sawyer will offer bass lessons, and Sam Goodman will teach how to play the drums.

"My goal is to create a comfortable, safe spot for people to drop their kids off, and it's actually within three minutes' walk of some great places," Van Gasbeck said. "I took lessons in a guitar shop and it was great, but all the parents sat in the car and read a book."

Van Gasbeck added that during these unprecedented times when most people are staying home, he hopes to

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Ocean Pines Public Works crews are in the midst of planting 70 hardwood trees provided through the Maryland Coastal Bays Program.

OP receives tree allotment from Coastal Bays Program

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Nov. 5, 2020) Ocean Pines last week received nearly a quarter of the 300 hardwood trees donated to the Maryland Coastal Bays Program this summer.

Coastal Bay Executive Director Kevin Smith said the Maryland Department of Natural Resources back in June invited agencies aligned with its mission to take advantage of excess stocks from Clear Ridge Nursery in Carroll County.

“They had a bunch of trees they had grown out ... that they just weren’t going to sell,” he said.

With the unsold trees reaching 10 feet or higher, the decision was made to share the bounty.

“Instead of just chipping them up, they decided to make them available to the Department of Natural Resources,” he said.

Smith said after catching wind of the DNR offering, Coastal Bays officials chimed in and had about 300 trees delivered back in July.

“We held them over the summer because it is not a good time to plant a tree,” he said. “We didn’t want them going out and just dying.”

As temperatures began trending cooler, the tree stash was offered to an array of regional partners and municipalities.

“This fall we made them available to different communities and partners,” he said. “The state park took some, the na-

tional park took some and Ocean Pines took a lot.”

OPA Director of Amenities and Operational Logistics Colby Phillips said Coastal Bays officials turned over 70 trees last week to Director of Public Works Eddie Wells.

“He had the guys pick them up and we will be planting around various parks and green spaces,” she said.

The batch of deciduous hardwood trees includes river birch, sycamore, black oak, sweet gum and tulip poplar.

Phillips said the saplings would be planted strategically this fall and could prove useful in locations with subpar drainage.

“We can put them around some of those areas and the roots will help absorb water,” she said.

Phillips also said the fresh plantings will bolster beautification plans General Manager John Viola is coordinating for next spring.

“We will take pictures and show Kevin Smith where they were placed,” she said.

Smith said after awarding Ocean Pines its allotment last week, another load of hardwoods was sent to Lower Shore Land Trust and Executive Director Kate Patton this week.

“We’re now down to about 40 trees,” he said. “We just wanted to make them available to our partners and municipalities. If they needed them, here they are.”

Lessons also available at studio

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offer children a creative outlet at Cozy Recordings.

“It helped me as a child, and I feel like it could help others,” he said.

Instrumental lessons cost \$50 per hour and \$30 per half hour.

“I do have a coupon code. It’s just COZY20, and it allows 20 percent off of four lessons,” Van Gasbeck said.

Currently, Van Gasbeck has a few

students taking lessons as well as bands booked to record in the studio.

Lessons and studio time can be booked online.

“Give me a brief of what you’d like to accomplish, how many songs, and I’ll send you a quote, and we’ll hopefully start working,” Van Gasbeck said about audio production bookings.

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Capital projects list reduced by committee

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tronic gates and a floating dock recreation pier on Oct. 28.

Viola said the proposed recreation pier, at an estimated cost of \$35,000, was the most recent addition to the proposal list.

Potential sites include by the Swim and Racquet Club on the north side of Ocean Pines or along the grand canal that feeds into Manklin Creek to the south.

"Budget and finance thought it was a good idea," he said.

Viola said that outlook is on par with perspectives shared by both Director of Public Works Eddie Wells and Public Works Operations Manager Nobie Violante.

"When people come down to visit, they like to go crabbing," he said.

Budget committee members suggested project costs should be paid for with replacement capital funds.

"We did have a recreation pier previously," he said.

Viola said a larger scale proposal was considered several years ago, but was postponed.

"They were talking if we replaced it, and we didn't, it would cost probably around \$250,000," he said.

For a fraction of that cost, a smaller scale roughly 40-foot long pier is being considered.

"It's nowhere near the size of the previous one," he said.

Viola said the pier could also prove useful for kayakers.

"Nobie was doing the heavy lifting and got a high-level estimate ... and also spoke to [Worcester] County," he said.

Viola said if the OPA Board approves the proposal, construction could likely be completed by Labor Day 2021.

Revived from past consideration is a proposal to install electronic gates for boat ramps at White Horse Park and Mumford's Landing, at a cost of roughly \$15,000 per location.

"This project has been around for years," he said.

Viola said former OPA Assistant Treasurer Gene Ringsdorf, who re-

tired in August 2019, previously had lobbied for the control measure.

"There would be fees and some revenue generated from this, which would be offset by operational costs and depreciation," he said. "It's really not going to be a money-maker, we're doing it for other reasons."

While rates have yet to be determined, the idea would be to charge non-OPA members to improve boat ramp access for homeowners.

"It's more to try and control that it's Ocean Pines individuals using it and if they aren't that, they pay a type of fee," he said.

The committee also examined potential costs to address mailbox clusters long in need of repairs, as well as installing rooflines and lighting.

Viola said only a small percentage of the mailbox locations have overhead cover at this time.

"The poster child would be Terns Landing," he said.

Viola said the cost to add a pavilion roof could run at least \$15,000 per site.

"The numbers are pretty high," he said.

Viola said the cost to install rooflines would be considered new capital, but repairing other aspects would be drawn from replacement funds.

"The pedestals, the mail boxes ... and concrete all ... need some degree of replacement," he said.

Estimated costs for pedestals are \$35,000, with roughly \$20,000 for mailboxes and about \$100,00 in concrete work.

"The team recommended doing a few in the (upcoming) year, which would be a total estimate of \$60,000-\$70,000 to do three units," he said.

Budget committee member deemed that too costly.

"They understood about breaking it out ... but even that would take years and years," he said.

While not proposing the mailbox repairs as a top priority, committee members recognized attention would be required.

"At this time, it's still in the discussion phase," he said.

Lastly, the committee considered costs to add a room at the Sports Core Pool.

"This has been ongoing for a couple of years," he said.

The proposed multi-purpose room could accommodate meetings, trainings, parties and recreation programs.

"They're outgrowing their space," he said.

Estimates for the room addition are from roughly \$210,000 to

\$250,000.

"Budget and finance's response was there's a lot going on," he said. "They favor the docks extension and the racquet spots but felt this was a little much all in the same budget."

The committee did concur with a suggestion to earmark between \$25,000-\$50,000 to supplement the \$100,000 the board placed in new capital reserves last year to fund the project at some point.

Viola said, in addition to supporting the Bainbridge drainage project, which requires \$254,000 in matching funds for a recently awarded Restore America's Estuaries grant, the committee also deemed the racquet sports courts and marina dock expansions as achievable marks.

"Those are the ones that I ranked high and it sounds like budget and finance is the same," he said. "Then they squeezed in that recreation pier."

While other proposals held merit, the committee ranked them lower.

"There's only x amount of funds," he said.

The OP annual operating budget approval process will begin with several days of meetings during the first week in January.

"Budget and finance will be the first ones presented to for the start of budget process," he said.

Environment panel prepares report

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Nov. 5, 2020) The Ocean Pines Environment and Natural Assets Committee reviewed annual report details during its meeting last Wednesday, and slipped in under the deadline wire.

Committee member Marty Clarke said the group went on to vet the annual report just prior to the Oct. 31 deadline.

The review document highlights an array of limitations imposed during the ongoing coronavirus pan-



Marty Clarke

demic.

"We talk about suffering from covid-19 restrictions," he said. "Bay Day was cancelled and we were unable to conduct regular meetings."

Clarke said despite 2020 presenting many challenges, the committee managed to hit a few marks.

"In spite of that we still got a mailbox pavilion plan before the board," he said. "We also saw Ocean Pines

apply for and get awarded a state grant for maintaining and improving the community drainage program."

After achieving initial progress in 2019, this year Director of Amenities and Operational Logistics Colby Phillips and Director of Public Works Eddie Wells revived the mailbox project, which is included among a number of long-range priorities General Manager John Viola and team members are considering.

Clarke said the committee also issued recommendations for 2021, in-

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OP's military donation tradition maintained

Fund drive, absent founder, continues to send supplies to troops serving overseas

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Nov. 5, 2020) Volunteers with the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines and Ocean City and Ocean Pines AARP Chapter 4507 staged a successful donation drive last month for members of the U.S. military who are or will be stationed abroad for the holidays.

The drive maintains a nearly two decade tradition established by the late Carl and Anna Foultz.

Larry Walton, Ocean Pines AARP Chapter president, said the "Keeping Anna's Dream Alive" donation drive collected roughly five carloads of nonperishables foods and personal care items on Wednesdays during October.

"We're doing it again next year," he said. "It was great considering we couldn't do like we did before and we collected almost \$500."

The newly named charitable venture mirrors the former Star Charities annual "Holiday Gifts for Soldiers" collection championed by Anna Foultz after her husband launched it in 2003.

In 2019, the final "Holiday Gifts" drive was launched days after Anna Foultz died and netted a record haul of donations.

Good intentions aside, the ongoing coronavirus pandemic made gaining participation in this year's effort challenging.

"There were a lot of people that wouldn't volunteer this year because of covid," he said.

A slightly reduced number assisted with collecting drive-in donations each Wednesday in October outside the Ocean Pines Community Center's Assateague Room.

Leading the charge with Barbara Peletier and Sue Walter, were Chris Wanzer from AARP and Candy Foreman with Kiwanis.

Ocean City resident Sharon Hilty also participated to collect in the memory of her son, Sfc. John-David Hilty.

As with past drives, Jeff Merritt, president and co-founder of Operation We Care in Salisbury received donations to mail to soldiers serving overseas.



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Closing out the Ocean Pines donation collection for U.S. Armed Forces members stationed abroad over the holidays last Wednesday, from left, are Sharon Hilty, Dan and Barb Peletier and Larry Walton.

Merritt and his wife, Diana, launched Operation We Care in 2007 and conduct charitable drives in May and November.

Walton said health safety mandates obligated Merritt to make recurring collection visits in October, rather than just one after the drive's conclusion, as had been the practice.

"He's been coming once a week on Fridays instead of doing the big thing like we did before," he said.

Besides organizing mass mailings of care packages twice annually, Operation We Care collects funds to help local Veterans Administration programs in Pocomoke and Cambridge.

"He spends almost \$40,000 a year for postage," he said. "That's a lot of cash."

Despite that steep tab, Walton said the roughly \$500 collected during the Ocean Pines drive was reinvested for recipients.

"It's getting rolled into more product and also buying calling cards for the military to call home," he said.

Walton said while the occasional impromptu cash donation was offered when people chanced upon the volunteers collecting on Wednesday mornings, in one instance the generosity went beyond the typical \$20 range.

"One lady this last Wednesday donated \$100," he said. "That's a nice drop."

The week before that, several volunteers had helped the woman after she had car trouble.

"We were trying to help her and she said she was going to come back," he said. "She showed up and gave me a check for \$100."

For more information or to donate to Operation We Care, visit www.operationwecare.org or www.facebook.com/OpWeCare.

St. Martin River focal point

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cluding continuing to work in conjunction with the Maryland Coastal Bays Program and Assateague Coastal Trust on conservation projects and improving water quality in the St. Martin River.

"Work in conjunction with MCBP and ACT (Assateague Coastal Trust) to host the very best Bay Days ever in the coming year," he said. "Continuing to work on the increased involvement with MCBP and ACT with their directives outlined in board resolution C-10 in the best interest of OP membership."

Clarke also noted Environment and Natural Assets Committee Chairman Ken Wolf is focused on obtaining a stronger understanding of potential options for reducing water pollution in the St. Martin River stemming from effluent discharge from the Ocean Pines Waste Water Treatment Plant.

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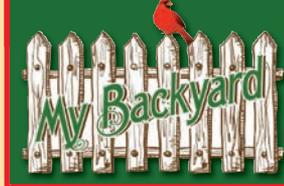
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Dropping off a bounty of coats to The Joseph House in Salisbury in 2018 gathered during the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City's annual coat, from left, are co-chair Kitty Wrench, Sister Virginia and co-chair Sue Wineke.

Ocean Pines plans virtual Veterans Day event this yr.

(Nov. 5, 2020) The Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation will present a virtual Veterans Day program this year, rather than hold the traditional ceremony at the memorial grounds in Ocean Pines.

The virtual ceremony can be viewed online at [Youtube.com/c/OceanPinesAssociation1](https://www.youtube.com/c/OceanPinesAssociation1). Links can also be found on websites and social media for both the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation and the Ocean Pines Association.

Ocean Pines also will run the ceremony on Mediacom and Comcast public access channels at 11 a.m. on Veterans Day, Wednesday, Nov. 11.

Veterans Memorial Foundation President Marie Gilmore said concerns related to the covid-19 pandemic canceled the in-person ceremony this year.

Annual Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies have been a hallmark of the foundation, and Gilmore said the holiday this November is too important to pass without commemoration.

"We have a duty and an obligation to honor our veterans, to keep their memory alive," Gilmore said. "The mission of the Veterans Memorial Foundation is to remember and honor all those who have served, and Veterans Day is a perfect opportunity for us to do that."

Veterans Day ceremonies in Ocean Pines typically draw thousands of people from across the region. Because of the circumstances this year, Gilmore said a virtual ceremony was the next best thing.

"In light of the current environment with covid-19, rather than cancel our usual ceremony, we have chosen to put together a virtual ceremony," she said. "The segments were recorded separately and compiled into a cohesive video by Josh Davis, the Ocean Pines Association's marketing and public relations director."

The virtual ceremony includes an

introduction by Gilmore, emcee duties by U.S. Air Force retired SMSgt. Mike Masterson, a keynote address by Maryland National Guard CW3 Kaylan Harrington, and performances by the Delmarva Chorus, and Eric Nilsson of American Legion Post 166.

Additionally, American Legion Post 123 of Berlin and American Legion Post 166 of Ocean City jointly offer the posting of colors and a closing rifle volley, and a wreath ceremony honors three female veterans.

Along with producing the virtual ceremony, Gilmore said the Veterans Memorial Foundation continues to seek funding for its education programs. In August, the foundation announced it would not hold its biggest fundraiser of the year, an annual golf tournament, also because of COVID-19 concerns.

Educational programs each year include a tour of the memorial grounds and distribution of an educational booklet for children. Last year, more than 650 fifth graders from all Worcester County schools visited the site.

Gilmore said it's her hope that the program can safely resume next year.

"These programs were designed to educate our children about veterans and the sacrifices that they and their families made to preserve our freedoms," she said. "We believe that's an essential part of what the foundation does, and we hope to get back on track next year with our regular schedule, beginning in the fall."

"We are so very grateful for the past support of people and local businesses in our community. This is a difficult time for many, but we ask, if it is still possible, that people consider making a donation to the Worcester County Memorial Foundation so we can continue our education program," Gilmore added.

For more information on the Memorial Foundation or to donate, visit www.opvets.org.

Kiwanis hold both toy, coat drives during Nov. in Pines

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Nov. 5, 2020) Looking to streamline efforts but maintain maximum impact next month, the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City will combine its annual toy and coat drives this holiday season.

Marketing Chairman Dave Landis said the charity drives have been

modified because of covid-19, with Kiwanis members began collecting donations in the parking lot of the Ocean Pines Community Center this week and will continue each Wednesday in November from 9 a.m. to noon.

"We'll all be wearing masks," he said.

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Kiwanis dual charity campaign

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The club is hoping contributors will drive in and drop off generosity in the form of Christmas gifts for children or winter coats for the young and old.

"This year we're going to have our coat drive running simultaneously," he said. "Normally we do them at different times so that we're not trying to double dip the public."

Landis said after club members encountered difficulties staging the coat drive in October, the group opted to roll the events together.

"You can't keep a good club down," he said.

Landis has overseen the group's longstanding holiday toy collection for the last handful of years, with assistance from his wife, and Kiwanis supporter, Rita.

"We've been doing those toy drives down there for years now," he said.

All unwrapped gifts are given to support the larger campaign conducted by Worcester GOLD (Giving Other Lives Dignity).

"They help to spread more toys to more kids," he said.

Prior to 2020, Kiwanis members would bring unwrapped gift donations along during organizational meetings, which have been temporarily halted, before soliciting public support.

"Because we're not having meetings, our club members will come to the ... community center parking lot to bring us some gifts," he said.

Christmas items are being sought for diverse ages.

"From little kids, infants and toddlers up to teenage kids," he said. "We try to cover the whole gamut."

Landis said the annual collection tends to skew younger, with a smaller percentage of donations for juveniles in the double-digit range.

"They'll have stuffed toys, books, puzzles, games and coloring books," he said. "Anything in the world you can think of that a kid would want for Christmas."

Although slightly delayed, yet still on time for pending winter conditions, the Kiwanis annual coat drive

will occur in conjunction with the toy collection.

Landis said coat drive co-chairs Susan Wineke and Kitty Wrench would again oversee the effort.

"We're collecting lightly used coats and some people give new," he said. "I'll go over there for collection of the toys and Sue and Kitty will be over there for collection of the coats."

Landis credited Rita, who again backed her husband's charitable venture, for preemptively starting an outwear collection during closeout sales last winter.

"We have about 12 or 15 coats to get us started already," he said. "We just put them in boxes and store it in our attic until it's time."

In past years, the drive has pulled in upwards of 100 coats for eventual distribution to in-need adults and children, with the bulk sent to the Joseph House in Salisbury, and a smaller contingent earmarked for St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Ocean City.

"This year, because we're not sure how many we'll get, the main focus will go to Joseph House and if there any more left then we'll get them to St. Peter's," he said.

Landis said the group's coat drive began in 2014 in anticipation of Kiwanis 100th anniversary celebrations the following year.

"The first time we ever did a coat drive, we had a challenge from the Delmar Club," he said.

After accepting the invitation to collect 100 coats for the needy from the Greater Millsboro Kiwanis Club the, charity-focused competition convened in December 2014, with Worcester GOLD designated as recipient.

"We had a challenge between two clubs and we blew them away," he said.

Altogether, 176 winter coats were collected during the inaugural run of what has become an annual tradition.

"All of these things we put some budget up from the club so they can get seed money to get things started," he said. "We want to make it Christmas for everybody if we can."

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Briddell honored relatives in Briddletown

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(Nov. 5, 2020) Briddletown residents and descendants of the Briddell family are honoring Rachel Briddell, who played an integral part in having Briddletown designated as an African-American Cultural District in 2018.

"Rachel was a matriarch of the Briddell family," said Gregory Purnell, Briddletown resident, local historian and nephew of the first Black Worcester County Commissioner James L. Purnell Jr. "Her mother was 'Mom Berth.' Her name was Bertha, but she was known as 'Mom Berth' because she had a rather large family of Briddells, and they lived in Briddletown."

Briddell, who was born on Nov. 29, 1924, was the longest living descendant of the original Briddell family, who was among the first inhabitants of what became Briddletown.

"Kendall Briddell was her grandfather, and he was one of the original Briddells," Purnell said.

Purnell added that from an early age, Briddell was in his life.

"She was very good friends with my mother. I was born in October, and the next September, my mother passed," he said. "My grandmother took me from there because my mother lived with my grandmother. She was just 20 years old when she passed ... The ladies in the community, and there was a few of them, kind of took me under their wing. One of them was Rachel. Part of that is because she had girls. Actually, she had all girls."

"I knew her very well and her family," Purnell continued. "All of her girls, they all knew me. They all treated me like their little brother."

Briddell raised eight daughters as a single parent, working any job she could take in a segregated Worcester County to provide for her family.

"Back in that day, all of the Briddells worked for Harrison's Nurseries," Purnell said.

Many African-American women also worked at the chicken plant and in Ocean City as maids.

Briddell, 95, died on Oct. 18. Funeral services were held at the Wicomico Youth & Civic Center in Salisbury on Oct. 24, where roughly 100 people, mostly Briddells, gathered to celebrate her life.

For four decades, Briddell and her relatives, including her cousin Sarah Briddell Smack, organized an annual Briddell family reunion.

Briddell's daughters, Sandra Briddell Dublin, Carolyn Briddell Jones and Sharon Briddell Fowlis, were inspired by the reunions and wanted to honor their family lineage with an interpretive sign in Briddletown in 2017.

"[Briddell] worked ... through her children to honor her grandparents and great-grandparents and those Briddells that preceded her," Purnell said.

Her daughters contacted the county tourism board about the sign.

"County Commissioner Diana Purnell was instrumental in assisting to get that done," Purnell added.

On Feb. 20, 2018, the Worcester County Commissioners agreed to pay up to \$2,000 in tourism funds on an interpretive sign marking the Briddletown area of Berlin and designating it as a historic African-American community.

According to an article from The Daily Times, former Worcester County Tourism Director Lisa Challenger worked with Paul Touart, a local architectural historian and author of "Along the Seaboard Side: The Architectural History of Worcester County," to develop the sign.

The sign was installed on Aug. 28, 2018, which coincidentally was the 55th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech.

"They had a dream and brought it to fruition there," Purnell said. "[Briddell] was behind them all the way. Actually, she was instrumental, but there was only a certain amount



PHOTO COURTESY GREG PURNELL

Rachel Briddell was the longest living descendant of the original Briddell family, who was among the first inhabitants of what became Briddletown in Berlin. She passed away on Oct. 18 at 95 years old.

that she could do because she wasn't what you call 'formally educated.' But she had all of the records."

With the help of Briddell, her daughters researched their heritage for years for the interpretive sign, which is located near Stephen Decatur Middle School.

"Placing that sign there really made this community, which has always been known as Briddletown," Purnell said. "As a matter of fact, it used to be Briddletown Road because it stopped at the town limit, but when the town extended its limits on one side of Briddletown ... then it became Flower Street Extended."

Now, it is called Flower Street.

The Briddell family is working to have the street renamed to Briddletown Road officially because it has been designated as a historic Black community.

"Even if it's just with an asterisk back to Briddletown Road because Briddletown Road is the heart of Briddletown," Purnell said.

According to the interpretive sign, the first documented land conveyance in what would become Briddletown in Berlin was in 1866 when Benjamin Pitts, an African-American and free man, became a landowner.

Records show that Pitts had purchased 2.5 acres of land formerly used as "Mill Haven Pasture" in the Flower Street area on June 2, 1866. From then on, parcels of farmland were broken into lots.

Records at the Worcester County Library show Jacob Briddell/Bredell bought two acres of the "Mill Haven Pasture" from Capt. John S. Purnell on Aug. 17, 1872.

"Apparently, the original name See SIGN Page 21



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Rachel Briddell and her daughters, Sandra Briddell Dublin, Carolyn Briddell Jones and Sharon Briddell Fowlis, were instrumental in having Briddletown designated as an African-American Cultural District as well as creating an interpretive sign about the history of the community in 2018.

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Worcester County 4-H wrapped up its six-week virtual culinary presentation program, "What's Cookin', Worcester?," with an awards ceremony on Sept. 14. Elianna Fiori won a blue ribbon for her grilled cheese sandwich.

Virtual culinary program in county awards competitors

(Nov. 5, 2020) Worcester County 4-H wrapped up its six-week virtual culinary program, "What's Cookin', Worcester?," with an awards ceremony on Sept. 14 for a dozen competitors from four different community clubs.

The program was designed to give the 4-H participants in three age groups a weekly challenge: "Your Breakfast of Champions," "Ooiest Gooiest Grilled Cheese," "I'm Having a Healthy Snack Attack," "Best Dressed Salad," "I'm Crazy for Casseroles" and "Decadent Desserts."

Following judging criteria, which combined public speaking with Demonstration Day, 4-H members pre-made their dish and either took photos or held it up to their computer cameras for the judge to see.

Regardless of the level of their culi-

nary skills, many of which were very impressive, the participants had to lean on their public speaking skills to describe their dish, knowledge of ingredients, and techniques to really "WOW" the judge and audience.

In the Junior Division, several youth who are new to the 4-H program showed great promise.

Voyager 4-H members, Nidhish Gupta took the top prize for his breakfast entry, while Lucy Gunther gained two blue ribbon wins for her salad and dessert.

Sisters Betsy and Maisie Burdett of the Freestyle Club, placed second and third respectively for their breakfast presentations.

Elianna Fiori, while not new to 4-H, made her debut as a Voyager with a blue ribbon grilled cheese sandwich. Madalynne Rutzler of the Voyagers made a power point presentation to show off her skills in the kitchen.

In the Intermediate Division, Kira Knappenberger, recording secretary of the Voyagers 4-H Club, was top chef with five blue ribbon wins including some perfect scores.

She participated in the most categories and showed outstanding knowledge, creativity and finesse throughout

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Sign records history of family, area

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was Bredell, and this came from a prominent slave-owning family around that area," said Alec Staley, a local history librarian at the Worcester County Library. "When the slaves were freed after the Civil War, they adopted the last name Bredell also."

Throughout the coming decades, the Bredell/Briddell/Briddle, Williams, Fitchett, Johnson, Purnell and Quillen families established themselves in what was then a growing community.

The sign states that "over the course [of] the late 19th century, a community of more than 160 men, women and children resided in what became known as Briddletown by the turn of the 20th century.

It is presumed that the name Briddletown was inspired by the Briddell elders in the community during the period between 1890 and 1910.

The interpretive sign also states that Briddletown was not mentioned on the U.S. Census until 1910.

"Similar to many rural communities on the Eastern Shore, the population of Briddletown reached its peak during the early 20th century before the 1930s Depression forced many residents to leave for employment elsewhere," the sign states.

Purnell said the interpretive sign is just a sign if people are not informed about the history of the community and those who live there today. He encouraged people to document the stories of the historic Black district.

"Putting it on the map as Briddletown was something that [Briddell] worked with her daughters [on] because they really wanted to do that because their great-great grandfather and beyond that worked that property for where that sign is and that

area," Purnell said. "You can Google Briddletown, Berlin and it will point to this area, and that in itself is so significant."

Descendants of the Briddell family still live on Flower Street in Briddle-

town as well as within the Berlin town limits, including District 3 Councilmember Shaneka Nichols. Nichols is the granddaughter of Brazile Briddell, son of Charles and Lila Briddell and brother of Sarah Briddell Smack.

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Defending our ideals

As we go through this extended election while also arguing over how to respond to the continuing spread of the coronavirus, here's something to think about between now and Veterans Day next Wednesday: the millions of soldiers, sailors, airmen and airwomen who swore to defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies didn't take that oath so we could do our enemies' work for them.

Our veterans and active duty members of the armed forces did not step up to fight for our founding principles just to see us rip them apart because we don't like the way the process worked in this election.

Neither did they agree to forfeit their freedoms and their lives, if necessary, so we could threaten insurrection over comparatively minor and temporary impositions on our personal liberties.

Let's put this in perspective by expressing outrage over facemask requirements to the handful of Battle of the Bulge veterans still with us 76 years after they saw 19,000 men killed and tens of thousands wounded during that WWII campaign to block the Germans' massive assault in Belgium.

Did Gen. Anthony McAuliffe say "Nuts" to the German demand for our troops' surrender so we could riot, shoot, attack and threaten each other because, well, we're just fed up?

We might also run our grievances by the Marines who fought their way out of the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea against 100,000 Chinese troops in November-December 1950 in sub-zero temperatures. Or we could take it up with the survivors of the Battle of Khe Sanh in 1968 in Vietnam, or the survivors of the Second Battle of Fallujah in Iraq in 2004, or the 2.5 million service members who have been deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan in the past 10 years.

So, you don't like the election results? You defy anyone to ask you to be considerate to them and others? You hate your neighbors, work associates and even family members because of political disagreements?

Go ahead, then. Have at it and ruin it all. Divide the country even more so these men and women who stood up when everyone else stood back can see that they did it for nothing.

Our veterans pledged to stand guard over the American ideal. The least the rest of us can do is respect that and attempt to settle our political and personal differences accordingly. And the other sacrifices we're supposed to make these days? By comparison, they're nothing. Nothing at all.



McDaniel College honors Shockley

(Nov. 5, 2020) Gregory Shockley of Berlin, is the recipient of the alumni college service award from McDaniel College.

Shockley graduated from McDaniel (formerly Western Maryland) College with a bachelor's degree in political science and international studies in 1983.

Presented annually during McDaniel's homecoming, the alumni college service award is given to a graduate who has demonstrated exceptional leadership, devotion and service for the

betterment of the McDaniel College Alumni Association.

Shockley opened the Irish-themed Shenanigan's Irish Pub on the Boardwalk in Ocean City, in 1988 and has served as its owner for more than three decades.

He credits his liberal arts education, his part-time job at Maggie's in Westminster, and other restaurant experi-

ence for helping him adapt to the ever-changing industry.

Since 2003, Shockley has hosted a free Alumni Night for McDaniel at his restaurant. He has served as a career services volunteer and speaker in 1994 and 2014, a reunion committee member in 2003, and a carpe diem campaign volunteer and alumni host in 2008.

In addition to his degree from McDaniel, Shockley obtained a master's degree in public administration from the University of Baltimore in 1985.



Gregory Shockley

Wor. Arts Council seeks proposals

(Nov. 5, 2020) The Worcester County Arts Council is accepting exhibit proposals from local and regional artists, 18 years and older, for the 2021 exhibition season at the gallery located in the Berlin Library branch.

Exhibits run for the period of two months, beginning in February, with two artists featured during each exhibiting period. Artwork will be available for sale.

Exhibit promotions/ad-

vertisements and sales will be handled by the Arts Council.

This call is open to two-dimensional art formats. Entry proposals should include: artist's biography, contact information, and five images (jpg files) that are representative of artist's body of work.

The images must include medium and size of the artwork. All written materials should be submitted in PDF

format.

Proposals will be reviewed by the gallery review panel for acceptance.

Entry proposals should be sent by email to anna@worcestercountycouncil.org. Proposals must be submitted by Nov. 30, to be considered.

Selected artists will be notified in December. For more information, contact the Arts Council at 410-641-0809.

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Recycling guidelines for OP trash

(Nov. 5, 2020) Ocean Pines and Republic Services, as part of a continuing educational campaign, are asking residents to be aware of recycling guidelines for local trash collection.

Food, trash and other waste contaminates recycling and will cause containers to not be collected. Any contaminated material will have to be removed from the recycle container and placed into the curbside trash.

"This will be the responsibility of the resident," Republic Services General Manager Anthony Spirito said. "Republic Services designated trash collection trucks are not permitted to pick up any container marked recycling – only designated recycling trucks are permitted to do so. Any recycling remaining would be collected on the next scheduled recycle pick up day."

All recyclables should be kept empty, clean and dry, and free of any food or liquid. Items should also be kept loose, rather than in separate containers or bags.

Republic Services will only accept the following items in marked recycling bins:

Plastic (#1 and #2 only) – Plastic

jugs, such as detergents, milk and juice, etc. do not need to be rinsed and the caps may be left on. Water bottles and soda bottles must be empty, and caps may be left on.

All paper, as long as it is free of food debris – That includes newspapers, envelopes, junk mail, phone books, brochures, magazines, and cardboard (such as ream wrappers, file folders, poster board and clean cardboard boxes).

Aluminum/metal (such as clean beverage cans and food cans) – All metal must be rinsed and dried, and clean of all food. All metal must be clean of any plastics or fabrics. All metal must be 100 percent metal only.

Clear and colored glass (such as beverage containers and glass food jars).

Items that cannot be recycled include:

Plastic (#3-#7) – Plastic Bags, flowerpots, motor oil bottles, Plastic fruit boxes.

Paper with any food debris

Metal with anything nonmetal attached. Also, cat food cans are not recyclable

Recycling containers that are contaminated are marked will be marked with a sticker as part of an educational campaign. Republic Services collects about 120 tons of recyclable items per month from Ocean Pines, which makes up roughly 40 percent of collections in this division. The company also serves areas including Cambridge, Maryland and Lewes, Delaware.

Increased costs to recycle items, decreased demand for certain recycled materials, and an increase in the number of contaminated items has led to difficulties with recycling programs worldwide. Locally, about 35-40 percent of recycling containers include contaminated items that cannot be recycled.

According to Republic, "When it comes to recycling, everyone has a part to play. Working together, we can make sure recyclable materials don't end up in our lakes and landfills. At Republic Services, we believe in the preservation of our Blue Planet, a cleaner, safer and healthier world where people thrive—not just for today, but for generations to come."

Participants from 4-H clubs in Wor.

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the competition.

She was awarded the 4-H Cooking Master pin.

Keira Lucas of the Clever Clovers and Lauren Wenzel of the Pocomoke Explorers, each did well in the grilled cheese category. Lucas took home second place in the category, and in the healthy snack and decadent dessert categories, Wenzel received a red ribbon award.

In the Senior Division, Gavin Lucas showed his skills in the kitchen earning a blue ribbon for his ooey-gooey grilled cheese.

Summer Wakefield, corresponding secretary of the Voyagers, impressed the judge with her energy bite snack to take the blue ribbon in that category.

She was a close second to club mate, Summer Banks, in the decadent dessert category.

Banks also won a blue ribbon for her vegetarian casserole.

In addition to their ribbons, participants received prizes ranging from cookbooks to an array of 4-H branded kitchenware and items to allow them to continue to hone their culinary skills.

This program, and those like it, help 4-H youth to gain confidence in public speaking and in mastering a virtual presentation.

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HALLOWEEN

Families gather at White Horse Park for the Ocean Pines Trunk or Treat event, which took place last Friday.



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FAMILY FUN

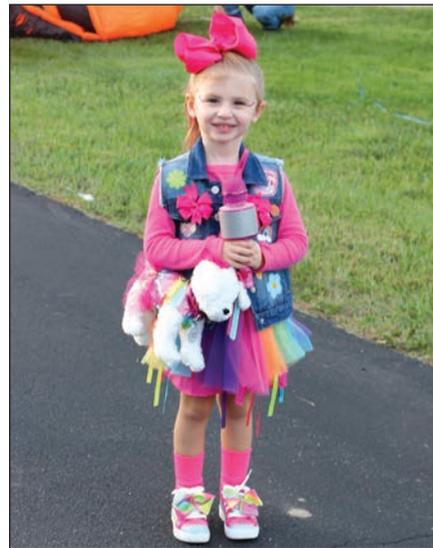
Youth disguised as scary creatures and super heroes fill their pumpkins socially distanced via a chute employed by a participant sporting a "Jurassic Park"-themed vehicle during Ocean Pines' Trunk or Treat event last Friday in White Horse Park.



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DECKED OUT

Ashley Bergey and her 3-year-old son, Jake, of Berlin, decorated the trunk of her car for Halloween to distribute candy at the "Trunk or Treat" event at Buckingham Presbyterian Church on South Main Street last Friday.



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FESTIVE ATTIRE

Emerson Pollitt, of Berlin, dresses up as JoJo Siwa, an American dancer, singer and YouTube personality, for the "Trunk or Treat" event at Buckingham Presbyterian Church on South Main Street last Friday.



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TROOPERS

Twins, Nate, left, and Zeke Jones, 9, of Berlin, dressed as storm troopers from "Star Wars" to go trick or treating in their neighborhood on Halloween.



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SWEETS SEARCH

Trick-or-treating in Berlin on Halloween night, from left, are Ellie Bookwater, 5, and Sophia, 5, and Seva Nistazos, 7, of Ocean City.



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PARADE

Eastern Shore Asphalt Sealers employ a "skeleton" crew during the Halloween community parade sponsored by the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce that began at the Sports Core Pool parking lot on Cathell Road and ended in White Horse Park at noon on Saturday.

Students receive assembly about bullying, violence

(Nov. 5, 2020) Worcester Preparatory School's faculty and students attended the Rachel's Challenge assembly on Sept. 15.

The Rachel's Challenge organization was formed in the wake of the 1999 Columbine High School shootings in memory of 17-year-old Rachel Joy Scott, who was the first victim.

Presenter Larry Scott, Rachel's uncle, was the facilitator of the Worcester Prep presentation.

The mission of the program is to equip and inspire individuals to promote a safer, more connected school community by replacing acts of violence, bullying and negativity with acts of respect, kindness and compassion.

From heartwarming stories of how she impacted students' lives to excerpts from her diaries, Rachel's vision was to start a chain reaction of kindness and compassion to change the world.

Rachel's Challenge honors her legacy by giving hope to children everywhere and making a lasting change that will have a positive impact in schools all over the country.

Worcester Prep senior Waverly Choy of Rehoboth Beach, Delaware,



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Worcester Preparatory students received a presentation about Rachel's Challenge organization, which was formed in honor of Rachel Joy Scott.

opted to attend the additional 90-minute Friends of Rachel (FOR) Training program following the assembly.

The training encourages students to form a Friends of Rachel Club to keep the impact going in the school after the live presentation.

"We have had some incredible speakers throughout my 14 years at WPS, however, Rachel's Challenge was the most thorough and moving program I have experienced," Choy

said. "What sets it apart is the amount of hands-on time they dedicate to not only sharing her message but also giving us the necessary tools and strategies to really transform our school. I have never seen a more inviting opportunity to share our experiences and be vulnerable."

At the end of the day, Worcester School Counselor Allison Harman introduced herself to Scott and thanked him for visiting the school.

"Rachel's Challenge visited my

high school and I will never forget what a powerful influence your niece's story had on my life," she told him. "It compelled me to immediately start journaling and guided me into my profession today. I think Rachel's message really resonated with students of all ages and instilled a lifelong lesson of compassion for others they will never forget."

For more information about Rachel's Challenge, visit www.rachelschallenge.org.

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Hardwire donates 2,500 face shields to county schools

(Nov. 5, 2020) Worcester County Public Schools recently accepted 2,500 face shields from Pocomoke City-based manufacturer, Hardwire, LLC.

As school systems across the nation wrestle with providing students, faculty and staff with appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), Worcester County Public Schools was thrilled to receive an in-kind donation from local manufacturer, Hardwire, LLC, of 2,500 face shields to be dispersed among the county's 14 schools and Board of Education facilities.

"We are incredibly grateful for the generosity shown by local business leaders George and Emily Tunis in this critical area for schools," Superintendent Lou Taylor said. "During these uncertain times, we are grateful to be able to rely on our community



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Worcester County Public Schools recently accepted 2,500 face shields from Pocomoke City-based manufacturer, Hardwire, LLC. Pictured, from left, are Stephen Decatur Middle School Principal H. Lynne Barton; Chief Academic Officer (PK-8) Denise Shorts; Hardwire President and Chief Operating Officer Emily Tunis; Hardwire Chief Executive Officer George Tunis; Superintendent of Schools Lou Taylor; Chief Operations & Academic Officer (9-12) Annette Wallace; and Chief Safety & Human Relations Officer C. Dwayne Abt.

partners to assist us in offering our students and employees this added layer of protection."

The lightweight face shields also provide protection for those individuals for whom wearing a mask is con-

traindicated due to health conditions.

"The safety of students and teachers in our local community is extremely important to us. Hardwire is proud to take a proactive role in providing safety and peace of mind to

Worcester County," said George Tunis, CEO of Hardwire. "We applaud Worcester County for its leadership in ensuring the protection of all staff and students amid this global pandemic."

Snapshots



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BACKPACK GIFTS

The Worcester Preparatory School girls' soccer team presented new backpacks filled with school supplies to Lord Baltimore Elementary School in Ocean View, Delaware.

LEARNING

Families were given the option to choose in-person instruction or virtual learning. Worcester Preparatory School teacher Hunter Causey prepares to record herself live teaching on an Ipad in her classroom for synchronous (real time) learning for students at home.

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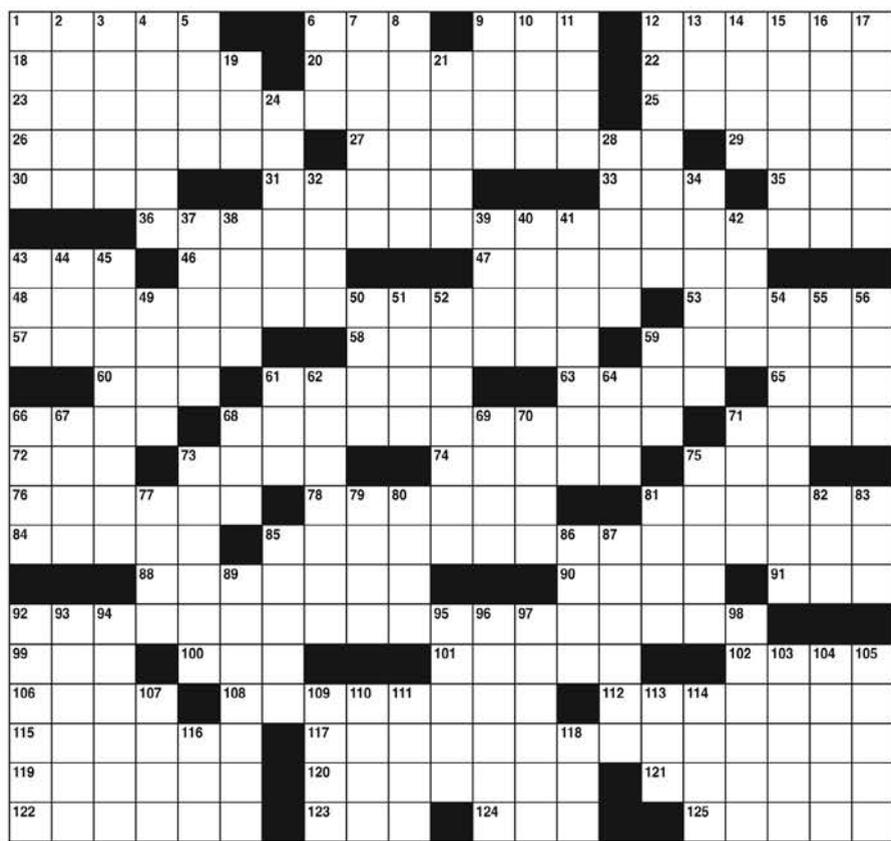
Worcester Preparatory School second grader Tejal Pillai easily adjusts to her plexiglass three-panel desk barrier.

Puzzles

AT THE HALLOWEEN PLAY ...
BY PETER A. COLLINS / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Peter A. Collins is the chairman of the math department at Huron High School, in Ann Arbor, Mich., where he has taught for 40 years. He has been married for 33 years and has four adult daughters, all still in the Ann Arbor area. The genesis of this puzzle was hearing about an actor who had [answer at 48-Across]. That made him think of Frankenstein, and an idea was born. This is Peter's 114th crossword for The Times. — W.S.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Reposed
 - 6 Ruler divisions: Abbr.
 - 9 Objective
 - 12 Source of stress for a returning vacationer
 - 18 Homes staffed with butlers, say
 - 20 Heartburn-relief brand
 - 22 Snapple competitor
 - 23 At the Halloween play, when the black cat appeared, the _____
 - 25 Really bother
 - 26 Sound of a candy wrapper
 - 27 Collectibles-like ticket stubs and matchbooks
 - 29 Glassy square?
 - 30 "Critique of Pure Reason" philosopher
 - 31 Enemy of Bowser in video games
 - 33 Music producer Gotti
 - 35 Fr. religious title
 - 36 ... the skeleton gave a _____
 - 43 Belle of a ball
 - 46 Bradley or Patton: Abbr.
 - 47 Citrus fruit with a portmanteau name
 - 48 ... Frankenstein had _____
- DOWN**
- 1 Kiss
 - 2 Oscar winner Dern
 - 3 Finish with
 - 4 Final destination, perhaps
 - 5 Long haul
 - 6 Title for Emma Bovary: Abbr.
 - 7 Appreciative cry
 - 8 Arrive unnoticed
 - 9 "As I Lay Dying" father
 - 10 Two of Us?
 - 11 Fashioned
 - 12 Them's fighting words!
 - 13 "It's Raining _____"
 - 14 "This minute!"
- ACROSS**
- 53 One of the kids on "Stranger Things"
 - 57 Most common U.S. street name, surprisingly
 - 58 Scarecrow portrayer
 - 59 Blanket that's worn
 - 60 Follow closely, as the curb
 - 61 Pitcher Satchel in the Baseball Hall of Fame
 - 63 Chow
 - 65 "Of course I remember you!" often
 - 66 Glasses, in slang
 - 68 ... the critics loved the witch's performance, _____
 - 71 Tickled
 - 72 Dragon-roll ingredient
 - 73 Friendly
 - 74 Prepare, as mushrooms
 - 75 Vexation
 - 76 Cassandra, for one
 - 78 Vocal critics
 - 81 Hooded jacket
 - 84 Great Lake name
 - 85 ... the ghost had _____
 - 88 Amazon, for one
 - 90 Old-timey title
 - 91 No-go area, in brief
 - 92 ... the vampire never _____
 - 99 "Evil Woman" group, for short
 - 100 Most common English letter, in Morse code
- DOWN**
- 101 Joyce Carol with two O. Henry Awards
 - 102 Slumps
 - 106 Send emojis, say
 - 108 Southern shade trees
 - 112 It gained its independence from Ethiopia in 1991
 - 115 Source of some tweets
 - 117 ... the mummy was a hit _____
 - 119 Try to make out
 - 120 Tot's spot in a lot
 - 121 Certain Bach compositions
 - 122 Fitting anagram of ANGER + E
 - 123 In the style of
 - 124 G.I.'s chow
 - 125 Artoo-_____
- ACROSS**
- 15 Formal admission
 - 16 Simple shelter
 - 17 Glossy gown fabric
 - 19 "30 Rock" was inspired by it, for short
 - 21 Apt thing to wear during allergy season?
 - 24 Mortar = sand + water + _____
 - 28 Gymnastics event
 - 32 With skill
 - 34 French towns
 - 37 What you're doing at every moment
 - 38 Bassoon attachment
 - 39 Buck
 - 40 Like royal flushes
 - 41 Beg
 - 42 Museum offering
 - 43 Article of Cologne?
 - 44 She raised Cain
 - 45 Hit ABC dating show, with "The"
 - 49 Component of béchamel sauce
 - 50 Celebration of a life, for short
 - 51 Clouds (up)
 - 52 Tickled
 - 54 Spam filter, of a sort
 - 55 Capital of Samoa
 - 56 Lentil, e.g.
 - 59 Card's place: Abbr.
 - 61 Good thing to make or break
 - 62 One of two for a tee
 - 64 It might be pale or amber
 - 66 Late-night host Meyers
- DOWN**
- 67 Indiana city that's 100 miles west of Lima, Ohio
 - 68 Pale
 - 69 Quaint "not"
 - 70 Tidy up ... or make less tidy
 - 71 Produce on a farm
 - 73 Poster heading
 - 75 Spy's collection
 - 77 Billy in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame
 - 79 Not up
 - 80 Fatty tuna, in Japanese cuisine
 - 81 Lead-in to phobia
 - 82 Common sight at a cash-only bar
 - 83 AM radio abbr.
 - 85 Capone contemporary
 - 86 Bone: Prefix
 - 87 Like some Coast Guard rescues
 - 89 Superfan
 - 92 Do another take of
 - 93 Number of sides on a hendecagon
 - 94 More crafty
 - 95 _____ ark
 - 96 _____ Jeffries, chair of the House Democratic Caucus
 - 97 Them's fighting words!
 - 98 Will matter
 - 103 Stop, in France
 - 104 Reach
 - 105 Have the final word
 - 107 "United States of _____," show for which Toni Collette won an Emmy
 - 109 Cow, in Cádiz
 - 110 Bibliography abbr.
 - 111 _____ vez (again, in Spanish)
 - 113 Record speed, for short
 - 114 Gadget that once came with a click wheel
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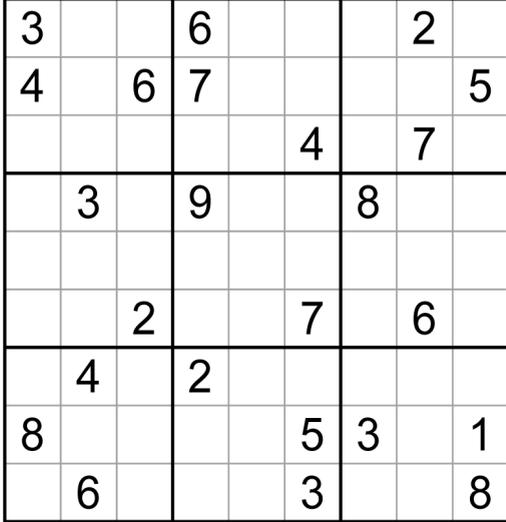
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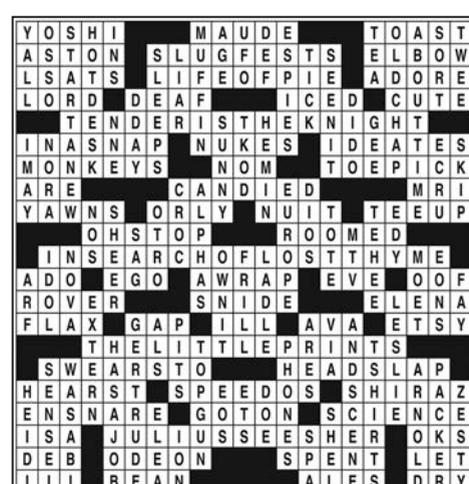
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HARD - 22

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.



Answers to last week's puzzles

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



Calendar

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

Thurs., Nov. 5

CPAP MASK FITTING

Atlantic General Hospital Sleep Disorders Diagnostic Center, 9733 Healthway Drive. Free mask fitting clinic for patients who are having trouble adjusting to their CPAP equipment. By appointment only: Robin Rohlffing, 410-641-9726.

MERRY MAKERS: 'COUNTDOWN TO THE HOLIDAYS' PLATE

Meeting via Zoom, 10:30 AM. Join this adult craft group the first Thursday of each month and create with new and recycled materials. November features decorating a charger plate as a Countdown to the Holidays message board. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

FREE SMOKING CESSATION CLASSES - IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL

Atlantic Club, 11827 Ocean Gateway, 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM. The course consists of eight core sessions utilizing the American Lung Association Freedom from Smoking curriculum, which is proven to help smokers quit. Classes are held Thursdays from Nov. 5 through Dec. 24. Register: Alyssa Rink, Alyssa.Rink@maryland.gov or 410-632-1100, Ext. 1102. A health-screening and masks are required. A distance learning class will also begin on Nov. 5 and takes place from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Thursdays from Nov. 5 through Dec. 24.

ONE MARYLAND ONE BOOK: 'THE ISLAND OF SEA WOMEN' BY LISA SEE

Meeting via Zoom, 2:00 PM. Copies of books are available in advance at the Pocomoke branch. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

Fri., Nov. 6

ONE MARYLAND ONE BOOK: 'FEMALE HUSBANDS AND WALKING MARRIAGES: GENDER ROLES IN A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE'

Meeting via Zoom, 2:00 PM. Dr. Kara French from Salisbury University will lead this fascinating lecture and discussion about global gender roles. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

FIRST FRIDAY OPENING RECEPTION FOR NOVEMBER EXHIBITS

OC Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Meet the artists, enjoy hors d'oeuvres and refreshments, and see the new exhibits featuring a variety of local artists. Open to the public and free admission. 410-524-9433, <http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org>

BINGO WITH THE KNIGHTS

Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway, 6:30 PM. Doors open at 5 p.m.; bingo

starts at 6:30 p.m. Cash payouts for each game as well as the Big Jackpot coverall. 410-524-7994,

GREEN MARKET

Fridays through Nov. 27 - Trimper Rides under the Ferris Wheel, 600 S. Atlantic Ave., 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Local Farmers Market featuring fresh everything and more from our local farmers. The market is agriculture based only. There will be live music and weekly drawings. Sally Kneavel, Sally@Trimperrides.com, 410-289-8617, <http://TrimperRides.com>

Sat., Nov. 7

'KINGS OF THE MAT' YOUTH WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway. Spectator admission cost is \$20 per day or \$30 for a weekend wrist band. 443-614-2743, <http://nhsca-events.com/fall-national-duals/>

CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

Ocean City Presbyterian Church, 1301 Philadelphia Ave., 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

OYSTER FRITTER SANDWICH SALE

American Legion Berlin Post #123, 10111 Old Ocean City Blvd., 2:00 PM. Curbside pick up or bar patron orders. Cost is \$9.

FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

Saturdays - White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Shop for everything from fresh local produce to unique handmade artisan goods. Open to the public.

Sun., Nov. 8

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Mon., Nov. 9

NEA BIG READ ACCOUNTS OF SURVIVAL

Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., 2:00 PM - 11:59 PM. The museum will host a reading from their historical logs. Masks are required. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

TRAVELING THROUGH TIME WITH KIKI AND FIFI: EPISODE 2

Meeting via Facebook, 2:00 PM. Travel with Kiki and Fifi through books and DVDs to visit Alaska, the Chesapeake Bay, Sweden, Germany, England and North Carolina to review a book they



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PROCLAMATION

The Worcester County Commissioners joined with Amy Crouse and Mary Elligson of the Worcester County Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind on Oct. 6 to proclaim Oct. 15, 2020, as White Cane Awareness Day in Worcester County and to encourage area residents and employers to value the white cane as a tool of independence for the blind in both public spaces and businesses.

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