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The Friends of Dee Bohanan Benefit Tournament for Parkinson's Research drew more than 40 players to the Ocean Pines Racquet Center on Sept. 23. Organized by the Ocean Pines Platform Tennis and Spec Tennis clubs, the event, which raised about \$4,000 for the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's research, was a tribute to long-time member Dee Bohanan, who battled Parkinson's until her passing on Sept. 14. See story on page 18.

## **Berlin Fire Co. will** seek \$350K in FY24

Truck purchased in 2016 for \$800,000 would now cost \$1.5M to replace

#### By Cindy Hoffman Staff Writer

(Sept. 28, 2023) The Berlin Fire Company hopes to receive a combined contribution of about \$350,000 from town government in FY 24, with \$200,000 of that total being used to help cover operating costs, and \$150,000 being used for capital expenses, fire company President Dave Fitzgerald told the mayor and Town Council last Wednesday.

At least that is how the situation looked as of the company's first quarterly meeting of the fiscal year with

the council.

Fitzgerald said the estimate for the capital expenses was based on a study conducted in April 2018 and current data. The study was conducted by a consultant hired by the town to determine what was needed to provide the appropriate services to protect the town, according to Fitzgerald.

"Studies are studies," Vice President Dean Burrell replied. "Berlin residents need to know what your assets are, what your operating expenses are and what you need.'

Burrell said that by providing this information, the council and the fire company will be able to all get on the same page.

In addition to the funding the See FIRE Page 3



Ocean Pines residents can obtain a sticker for the Public Works yard to drop off leaves and other debris. It is located behind the firehouse.

## **Tons of leaves** can be left at

public works

It's that time of year again for leaf-raking residents

By Cindy Hoffman Staff Writer

(Sept. 28, 2023) One hundred tons, that's the weight of leaves and pine needles that Ocean Pines residents collect in a year. And leaf season is almost upon us.

While the leaves will stay green for a few more weeks, Ocean Pines residents are cleaning up after tropical storm Ophelia hit with a much lighter touch than expected this weekend. Still, leaves, branches, pine needles and sweet gum balls did litter the landscape. So, it's time to start the fall

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The Berlin Fire Company is meeting with the Berlin Council regularly to keep members abreast of the needs they have to keep the community safe.

# Fire co. first quarter report shows operating costs rising

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town provides annually, Fitzgerald said the fire company receives \$250,000 annually from the county. That contribution, he added, is based on three cents on the tax dollar.

"That needs to go up," Fitzgerald said. "The three cents formula has been in place since the 1970s."

The upcoming reassessment of real property in the county — it's Ocean City's turn in the year ahead — could raise the amount of money the county provides.

The county also reimburses the fire company \$1,000 per call for calls outside of the municipality of Berlin, but if multiple companies are out for one call, only the home fire company is reimbursed.

Fitzgerald estimates the Berlin Fire Company receives about 200 out-of-town calls per year, with the response fee going to the capital apparatus fund

Fitzgerald also explained to council members other options he has seen used to fund fire companies.

"You can do a tax amount, like the county does. So many cents on the dollar and a [cost] per run. Another choice is so many cents on the dollar for capital and operating. The third, as we do now, present a budget and the town fills in the hole," he said.

No matter how equipment is paid for, it is becoming extremely expensive, according to Fitzgerald. For instance, Capt. RJ Rhodes said it would cost the company \$1.5 million to replace the ladder truck it bought in 2016 for \$800,000.

He also noted that standards and technology are always changing and with that, parts for older vehicles go out of production. Currently, Engine 605 is the newest engine, which was purchased in 2018, he said.

The fire company is expecting a new engine to arrive in December 2024 to replace a 1988 engine, at a cost of \$977,000.

Inflation also has affected the costs of all fire equipment, including "turnout gear," the protective coats and pants firefighters wear, which currently costs \$500 a set, Rhodes said.

Other capital costs include heart monitors, stair chairs, and breathing devices.

The EMS budget is separate from the fire company budget. For that, Fitzgerald expects to request \$450,000 in operating costs, up from \$408,000 this year. He also expects to seek \$52,000 for the ambulance replacement fund.

Councilmember Steve Green said the numbers sounded reasonable.

This year, the county provided \$900,000, with \$75,000 for capital expenses.

Fitzgerald also hopes to get the fire company's EMS contingency fund back up next fiscal year. He estimated that the company should have \$300,000 in the fund if it mirrored what the mayor wants to see for the town.

Fitzgerald said he expects personnel costs will rise too, as the company needs to stay competitive with other local companies or it will lose staff.









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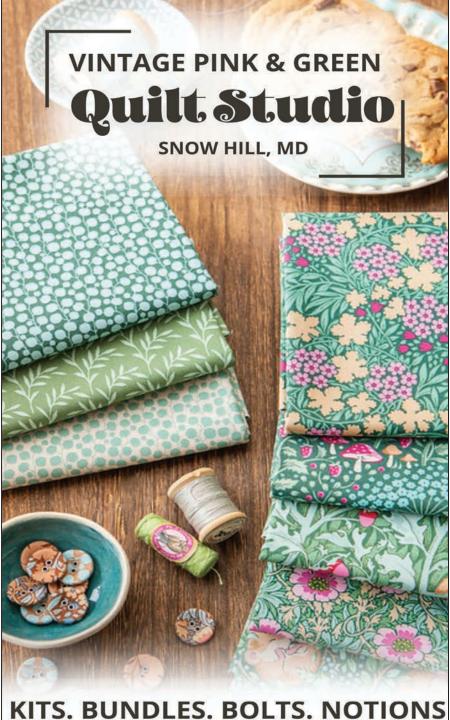
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## **Second time may be charm** for Oceans Calling festival

**By Hunter Hine** 

Staff Writer

(Sept. 28, 2023) With about 40,000 attendees expected per day and an all-star musical lineup slated for last year's Oceans Calling music festival, many hailed the event as the biggest ever to come to Ocean City. But it didn't happen.

Despite organizers' "rain or shine" policy, city officials decided the remnants of Hurricane Ian made the event too dangerous to hold and cancelled it the day before the artists were to perform.

This year, the festival will give it another shot at the inlet in front of a crowd that has now grown to about 50,000 attendees per day. Resale websites like StubHub continue to offer one and three-day passes for the festival from Sept. 29 to Oct. 1, which range in price from \$135-\$2,850.

Tickets have been sold to residents of every U.S. state and five international destinations, said Tom Perlozzo, the town's tourism and development director.

Perlozzo said that Bike Fest, Cruisin' Ocean City and the former Dew Tour would be the next biggest events to ever come to town, and he estimated that Oceans Calling is 40-50 percent bigger by metrics such as attendance.

"We're looking forward to a great event. We hope everyone has a good time. Stay safe and enjoy some national acts that we've never seen here in Ocean City," Perlozzo said.

Many of the bands who were on the lineup last year have carried over, including headliners such as Alanis Morissette and the Lumineers, as well as bands like O.A.R. and Peach

John Mayer, Jack Johnson, Slightly Stoopid and Weezer are among the heavy-hitters that are new to the 2023 schedule, though some all-stars like Dave Mathews, Cyndi Lauper, Sublime and Cage the Elephant weren't rescheduled.

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## **OP Public Works will collect** bagged leaves in December

Continued from Page 1 cleanup.

Republic Services picks up trash and four bags of leaves from each participating resident twice a week. There is no limit to the number of bags that the association's Public Works crews will pick up.

Ocean Pines Public Works will collect bagged leaves from Nov.27 to Dec.29. Bagged leaves will be picked up on days opposite of Republic Services' regularly scheduled collection days.

Residents can also obtain a sticker for the Public Works yard to drop off leaves and other yard debris. The yard is located behind the firehouse. All leaves should be loose or in paper bags. No plastic bags are permitted.

Stickers are free to residents this year. Call Public Works at 410-641-7425 for a sticker.

Residents with a sticker may use the Public Works yard to drop off yard debris. The yard will be open to Ocean Pines residents and property owners Nov.27 to Dec 30, Monday through Saturday, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. The yard will be closed Dec. 25-26 for the Christmas holiday.

Outside of spring and fall openings, residents can schedule special drop-off times during normal work hours by calling Public Works.

Public Works will not be using the vacuum truck to clear out drainage ditches this year. This is the responsibility of each resident.

By requiring a sticker to use the Public Works yard to drop off leaves and other debris, the association will be able to control who is using the OPA facility to dispose of yard debris. This will save the association money by not having to dispose of leaves left by contractors and those living outside Ocean Pines.

The leaves are used for composting once collected.

'We haul to Blue Hen Organics in Frankford, Delaware," Eddie Wells, the director of Public Works said.

Village Green and Go Green OC have also received leaves for composting in the past.

Wells said he is open to farmers and other interested parties taking the leaves away.



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# Bikers foundation food drive will get underway Saturday

(Sept. 28, 2023) Bikers Without Borders Foundation's annual food drive is coming up at the end of the month.

From 9 a.m. to noon, Sept. 30 at the Food Lion in Ocean Pines, organization members will be collecting canned goods, nonperishable food items, toiletries, and monetary donations for local food banks.

Food banks that will receive donations this fall from the drive include receiving donations Chincoteague Island Food Closet in Chincoteague; Shepherd's Office in Georgetown, Delaware; and Sonrise Church in

# Forecast calling for some rain, but storms not likely

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Fresh faces aren't the only adjustment.

After a year of coordination between the C3 Presents, which is promoting the festival, and city officials, the festival footprint has been expanded to include the Boardwalk and its resident businesses from North Division Street to the inlet.

Oceans Calling still retained a similar stage and vendor layout relative to last year. The Sea Bright stage, which will be on the beach at North Division Street facing South, plays host to all the main headliners. The Rockville stage is the second biggest and sits by the Southeast end of the inlet lot facing North, and the Carousel stage is located in the inlet parking lot near South Division Street and faces East.

Forecasts are calling for some rain throughout the festival dates, but lady luck might've just smiled upon music fans and festival stakeholders as this year's big late-summer storm seemed to hit a week early.

From last Friday evening into Saturday, Tropical Storm Ophelia hurled heavy winds, summoned pounding waves and pushed the bay into some west-side streets during high tide.

Actually, the Lumineers sing "You've been on my mind girl since the flood," in their song "Ophelia," a coincidence Morissette may call "Ironic"

Though a stormy bullet may have been dodged, promoters, town officials and long-distance travelers will no doubt continue to closely monitor weather reports as events kick-off.

With all going according to plan, gates open at noon each day and headliners finish by 11 p.m. For the full schedule visit https://www.oceanscallingfestival.com/schedule.

Berlin.

Items needed include ready-to-eat and microwave-ready meals, single-serve cereals, shelf stable milk, breakfast and granola bars, fruit cups, juice boxes, individual snack packs, cases of bottled water, and microwave rice cups.

Personal hygiene items, such as infant formula and diapers are needed as well.

Monetary donations will be used to buy more food items to ensure well-rounded donations are provided to each organization, as well as provide gift cards for ongoing support through the holiday season.

Beginning at 12:30 pm, members of the Bikers Without Borders Foundation will begin escorted rides to the recipients to make the deliveries.

Bikers Without Borders Foundation is comprised of men and women that believe that giving back to the community is a civic duty. Members are motorcycle riders and non-riders who participate in charitable and volunteer activities that support local communities.

For more information, find Bikers Without Borders on Facebook, or email bikerswithoutbordersfoundation@gmail.com.



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Patti Stevens, a representative on the Commission on Transportation Revenue and Infrastructure Needs (TRAIN), suggested grant funding could be used to provide a bridge, sidewalks or other crossings on Rt. 113 to provide connectivity between all parts of Berlin.

# Berlin to request funding to address connectivity issues

**By Cindy Hoffman** 

Staff Writer

(Sept. 28, 2023) All parts of Berlin could become more connected and accessible if the town obtains a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

On Monday night, the Town Council authorized the application for federal funds to improve walkability, safety and affordable transportation access and address barriers to connectivity, especially to disadvantaged or underserved communities.

Patti Stevens, the local representative on the Commission on Transportation Revenue and Infrastructure Needs (TRAIN) said when she heard about this funding, Route 113 came to mind.

Stevens said the grant request would be \$1.2 million. She expects that 35 percent of the expenses in the first year would be spent on public information, community engagement and preliminary planning. Sixty-five percent in the second year would go

towards a feasibility study and design work

"The community engagement and preliminary planning process will identify specific options to address the infrastructure barrier created by US 113," Stevens said.

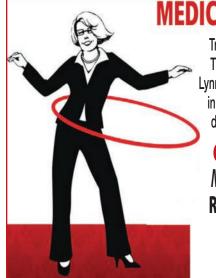
"Additional crossings, sidewalks, trails, and or a bike/pedestrian bridge are all possible ways that community connectivity and access to essential services could be improved."

The funding is for community engagement, data collection and analysis, planning and feasibility and cost assessment of identified options.

Funds for capital construction of recommended options would need to be secured by either the town of Berlin or the state, according to Stevens.

She suggested that the extensive engagement of the community could also help with the town's strategic planning initiative.

Stevens noted that 40 percent of See CONNECTIVITY Page 8



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## **Berlin Council discusses** snow, jobs, medical leave

By Cindy Hoffman

Staff Writer

(Sept. 28, 2023) If it snows this winter, the Town of Berlin will have plenty of salt for its roads, following the Town Council's approval Monday night of a three-year agreements with the state department of transportation.

The agreement will allow the town to obtain salt from the State Highway Administration (SHA) stockpiles during a snow storms.

The town will reimburse SHA for the costs of the salt and any other related expenses.

The cost of the salt is \$106 per ton and includes delivery charges, subject to change.

Director of Public Works Jimmy Charles told the mayor and council the town's relationship with the SHA is a good one because the town does not have to stockpile salt and the state's storage facility is just two minutes away.

In other business, the council approved the job description of the town's special projects coordinator, with the mayor breaking a tie vote. Councilmember Shaneka Nichols absent, the vote had two navs -Councilmembers Jack Orris

and Dean Burrell) and two ayes -Councilmembers Jay Knerr and Steve Green.

The concern by both Orris and Burrell was that the job description was overly broad and they wanted specifics on what the job holder will be doing under which department.

The council also unanimously approved submitting a letter of intent to participate in the Time to Care Act, Maryland legislation that establishes a state-administered Family Medical Leave Insurance (FAMLI) program funded by employers and employees with contri-

According to the Maryland Department of Labor, FAMLI "will ensure that workers in Maryland have access to paid leave when they need to be away from work to care for themselves or a family member."

The program allows employees to take an additional 12 weeks of leave over what the national Families and Medical Leave Act provides.

A motion to approve the annual event calendar was delayed until the first meeting in October, as the economic and community development director, Ivy Wells, was not in atten-



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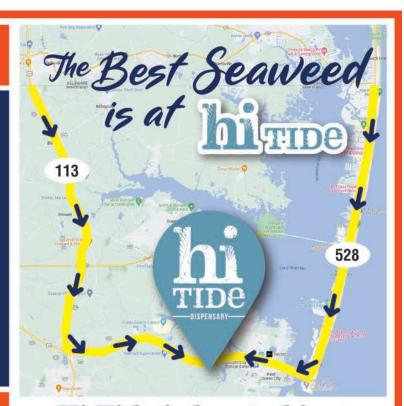
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## **Waterline flushing to take** place in October, November

(Sept. 28, 2023) The Water and Wastewater Division of Public Works will begin its semi-annual program for flushing waterlines in Assateague Pointe, Edgewater Acres, Nantucket Point, Deer Point, Landings, Mystic Harbour, Newark, Ocean Reef, Riddle Farm and West Ocean City Service Areas between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

## **Connectivity** key to funding

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federal funding must go to disadvantaged communities and that Berlin meets the criteria established by the federal government. Rural communities also have a preference but there is not a specific percentage designa-

Stevens said the Maryland Department of Transportation is supporting three requests, one of which is

"We are well positioned to be considered," Stevens said.

The following proposed fall 2023 dates for the flushing of the waterlines are subject to change.

Oct. 9-20 - Assateague Pointe, Deer Point, Mystic Harbour, Ocean Reef, and West Ocean City

Oct. 24 – Newark Oct. 26 – Edgewater Acres and Nantucket Pointe

Nov. 2-8 - Riddle Farm

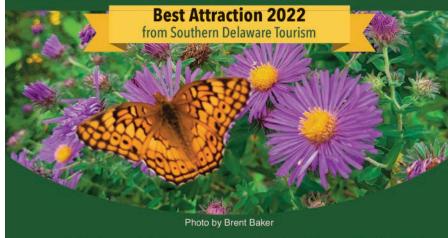
Routine flushing of the water system helps to reduce the frequency of discolored water.

Public Works crews open and close the hydrants, flushing out the builtup iron deposits. Sometimes, this can lead to temporary increases in suspended iron, which should settle out within a few hours of the flushing.

Residents should be aware that, even on dates the water lines in their section are not being flushed, it is still possible to experience discolored

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# **Berlin Council discusses how to use casino revenue**

#### **By Cindy Hoffman**

Staff Writer

(Sept. 28, 2023) The Berlin Town-Council and Mayor Zack Tyndall had preliminary discussions Monday evening on how to spend the casino revenue it received through the Local Impact Grant process. The Town of Berlin creates a multi-year plan for the funds.

The grants, which were created by the Maryland General Assembly to support communities affected by the advent of casino gambling at Ocean Downs in 2011, can only be used for specific things, including the police department.

This fiscal year, \$366,000 was allocated to fund the Law Enforcement Officers Pension System (LEOPS), a retirement program for police officers.

Casino revenue grants can also be used for infrastructure improvements, facilities, sanitation, economic and community development and other public services and improvements.

Natalie Saleh, the financial director for the Town of Berlin, estimated that there will be \$418,000 in casino funds for FY24.

"The first goal is to fund public

safety," Mayor Zack Tyndall said. "Our priority is LEOPS."

Councilmember Steve Green suggested that the council scale back casino funds for LEOPs and have LEOPS be paid for out of general funds

"Casino revenue is down and LEOPs will eventually have to become a general fund expense," Green said.

Councilmember Jay Knerr agreed and suggested the council consider other projects such as a community center, sidewalks and paving on West Street and a public works building or an ambulance fund.

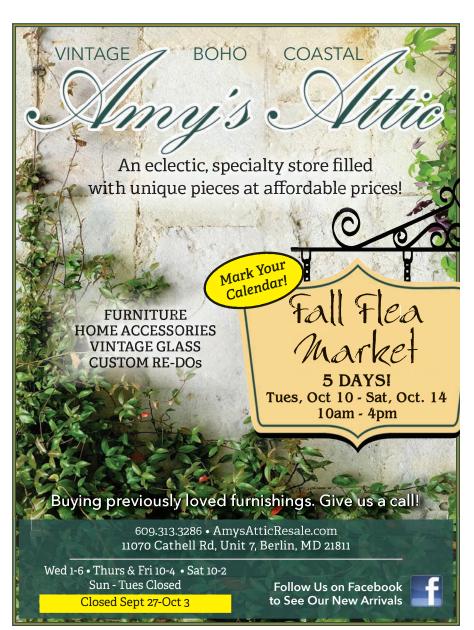
He suggested they protect LEOPS by slowly working it into the general budget.

"We are looking at this a little backwards. We need to fund LEOPs first, then if we have additional funds, consider other projects," Tyndall said.

"We could say in a multi-year plan that our first goal is to fund public safety," Tyndall said.

Councilmember Jack Orris suggested the council might want to host a public meeting to discuss this.

Tyndall said he will have a draft multi-year plan ready for the first meeting in October to be amended by the council.





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# Radio-read smart water meters for Berlin residents

(Sept. 28, 2023) As part of a water meter replacement project paid for by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), the Town of Berlin Water Resources Department will be replacing all water meters in town limits with new radio-read smart meters.

The new meters will send a radio signal to the town's computer system and provide the town with the status of each meter and the amount of water used.

This information will help to improve the response times of town personnel and the accuracy of water meter billing, town officials said.

Water/sewer customers will also be able to obtain more timely information regarding their water use through the online system.

The installation, which is expected to begin in the coming weeks, will occur during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

A meter replacement typically takes approximately 15 to 30 minutes, and the customer may notice a temporary disruption to water service during this time. Customers do not need to be present during the replacement of their meter.

After the water meter replacement is complete, customers will be asked to flush their water system for 5 to 10 min-

utes to clear any sediment and/or discoloration in the water line. A meter technician may also flush the service using an outside spigot.

Depending on the condition of the existing water meter, replacement of the water meter box (barrel), lid, and meter connection fittings may be necessary.

If the meter box needs to be replaced, crews will be required to dig up and remove the old meter box. Basic restoration of the area will be done by the installation crew when completed.

It may also be necessary to remove mulch, bushes or other vegetation, and other items that may be in the immediate area of the meter.

Items that must be fully removed, such as bushes, will not be replaced or restored as the property owner is required to keep the meter clear of obstructions.

Social media updates, notifications through the Code Red system, door hangers, and yard signs will be distributed to provide notice of which streets will be affected by meter replacement work.

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New members of Berlin's Parks and Historic Commissions, Arts and Entertainment Advisory Board, Housing Board and Board of Zoning Appeals were sworn into office on Monday night.



# School construction projects include roof replacements

**By Remy Andersen** Staff Writer

(Sept. 28, 2023) The Capital Improvement Program for the 2025 fiscal year was approved by the Worcester County Board of Education at their meeting last Tuesday.

Facilities Planner Joe Price presented the program outline to the board, stating that every year they are required to submit a CIP to the State of Maryland Interagency Commission on School Construction. The six-year plan allows the commission to identify public school construction needs so they can move to establish a reasonable schedule for funding and implementation.

The program for the 2025 fiscal year included a summary of previously approved projects as well as requests for state construction funding for ongoing projects, including Snow Hill Middle School/Cedar Chapel Special School roof replacement project, and design funding for the Pocomoke Elementary School roof replacement project.

The plan also identifies future project requests that include roof replace-

ment projects at Pocomoke Elementary and Worcester Technical High schools, and a Snow Hill Elementary Replacement School project.

Previously funded projects included the 24,800-square-foot addition to Stephen Decatur Middle School, the construction lasting from November of 2021 to January of 2023.

The plan includes a construction funding request for the Snow Hill Middle School and Cedar Chapel Special School roof replacement project, which will be executed in the summer of 2024. It also includes a design funding request for the Pocomoke Elementary School roof replacement project, which will be executed in the summer of 2025.

Additional information provided in the plan included maps of the Worcester County school locations, a map of the priority funding areas, a summary of locally owned portable classrooms (trailers), a summary of this year's pre-kindergarten and kindergarten enrollment and full time equivalent ten-year enrollment projections.

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## **Board of Ed opposed to new** final exam grading policies

#### By Remy Andersen

Staff Writer

(Sept. 28, 2023) A state-mandated change to the final exam grading policy for Worcester County Public Schools was met with adamant opposition by the Worcester County Board of Education last week.

Still, board members decided to unanimously, albeit reluctantly, approve the new changes to the policy.

The full grading policy was adopted in May of 2019, with the last revision occurring in April 2022. Thomas Hamill, the coordinator of research and student information systems, highlighted the changes to the board.

The current policy requires that all high school students take a final exam in all subject areas. This exam would then count for 10 percent of their final grade for each enrolled course.

The new exception that was introduced to the board stated that for the biology and government final exams, the exam would now count for 20 percent of a student's final grade.

To account for students who are absent during the final exam period, the state has allowed the board to apply its incomplete policy, giving

students five days to turn in any missing work. Hamill said that a new grading code will be implemented in PowerSchool, the public schools' online grading system, which will freeze a student's grade until the student is able to take the final assessment.

The policy states that students who are absent on the exam days for biology and government and unable to participate in the assessment during subsequent make up dates will have their grade listen as IEC in PowerSchool until the exam is completed.

The revision was also listed in a separate final examination policy, where it elaborates that final exam grades are averaged as part of the final course grade and will count as 10 percent of the course grade. In the same sentence, highlighted in red, the addendum said the exception will be for biology and government, where the exam will count for 20 per-

Hamill emphasized that the examinations for biology and government were the only ones not developed locally, as they are developed by the Maryland Department of Education. Previously the policy had stated that all exams were developed locally.

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## **Snapshots**



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#### **NEW MEMBER**

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City grew by one on Sept. 13 when Pat Lehnerd was inducted by President Bob Wolfing. Recent joiner John Hulit was his sponsor. Pictured, from left, are Wolfing, Lehnerd and Hulit.



#### GUEST SPEAKER

The Polish American Club of Delmarva, a social organization of men and women of Polish or Slavic descent, welcomed Rich Wirdzek, WMDT ABC 47 chief meteorologist, as the guest speaker during its Sept. 13 meeting. Pictured, from left, are Carole Milcarek, president of the Polish American Club of Delmarva; Wirdzek, and club member Patti Jarosinski. The club meets the second Wednesday of each month (not July and August) from 2-4 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on 100th Street in Ocean City. SUBMITTED PHOTO/ BAYSIDE GAZETTE



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#### **DONATION**

District Gov. Cliff Berg, left, and Ocean City Berlin Rotary Club President Margaret Mudron recently presented a check to Ken Sklenar of Easter Seals. The club meets the first and third Wednesday of the month at Don's Seafood at the South Gate in Ocean Pines.



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#### **ADVOCACY**

Sierra Club Lower Eastern Shore group visited University of Maryland Eastern Shore on Sept. 20 to discuss environmental advocacy. Students were encouraged to adopt zero waste practices. Pictured, from left, are Jacky Grindrod, David Ogunola and Joan Worrall.



#### HYDER HONORED

Bruce Hyder was recently presented with a citation for his years of service to the Berlin Parks Commission. Pictured, from left, are Sarah Hooper, Mike Wiley, Bruce Hyder, Mayor Zack Tyndall and Patricia Dufendach.

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## Safety key to transportation plans

By Remy Andersen

Staff Writer

(Sept. 28, 2023) Representatives of the Maryland Department of Transportation provided updates on their six-year Consolidated Transportation Program draft and ongoing county projects at the Worcester County Commissioners meeting last Tuesday.

The presentation was part of the organization's statewide transportation tour.

In Worcester County, State Highway Administrator William Pines detailed planned improvements to Route 113 and Route 818 and Germantown Road. He also discussed construction of a new signal at Route 589 at the Atlantic General Medical Center in Ocean Pines to improve access for emergency vehicles.

Completion of a preliminary study of Route 90 between Ocean Gateway and Coastal Highway was addressed as well. A total of \$15 million will be allocated for planning and preliminary engineering, Pines said, with officials evaluating options to improve the road.

Other allocations for Worcester



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One of the projects outlined in the Consolidated Transportation Program draft is the construction of a traffic signal on Route 589 by the Atlantic General Medical Center, shown here in Ocean Pines. Construction is proposed to improve access to the building for emergency vehicles.

County in the plan included \$3.8 million in operating and capital grants to support transit, \$93,000 for Ocean City Municipal Airport for a project involving removing runway obstructions, and \$86,000 in highway safety grants for local agencies including the Sheriff's Office, the Ocean City and Berlin police departments, and the Worcester County Health Department.

The commissioners responded by

stressing the recent uptick in car accidents that have occurred at several intersections, especially along Route 580.

Pines also said that they were reviewing a request for signalization on Gray's Corner Road.

Changes to the flashing light on the intersection of Routes 113 and 366 to a traffic light was discussed as well, along with review of the design for a traffic signal on the intersection of Routes 611 and 376.

"Safety is at the forefront always," Department Secretary Paul Wiede-See FOCUS Page 17



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Another proposed change would be that the final exams for biology and government would consist of four 40-minute sessions, which may be administered over multiple days in the designated testing window. Previously, the exams took place over a singular two-hour period.

Chief Safety and Academic Officer Annette Wallace showed encouragement for the change, stating that assessing what students know is "a step in the right direction." She also emphasized that their goal is offer the least amount of negative effect to the students and to impact them in the best way possible.

However, Board Member Elena McComas was in strong dissent with the proposed revisions, establishing her credibility as a former biology teacher.

"In my opinion, this is nuts," she said.

Board Member Jon Andes concurred with McComas, stating that the county board should be implementing how much a final exam should count towards a student's final grade.

At the end of the meeting, board member Katie Addis made a motion to write a letter to the Maryland State Board expressing their vehement opposition to the policy change.

"It's not because we agree with the change, but rather, the state forced our hand in the decision," Addis



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# Opinion

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# **Keep those old leaves** and put them to work

Most people who live in homes surrounded by trees would be expected to take the annual chore of clearing the yard of leaves in stride. But that's not always the case in Ocean Pines, where the fall ritual is viewed as a major annoyance by some, while others need reminders about the rules of leaf disposal.

So much for the warmth of Norman Rockwell's painting, "Grandpa and Me: Raking Leaves."

Nevertheless, there are other ways to dispose of leaves instead of hauling them to the Ocean Pines Public Works yard or having someone else do it. The Old Farmer's Almanac lists numerous things that can be done with "fall's most abundant crop."

First of all, it notes, the leaves of a single tree can be worth up to \$50 to gardeners and lawn-proud individuals, who are likely to spend that much on humus and plant food in the spring.

They also can be used as mulch, and, after being shredded by a lawnmower with a mulching blade, can be easily composted for lawn or garden use. Pound for pound, according to the Almanac, they contain twice as many minerals as manure.

As for pine needles, which will kill grass as quickly as just about anything because of their acidic content, it is precisely because of that characteristic that Home Depot sells 160 square feet of it for \$85. As a mulch around acid-loving ornamentals, or in the tomato garden, pine straw, as retailers call it, is tough to beat. Weeds rarely poke through a good bed of pine needles, so they are worth keeping or giving to someone who recognizes how valuable they have become.

So, sure, people who have had enough of those falling leaves and dropping pine needles in their yards can avail themselves of Ocean Pines' services and contribute to the pile of plant material that will be piled in the Public Works yard.

It just seems such a waste when mulched or composted leaves and raked-up pine needles have become worth more than the cost or the trouble of hauling them away.

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#### OCEAN PINES ASSOCIATION REPORT

## **Navigating Ocean Pines: Your FAQs**

Association website provides answers to common questions

Homeownership comes with its share of questions, and in Ocean Pines we understand that residents want quick and accurate answers. That's where our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section on the Ocean Pines Association website, ocean-pines.org, shines as a valuable resource.

Whether you're a seasoned homeowner or a newcomer to our community, this column aims to shed light on the importance and usefulness of this online resource.

Each year, the Ocean Pines Association compiles FAQs to address a wide range of topics that matter most to our residents. These FAQs go beyond being a simple reference; they serve as a dynamic source of knowledge.

Over time, the FAQs evolve to reflect the ever-changing needs of our community. Past topics have covered annual meetings, boating and water sports, sticker programs for leaf and yard debris drop-off, and much more.

Simply put, the FAQ section is a onestop shop for answers. Whether you have questions about assessments, tree removal, easements, or bicycle safety, you can find valuable insights right at your fingertips. No need to search extensively or make phone calls. The FAQ section streamlines your access to vital information.

Information isn't static, and neither are our FAQs. They're regularly updated to reflect new policies, projects, and developments within Ocean Pines. Staying informed through the FAQ section ensures you're well-prepared and aware of the latest changes that may affect you as a homeowner.

If you find yourself with unanswered questions or have a topic you believe should be included in the FAQ section, the Ocean Pines Association encourages you to submit your ideas via email at info@oceanpines.org. Your input helps shape this valuable resource and ensures that it remains a reliable source of information for all residents.

To find the FAQ section, visit oceanpines.org/web/pages/faq. Or, visit oceanpines.org, mouse over the "About Ocean Pines" tab at the top of the website, and select "FAQs" from the drop-down menu.

## Letter

## High costs of poor border policies

Editor,

I have been baffled for the last 2.5 years by the apparent acceptance by some Americans of the horrible things occurring here in America.

I can only assume that approximately half the population is unaware of these matters, either from lack of curiosity or from watching media, which deliberately refuses to report the truth. It's a mystery.

In any event, I just want to make sure people have the opportunity to learn a few facts.

One of our major problems is the situation on our southern border.

The DHS Secretary Mayorkas keeps saying the border is closed and President Biden keeps blaming the Republicans for the open border.

So, which is it?

All I know is that over 7 million people have flooded across the border in the last 2.5 years.

Included in this number are people on the terrorist watch list, MS-13 gang members, human traffickers, unaccompanied minors and tons of fentanyl, which is being marketed here in America and has killed over 75,000 Americans by drug overdose in the last year.

Children are drowning trying to cross the Rio Grande. Women are being raped and trafficked by the cartels.

We have recently discovered that there are active tuberculosis cases among the migrants, and we have no way of knowing whether any of the migrants are vaccinated against anything, including COVID.

As a matter of fact, Biden, as one of the first actions of his presidency, signed an Executive Order ending the DNA testing of children at the border to make sure they are actually with their families, and not human traffick-

The facilities are (and have been for over two years) overflowing, and can hold not one more person, so they are being let go and told to go wherever they want.

The Biden administration is flying thousands of migrants all over the country to towns small and large, with no warning to the local governments.

Governors Abbott and DeSantis are sending busloads of migrants (at their request) to New York and Chicago and San Francisco.

The mayors of these big blue cities and governors of these blue states are crying that they can't afford all these migrants and someone needs to do something.

Well, you know, all of these big blue cities are "sanctuary cities" — they've

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## **Time to Care insurance for county**

**By Remy Andersen** 

Staff Writer

(Sept. 28, 2023) Both the Worcester County Board of Education and Worcester County Commissioners voted last Tuesday to participate in the Time to Care Act Insurance Collaborative.

The collaboration is between members of the Maryland Association of Boards of Education, the Maryland Association of Counties and the Maryland Municipal League.

Maryland's Time to Care Act was enacted in April of 2022 and establishes a paid family and medical leave insurance program. Through signing the agreement, the county school system and the commissioners would join the MACo collaborative as participating employers.

Starting in 2026, covered employees may take up to 12 weeks of leave in a rolling 12-month period, with an additional 12 weeks possible if the employee experiences a serious

health condition and needs to bond with a new child.

The paid leave would not be 100 percent, Human Resources Director Stacey Norton said to the commissioners, and there wouldn't be a guarantee when payment for sick time would be received.

The program will provide up to 90 percent of average weekly wages, subject to an initial \$50 minimum and \$1,000 maximum, that will be adjusted annually. Covered employers must participate in the state program or comply with an approved private plan.

Contributions to the program will begin in October, and cannot exceed 1.2 percent of total wages.

Services that would be provided by the collaborative would include preparing a proposal request to insurance carriers to provide insurance coverage that qualifies as a collaborative-equivalent private insurance plan, interfacing with insurance carriers to support participating employers when buying collaborative insurance coverage, accessing reduced rates for consulting services, and representing the interests of participating employers to Maryland authorities with collaborative enforcement responsibility.

Expenses would be funded primarily by membership fees that all participating employers would pay each year, depending on how many people they employ. They are due within 30 days after joining the collaborative.

Day to day affairs would be monitored by an administrative committee, consisting of two members appointed by the Maryland Association of Boards of Education, and two members appointed by the Maryland Association of Counties as well as the executive directors of the organizations.

Any participating employer can back out of the collaborative by giving 30 days advance written notice to the administrative committee.

## Ribbon cutting for new Newark Park playground, Oct. 3

(Sept. 28, 2023) Area residents are invited to join the Worcester County Commissioners as they cut the ribbon on the new farm-themed playground equipment at the Newark Park on Oct. 3 at 1:30 p.m.

Worcester County Recreation and Parks professionals contracted with Cunningham Recreation to install GameTime play structures across 3,836 square feet of play space.

The playground is comprised of two adjoining sections, one for children ages 2-5 and another for ages 5-12. Inclusive components are used in the play structures that allow children of all abilities to play and adults of varying ages and abilities to actively engage with their children

The park also includes a pavilion with grills, picnic tables and public parking.

To learn more about WCRP parks and programs, visit https://worcester-recandparks.org, and find them on social media at #PlayMDsCoast.

#### Letter

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been patting themselves on the back for years for being so open and kind and generous.

Reality bites hard, doesn't it? These cities are finally getting a taste of what small towns in Texas and New Mexico and Arizona and southern California have been suffering.

Eleven thousand illegal migrants have crossed our southern border in the last 24 hours (as I write this on Sept. 25).

Over 2,000 per day are crossing into Eagle Pass, Texas, a town of about 28,000-30,000 (about the size of Salisbury). How is this town sup-

posed to handle this?

So, a couple of questions:

- 1. How much money do you think this is costing American taxpayers, since we are supporting these people with housing, food, medical care, schools and on and on?
- 2. How many fentanyl overdose deaths are acceptable? Is it acceptable that Mexican drug and human trafficking cartels have control of our border?
- 3. If you are the leader of a country, and you are allowing this to happen, and lying about it, what does that say about you? And what do you think might be the motivation?

Carol Frazier
Ocean Pines



## Focus on safety for local roads

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Sen. Mary Beth Carozza (R-38) was also in attendance and expressed optimism about the projects. She thanked the transportation officials in the involvement of improving Gary's Corner Road to reduce the number of collisions that occur there.

"This is a fantastic opportunity," Carozza said. "Thanks for making Worcester County our home."

The road has been at the forefront of local discussions since last summer, when 14-year-old Gavin Knupp was fatally killed in a hit-and-run on the two-lane road, which runs parallel to Route 50 and serves as an alternative route for drivers who want to avoid the traffic of the busier road. The majority of the road has no shoulders or street lights.





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## **Tournament raises \$4,000** for Parkinson's research

(Sept. 28, 2023) The Ocean Pines Racquet Center was awash with goodwill on Sept. 23, as the community came together for the Friends of Dee Bohanan Benefit Tournament for Parkinson's Research.

The event, organized by the Ocean Pines Platform Tennis and Spec Tennis clubs, was a heartfelt tribute to long-time member Dee Bohanan, who battled Parkinson's until her unfortunate passing on Sept. 14.

The tournament drew more than 40 players, including 10 participants in the "Newbie Round Robin" category. Spectators also flocked to the courts, with roughly 75 attendees helping to create an atmosphere of positivity.

Because of the strong turnout and the support of sponsors, the event raised nearly \$4,000 for the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's research.

Karen Kaplan, president of the Platform Tennis and Spec Tennis clubs, called the tournament a big

"The positive energy on and off the courts was amazing," she said. "There

was so much fun, laughs, camaraderie and friendly competition. And, it was an especially poignant moment when Dee's husband, Bo, joined us to present the medals.'

Kaplan thanked Cel Popen for helping to organize the tournament, as well as the Racquet Sports members and other volunteers who helped bring in sponsors and donors.

"To all the players and friends who donated, thank you so much!" she said. "A special thanks goes to our sponsors, The Assateague Coastal Trust, Choptank Electric, the Bohanan Family, Sen. Mary Beth Carozza, Carrie R. Dupuie/CDR Financial, the MaryMac Foundation, A Bagel and..., the Hersheys, the Flanagans, and the Kent County Tennis Association."

The Spec Tennis Club remains committed to honoring Bohanan's memory, supporting Parkinson's research, and fostering a strong sense of community through sport.

For more information on Spec Tennis programs at the Ocean Pines Racquet Center, visit www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/spec-tennis.



#### **NEW MEMBERS**

Two new members sponsored by John Hanberry were inducted into the **Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-**Ocean City on Sept. 20. Pictured, from left, are Hanberrry, **Skip and Tom** Flanagan, President Bob Wolfing and Lt. Gov. Robin Marks. PHOTO COURTESY



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## One prescription for cancer: talk about it

**By Cindy Hoffman** 

Staff Writer

(Sept. 28, 2023) Talking was the key to recovering from endometrial (uterine) cancer for Cheri Stambaugh.

She was diagnosed with cancer in March at 73 years old. Her husband passed away seven years ago, so she was by herself having to deal with the big "C." Or so she thought.

At first, she kept it to herself, but friends could tell something was wrong.

The more she talked to people, the better she felt. And she found that many of her friends had experienced cancer in the past, but few talked about it, until she did. And the more she talked with people, the more people would talk to her about other struggles.

"Talking made a big difference for me," Stambaugh said.

But not just texting or talking on the phone. Stambaugh needed to get out and socialize.

She has an office at Ocean Downs, where she is the administrator for the Maryland Standardbred Race Fund for the Association of Harness Racing.

When she had surgery in April, the doctor's told her she would be out of work for two to four weeks. She went back to work in six days.

She also engaged socially. She has been a volunteer and regular customer at Windmill Creek Winery and Sisters Wine Bar in Berlin. She loves the local music scene. She can be found supporting the musicians at Open Mic Night most Thursdays at Sisters.

When she started chemo treatments, she would go out with friends, even if she was feeling poorly and not interested in eating much. Just to be with a friend and talk was important to her mindset.

Stambaugh said although cancer is a physical illness, it causes mental health issues as well.

Keeping all of that pain and fear to oneself is not healthy, so Stambaugh tried to keep to a regular social schedule, even when she was not feeling well

"Talking to people and having people ask me questions when they were feeling down really helped me too."

One woman she talked to said she never told anyone about her cancer, and she is still struggling with coming to terms with it. She wishes she had someone to talk to during that time.

Another woman she met had breast cancer and said her husband struggled to discuss the diagnosis with her, so Stambaugh talked with her.

She has a T-shirt that says, "I hope chemo gives me superpowers."

It appears that it has, as she has helped others as much as others have helped her.

Recently, she hired a professional photographer, Laura Truitt of Laura Truitt Photography, to take some pictures of her at Windmill Creek Winery.

"You always see photo shoots of families, pregnancies, weddings, but you never see someone at their most vulnerable," Stambaugh said.

"The pictures caught the essence of what I wanted to show; that you are still human, and you are still you, even with cancer."

Stambaugh did not wear wigs during her treatment. She said she donned a baseball hat when she was out, to make other people more comfortable rather than herself.

One time, she went over to Don's Seafood to get a bite to eat at the bar. It was raining and she grabbed her raincoat but forgot her baseball cap.

She apologized to the hostess who seated her and the hostess told her she was beautiful anyway.

As she sat at the bar, the bartender said, "Hi beautiful."

Later that night, the bartender came up and gave her a hug and told her that a couple that was eating in the restaurant bought her dinner and drinks. They wanted the bartender to wait until they left to tell her.

Those moments of kindness were special to her.



PHOTOS BY LAURA TRUITT OF LAURA TRUITT PHOTOGRAPHY, COURTESY OF CHERI STAMBAUGH

Cheri Stambaugh asked a professional photographer to take pictures of her at Windmill Creek Winery after she was done with her cancer treatment. She said the pictures caught the essence of what she wanted to show, that you are still human and you're still you, even with cancer.

Stambaugh had surgery in April and then started chemotherapy in May and radiation in August. She is now done with all of her treatments. They won't do a scan for a few months to allow her body to heal.

"Radiation and chemo damage cancer cells and the good cells," Stambaugh said, so she won't know if she is cancer free for a while. "Even people who are not sick struggle sometimes."

Stambaugh wants people to know they don't need to be alone.

"When you are not feeling good, don't hide. Come out and be around your friends. They may help you feel better."



# Cuisine

## Dish 'amazing rendition of meat in dough'

Reprint from Sept. 29, 2022 When you think of empanadas, do you think of tasty hot pockets?



By Paul Suplee, MBA, CEC, PC-3

"emonly panadas" I had ever seen, some made wheat flour and some with masa. Traveling

ways my sumption,

through Mexico and Costa Rica over the years, they were somewhat

ubiquitous, and man were they delicious. Whether made from beef, pork or chicken, there was a resounding theme of, "Oh, you've had a few drinks? We have just the thing for

And along comes one of my favorite classes to teach, Latin American, and I get my ear bent on the

For the textbook, I was able to bring in Gran Cocina Latina by Dr. Marisel Presilla, and it is literally the bible of Latin cuisine. It is an amazing book, as evidenced by my copy falling apart.

The beauty of the book is in the details, stories, folklore and techniques of many cultures from Mexico to Central and South America to the

And while I revel in the thought of cooking everything in this book, it is a thick tome and it would take me years to get through it, but we're getting there.

Many years ago, in fact the first year that I adopted the book, when we hit Empanadas, I figured it would be a day of hot pockets and boy was I

Technically while the below recipe is not the empanada that we think of, Dr. Presilla argues that it could be a empanada due to the fact that it is a meat filling wrapped in dough.

But, if you ask me, this is one of the most glorious pot pies I have ever made, witnessed being made or eaten in my lifetime. This is an amazing rendition of meat in dough.

As you read through this, understand that this is not a copied recipe, although very close. It is a variation on a theme, as I like to put it, but all the credit goes to the book's author.

And if you are a reader, and you are serious about food, this book needs to be on your bookshelf, nightstand or wherever you may keep your



books for easy access.

I have never read a book on the subject so well-researched and understood by the author. And when you do get down to business and make this, make sure you taste along

It is rather amazing how the flavors develop and enrich the finished product.

This is the very definition of layers of flavor on flavor on flavor.

So go make some pie dough and a filling that would put your abuelita to

#### **Venezuelan Pot Pie**

serves 8

Dough

3 1/2 c. AP flour

1 1/4 tsp. Salt

1/3 c. plus 1 Tbsp. Confectioners'

Sugar

 $1 \frac{1}{2}$  c. Butter

1 large egg yolk beaten with 1 Tbsp.

- Cold water
- Mix the flour, salt and sugar and cut in the butter.
- · When it is at the consistency of cornmeal, add the water and mix well, but do not beat it up.
- Place on a lightly floured surface and knead it just enough to come together.

 Form into a ball, wrap in plastic, and place in the icebox for at least an

#### Filling/Final Preparation

2# Ground beef, shredded chicken or ground pork, your choice 2 Tbsp. Good unsalted Irish butter 1 med. Yellow onion, finely diced 1 leek, trimmed to the white part and finely diced

4 cloves fresh garlic, diced 1 med. Carrot, diced

1 med. Red bell pepper, diced 8 ea. Roma tomatoes, peeled and diced

4 ea. Serrano chilies, seeds and ribs removed and finely diced 1/2 can tomato paste 1/2 c. Dry white wine

juice of 1 lime 2 Tbsp. Brown sugar

2 tsp. Smoked Hungarian paprika 1 Tbsp. Trimix (Because you can never have too much)

1/4 c. Coarse stone ground mustard Make sure that your protein of

choice is fully cooked and set aside until you finish the rest of the filling.

• In a large pan, heat the butter and allow to cook until most of the foaming has subsided. This will cook the milk solids and start the dish out with an amazing layer of flavor. I'm pretty sure the classically trained

French chefs among us are shaking their heads in disdain, but for once just break protocol. Get wild

- Add the onion and leek and cook for about 5 minutes.
- Add the garlic, carrot, bell pepper, roma tomatoes and serranos and cook them down. Your house will smell wonderful at this point.
- · Once the liquid has mostly dissipated, add the tomato paste and cook until it takes on a burgundy hue, making sure not to burn anything. It can be a bit of a trapeze act, but I have faith in you.
- · Add the wine, lime juice, sugar, paprika, trimix, mustard and your protein of choice and mix well.
- · Adjust the seasoning and set
- · Cut the dough in half and roll both pieces to overlap a pie pan.
- · Place the bottom piece in the pan, pressing it in and then add the
- Top with the final piece and bake in a 375F oven for 35-50 minutes, depending on the oven.
- · When the crust is done, this delightful dish is done, as everything is cooked anyways.

Paul Suplee is the owner of Boxcar40 in Pittsville and senior lecturer of culinary arts at UMES.

# 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., Sept. 28

#### STORY TIME 'WE ARE THE DINOSAURS'

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

## MUSIC & MOVEMENT: JAMMIN' WITH MR. JAKE!

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Join Mr. Jake and his guitar for a fun morning of music and movement. For ages 2-5 years. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### **CHESS CLUB**

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Come to the library and bring your boards. All are welcome. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### **SENSATIONAL SKIN**

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 2 p.m. Investigate herbs that help support skin health. Attendees receive a custom-blended infused skin care oil to take home. Registration required: 410-957-0878. www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### FIRESIDE CHAT

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 3 p.m. A popular and entertaining book discussion featuring books you have read and want to share. Come and find your next great read. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### **LEGO ZIPLINE**

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 4 p.m. Can you build the perfect contraption to ride the LEGO zipline? For ages 8-12 years. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### **ZUMBA**

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 4:30-5:30 p.m. Join Zumba instructor Joyce Landsman for an hour of movement. These classes uplift and improve mood. Registration required: 410-641-0650. www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### **WORCESTER COUNTY NAACP MEETING**

Berlin 50plus Center, 10129 Old Ocean City Blvd., 7 p.m. Dr. Jacques Conaway will discuss sleep issues and pulmonary/critical care. Executive Board members should report at 6 p.m. for their monthly meeting. 443-944-6701

#### **BEACH SINGLE 55 PLUS MEET AND GREET**

*Thursdays* - Harpoon Hanna's, 39064 Harpoon Road, Fenwick Island, DE, 4-6 p.m. 302-436-9577, BeachSingles.org.

## Fri., Sept. 29

#### **OCEANS CALLING MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Ocean City Boardwalk, South Atlantic Avenue, noon to 11 p.m. A three day festival featuring more than 30 performances on 3 stages. Performers for Friday include Jack Johnson, Alanis Morissette, O.A.R. and more. Tickets and schedule: oceanscallingfestival.com.

#### **MAHJONG CLUB**

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Join in for a fun morning of playing tile Mahjong. Feel free to bring your own tile set. All are welcome. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### **SURVIVAL SPANISH: WEATHER**

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1 p.m. Learn about the Spanish vocabulary for talking about the weather. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

## Sat., Sept. 30

#### **OCEANS CALLING MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Ocean City Boardwalk, South Atlantic Avenue, noon to 11 p.m. A three day festival featuring more than 30 performances on 3 stages. Performers for Saturday include John Mayer, Sheryl Crow, Incubus and more. Tickets and schedule: oceanscallingfestival.com.

## YOUR HEALTHIEST YOU CONFERENCE INTEGRATIVE AND WELLNESS

Oak Ridge Church, 361 Tilghman Road, Salisbury, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Tickets \$10. Participate in a day of health and wellness education with a holistic approach, hosted by Women Supporting Women. Cost is \$10 and includes breakfast on the go. events@womensupportingwomen.org, 410-548-7880

## BIKERS WITHOUT BORDERS FOUNDATION ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

Food Lion, 11007 Manklin Creek Road, Berlin, 9 a.m.-noon. Members will be collecting canned goods, nonperishable food items, infant formula, diapers, toiletries and monetary donations for local food banks. Members will deliver donations at 12:30 p.m.

#### TINKER TIME: STEM KITS

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Drop in anytime. Use the library's supplies and your imagination to explore STEM concepts with the self-guided kits. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### **ONLINE SAFETY**

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10 a.m. Julie Landon, Life Crisis Center, will present a short program on staying safe online. For ages 6-11 years and their caregivers. 410-641-0650,

www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### **EN GARDE!**

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 1 p.m. Dave Nemazie, international fencing competitor and coach at the Salisbury Fencing Club, will teach this class. The class will focus on épée. Get a taste of the Olympic Sport of Fencing. 410-641-0650

#### **FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET**

Saturdays - White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Shop for everything from fresh local produce to unique handmade artisan goods. Open to the public.

## Sun., Oct. 1

#### **OCEANS CALLING MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Ocean City Boardwalk, South Atlantic Avenue, noon to 11 p.m. A three day festival featuring more than 30 performances on 3 stages. Performers for Sunday include The Lumineers, Weezer, Dirty Heads and more. Tickets and schedule: oceanscallingfestival.com.

#### **FUND-RAISING CRAB FEAST**

Church of the Holy Spirit Episcopal, 10001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 2-5 p.m. Menu includes crabs, fried chicken, corn on the cob, hush puppies, beverages and desserts. Dine in or carry out. Cost is \$45 for adults, \$20 for ages 6-10 years and free to those 6 years and younger. 410-723-1973

#### **JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MEETING**

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

#### **BERLIN FARMERS MARKET**

Sundays through Sept. 24 - Commerce, Pitts and Main streets, Berlin, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. More than 35 farmers, food cultivators, bakers, distillers, seafood, meat, eggs and more. TheBerlinFarmersMarket.com

## Mon., Oct. 2

#### FREE COMMUNITY FLU CLINIC

St. Mary Star of The Sea Parish - Holy Savior Church, 1705 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Free clinic for those ages 13 years and older. No appointment required. Donations help offset the cost of future flu clinics. www.agh.care/flu

## MAKER MONDAY - PUMPKINS, PUMPKINS, PUMPKINS

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 2 p.m. Make a miniature pumpkin for your home. No sewing required. All materials provided. Registration required: 410-641-0650. www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### **GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION**

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30 p.m. Featuring "Hekabe" by Euripides. The group is reading from Book 5 of the Great Conversations Anthology. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### **DIABETES EDUCATION**

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 4-6 p.m. Education on the topic of diabetes. Alyce Marzola, amarzola@atlanticgeneral.org

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

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

#### **DELMARVA WOMEN'S A CAPELLA CHORUS**

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

#### **OVEREATER'S ANONYMOUS**

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

## Tues., Oct. 3

#### **OC KNITTING GROUP**

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

#### **MASTER GARDENERS PLANT CLINIC**

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

www.worcesterlibrary.org

## RIBBON CUTTING FOR NEWARK PLAYGROUND

Newark Park, 8332 Newark Road, 1:30 p.m. Worcester County Commissioners will cut the ribbon on the new farm-themed playground equipment at Newark Park. https://worcesterrecand-parks.org, #PlayMDsCoast

## DOCUMENTARY: 'RUMBLE: THE INDIANS WHO ROCKED THE WORLD'

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## **Puzzles**

#### **CLASSICAL MUSIC**

BY JILL RAFALOFF AND MICHELLE SONTARP / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Jill Rafaloff, of Forest Hills, Queens, and Michelle Sontarp, of Manhattan, met when they joined the same law firm directly out of law school more than 30 years ago. They've been friends ever since. Jill has been solving crosswords since college, Michelle for six years or so. The two began constructing during the pandemic. This is their New York Times debut. The inspiration for the puzzle was

#### ACROSS

- 1 Need for double Dutch
- avis
- 9 Cutting room?
- 14 Hirer of an executive director
- 19 Popular pizza chain, familiarly
- 20 Building support beam
- 21 Spirit of St. Louis, e.g.
- 22 Half of a Muppet duo
- 23 URL starter
- 24 Supplication to Ares (Plastic Ono Band)
- 27 Tell (on)
- 28 Shows up in the afternoon?
- 29 Figure-skating jump
- 30 Excited gifter's words
- 32 Tell (on), informally 33 Congregants' seats
- 34 Warning to Icarus
- (the Beatles) 38 Trunk
- 43 Iconic TV role for
- Lucy Lawless 44 "No
- 45 Beef, maybe
- 46 Consideration for a hairstylist
- 49 The "I" of AIG: Abbr.
- 52 Request to Prometheus (the Doors)
- Online subscriptions: Today's puzzle and more than 4,000 past puzzles, nytimes.com/cr (\$39.95 a year).

- 56 Features of airports in Nevada
- 58 Set apart
- 60 One with a fastenating job?
- 61 Common city-street hangouts
- 63 London-based cosmetics giant
- 64 Dior fragrance
- 65 Small sip of alcohol, to Brits
- 66 Comment to Aphrodite (Roy Orbison)
- 70 Purge
- 73 Olympic crafts since 1936
- 75 Chapters of history 76 Under-the-table
- 78 Drunken walk 80 Vegetable that looks
- like a portmanteau of two other vegetables (but isn't!)
- 83 First name in cosmetics
- (Carly Simon)
- 86 Crème crème
- 88 Some are loose 89 Smoke detector?
- 90 Envy, e.g.
- \_ Major Cluster (astronomical grouping)
- 93 Van \_ & Arpels (jeweler)
- 95 Entreaty to Hades (Electric Light Orchestra)

- 103 "Like ... NOW!"
  - 105 Actress Chaplin
  - 106 Camp production. maybe
  - 107 Egg white
  - 111 Bygone Apple desktops
  - 113 Heart monitor, for short
  - 114 Congratulations to Eos (Cat Stevens)
  - 117 Predator that can grow to roughly the size of a school bus
  - 118 Component of some chains
  - 119 Cafeteria server
  - 120 Eat in style 121 Lackluster
  - 122 Foul
  - 123 Religious figurehead
  - 124 Some are loose
  - \_ Daly, "Cagney and Lacey" co-star

#### DOWN

- 84 Criticism of Narcissus 1 Exclamation from Astro on "The Jetsons'
  - 2 Like some books
  - 3 Worker who throws things
  - 4 In particular, in shorthand
  - 5 Ribbed pasta
  - 6 Somewhat
  - 7 Dodger Stadium is built on one 8 Big things to sell out
  - 9 Chant to an honoree

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- 12 Representation of January
- 13 Tidy up
- 14 Orders
- 15 Kind of history
- 16 A, as in ancient history?
- 17 Having a lot of dinero
- 18 "Whoaaaaaa"inducing
- 25 Cheeky
- 26 Yoga pose on all fours 28 "Optical" accessories
- 31 Touching, say
- 33 Neither lose nor win,
- in betting lingo 35 Nail work, for short
- 36 Radiate
- 37 Solomon, for one
- 39 Job candidate's aspiration
- 40 Highlight, in a way
- 41 Certain
- 42 German "or"
- 46 [Hey!]
- 47 Vocal range from about F3 to F5
- 48 Underlying reason
- 50 Peter and Alexander 51 Either blank in "
- is
- 52 Guiding light
- 53 Airport transport 54 Big name in auto
- parts 55 De Carlo who played
- Lily Munster 57 Total suck-up?
- 59 Parcel of land
- 62 What a cordwainer makes
- and the Pussycats (fictional band)
- 67 Spanish "but"
- 68 Jr. and sr.
- 69 Component of a fairy costume
- 71 Its first store was in Älmhult, Smaland
- 72 Ingredients in many candies 74 Concur
- 77 Nuevo Hampshire, por ejemplo
- 78 Match
- 79 Something found on a belt
- 80 Major inconvenience
- 81 "\_\_\_ Misbehavin"
- 82 Stopper 85 Letters on a Cognac bottle
- 87 Radii, e.g. 92 Univ. sessions
- 94 Brood
- 95 Swing by a string, say
- 96 Jacket type 97 Erupt with laughter
- 98 Like some spy messages
- 99 Item in a table setting 112 Tear
- 100 To excess
- 101 Certain polytheist 102 Cancel out
- 111 Popular vacation destination

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- - 115 "2001" computer

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104 Pres. Biden, once

Linda, Calif.

109 Articles that may be

107 "You tell 'em!"

wired

110 Condo, e.g.

116 Recipe instruction 117 Frequently, poetically

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**HARD - 71** 

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

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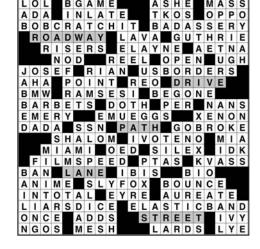


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#### Answers to last week's puzzles

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## Calendar

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#### **CHAIR YOGA**

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Nicole Long, certified yoga instructor, teaches how to stretch in a safe and low impact manner, 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### **BEACH HEROES-OC**

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

#### **JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MEETING**

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

#### TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

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

#### **OC KNITTING CLUB**

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

#### ARGENTINE TANGO PRACTICE

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

#### **ZUMBA TONING TUESDAYS**

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

## Wed., Oct. 4

#### **EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR 5K** HERO RUN OR 2-MILE WALK FOR WOR-**WIC**

Held Oct. 7 at 9 a.m. at Wor-Wic Community College. Kids' Hero Run begins at 9:45 a.m. Entry fee is \$25, or \$35 after Oct. 4, and \$5 for the kids' event. Register: www.worwic.edu/5K, 410-334-2807.

#### **BARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP**

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

#### **MERRY MAKERS: PUMPKIN DISHES**

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. Paint and decorate small pumpkin dishes, followed by another surprise pumpkin craft just for fun. Limited 10. Registration required: 410-208-4014. www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### **ZEN-TANGLES AND ZEN-DOODLES**

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 4 p.m. Learn the relaxing art of Zentangles ad Zendoodles. For teens and adults. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### **DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP**

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 5-6 p.m. The group provides discussion and education on the topic of diabetes. Darlene Jameson, 410-208-9761, djameson@atlanticgeneral.org

#### **KIWANIS CLUB MEETING**

Wednesdays - Ocean Pines Community Center, Assateague Room, 239 Ocean Parkway, 8 a.m. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. Third Wednesday meetings are offsite and will be updated monthly on the website and Facebook. Guests are welcome. www.kiwanisofopoc.org

#### **ZUMBA WEDNESDAYS**

Wednesdays - Ocean City 50plus Center,

104 41st St., 10 a.m. Dance background not required. zumbajoyceoc@gmail.com

#### **ONGOING EVENTS**

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

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

#### **POLISH AMERICAN CLUB OF DELMARVA**

Meets the second Wednesday of each month (except July and August) at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 2-4 p.m. A social organization of men and women of Polish or Slavic descent.

#### **'CHRONICLING OUR DELMARVA HISTORY:** THE PHILLIPS CANNING FACTORY

Local artist Patrick Henry presents photographs, artifacts and memories from the local Phillips Canning Factory. On display at the Germantown School Community Heritage Center on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Sept 30. Also available by appointment.

germantownschool@gmail.com, 443-235-9803, 410-641-0638



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