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Blue-winged ducks survey the scene last Saturday at the South Gate Pond in Ocean Pines.

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## County tables grant decision on Bainbridge

Bertino, Bunting want to be sure of costs, easements

By Greg Ellison  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 27, 2020) Because of comments by OPA President Larry Perrone and unanticipated land easement costs, the Worcester County Commissioners voted last week to table acceptance of a state grant for the Bainbridge Park drainage project.



Chip Bertino

Commissioners Chip Bertino and Jim Bunting led a unanimous vote on Aug. 18 to pause receipt of a \$549,000 grant from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to retrofit Bainbridge Pond for enhanced flood protection.

The grant, which was the largest al-  
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## Berlin takes another award

And that makes 30 town has received since big one in '12

By Ally Lanasa  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 27, 2020) Main Street Berlin recently won the 2020 Travelers' Choice Award from TripAdvisor, which spotlights international destinations, attractions, restaurants, experiences and airlines based on reviews, ratings and saves that travelers share as part of the Best of the Best awards every year.

The Travelers' Choice Award is the third award the



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With its 19th Century charm, downtown Berlin has earned its third recognition this year after receiving the Travelers' Choice Award from TripAdvisor.

town has won this year, following recognition from Oprah magazine and USA

Today.

Since 2012, Berlin, which  
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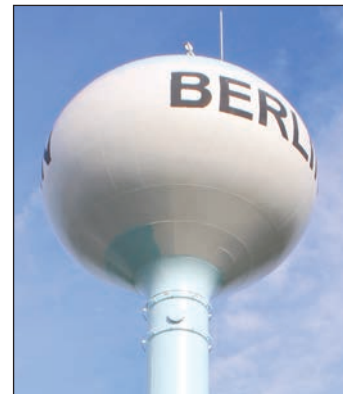
## Maintenance lined up for tower on Rt. 346

By Ally Lanasa  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 27, 2020) Berlin residents experienced low water pressure on Aug. 9, presumably because of multiple valve issues in the water supply system.

Berlin has two water towers, and the one on Route 346 is scheduled for interior and exterior painting, said Town Administrator Jeff Fleetwood.

"We're mandated as to when and what maintenance has to be done," Fleetwood said. "The [Route] 346 tower  
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The water tower off Route 346 in Berlin is due for preventative maintenance, but after the town experienced water pressure issues in the water supply system it has not been taken out of service yet.

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# OP pools remain open despite low staffing

Aquatics employee tested positive for coronavirus last week, sent home two weeks

By Greg Ellison  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 27, 2020) Staffing challenges are mounting for Ocean Pines Aquatics after an employee tested positive for coronavirus last week.

Last Friday, the OPA announced an aquatics staff member who last worked on Aug. 20 had tested positive for the novel coronavirus.

“We have notified employees believed to have had close contact with the affected employee directly, and asked them not to report to work for 14 days,” the OPA said in a press release.

Unrelated to covid-19, the Beach Club pool was briefly shuttered last Friday but is set to reopen tomorrow.

Matt Ortt Companies cofounder Ralph DeAngelus said the short-term closure was tied to personnel issues.

“The Beach Club is wide open,” he said. “They were going to close the pool, but it’s not going to close now.

“It was more about staffing,” he said. “They have since found staffing to come back and they’re going to be able to reopen it on Friday through the remainder of the summer.”

Also coinciding with the covid-19 test announcement was a decision to

close the Sports Core pool on Aug. 21 for semiannual cleaning and draining, with the facility slated to reopen Sept. 7.

The Sports Core offices remain open for class registration from Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and noon. Swim classes at the Sports Core Pool get underway on Sept. 7.

Based on staffing availability, the OPA announced that pool facilities at Mumford’s Landing and the Swim & Racquet Club would remain open through Labor Day, with the Yacht Club pool also open for weekends in September.

The OPA statement also advised patrons to remain vigilant in following state issued health safety guidelines.

“It is important to continue practicing sound hygiene practices by frequently washing hands thoroughly, maintaining six feet of separation between others, and wearing masks when indoors or when social distancing is not possible,” the release said.

Regardless of Beach Club pool operations, DeAngelus said food and drink options never took a pause.

“The Beach Club restaurant and bar will have never closed,” he said. “It’s going to remain open though Labor Day.”

DeAngelus said despite the dwindling number of days left for patrons



Swimmers beat the heat at the Mumford's Landing pool earlier this summer, which remains open along with the Swim & Racquet Club facility through Labor Day, with the Yacht Club pool extended for weekends in September based on staffing availability. The Sports Core pool is currently closed for semiannual cleaning and will reopen Sept. 7.

to visit the Beach Club, the remaining time is crucial for the bottom line.

“It’s been a rough summer,” he said. “We need every last day of that

business at the Beach Club.”

For updated pool availability information, call the Sports Core office at 410-641-5255.

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# OP Chamber moves expo outdoors to park

**By Greg Ellison**  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 27, 2020) The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce will hold its inaugural Community Expo, originally slated for April, on Sept. 12 in White Horse Park from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Executive Director Kerrie Bunting said after pushing back the event date in April after the covid-19 outbreak, the Community Expo was relocated from the Ocean Pines Community Center to an outdoor setting in adjacent White Horse Park.

“The move is exciting, as it allows



Kerrie Bunting

more space for exhibitors and the flow between the expo and the marketplace will expose so many businesses to potentially new customers,” she said.

Bunting said the expo will also coincide with the weekly Ocean Pines Farmers and Artisan Market held on Saturdays in White Horse Park.

“It will allow a perfect flow between the weekly farmers market and expo,”

she said.

Bunting said the new expo is a variation of the chamber’s annual business expo, which is intended to be more consumer-focused.

The expo is free to attend with a rain date scheduled for Sept. 19 in the event of inclement weather.

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet with area service providers, businesses and nonprofits.

“We have around 50 exhibitors across all industries, including elected officials and government agencies,” she said.

Included among the dozens of ven-

dors are businesses from the financial, health, beauty, home care, plumbing, insurance, and home improvements industries, as well as a host of nonprofit agencies.

Bunting said despite the extensive list of participants, exhibitor space is still available.

Groups interested in participating in the Community Expo should visit [oceanpineschamber.org](http://oceanpineschamber.org) and click on the Community Expo link under the “News & Events” tab.

For more, call 410-641-5306 or email [info@oceanpineschamber.org](mailto:info@oceanpineschamber.org).



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# Natural gas generator at Berlin power plant

**By Ally Lanasa**  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 27, 2020) Berlin officials have invested in a Caterpillar 2,000 KW EPA certified natural gas generator at the electrical power plant on William Street to replace a diesel generator that failed.

The electrical power plant consisted of five diesel generators that produced 10 MW of power.

“[The generators] are used for peak shaving at times of high loads on the grid when called upon by the utility, American Municipal Power,” stated a press release from the Berlin mayor and council.

Although the natural gas generator is more expensive than the diesel option, natural gas is more environmentally friendly.

“Natural gas burns significantly cleaner than diesel fuel, putting less pollutants in the atmosphere,” said Tim



Tim Lawrence

Lawrence, the electric utility director for Berlin. “The Town of Berlin, acting as good stewards of the environment, opted to invest in the natural gas system.”

In addition, the natural gas generator has an operating cost half that of the diesel option.

“Over time, this will allow the town to make up the initial first cost difference with lower fuel cost,” Lawrence said.

The complete project cost is about \$1.5 million, Lawrence added.

“Carter Power Systems has completed the turnkey installation of this 2,000 KW EPA Certified natural gas genset,” the release stated.

Town Administrator Jeff Fleetwood said the new generator at the power plant will be commissioned on Sept. 9.



Berlin's new natural gas generator has been installed and will be commissioned at the power plant on William Street on Sept. 9.

# Kiwanis 2021 lottery tickets selling briskly

**By Greg Ellison**  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 27, 2020) The Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines-Ocean City's latest fundraising effort, a 2021 pick-three lottery campaign, is off to a brisk start with roughly 20 percent of tickets gone in under a month.

Public Relations/Press Chairman Dave Landis, who was instrumental in launching the new endeavor, said the club's "Lottery Raffle" tickets are tied to Maryland's daily evening straight pick-3, with 1,000 tickets numbered from 000-999 available for \$20 each.

"There's none of that special stuff like you can do if you buy the ticket for box," he said. "All the drawings will be in 2021 but all the sales have to be done before the end of the year."



Dave Landis

Tickets are being sold by individual club members and will also be available at the Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market beginning this week.

"We're at the farmers market on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.," he said. "I got the tickets out to the members at the beginning of August."

In that span, membership has already sold off roughly 200 of the 1,000 numbered tickets.

"We have a reasonable pace," he said. "I just hope we can sell 800 or 900 tickets and it would be great if we could sell out."

Noting the odds of winning are significantly higher than typical drawings,

Landis said the goal is raising \$10,000 to fund Kiwanis campaigns.

In addition to starting the Stephen Decatur High School Key Club, followed by the K-Kids Clubs in Showell Elementary and Buckingham Elementary, Kiwanis members also formed the Builders Clubs in Berlin Intermediate School and Stephen Decatur Middle School, as well as an AKTION Club for adults with disabilities at Worcester County Developmental Center in Newark.

While winning numbers pay a \$20 minimum, there are also 17 holiday prize pots that cash out for higher amounts, with the first on New Year's Day.

"If you hit that special day, you get even more money," Landis said. "The biggest prize would be on Christmas of \$250."

Landis said a number of people have already picked up Lottery Raffle tickets to give to family or friends during the holiday season.

"People have been selling them and it's going to be a lot of work," he said. "I know toward the end of the year I'm going to have my hands full when I'm trying to enter everything into the spreadsheet."

Further information is available at [kiwanisofopoc.org](http://kiwanisofopoc.org) or by visiting the Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines-Ocean City Facebook page. In addition to the other options, lottery tickets can also be purchased by calling Landis at 410-641-7330.

Slots are still available for the Kiwanis open-air haircut fundraiser on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 98 Ocean Parkway. Charity Dudley of Mobile Hair Services will provide trim ups on a covered porch at the private residence. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for ages 12 and younger, payable by check to the Kiwanis Club. Cash payments will not be accepted. Call 410-533-3788 to schedule an appointment.

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# Ocean Pines July financials continue trending positively

By Greg Ellison  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 27, 2020) Three months into the current fiscal year, the Ocean Pines Association financial picture looks solid, with July ending \$318,000 in the black and a year-to-date variance of \$930,000.

Finance Director Steve Phillips reported the association's operating fund closed July ahead of budget by \$318,074, which was comprised of revenue figures ending \$326,104 over estimates and total expenses \$8,030 over budget.

With fiscal 2020/21 now one quarter completed, the association continues trending in the black with a positive operating fund variance of \$930,596. Included in this figure are revenues topping estimates by \$95,596 and expenses remaining under budget by \$835,000.

Fiscal 2020/21 year-to-date revenue highlights include assessments currently slightly outpacing the \$9,126,000 by \$1,000.

Year-to-date amenities net revenues are \$796,000 off pace, with actual numbers of \$2.1 million falling short of the \$2.9 million budgeted total.

Recreation and Parks ended July \$158,000 in the red, with \$52,000 in revenues falling short of the \$210,000 budgeted tally.

Overall, revenues totaled \$12.6 million at the end July, which was \$112,000 above estimates.

After factoring in transfers to reserve accounts, which totaled \$3.2 million, or \$14,000 above the estimate, net-operating revenues were \$9.4 million, or just shy of \$100,000 above the budget projection.

Turning to operating expenses, amenities closed July at a little less than \$1.2 million, for a \$507,000 savings from the original estimate.

In a similar vein, Recreation and Parks' associated expenses totaled \$148,000 at the end of July, which is \$117,000 below budgeted totals of \$265,000 for the year to date.

Public Works has also trended positively in terms of expenses, with the \$319,000 total below estimates of \$460,000 by \$141,000.

Operating expenses totaled \$2.9 million three months into the current fiscal year, which is roughly \$833,000 under the budgeted amount.

In the departments, General Administration revenues for July ended over budget by \$387,391 for the month primarily tied to \$398,119 in funding from the Paycheck Protection Program instituted by the Small Business Administration because of the covid-19 pandemic.

Year to date PPP funding of \$1,050,619 has been recognized within General Administration, with the totals likely forgivable by the Small Business Administration.

On the expenditure side, General Administration was \$103,655 over estimates for July, largely due to \$100,000 earmarked to pay down prior bad debt.

Recreation and Parks recorded revenue totals \$48,816 below budget estimates during July, including lower sums for Camp Ocean Pines of \$16,325, special events of \$19,000 and \$9,000 less than anticipated in donations.

Revenue shortfalls of \$109,803 were also evidenced in Aquatics during July, tied to dues reductions of \$24,525, swim classes falling short by \$22,012, cash sales lowered by \$23,551 and coupon sales dipping by \$37,602 under estimates.

The Ocean Pines Beach Club was \$22,016 under revenue estimates for July, largely based on a \$20,130 drop in food sales.

Positive revenue variances for July were found in Golf Operations, which closed the month \$25,694 over estimates, including higher-than-anticip-

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Steve Phillips



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# Coastal Bays soldiers on for grant support

**By Greg Ellison**  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 27, 2020) Since Worcester County was awarded only a portion of the Department of Natural Resources grant it sought to pay for drainage improvements around Bainbridge Park in Ocean Pines, the Maryland Coastal Bays Program continues to hunt for financial backing to complete the project.

Executive Director Kevin Smith said his agency submitted three preliminary proposals on Aug. 7 for Coastal Watersheds Grants facilitated through the National Estuary Program.

“We went back to Restore America’s Estuaries to ask for additional funds to make up for what we didn’t get on Bainbridge,” he said. “We got a third of what we asked for.”

Smith said Restore America’s Estuaries administers the funding stream provided by the Environmental Protection Agency for the National Estuary Program.

Although seeking more than \$1.5 million to retrofit Bainbridge Pond for enhanced flood protection, Ocean Pines, with Worcester County acting as a funding conduit, was recently awarded \$549,000 by DNR for a project expected to cost \$2.3 million.

Smith said the additional funding now sought would not be sufficient to

cover the budget deficiency for the proposed scope of work.

“The max amount we could apply for through America’s Estuaries was \$250,000 [so] it didn’t make it up entirely,” he said.



Kevin Smith

Smith said money awarded would become available until after January 2021.

Unlike discussions of what grant opportunities Ocean Pines may pursue, Maryland Coastal Bays is already in the midst of reeling in other funding.

“There’s one in the hopper right now,” he said.

Also included in the trio of recent grant proposals is funding for a southern bay assessment.

“That’s similar to what’s actually happening in the northern bays, which is kind of drilling down on potential water quality improvement projects,” he said.

The goal is reducing nutrient and contaminated runoff into bay waters.

The third proposal would finance a coastal bay island restoration for colonial nesting birds, such as herons, swallows and sea gulls, which typically shelter in locations devoid of ground predators.

“That’s mostly for colonial water bird nesting habitat,” he said.

In recent years, a precipitous decline has been observed in migrating bird species traditionally spotted on the Eastern Shore.

Established through the Clean Water Act in 1987, the nationally competitive Coastal Watersheds Grant Program backs projects aimed at remedying conditions that threaten the environmental health of coastal regions and estuary areas.

Smith said with fewer dollars currently at play than anticipated, the path forward for proposed upgrades around

Bainbridge Pond still needs to be charted.

“In the meantime, it’s about cobbling together dollars to get things done,” he said. “Unfortunately, cobbling can be time consuming.”

Smith said while having the entire funding stream to complete the Bainbridge project would be ideal, waiting for that unlikely prospect is not advisable.

“Just whittle the project down,” he said. “Take what you can get and continue to try to get some more because otherwise the perfect storm never occurs.”

## OPA closes July with overall positive fiscal performance

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pated totals of \$4,300 in green fees and \$19,216 from cart rentals.

Marinas ended July \$36,495 over monthly revenue estimates, with fuel net sales netting \$33,837 more than anticipated.

The Yacht Club had July revenue totals that topped estimates by \$43,662, including \$37,072 in food sales and \$9,544 for beverages.

Looking at prior year comparisons, net revenues of \$9.4 million were \$95,596 better than expected.

With total expense of \$2.9 through this July, the OPA is \$835,000 below the budget forecast at this point in 2019.

Net operating totals ended July at \$6.5 million, which outpaces the \$5.8 million figure to close last July by \$930,596.

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# WCPS Board of Education approves budget transfers

By Ally Lanasa  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 27, 2020) The Worcester County Board of Education on Aug. 18 approved intra-category and inter-category budgetary transfers that had been submitted for the 2020 fiscal year.

There were 10 intra-category budget transfers for the 2020 fiscal year, according to Chief Financial Officer Vince Tolbert.

A total of \$1,100 was transferred from land, building and equipment to salaries and wages under the administration category.

Under the instructional support services category, \$58,006 was transferred from salaries and wages, land, building and equipment and other charges to contracted services and supplies and materials.

In addition, \$187,750 was transferred from contracted services, land, building and equipment to other charges and outgoing transfers under the other instructional costs category.

Under the special education category, salaries and wages, contracted services and other charges received a \$202,404 from supplies and materials, outgoing transfers and land, building and equipment.

Supplies and materials as well as other charges received \$2,844 from salaries and wages under the pupil services category.

Another \$27,134 was transferred from salaries and wages to contracted services and supplies and materials under health services.

Under the pupil transportation category, \$3,739 was transferred from supplies and materials to contracted services.

A total of \$670,061 was transferred from other charges and land, building and equipment to salaries and wages, contracted services and supplies and materials for the operation of the plant.

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Vince Tolbert

tracted services, supplies and materials and other charges received \$141,528 from salaries and wages and land, building and equipment.

Lastly, contracted services received a transfer of \$12,840 from salaries and wages and land, building and equipment under the capital planning category,

Five categories of the 2020 fiscal year operating budget have expenditures that exceed the amount allocated. To account for this variance, inter-category transfers were submitted to the board of education.

The original approved operating budget was \$111.3 million with \$44.3 million for instructional salaries, \$2.4 million for textbooks and classroom supplies and \$8.2 million for operation of the plant.

With the reductions of the expenditure categories, the amended amounts are \$43.8 million for instructional salaries, \$2.3 for textbooks and classroom supplies and just shy of \$8 million for operation of the plant.

The total operating budget reductions is \$957,110.

The following expenditure categories were increased: administration, instructional support, student transportation, maintenance of the plant and fixed charges.

The amended amounts were \$1.8 for administration with an increase of \$72,710, \$7.7 million for instructional support with an increase of \$102,938, \$6.9 million for student transportation with an increase of \$269,143, \$1.1 million for maintenance of the plant with an increase of \$46,461 and \$26.7 million for fixed charges with an increase of \$465,858.

The Worcester County Commissioners will also review the transfers for approval.



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# Book captures teacher's legacy

Author uses Alice Davis' story as cautionary tale of domestic violence

By Ally Lanasa  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 27, 2020) Stephanie Fowler, author and owner of Salt Water Media, a self-publishing company in Berlin, is set to release "Chasing Alice," a book about the dangers of isolation and domestic violence through the focus of a beloved English teacher, Alice Davis, who was murdered by her husband in 2011.

"I knew at some point I would have to write about this because ... frequently, writing about it is my way of coming to terms with how I understand my experience," Fowler said. "So, I always kind of knew at some point I would write about her just because I felt I had so much inside. There were so many memories, so much emotion connected to her and what happened."

Between 2013 and 2014, Fowler considered writing a longform non-fiction essay to honor the legacy of Davis.

"Once I got my Freedom of Information Act paperwork together and got all the documents for the police files, I realized that the story was bigger than 8,000 to 10,000 words," Fowler said.

For the past six years, she has been working on the book that is part memoir, true crime and biography.

"I wouldn't say I've been working on it steadily for six years because in the middle of that my mom needed a kidney transplant, so I had to push pause on the book because I had to do a kidney transplant with my mom," Fowler said. "Then, I got married and, of course, that pushed pause on the project. Then, a couple months after I got married, my wife and I were in a terrible car accident. My wife had about a year of recovery from that."

Fowler's research for the book included interviews with Davis' two sisters, Barrie Parsons Tilghman and Ellen Hitch, her stepdaughter, her husband's sister, law enforcement officials, her fellow teachers, her former students, her two neighbors and her childhood best friend.

"Part of my job I felt was tracking down all these different memories and different pieces of her and

kind of collect them together into a portrait," Fowler said.

Fowler added that the title, "Chasing Alice," came to her early in the writing process while conducting research and interviews.

"I felt like I was chasing her," she said. "I felt like I was chasing her through other people's memories. I felt like I was chasing her through the paperwork. I felt like I was chasing her through photographs."

To learn more about Davis, Fowler was also chasing after the truth.

Davis was a private person with an elusive narrative, she added.

"People didn't realize what she must have been going through," Fowler said. "People began to understand that maybe things were harder for her than what they knew and what they assumed."

Davis' murder greatly affected the community because she was "a pillar of light" despite the dark reality of domestic violence.

"She was a teacher who had a great influence on her students, and so her loss was really felt as a community loss," Fowler said. "She was the kind of teacher that she inspired you, she encouraged you, she pushed you. You could always look back and credit her with helping you to be a better version of yourself."

"There are people who have gone on to be writers and authors and teachers themselves and look back and credit her with moving them in that direction," she continued.

Fowler was one of many students whose lives were changed through a relationship with Davis.

"She was someone that I developed a very real, deep, sincere affection for. I loved her," Fowler said.

Davis taught Fowler AP English during her senior year at Parkside High School in Salisbury.

"She saw that I loved to write, and she nurtured that," Fowler said. "Also, she was someone that I could feel safe with. I always say she kind of took me under her wing like a mother hen."

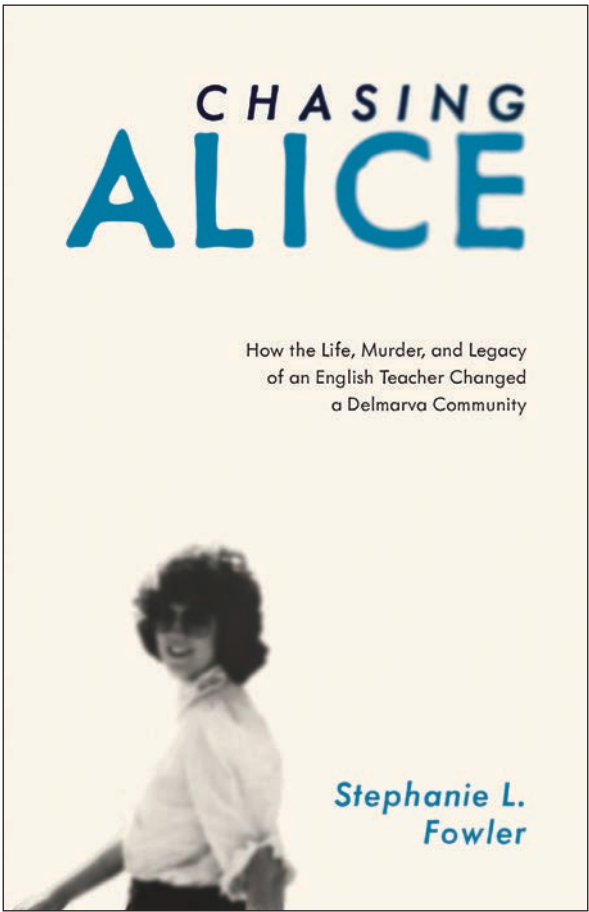
Fowler admits that she endured several challenges throughout her final year of high school, including her mother's failing health, athletics and a rigorous academic course load.

"Alice Davis was the only person in my life, who noticed that I was struggling," she said.

Fowler graduated from Parkside High School in 1997 and went on to further her education at Wash-



S. Fowler



ington College in Chestertown, Maryland, where she won the Sophie Kerr Prize in 2001.

The Sophie Kerr Prize is the nation's largest undergraduate literary award. For over 50 years, the award is given to a graduating senior at Washington College, who has demonstrated literary promise.

"That night, I remember I got home, and I raced into my mom's kitchen, and I grabbed the phone book to call [Davis]," Fowler said. "She was the first person I called."

Davis then asked Fowler to come speak to her students.

Flashforward a decade to Labor Day Weekend in 2011 when Davis went missing.

At the time, Fowler said she was working for her mother's ambulance company in Salisbury in the human resources department.

"I came to work [on Tuesday], and I heard two women in our building office talking about a teacher at Parkside had gone missing," Fowler said.

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# Community affected by murder

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Then, her younger sister called to confirm that Davis was the missing teacher.

“I knew immediately something was wrong,” she added. “It didn’t make sense that she would go missing.”

In the afternoon of Sunday, Sept. 4, 2011, Davis’ husband, Jess Davis, murdered her and then dumped her body in the woods off Loretto Road near a church in Princess Anne.

“Then, he went home and concocted this story about how she had driven to Walmart, and she had never come home,” Fowler said.

By Wednesday evening, Davis’ husband committed suicide as the police were closing in on him as the prime suspect.

Davis’ body was soon discovered by church members who were going to burn trash in burn barrels in the woods, and the police swiftly came to a conclusion about the crime, Fowler said.

Shortly after, a memorial service was held for Davis at Parkside High School, where Fowler gave a speech. Then, she gave a eulogy at the funeral on Oct. 8, 2011.

“I think the thing that I could not reconcile then and the thing that I can still not reconcile now is the fact that such a kind, sweet, smart, loving, good person had such a cruel, brutal, awful ending,” Fowler said.

Fowler hopes readers take away a fuller portrait of Davis, not simply a statistic of a murder victim.

“I always disliked it that she was kind of connected or remembered for her worst day,” she said. “So, what I hope with the book is that people will see more than what her worst day was. They will see that she was a kind person, that she was a caring person, that she was a selfless, dedicated teacher who inspired and challenged her students.”

Fowler also hopes to dispel rumors about Davis’ murder.

Lastly, Fowler aims to educate readers about the red flags of domestic violence through Davis’ narrative.

“These things can end in the worst

possible way,” she said. “So, I guess maybe there is part of me that hopes her story can maybe be a cautionary tale for someone else.”

Fowler includes a list of local and national domestic violence resources in the back of the book as well.

“Chasing Alice” will be on sale at The Greyhound Independent Bookstore and Fine Art Gallery in Berlin and Sundial Books in Chincoteague, Virginia, in September. Pre-orders are currently available through Salt Water Media’s website, <https://www.saltwatermedia.com/>. Paperback copies are \$17.99 and hardcover copies are \$24.99. An e-book version will be accessible later. In addition, “Chasing Alice” will be available on Amazon in November.

For more information, watch the book trailer on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/PKvEZQhjvyM>.

# Worcester GOLD announces pledge to match donations

(Aug. 27, 2020) In support of the Worcester County GOLD, Inc. (Giving Other Lives Dignity) Annual Appeal Fundraiser, an anonymous donor has pledged to match contributions up to \$10,000.

“I just about fell out of my chair when I got the call,” said Nicholas Cranford, executive director of Worcester GOLD. “I know people are suffering right now. We’re seeing an increase in requests, particularly for rent and utility assistance. Our goal with this fundraiser is to prevent tragic outcomes for the most vulnerable among us. The impact of a donation like this is difficult to put into

words.”

GOLD, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, provides financial aid and items to meet basic needs for residents living in poverty such as, families in crisis, those who are homeless, and vulnerable adults.

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# Berlin annual plein air event canceled for mid-September

**By Ally Lanasa**  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 27, 2020) The 11th annual plein air painting event in Berlin has been canceled because of coronavirus concerns and a lower-than-expected number of artists registered to participate.

All artists who had paid for registration were refunded.

Hosted by the Worcester County

Arts Council, the outdoor painting affair was originally scheduled for Sept. 19-24.

En plein air, which translates “in the open air,” refers to the act of painting outdoors.

Typically, artists are allowed to paint within five miles of the Worcester County Arts Council facility on Jefferson Street in Berlin and

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**Homer Proctor of Seaford, Delaware, won first place for his painting in the 10th annual plein air event in Berlin in September 2019.**

PHOTO COURTESY WORCESTER COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL

# Berlin town council meeting canceled Mon.

**By Ally Lanasa**  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 27, 2020) The cancellation of the Berlin mayor and council meeting on Monday because of a lack of business to address was met with frustration by town residents and political candidates as the Oct. 6 municipal election approaches.

“It speaks volumes to the priorities of our currently elected administration,” wrote at-large candidate Tony Weeg in the “We Love Berlin” page on Facebook. “That not one of them can compel the others to think about the future, talk about the properties



Tony Weeg

in the town we can do things with, develop ideas to thwart reckless development, or flooding issues, the list goes on. Thankfully we’re due for, and we’ll be receiving some new energy in that chamber.”

Mayoral candidate Bill Todd agreed with Weeg’s sentiments.

“That’s a shame,” Todd commented on the Facebook page. “There’s plenty of work to be done. Let us not forget who is involved with



Gee Williams

these [types] of decisions.”

Other residents complained about the local government’s lack of communication and the developments in town on the “We Love Berlin” Facebook page comment thread.

In addition, residents of Berlin and surrounding areas commented that the town needs a change in elected officials on the meeting announcement on Facebook.

“For several years, we have had

usually one meeting in August that we have had to cancel for lack of business, and we also usually don’t have any business for the very last meeting in December,” said Mayor Gee Williams. “We have two meetings a month. We have certainly had plenty on our schedule for the past few years, but it’s part of the seasonal cycle. We are always very busy again once we get past Labor Day. This is all very normal.”

The next mayor and council meeting is scheduled for Sept. 14 because the town offices are closed on Labor Day.

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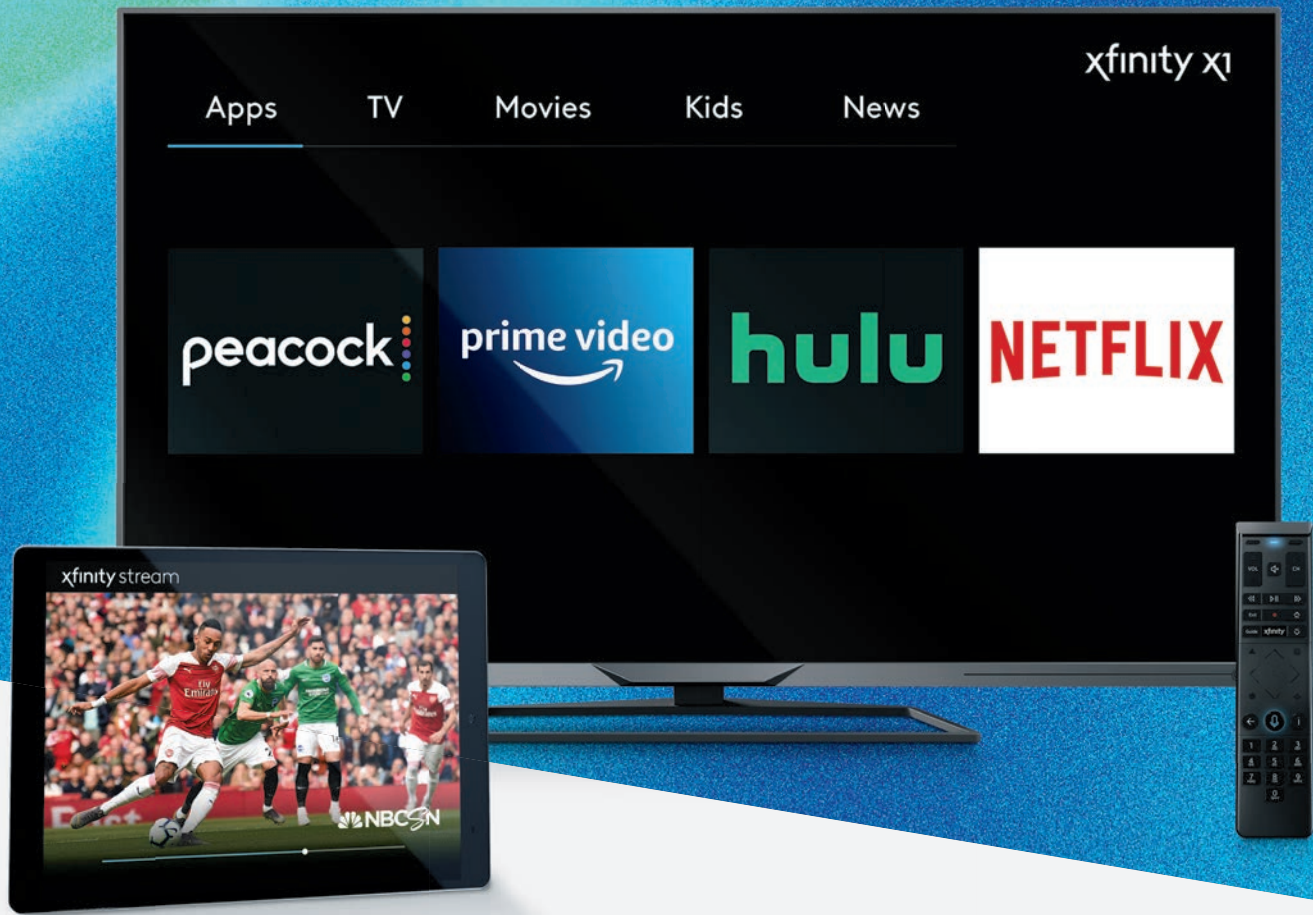


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# Covid concerns part of decision

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spectators can observe them create.  
Last year, 41 local and regional artists participated in the competition, which concluded with a “Wet Paint” exhibition and awards.

Homer Proctor of Seaford, Delaware, won first place, Mary Viega of Baltimore, Maryland, won second place, Raymond Ewing of Lewes, Delaware, won third place.  
In addition, Barbara Kern-Bush of Berlin received the Honorable Mention Award, Jose Ramirez of Secretary, Maryland, received the Artists’ Choice Award, Stacy Rogers of Lewes, Delaware, won the Maryland Legislative Award, Nancy Thomas of Ridgely, Maryland, received the Worcester County Arts Council Board of Directors Award and Mateus Costa of Cheltenham, Pennsylvania, won the first place

Quick Draw Award at the 10th annual event.  
The paintings were then on display throughout October 2019 in the art gallery on the second floor of the Berlin branch of the Worcester County Library on Harrison Avenue.  
Currently, the Berlin, Ocean Pines, Pocomoke and Snow Hill library branches are operating by appointment only.  
“We planned and booked the space at the Berlin Library for the event to present the ‘Wet Paint’ exhibit and sale, however we were informed that due to the pandemic the library will remain closed and we couldn’t use it,” said Anna Mullis, the executive director of the Worcester County Arts Council.  
For more information, visit [worcestercountyartsCouncil.org](http://worcestercountyartsCouncil.org).



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE  
Lawn chairs and open space provide an ideal setting last Friday for viewing “Toy Story” during “Outdoor Movie Nights” offered by the Community Church at Ocean Pines, which is presenting “The Polar Express” this Friday at 8 p.m.

## Community Church in Pines holds outdoor movie nights

**By Greg Ellison**  
Staff Writer  
(Aug. 27, 2020) Looking to provide family-friendly entertainment options during the covid-19 pandemic, the Community Church at Ocean Pines has launched “Outdoor Movie Nights” on Fridays through the end of September.  
Senior Pastor Rev. Dale Brown

said after an earlier trial run the Community Church, at 11227 Race-track Rd., presented “Toy Story” for a small group of socially distanced families last Friday.  
“It’s just a way for us to say thank you and offering something fun for families to do,” he said. “There’s never any charge attached [but] if  
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# WCPS receives grant award for more broadband access

**By Ally Lanasa**  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 27, 2020) Worcester County is among 21 jurisdictions in Maryland to receive grant awards to expand broadband access for education.

“Our administration is committed to expanding broadband to every corner of our state, and as many local school systems prepare for remote or hybrid learning models in the fall, this access is more important than ever,” said Gov. Larry Hogan. “These grants will support partnerships between the state, local governments, and internet service providers to ensure distance learning options are available and accessible for all Maryland students.”

Worcester County received \$11,200 of the nearly \$8 million in

grant assistance awarded to Maryland public school systems by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development and administered by the Governor’s Office of Rural Broadband.

“Many of our students live in areas of the county that lack access to the Internet,” said Vince Tolbert, the chief financial officer of the school system. “Worcester County Public Schools is utilizing the \$11,200 in funding awarded from the Governor’s Broadband grant to purchase 200 additional hotspots to distribute to those students.”

Another \$2 million in grant awards will benefit “feasibility and design studies for a statewide fixed wireless network to further expand access for unserved students in rural areas,” the press release stated.

That network is expected to be operational by the start of the 2021-22 academic year.



Larry Hogan

# Family friendly film series to last through Sept. or longer

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someone wanted to give something that’s fine.”

Movies are projected on a large screen situated on the back end of the church next to the playground area beginning at 8 p.m.

“We’re going to go through the end of September with the exception of Labor Day Weekend because there’s a lot of stuff going on,” he said.

The next cinematic selection is “The Polar Express” on Aug. 28, with additional films including “Courageous” on Sept. 11 and “Facing the Giants” on Sept. 18.

One more movie date is set for Sept. 25, although the screening se-

lection has yet to be announced.

“We have to figure out a movie for that last week,” he said. “We’re hoping if the weather stays nice we can run into October.”

The no-cost event is open to the public with ample space outside on the lawn for social distancing.

Attendees are invited to bring chair, blankets, snacks and non-alcoholic beverages.

“It’s gone well. We wish obviously more people were there, but it’s really just a way for us of saying this is a gift to the community,” he said. “Just a word of thanks and an expression of our appreciation for the support from everybody.”



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# Bertino, Bunting want to know scope of work

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lotment of more than \$26 million awarded statewide by the DNR last month, represents about a third of the \$1.58 million requested for a project expected to cost \$2.3 million.

Bertino acknowledged the funding fell short of expectations, primarily as a result of state budgetary cutbacks stemming from the covid-19 pandemic.

“It was less than we expected but ... it’s the highest grant amount awarded to us as opposed to any place else in the state,” he said. “We were amazed about that.”

Commenting on the revised grant award, after being appointed as OPA president on Aug. 12, Perrone raised questions about the funding gap and how that might increase costs for the association.

Bertino said about nine months ago, the county agreed to an OPA proposal to function as a pass-through agent to request state funding for drainage improvements in the area around Bainbridge Park.

“We are acting as the agent for Ocean Pines because OPA is not a municipality and can’t get the funds themselves,” he said.

Bertino said seeking county support is not unusual.

“We were glad to do it, and we’ve done it on other projects in other areas around the county,” he said.

Since that time, the scope of the project was developed by the staffs of the OPA and county government.

“We’ve been moving along with the objective of receiving a grant ... to help address this problem at Bainbridge Park in section three and other neighborhoods in that area with drainage issues that have been a chronic problem for decades,” he said.

In addition to strong backing from Commissioner Jim Bunting, Bertino also credited OPA Director of Logistics and Operations Colby Phillips, Public Works Director Eddie Wells, Worcester Director of Environmental Programs Bob Mitchell and Sen. Mary Beth Carozza (R-38).

“She, at her level, made sure that the state was receptive to working with us, and they were,” he said.

Developing the grant proposal also involved numerous meetings between county and OPA officials.

“We were very fortunate that the efforts paid off with the grant that came through,” he said.

Despite wanting to accept the grant funds last week, Bertino said after learning that Perrone raised the possibility of the matter going to a vote by association members, he opted to hit the brakes.

“It raised a number of flags with me and with Commissioner Bunting,” he said. “We felt that it was more prudent to assure that everybody was on the

same page and ... knew what the scope of work was going to be before accepting ... because the county is on the hook for this.”

During the commissioners’ Aug. 18 meeting, Bunting asked if the OPA might have difficulty obtaining drainage right of way easements on the former Old Pine Shore Golf Course property located north of Beauchamp Road.

Mitchell said the project plan did not originally factor in land costs.

“It was to be done through a cooperative easement with the developer,” he said. “If we have to purchase an easement, that was not anticipated before we might have to go another route.”

Mitchell said there were other drainage infrastructure projects within Ocean Pines that could qualify for the grant funds.

“We could do something totally different than what it was originally applied for,” he said.

Mitchell said the DNR grant could be applied to projects that reduce flooding and improve runoff into coastal bay waters.

Bertino said regardless of lower than anticipated grant funding for Fiscal 2021 the Bainbridge project was intended as a staged endeavor.

“This was not a project that I think anyone expected we would be able to solve with one bite of the apple,” he said. “As we move forward, we’ll be looking at applying for additional grants.”

Speaking on Friday, Bertino said county officials expect to meet with OPA Board members and management in short order.

“We will be meeting with the parties next week to make sure we’re all on the same page,” he said. “If Ocean Pines isn’t on board, then I don’t think the county needs to be on board.”

## Residents to be notified of work

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is in that cycle now where it needs to be done.”

He added that maintenance on the Franklin Avenue tower was completed a few years ago.

There currently is not a timeline for the maintenance, but Fleetwood said town residents will be notified in advance of taking the Route 346 tower offline.

When the Route 346 water tower was taken out of service for maintenance earlier this month, the problems of water pressure from the water tower on Franklin Avenue started.

“We’re doing what we’re able because there’s condensation,” he said.

“So, what the plan is ... we’ve done some trouble shooting on what we believe to be the issue that caused that pressure to drop.”

Since then, both towers have been put back in service.

Fleetwood said he has not received complaints about low water pressure since Aug. 9.

The Water Division of Berlin’s Water Resources Department is responsible for the operation and maintenance of infrastructure, treatment and the water towers throughout the town.

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# Bullied youth receive bodyguard service Sat.

By Ally Lanasa  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 27, 2020) Several Salisbury-based children and teenagers received a rare opportunity on Saturday — a day with real bodyguards.

“Bodyguards Against Bullying” is an initiative that provides professional bodyguard service to youth who have been affected by serious or consistent bullying.

Autumn Allen, 13, and Traymere Bishop, 11, were selected as recipients for the giveback event. Brandon Messick, 17, Jordan Carpenter, 15, Nashawn Cook, 14, Jeremiah Bishop, 10, and Jamyla Cook, 8, also attended.

U.S. chairman for the organization, Bubba Almony, hosted the event in Berlin and Ocean City this weekend with fellow bodyguards Cory Portner and Michael Wright.

Wright and Almony gave inspiring speeches to the youth selected to participate outside of town hall at 10 William Street at 5:30 p.m.

“In order for you to elevate higher, you have to push the negativity down,” Wright said.

Almony assured the youth that they are special, and they have a support system through life.

“We’re here because we care about you guys,” Almony said. “We care about our future generation.”

He reminded them that they can turn any test into a testimony.

“It doesn’t matter where you’re from in life. It matters what you’re made of,” Almony added, who grew up in Ocean City and graduated from Stephen Decatur High School in 2012.

Al Hondo Handy, who has been named Citizen of the Year in Ocean City, gave advice to the children and related how he has given back to the community through the town’s Parks and Recreation Department.

The youth then met Berlin Mayor Gee Williams, who spoke about overcoming his fears of public speaking as a child to become a local government official.

The mayor also gave them a tour of town hall and his office.

“Whenever you’re in Berlin, I want you to feel like part of an extended family,” the mayor said.

Next, the group of children and their guardians headed to the Berlin Fire Company on North Main Street with a police escort, where Collins Brown, a firefighter and paramedic, informed the children about a fire truck and its functions. The group also met Berlin Police Chief Arnold Downing at the fire station.

Afterward, they traveled to the Ocean City Boardwalk. The group



ALLY LANASA/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

During the Bodyguards Against Bullying giveback event on Saturday, the youth selected to participate learn about the different functions of a fire truck from Collins Brown, a firefighter and paramedic at the Berlin Fire Company on North Main Street.

was greeted by officers of the Ocean City Police Department on Third Street and escorted to the fishing pier at the inlet to take pictures and view the sunset.

On the pier, Wright reiterated his sentiments about ignoring others’ negativity and Almony offered some final words of encouragement about

becoming whoever and whatever they desired.

“This event served as a boost to their confidence, self-esteem and to show them there are people in their corner who truly care about their safety, well-being and peace of mind,” Almony wrote on Facebook after the event.

## Berlin wins 30th award for being coolest of towns

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has been named the coolest small town in America, has received 30 awards for its beauty and businesses.

“We’re very fortunate because many small towns that are anywhere near our size are probably bursting with pride if they have one or two [awards]. We have 30, and that’s only in the recent years,” Mayor Gee Williams said.

With the historic charm and a variety of quality boutiques, dining establishments and antique stores, Berlin thrives as an attraction for guests year-round.

In addition, visitors take advantage of the Berlin Farmers Market from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sundays through September as well as 2nd Fridays every month when shops stay open late, musicians perform live on Commerce Street and Sisters, 113 N. Main Street, hosts wine tastings.

“While we’re a very nice place to live, we’re also a very nice place to visit,” Williams said.

He also emphasized the importance of visitors feeling that Berlin is a home away from home.

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# Opinion

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## Berlin awards make it tough on candidates

Another week, another award. It’s getting to be that the Town of Berlin winning an award for being itself is not the breathtaking news it used to be.

Everyone recalls the hoopla that erupted when it won the national “Coolest Small Town” competition in 2012. People were dancing in the streets, literally, when those results were reported. And now, 30 awards later, this one from TripAdvisor that reflects visitor experiences, elicits a response more like, “Well, isn’t that nice.”

This is not to denigrate this particular award or the two other top travel honors the town won earlier this year, because they represent a great deal of planning, attention to detail and hard work by businesses, residents and government.

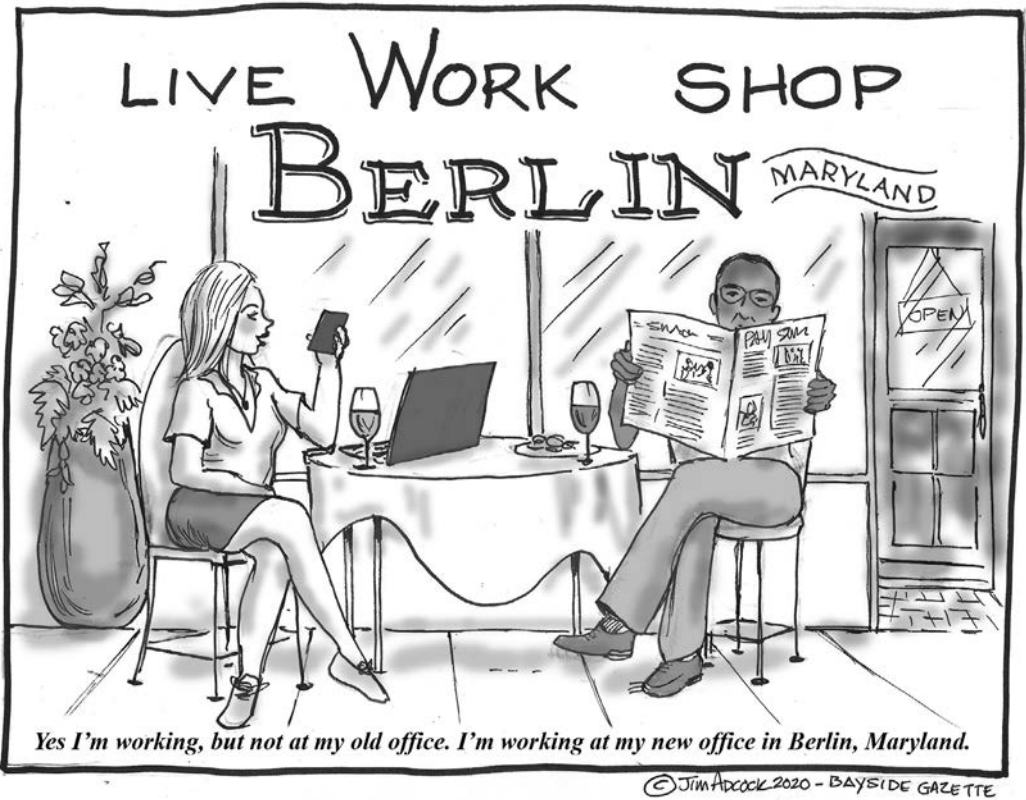
After all, no single entity is responsible for this winning streak, since it requires the support of almost anyone who lives or works in town. Not one of these entities — government, business or residents — could pull it off on their own.

That’s also why, to shift gears here, the town’s upcoming election will be interesting to watch. All candidates should have a vision or an opinion on what they would do to keep Berlin at the peak of its game as both a highly popular small-town tourist destination and a livable, inviting community.

It’s not enough to criticize this or that decision, or harp on one or two situations. Candidates should be able to see the whole picture and lay out their approaches to keeping businesses and residents happy, while continuing to build the town’s image as a place that draws all these favorable reviews.

That’s going to be tough, because it will entail explaining not just what the candidate hopes to accomplish, but how it can be accomplished without damaging the consensus that has gotten Berlin where it is today.

Getting to the pinnacle is one thing, staying there requires constant effort.



## Summer meal program extended

By Ally Lanasa  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 27, 2020) The Worcester County Public Schools’ Summer Meal Program has been extended to Monday.

“The USDA extended the Summer Food Service Program waivers through Aug. 31, so we decided to take advantage of the opportunity to provide more meals to our students,” said Odtis Collins, the coordinator of food services for the county’s public schools.

The local school system provides meals from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at six locations in Snow Hill, Pocomoke and Berlin throughout the week.

From June 22 to Aug. 20, a total of 45,277 meals were distributed during summer academy at Buckingham Elementary School, Pocomoke Middle School and Snow Hill Elementary School and the summer meal program. About 32,180 meals of the 45,277 meals were served through the summer meal program.

According to a recent Facebook post on the school system’s account, 3,628 meals were distributed last week.

Collins added that an average of 2,520 students are served every week through the sum-

mer meal program.

The seasonal feeding program is only available for children under the age of 18, who must be present at the time of pickup.

In addition, the public is not permitted inside participating locations in Snow Hill, Pocomoke and Berlin. A staff member will be prepared to bring bagged lunches outside.

Although students will begin the school year with distance learning on Sept. 8, they will still be able to participate in the free and reduced school meals program.

“We will be operating under the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program,” Collins said. “The program will operate similar to the summer food service program with some adjustments, since the regulations are different.”

Last year, 40.73 percent of students in the county’s public schools participated in the free and reduced school meals program.

“I am seeing an uptick compared to last year’s numbers through our Maryland Direct Certification System,” Collins said.

The 2020-21 application is now available online.

For more information, visit <http://ow.ly/yThV50APFF1>.

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Locations from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**SNOW HILL:** • Ebenezer United Methodist Church (107 S. Collins St.): Monday-Thursday  
• Snow Hill Elementary School (515 Coulbourne Lane): Monday-Thursday

**POCOMOKE:** • Pocomoke Middle School (800 Eighth St.): Monday-Thursday  
• Windy Gardens (800 Lynn Haven Drive #F1): Monday-Wednesday

**BERLIN:** • Buckingham Elementary School (100 W. Buckingham Road): Monday-Thursday  
• Bay Terrace Garden Apartments (517 Bay Street): Monday-Thursday health and safety of young people)



# Foundation honors efforts

## Local philanthropic service celebrated through awards

(Aug. 27, 2020) The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore celebrates local philanthropic service through its annual awards.

Announced each November, these awards are considered among the most prestigious philanthropic service honors in the Lower Shore region.

Recipients must first be nominated for an award and then selected by a committee of community volunteers. Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore is now accepting nominations until Aug. 28, for the Richard A. Henson Award for Nonprofit Excellence, the Frank H. Morris Humanitarian Award, and the Mary Gladys Jones Volunteer of the Year Award.

To nominate an individual or organization for one of the awards, visit [CFES.org/awards](http://CFES.org/awards) and complete the application. The award recipients will be announced in early November by the Community Foundation.

Mary Gladys Jones Volunteer of the Year Award: Recognizes an individual who has made outstanding, sustained and unselfish contributions to community service.

The foundation will grant \$1,000 to the Volunteer of the Year Award winner's charity of choice.

Richard A. Henson Award for Nonprofit Excellence: Presented annually to a qualified 501(c)3 nonprofit organization in Somerset, Wicomico, or Worcester counties, which has

implemented a program or project that has made an outstanding contribution to the well-being of residents of the Lower Eastern Shore.

The foundation will grant \$5,000 donation to the recipient.

Frank H. Morris Humanitarian Award: Recognizes an individual who has made outstanding, sustained, and unselfish contributions to community enrichment and whose vital ideas and personal sacrifices exemplify the philanthropic spirit of our community.

The foundation grants \$1,500 to the Morris Award winner's charity of choice.

As leaders, grant makers and stewards of philanthropy, the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore connects people who care to causes that matter for the common good of the Lower Eastern Shore.

It is a 501(c)3 nonprofit with an inspiring history of fostering charitable endeavors, and has provided more than \$89 million in grants and scholarships to the local community since 1984.

It collaborates with individuals, families and businesses to match their charitable interests with community needs and strengthen local nonprofits through grants and resources.

The foundation is devoted to improving the regional community and believes in the power of philanthropy.

For information, contact Victoria Kent, marketing officer, at 410-742-9911 or [vkent@CFES.org](mailto:vkent@CFES.org).

# Construction almost complete at Showell

By Ally Lanasa  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 27, 2020) Worcester County Public Schools Facilities Planner Joe Price provided a monthly update on the Showell Elementary replacement school project for the board of education on Aug. 18.

"In the past month, we've completed ceramic tile, finished painting, insulation and testing and balancing mechanical systems," Price said.

The installation of window blinds as well as flooring were completed last week.

Final cleaning is also underway throughout the building. A picture from Aug. 6 showed that the age 2-5 playground equipment has been installed.

As demonstrated by the site plan, work is being done on the curb and gutter. Also, the road and parking lot are being paved.

Price said the staff parking lot is complete and all parking lots will be ready by Aug. 31.

He added that construction on the bus loop was completed this week.

When Showell Elementary school teachers return to the facility on Monday for professional learning and in-service activities, contractors will be restricted access to the building. "We're allowing no contractors in the building until after 3:30 [p.m.] or on weekends," Price said.

The replacement school is expected to be complete this fall.

Payments up to Aug. 18 totaled \$34,054,525.24. The remaining project balance is \$5,590,713.99.

For more information, visit [worcesterk12.org](http://worcesterk12.org) or [showellelementary.org](http://showellelementary.org).

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# Snapshots



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## LUNCHEON

The Republican Women of Worcester County held its annual Red, White and Blue luncheon on July 23, at the Carousel Hotel in Ocean City. Guest speakers were, from left, State Del. Wayne Hartman, Maryland Federation of Republican Women President Diana Waterman, State Sen. Mary Beth Carozza and RWWC President Beth Rodier.



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## SCHOLARSHIP

Ocean City Surf Club President Tommy Vach presents Stephen Decatur graduate Madison Birkett with its 2020 scholarship donation in the amount of \$4,000. She will be attending Penn State this fall.



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## SUCCESS AWARD

The Republican Women of Worcester County presented a "Future Success Award" to Atlanta Schoolfield of Pokomoke's High School senior class. Pictured with Schoolfield is Jenifer Rayne, principal of Pokomoke High School. The Future Success Award is given each year to a graduating senior from Worcester County schools, who has been nominated by faculty and staff for personal and academic achievements.



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## CITATIONS

The Suffrage Centennial Celebration Committee received citations recently from senators Chris Van Hollen and Ben Cardin, and a proclamation from the Worcester County Commissioners. The senators' citations were in celebration of the 100th anniversary of women winning the right to vote and in recognition of the SCCC's work in educating the public about the history of women's suffrage and the importance of voting in 2020. The Worcester County Commissioners proclaimed Aug. 26, 2020 in Worcester County as the Centennial Celebration of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Pictured, from left, are SCCC Members Linda Linzey, Joy Braun, Vicky Wallace and Susan Buyer.



## GRADUATES

(Above) Senior Class President Sam Tinkler is called up on stage to receive his Worcester Prep diploma from Acting Head of School Mike Grosso during Commencement Exercises in June. (Right) Kathryn Marini was named valedictorian for the Worcester Prep Class of 2020.

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Aug. 31: Josh Pryor, noon to 3 p.m.;



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Kono Nation Duo, 8-11:30 p.m.  
Aug. 30: Nowhere Slow Duo, 4-8 p.m.  
Aug. 31: Full Circle, 4-8 p.m.  
Sept. 1: Opposite Directions, 4-8 p.m.  
Sept. 2: Full Circle Duo, 4-8 p.m.  
Sept. 3: John McNutt Duo, 4-8 p.m.



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### VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION

for 2020 Town of Berlin Elections

For the Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 for the offices of Mayor and of Council seats in Districts 2 and 3 and At-large:

**VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE** for the 2020 Town of Berlin Elections is Friday, September 4, 2020.

Eligible voters must be registered with the Worcester County Board of Elections to be able to vote in the Town of Berlin Municipal Elections. Voters qualified to register for Worcester County general elections shall be deemed qualified to vote in Town of Berlin elections, subject to the additional requirement of living within the Town of Berlin.

You may register at the Worcester County Board of Elections at 100 Belt Street in Snow Hill, Maryland, during regular business hours, on-line at [www.elections.state.md.us](http://www.elections.state.md.us) or you may register by mail, with the proper registration form. Forms can

be requested by calling 410-632-1320, or may be picked up from many public locations, including the Berlin Town Hall.

If you are already registered with Worcester County, you must notify the County Board of Elections Office of any changes in your name and address.

Voters not registered with the Worcester County Board of Elections on or before the deadline will NOT be allowed to vote in the Berlin Election on October 6, 2020.

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### ABSENTEE VOTING APPLICATION AVAILABILITY

for 2020 Town of Berlin Elections

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The Town of Berlin Board of Supervisors of Elections will accept applications for Absentee Voting BEGINNING Friday, September 4, 2020. Applications will not be available before that date and must be re-

turned by the deadline to be accepted.

Applications must be RECEIVED in the Berlin Town Hall per the following schedule:

By MAIL: No later than 5:00 PM, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2020

In PERSON: No later than 5:00 PM, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2020

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### CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINES

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For the Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 for the offices of Mayor and of Council seats in Districts 2 and 3 and for the remainder of the term for the At-large Council seat:

Notice is hereby given for the following Candidate Filing Deadlines:

A. REGULAR Filing Deadline is 5:00 P.M. on Friday, September 4, 2020.

B. WRITE-IN Candidate Filing Deadline is 5:00 PM on Tuesday, September 29, 2020.

Applications for candidacy along with other required forms may be picked up Monday-Friday at the Berlin Town Hall, 10 William St., Berlin, Maryland between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. For more information please call 410-641-4314 or email [mbohlen@berlinmd.gov](mailto:mbohlen@berlinmd.gov). Completed applications must be returned by the deadlines above to be valid for the October 6, 2020 Election.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

Berlin Board of Zoning Appeals

Pursuant to Sections 108-165 and 108-191 of the Code of the Town of Berlin, MD, the Berlin Board of Zoning Appeals will meet Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at 6:30 PM in the Mayor and Council Chambers of Berlin Town Hall, 10 William Street, Berlin, MD to hear a Request for a Variance received from Ms. Jill Gray for the property known as 203 Broad Street to place a rear deck and stairs approximately 12 feet beyond the platted Building Restrictive Line, which represents an encroachment into the rear yard setback of 12 feet.

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# Puzzles

## ALTERNATIVE CINEMA

BY FRANCIS HEANEY / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Francis Heaney, of New York City, is a professional puzzle maker and editor who frequently constructs the American Values Club Crossword. For 15 years he has edited puzzle books for Sterling. His early interest in puzzles was encouraged by his grandmother, who gave him a subscription to Games magazine for his 10th birthday. Francis has been contributing crosswords to The Times, on and off, since 1996. — W.S.

**ACROSS**  
1 Red Guard members  
8 They can get canceled  
14 Sticky situation  
20 Remove braids from  
21 "Likewise!"  
22 Way to go  
23 Alternative title for "The Dirty Dozen"?  
25 Sorted in order  
26 Hear here!  
27 Complete  
28 "Vous êtes \_\_\_\_" (French map notation)  
30 Alan with six Emmys  
31 Pulled from a raffle drum  
33 Alternative title for "Cleopatra"?  
38 Words to a betrayer  
40 Partner of cut  
41 St. \_\_\_\_ Chapel, New York City public building in continuous use since 1766  
42 Dessert often topped with caramel sauce  
45 Newswire co.  
47 Zip  
48 Disc-brake components  
51 Alternative title for "Frankenstein"?  
55 Took a load off  
56 Monopoly token elected by an internet vote

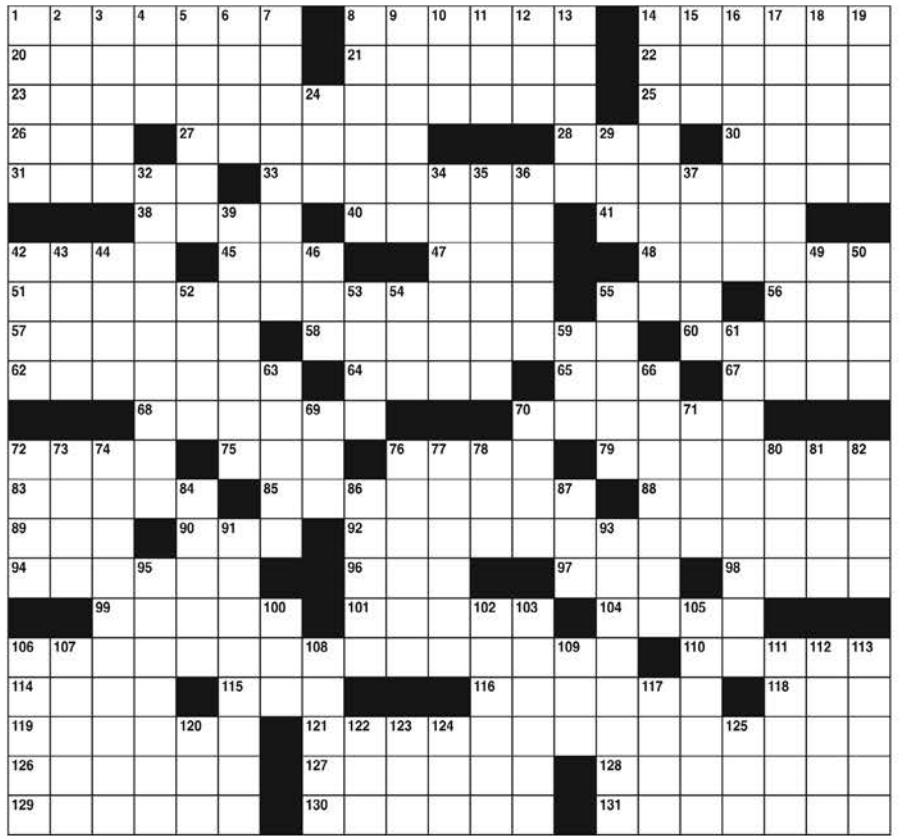
**DOWN**  
1 Like commercials, often  
2 First name of a Peace Nobel that ends ironically  
3 "Einstein on the Beach," e.g.  
4 "\_\_\_\_ say!"  
5 Scholar  
6 Seating section  
7 Recipients of venture capital  
8 Joined a petition  
9 What a dental scaler removes  
10 Senator Klobuchar  
11 Production co. behind "Rhoda" and "Newhart"

**ACROSS**  
57 "Sure, that makes sense"  
58 Trust  
60 "\_\_\_\_ Another" (NPR game show)  
62 Toyota model since 1966  
64 Van \_\_\_\_, Calif.  
65 D.C. donor  
67 "Hey, pal, over here!"  
68 & 70 Alternative title for "To Kill a Mockingbird"?  
72 Female friend, in France  
75 Phillipa who played Eliza in the original cast of "Hamilton"  
76 Hook's sidekick  
79 "The Hangover" co-star  
83 Mortgage co.  
85 Just out of the freezer  
88 They feature clowns and rope tricks  
89 Grp. organizing school dances  
90 Make a move  
92 Alternative title for "Titanic"?  
94 Hello Kitty company  
96 Calendar spans: Abbr.  
97 Actress Tyler who will be an apt age in 2031  
98 Stopovers  
99 Gives a hoot  
101 "Ella and \_\_\_\_" (1956 jazz album)  
104 Sandal brand  
106 Alternative title for "Gone Girl"?  
110 Sheepskin holders

**DOWN**  
114 Shankar who taught sitar to George Harrison  
115 ASCAP alternative  
116 \_\_\_\_-faire  
118 "Blueberries for \_\_\_\_" (classic children's book)  
119 Nabisco's first cracker brand, introduced in 1899  
121 Alternative title for "The Name of the Rose"?  
126 Duck dish  
127 "Welp, guess I have to try again"  
128 Develop over time  
129 Lowbrow art  
130 Round things?  
131 Terry Bradshaw, for his entire career

**ACROSS**  
12 "Once upon a midnight dreary ..."  
13 Ending with ultra- or super-  
14 Sauce on chicken Parmesan  
15 Parts of zygotes  
16 French automaker  
17 They don't go much higher than the tongue  
18 Soft leather  
19 Two-door or four-door  
24 Unenthused response to "Wanna?"  
29 Upper limit  
32 Turned in  
34 Charles \_\_\_\_, religious leader known as "The Father of Modern Revivalism"  
35 Lengths for rulers  
36 Killed time  
37 Workload that must be met  
39 Pets kept in terrariums  
42 Bank-backing grp.  
43 Something trademarked  
44 Laptop brand  
46 "\_\_\_\_ be an honor"  
49 Head-butts  
50 [Actually, don't delete this]  
52 Smooth-tongued  
53 Painter Magritte  
54 "The Simpsons" character with a Ph.D.  
55 Catch  
59 Nail-polish brand

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- 61 Shortcut for a frequent contact

63 Approximately

66 Outmoded part of a laptop

69 Hither and \_\_\_\_

70 What a koozie might keep cool

71 Seller of the Ultimate Waffle Sandwich

72 Nile snakes

73 \_\_\_\_ Hari

74 "Regardless ..."

76 Stone to cast?
- 77 Slugger Hideki named the 2009 World Series M.V.P.

78 Pasture parent

80 Nuevo \_\_\_\_ (Mexican state)

81 Like grass you can smell, perhaps

82 IDs assigned at birth: Abbr.

84 Boxer Ali

86 Sharp who choreographed "Hair"
- 87 Modern letters

91 Soothing summer soak

93 Chart-toppers

95 Raised sculptures

100 Prefix with pathetic

102 Needs medicine, say

103 Humble abodes

105 Italian city NW of Milan

106 Semi, e.g.

107 Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum city
- 108 Food item

109 "The Loco-Motion" singer Little \_\_\_\_

111 Standard

112 Not glossy

113 More underhanded

117 "A likely story!"

120 O.E.D. part: Abbr.

122 Casablanca's country: Abbr.

123 Ivy League nickname

124 Make a break for it

125 Had

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**Answers to last week's puzzles**

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



## Community Briefs

### President's List

Worcester County residents named to the President's List for their respective schools are: Caroline Pasquariello and Corinne Krasner, both of Berlin, James Madison University; and Tara Fischer of Berlin, University of Alabama.

### Relay raffle

Relay For Life of North Worcester County is hosting a Prize-A-Day Raffle. Virtual tickets cost \$10 each and the deadline to purchase is Monday, Aug. 31. All tickets will be entered into every daily drawing, held Sept. 1-30, and are eligible to win multiple times. Prizes include gift cards from local businesses and national retailers. Winners will be called, posted on Facebook and announced on Ocean 98 radio station. Gift cards will be deliv-

ered or mailed. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society. Purchase tickets from any Relay For Life team member. For more information, contact ocdebber@gmail.com or visit [www.relayforlife.org/northworcestermid](http://www.relayforlife.org/northworcestermid).

### Dean's List

Worcester County residents named to the Dean's List for their respective colleges are: Parker Williams of Berlin, University of Delaware; Cooper Richins of Berlin, Furman University; Samantha Wolpin of Bishopville, University of Kentucky College of Arts & Sciences; Alexander Wright of Berlin, Bethel University's College of Professional Studies; Riley Dickerson of Ocean Pines, Champlain College; Arran Mills, of Ocean Pines, Frostburg State University; Hunter Morris, of Berlin, Frostburg

State University; Lindsay Forno, Bishopville, Hofstra University.

### Scholarships

The Women's Club of Ocean Pines was unable to host its annual Fashion Show luncheon in April and its Game Day in June because of the covid-19 pandemic.

Despite the cancellations, the Scholarship Committee announced on June 23 awards to three recipients of its college scholarships for 2020, valued at \$900 each.

The awardees are: Madison Birkett, Wharton School of the University of Pennsyl-



Madison Munn

vania; Sydney Boger, Penn State University; and Madison Munn, Regent University.

These Stephen Decatur High School graduates were awarded scholarships for their academic achievements, extracurricular involvement and dedication to their community.

### Graduates

Recent Worcester County graduates are: Hunter Ulrich of Bishopville, Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, Widener University's School of Engineering; Ian Colbert, of Berlin, Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife and Fisheries, Frostburg State University; Zachary Soderlund, of Berlin, Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting, Frostburg State University.

# Boggs named Worcester Co. Woman of Year

By Greg Ellison  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 27, 2020) After a lifetime immersed in community activities, culminating with two terms on the Ocean Pines Board followed by three terms as Worcester County Commissioner, Judy Boggs, 80, was named Woman of the Year last week by her former elected body.

Boggs said she invested years in improving quality of life issues in Ocean Pines and Worcester County after retiring to the Eastern Shore in 1992. Prior to that she blazed a trail in a number of traditionally male-dominated venues starting in the Baltimore-suburb of Dundalk.

Despite having an idyllic family life with husband Bob Boggs and three children in the mid-1960s, she pursued a journalism career after earning a position with area newspaper the Dundalk Eagle.

Never shy to ask for what she wanted, Boggs simply showed up and informed the publisher she wanted to be a reporter.

"He asked me to complete some transcription tests and wanted to know if I could type," she said. "I told him I wasn't applying to be a secretary."

Boggs turned to exit before the publisher asked her to wait.

"He told me I could cover the Fourth of July parade in Dundalk as a test run," she said.

Seizing the opportunity, Boggs returned with solid coverage of the annual Dundalk Heritage Fair and launched a five-year run at the publication.

Unlike typical rookie reporters, Boggs balked at tradition and demanded to cover a beat she selected, while also insisting on developing off-beat coverage.

"I did a series on the history of local churches," she said. "After the first piece, they were all calling asking to be the next church covered."

In short order, Boggs became a popular reporter because of her non-traditional topics, and in time became a long running columnist.

She ended her tenure in the news field after opting to engage in local political campaigns.

"I asked for time off," she said.

Boggs said when her editor learned of her intentions, a return was deemed infeasible.

Dismayed but not dissuaded, Boggs continued to open doors largely closed to women.

After leading a community focus group concerning the construction of a hospital in Dundalk, Boggs earned sufficient respect among her peers to land a job as an administrator for Church Home and Hospital Health Centers in Baltimore.

Before retiring from the health care industry in 1992, Boggs was named Baltimore County Woman of the Year in 1987.

"My husband and I retired early and moved to Ocean Pines," she said.

Although stepping away from paid work, Boggs filled her time volunteering and was eventually elected to serve two terms on the OPA Board.

After serving as OPA president in 2001, her last year on the board, Boggs ran a successful campaign to become the first Worcester County Commissioner to represent the newly created District 5 in Ocean Pines.

Because of the population boom in the northern county, what had been a five-member board of commissioners was expanded to seven seats.

Before her election as county commissioner, a position she held until 2014, Boggs encountered a less-than-



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Judy Boggs beams while displaying her recently bestowed Worcester County Woman of the Year proclamation, which is the latest addition to an extensive scrap book of honors earned over many decades of dedicated public service.

ideal interaction with that body when she presented a proposal to establish the Worcester County Commission for Women in 1998.

"I got in front of the commissioners and the jokes started flying," she said. "Hey, what about a men's commission?"

Boggs ignored the commentary, pushed the proposal and led the campaign to establish the women's commission. She served as the groups' first president.

Earlier this year, the Worcester County Commission for Women selected Boggs to receive Woman of the Year honors. The group's 25th annual luncheon on March 25 was postponed after the covid-19 outbreak.

The award came just after Boggs lost her husband, Bob, who died on Feb. 20 at 86 years of age.

Boggs noted the void left after her mate of 60 years departed.

"He was a wonderful and supportive man," she said.

Boggs said the recent accolade from the county commissioners was especially poignant in light of the 100th anniversary of the Women's Suffrage Movement on Aug. 26, which first opened the curtains at polling booths and later seats of power for females across the nation.

Boggs, who was born in Baltimore in 1940, is relieved to have witnessed the dawn of a new era for women during her lifetime.

Regardless of societal advances, Boggs said her philosophy remains unchanged.

"People respect the qualities of honesty, trustworthiness, morality and integrity," she said.



# Calendar

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

## Thurs., Aug. 27

**VENUSAUR BOOK CLUB (YOUTH)**  
Beginning at 10:00 AM. Let’s discuss middle grades books. Ages 8-12 years. Register: <https://worcesterlibrary.libcal.com/event/6867915>.

**OC JEEP WEEK**  
Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Vendors, vintage jeep display, show specials and parts for your 4x4, the Ultimate Off-Road Expo. Admission is required. Thursday will also feature a Show & Shine at the convention center as well as a kickoff event at Alley Oops in midtown Ocean City from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Brad Hoffman, [brad@live-wire-media.com](mailto:brad@live-wire-media.com), 443-366-5944, <https://www.oceancityjeepweek.com>

**FREE FAMILY BEACH GAMES**  
Carousel Resort Hotel and Condominiums, 11700 Coastal Highway, 6:30 PM. Held Thursdays through Aug. 27. Participants are asked to practice physical distancing. Attendance is at your own risk. <https://oceocean.com/events/family-beach-games2020Hel>

**SUNSET PARK PARTY NIGHTS**  
Sunset Park, 700 S. Philadelphia Ave., 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Grab a bite to eat from the food truck and enjoy music by “The Dunehounds” (funky jams). Admission to the park is free, while beverages, including beer, are available for purchase. It is recommended to bring your own seating. Partakers must adhere to State guidelines in practicing physical distancing. Attendance is at your own risk. 410-289-2800, <https://oceocean.com/events/sunset-park-party-nights020>

**FREE CONCERT IN THE PARK**  
Cypress Park, 7 Bridge St., 7:00 PM. Music provided by “Front Page News,” featuring modern and classic rock. Pack a picnic, bring lawn chairs and practice safe social distancing. The CDC requires a list of attendees. Email your name and phone number to [karah@pocomokemd.gov](mailto:karah@pocomokemd.gov) if you plan to attend. 410-957-1333, Ext. 111, <http://DowntownPocomoke.com>

**FREE OC BEACH DANCE PARTY**  
Caroline Street Beach, 8:30 PM. Each week a new DJ hits the Caroline Street Stage where participants can dance under the lights on the beach. This week features DJ Kutt Premiere DJ. The event leads into the fireworks at 10:30 p.m. Partakers must adhere to State guidelines in practicing physical distancing. Attendance is at your own risk. <https://oceocean.com/events/oc-beach-dance-party2020>

**THURSDAY’S DOWNTOWN BEACH FIREWORKS**  
Talbot Street Beach, 10:30 PM. Partakers must adhere to State guidelines in practicing physical distancing. Attendance is at

your own risk. 410-289-2800, <https://oceocean.com/events/thursday-s-downtown-beach-fireworks>

## Fri., Aug. 28

**OC JEEP WEEK**  
Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Vendors, vintage jeep display, show specials and parts for your 4x4, the Ultimate Off-Road Expo. Admission is required. Friday will also feature a Show & Shine at the convention center. Brad Hoffman, [brad@live-wire-media.com](mailto:brad@live-wire-media.com), 443-366-5944, <https://www.oceancityjeepweek.com>

**FREE OUTDOOR MOVIES**  
Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road, 8:00 PM. Featuring “The Polar Express.” Bring snacks, non-alcoholic beverages, lawn chairs/blankets. Sit in your own family pod. Movies are free, but donations welcomed. Check for updates at [facebook.com/ccapop](https://facebook.com/ccapop).

## Sat., Aug. 29

**‘HAIRY’ KIWANIS CLUB FUNDRAISER**  
98 Ocean Parkway, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Charity Dudley of Mobile Hair Services will be providing haircuts outside under a comfortable, covered porch. All proceeds benefit the Kiwanis Club. Cost is \$15 adults and \$7.50 for children 12 and younger. Masks are mandatory. Call 410-533-3788 to schedule an appointment.

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**3RD ANNUAL WAGS AND WHISKERS 31 BINGO**  
Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Sponsored by the Worcester County Humane Society. Tickets cost \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. Advance tickets can be purchased on the shelter’s website or at the WCHS Thrift Store, 12703 Sunset Ave., West Ocean City. All Covid precautions will be enforced. Participants must be 18 years or older. <http://www.worcestercountyhumanesociety.org>

## Sun., Aug. 30

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**OCEAN CITY BRIDAL SHOW**  
Seacrets, 117 49th St., 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM. Enjoy free appetizer and dessert samples, vibrant entertainment and Wedding Fashions by Sandal’s Bridal. Vendors will be giving away wedding services and gifts. Admission cost is \$12 online or \$15 at the door. [Sean@roxbeach.com](mailto:Sean@roxbeach.com), 410-289-7699, <https://www.oceancitybeachwedding.com/ocean-city-bridal-show/>

**SUNDAES IN THE PARKS**  
Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD, 7:00 PM. Featuring free music by “Rhino” (high energy cover band) and various free activities and entertainment for children. Prepackaged ice cream will be available for purchase. Take a picnic basket and beach chairs. The night will end with a fireworks display at 9 p.m. Participants are asked to practice physical distancing. Attendance is at your own risk. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, <https://oceocean.com/events>

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## Mon., Aug. 31

**PRIZE-A-DAY RAFFLE TICKET DEADLINE**  
Relay For Life of North Worcester is selling virtual tickets for \$10 each. Daily drawings will be held Sept. 1-30. Win gift cards from local and national businesses. Winners will be called, posted on Facebook and announced on Ocean98. Purchase tickets from any Relay For Life team member. [ocdebber@gmail.com](mailto:ocdebber@gmail.com), <http://www.reallyforlife.org/northworcestermd>

**TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING**  
The meeting will be held via conference call, 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM. Dial 605-472-5789, wait for voice command, then press 944874. TOPS is a weekly support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. Berlin group No. 169. Rose Campion, 410-641-0157

**VIRTUAL TRI-COUNTY OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY**  
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**FREE DRIVE-IN MOVIE**  
Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 8:00 PM. Featuring “Dora and the Lost City of Gold” (102 minutes). Movie audio is via FM radio frequency (monitor your car’s battery). Participants are reminded to stay inside their vehicle unless

using available amenities. Portable restrooms will be available. All movies subject to weather-related conditions. 800-OC-OCEAN or 410-289-2800, <https://oceocean.com/events/drive-in-movies2020>

## Tues., Sept. 1

**SEAFOOD NIGHT**  
Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD. Call the Knights of Columbus at 410-524-7994 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays to place a take away order of steamed crabs, steamed shrimp and more.

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