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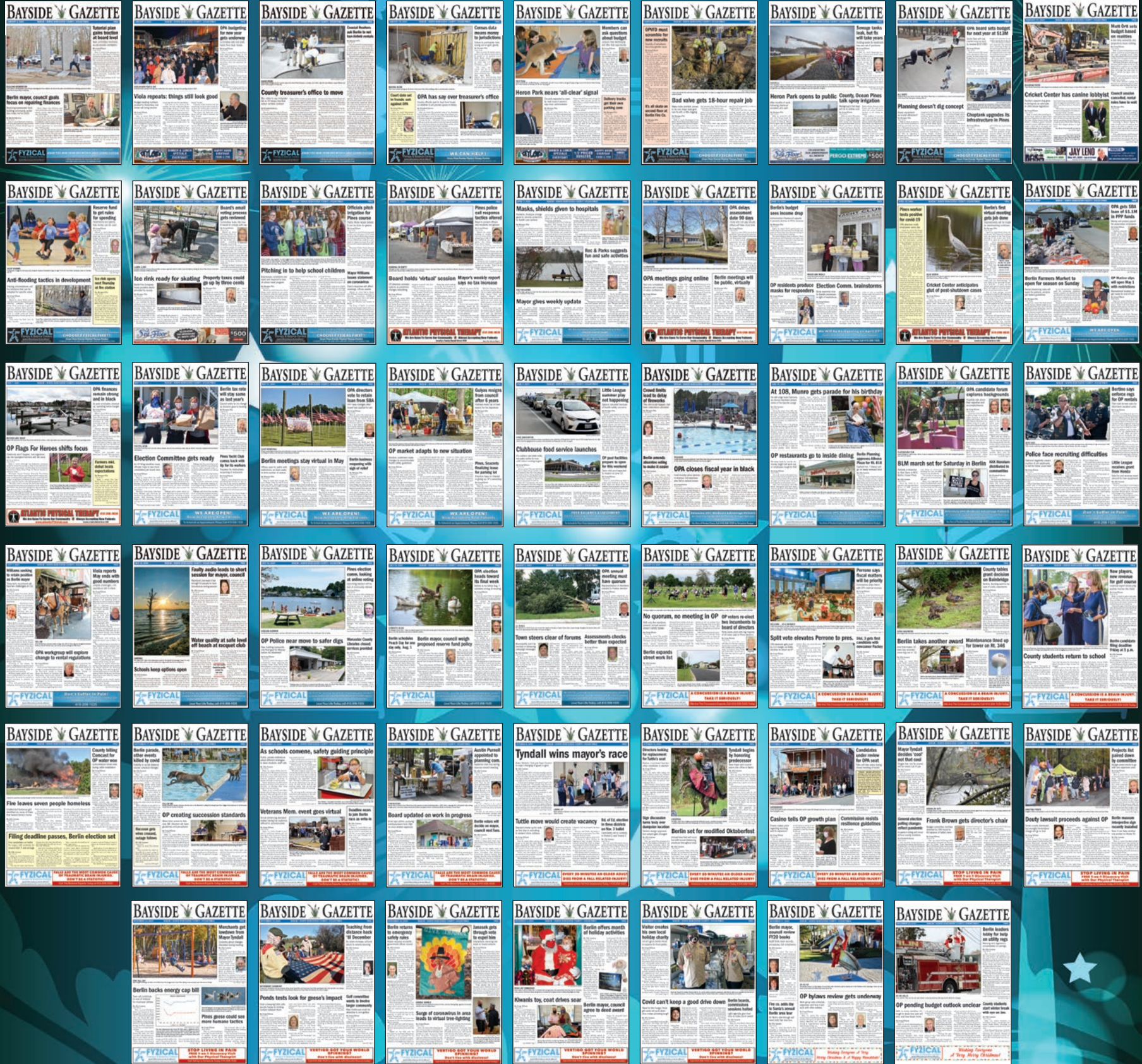
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## Goodbye 2020, Welcome 2021

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

In a scene missing from the start of 2021, throngs of people fill downtown Berlin as it pulsates with New Year's Eve revelers cheering in the opening seconds of 2020 wholly unaware of the challenges in store.



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ENRAPTURED

Ocean Pines resident Alexis Vickers enraptures Leah Everson, 6, and Declan Boyle, 4 with soap bubbles in White Horse Park as a multitude of children take advantage of mild weekend temperatures during mid-January in 2020.



PHOTOS COURTESY WORCESTER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SHOWELL CONSTRUCTION

The Worcester County Board of Education authorized a \$2.5 million requisition to continue construction at the replacement Showell Elementary School site on Showell School Road off Route 589 in Berlin during a meeting on Dec. 17. The project began on Sept. 29, 2018 and was expected to be complete by September 2020. The original Showell Elementary building was constructed in 1976, then additions were incorporated in 1990 for a total of 52,610 square feet. The new facility has a total 102,409 square feet.



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MEASURE TWICE

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'ROO YOGA

Rachel Azejak, the mobile crew manager for Barn Hill Preserve of Delaware, holds 8-month-old joey Mac during the Kangaroo Yoga session held at the Eastern Shore Healing Arts Center in Berlin on Jan. 25, which raised more than \$1,700 for the Bushfire Wildlife Rescue and Support.



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**REPAIRS**  
Fisher Marine Construction crews inspect heavy equipment prior to undertaking bulk head repairs in February in Ocean Pines.  
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**BUDGET VOTE**  
The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors approved by a 6-1 vote the fiscal 2020/2021 operating budget during a public hearing in late February 2020, with vice president Steve Tuttle abstaining.  
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**SKATE PROS**  
Rehoboth Beach quad skaters, from left, Alyse Ritzler, Phalin Flynn, 9, and Delilah Curry school a mob of skateboarders at the Ocean Pines Skatepark in February.  
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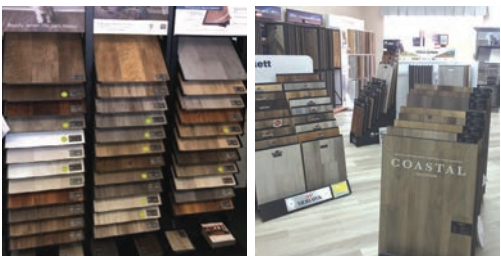
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TET CEREMONY

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #1091 of Ocean City member Rich Witte, left, and First State U.S. Marine Corps League Commandant Marty Kwesko mark the 52nd anniversary of the TET Offensive during the Vietnam War with a wreath placement ceremony at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines on Jan. 31, 2020.



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MOUNTING PROGRESS

Masonry work shows structural progress on the Ocean Pines Association Police building expansion as a mound of cinderblocks get set in place in February.



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HERON PARK CLEANUP

Staff from various Berlin town departments work on Jan. 29 to clean up residual debris following the discovery last year of a caustic soda spill at Heron Park and prepare to reopen the property to the public. Chesapeake Environmental Services handled the bulk of the cleanup for \$283,000. Other work was done by town workers and a few contractors at a cost of about \$3,000 rather than the \$50,000-\$60,000 quoted by other contractors, said Town Administrator Jeff Fleetwood.

**VOLUNTEER AWARD**

Tom Sholtis was named the Volunteer of the Year during the annual Berlin Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet hosted by owner John Fager at the Atlantic Hotel in Berlin on Feb. 12.

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WATER VALVE REPAIR

Crews work well into the early hours of the morning on Feb. 2 to replace an aging water valve that failed on the intersection of Broad and West streets in Berlin.

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FREE LUNCHES

Berlin residents came together to create bagged lunches at Baked Dessert Café in Berlin on March 16. Pictured, in front, from left, are Kyleith Powell, 13, Olivia Donovan, 15, Abby Melito, 14, and Sarah Reid, 17, and in back, Baked Dessert owner Robin Tomaselli, Pino Tomasello, Karen Bush-Purnell and Melissa Reid. Several organizations and members of the community worked to provide meals for students while schools were closed at the beginning of the covid-19 pandemic. Many children in the area rely on school programs for their daily meals.



PHOTO COURTESY WORCESTER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CAFETERIA

The Worcester County Public School Board of Education reviewed the progress of the construction of the new Showell Elementary School off Route 589 in Berlin during a conference call on March 17. This picture from March 10 shows the installation of bulkheads in the cafeteria above the stage.



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AIRBORNE

Dylan Mandley displays strong form in the midst of catching air in March at the Ocean Pines Skate Park.



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ANIMAL FRIEND

Valentina Castanare of Ocean Pines provides an alpaca-approved snack for fellow 3-year-old Mystery during the Farmers & Artisans Market in White Horse Park in March.



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PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

Matthew Record of Pocomoke Middle School, was named Maryland Middle School Principal of the Year by the Maryland Association of Secondary School Principals. Record was surprised with the award by the Worcester County Board of Education, Superintendent Lou Taylor, Pocomoke Middle students and teachers, county commissioners on March 9. Record became a second and third grade teacher for Snow Hill Elementary School, which is a blue-ribbon and national blue-ribbon school. Then, he was appointed to Pocomoke High School for four years as a vice principal before becoming the principal for Pocomoke Middle School four years ago. Pictured, from left, are Dr. Annette Wallace, Record, Superintendent Lou Taylor and Principal of Pocomoke Elementary School Dr. Michael Browne.

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SHAPING UP

Construction continues progressing on the police building expansion in Ocean Pines White Horse Park as façade work inches forward in early April 2020.



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SONRISE STOREHOUSE

Pastor Tim Robinson and his wife, Alana, display the array of food to be bagged and sent out to families in need inside SonRise Church in Berlin on April 7. The church, located at 10026 Main Street, opened the SonRise Storehouse on April 1, which offers nonperishable foods like pasta, rice, beans, peanut butter, chips, canned meats, fruits and vegetables, in addition to frozen meats, such as chicken, beef, ham and bacon.



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FOOD DONATIONS

Berlin residents distribute grocery bags and brown bag lunches for Worcester County school-aged children on Flower Street in Berlin on March 20 after Gov. Larry Hogan closed Maryland public schools for two weeks – from March 16-27 – to help stop the spread of coronavirus. Pictured, from left, are Ali Terrill, 12, Theresa Torpey, Brandy Terrill, Marco Smith and Alex Geracimos.

HARDWARE SHIELDS

Megan Klakring, left, a nurse tech, and Sarah Sharkey, a radiation tech, at Atlantic General Hospital demonstrate the use of the face shields provided by Hardwire LLC, a Pocomoke City manufacturer of protective armor used by the military, law enforcement and school systems, in March. The shields act as second layers of defense over the N-95 (anti-virus) facemasks, said Hardwire CEO George Tunis.

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SPIRIT KITCHEN

Thousands of pounds of food have been handed out to families in need during the Stevenson United Methodist Church Spirit Kitchen drive-through food pantry at 103 Flower St. in Berlin every other Wednesday. The Spirit Kitchen was established in February 2011 to offer a free lunch on Wednesdays at the church, located at 123 N. Main St. in Berlin, between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Since the coronavirus pandemic began, the Spirit Kitchen adapted to a contactless drive-through food pantry, where volunteers place bags of groceries in the trunk of vehicles.

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SDHS GRADUATION

Nearly 250 cars participated in the celebration of 295 graduates from the Class of 2020 during Stephen Decatur High School's drive-through graduation ceremony on the Boardwalk on May 27. In addition to families and teachers, members of the Worcester County Board of Education participated in the parade as well. The name of each graduate was announced through a speakerphone on North Division Street, and the cars entered the Boardwalk from 26th Street.



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WORCESTER PREP PARADE

Vice President of the Worcester Prep Class of 2020, Quinn McColgan of Millsboro, Delaware, high fives the school's mascot, Fighting Mallard, as she participates in the school's drive-through graduation parade on May 21.



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FARM FRESH

Craig Brady, with Stag Run Farm in Georgetown, Delaware, vends black plums to Ocean Pines resident Nancy Galvin at the Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market in May in White Horse Park.



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FEAST FOR MOM

Fully compliant with covid-19 safety protocols, Ocean Pines Yacht Club staff, from left, Chelsey Chmelik, Kearston Frey and Melissa Ruck ship out Mother's Day feasts complete with fresh flowers and mimosas.

KIWANIS AID

Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City cohorts Dave Landis, left, and Tom Foreman were on hand in late May at the Ocean Pines Community Center to kick off a weekly food drive to help stock the shelves at the Diakonia Emergency Food Pantry as the covid-19 pandemic hits full stride.

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LINKS DRIVERS

Adhering to covid-19 related health safety mandates, this foursome closes out the back nine at the Ocean Pines Golf Course in May.

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DRIVE-THROUGH GRADUATION

Class of 2020 graduate Rylie Carey waves to the faculty and teachers celebrating during Worcester Preparatory High School's drive-through graduation ceremony on May 21.



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BOARDWALK CELEBRATION

Stephen Decatur High School Principal Thomas Sites, left, and Superintendent of Schools Lou Taylor congratulate graduate Alyssa Romano before the school's drive-through graduation ceremony on the Ocean City Boardwalk on May 27.



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NEW SHOWELL ELEMENTARY

Despite the coronavirus pandemic, the construction of the new Showell Elementary School off Route 589 in Berlin continued as scheduled according to a report by the county school system's Chief Financial Officer Vince Tolbert during the Worcester County Public Schools Board of Education teleconference meeting held on May 19. Work was being done to create a new front entrance for the school and expand the school's playground in addition to completing the courtyard concrete paving, installation of drywall, carpet and tiles, kitchen equipment, insulation and light fixtures. Worcester County public school officials anticipated the \$40-million new school would increase enrollment when it reopened for the 2020-21 academic year in September.



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PARK REOPENS

Heron Park, on 10009 Old Ocean City Boulevard, officially reopened for public use on May 6 by then-Berlin Mayor Gee Williams following an address from Gov. Larry Hogan that broadened permitted outdoor activities under the Stay at Home order. All personal safety and social distancing requirements remained in effect at the time. Pets with leashes were also allowed at Heron Park.



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NATURAL GAS ENGINE

The new natural gas engine was delivered to the Berlin power plant on William Street on May 15. In the future, town staff plans to convert all of the engines from diesel to natural gas at the power plant. The second engine out of four that run the generator was taken out of commission in July 2019. The diesel engine was at least 20 years old.

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BLM MARCH

About 200 participants marched from Stephen Decatur Park on Tripoli Street through Main Street in Berlin, chanting “Black Lives Matter,” “I can’t breathe,” and “No justice, no peace, no racist police,” on June 27. The downtown Berlin march drew an outpouring from the community with marchers from Berlin, Salisbury, Pocomoke, Ocean City and Ocean Pines.



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FARMERS MARKET

Jaden Johnstone, a server at DiFebo’s on North Main Street in Berlin sells fresh baked breads, take home pizza kits, pies and oils during the Sunday farmers market on June 7. In addition to carryout, the Italian restaurant offered limited outdoor seating to during the pandemic.



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OUTDOOR DINING

With Gov. Larry Hogan’s decision to allow Maryland restaurants to have limited outdoor seating during the first week of June, Fins Ale House and Raw Bar, located at 119 N. Main St. in Berlin, offered outside seating for up to 40 people with the six-foot distance regulations in place. Furthermore, tables were only allowed to sit for 80-minute intervals, said bartender Molly McEvoy.



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TWO OUT OF THREE

Jockeying for two open seats during the Ocean Pines Association’s 2020 Board election in August, from left, incumbents Doug Parks and Dr. Colette Horn defeated newcomer Dr. Stuart Lakernick.



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DOCKSIDE DRINKS

Socially distanced Ocean Pines Yacht Club patrons drink up the bay view while sipping a beverage on a sunny Saturday in June.

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## A large indoor event space, likely a school cafeteria or gymnasium, with a high ceiling and blue walls. In the foreground, several people are seated at round tables, some with laptops and water bottles. In the background, a stage area is visible with a large screen displaying a "Superintendent Welcome Message" by Mr. Louis Taylor, Superintendent of Schools. The screen also features the "WISCONSIN" logo. To the left of the stage, a banner for "SkillsUSA" is visible. A man in a suit is standing on the stage, addressing the audience. The room is filled with people, some standing and some seated, creating a busy atmosphere.

A photograph of a residential street. In the foreground, there is a large, irregular pothole in the asphalt road. The road stretches into the distance, flanked by green lawns and mature trees. On the left side, a red car is parked near a white mailbox. On the right side, there are some flowering bushes with pink blossoms. The sky is overcast.

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SWEET RELIEF

Sweet Shack ice cream and frozen yogurt shop proprietors, Michelle Dell'Aquila-Reed and Matt Reed, joined by daughter, Madeline, pose underneath their custom surfboard sign after opening in the Manklin Creek Shopping Center in Ocean Pines in August.



**EXPANDING**  
GI Jane's Resale proprietors Carol and Paul Vaillancourt pose with their daughter, Isabella, while promoting their anchor business JDog Junk Removal and Hauling that they expanded upon during 2020. They opened the business in 2019. PHOTO COURTESY CAROL VAILLANCOURT



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PEACH DAY

Visitors wait in line on the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum lawn at 208 N. Main St. in Berlin to purchase bags of peaches for \$8 during the modified 12th annual Peach Day on Aug. 1 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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SPARSE ATTENDANCE

Although staged outside at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial with social distancing measures in place, the Ocean Pines Association's annual homeowners meeting in August failed to attract a sufficient number of residents to proceed.

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TEMPERATURE CHECK

Worcester Preparatory School Director of Advancement Betsy Hornung takes freshman Sam Menendez's temperature as he exits the bus on Sept. 1. Director of College Counseling Vickie Garner assists by logging any pertinent information.



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DISTANCE LEARNING

Worcester County Public Schools Superintendent Lou Taylor observes Joe Miller's environmental science lesson being conducted via Zoom at Worcester Technical High School on Sept. 8.



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POOL POOCHES

Tandem chocolate Labrador retrievers rock the waters at the Mumford's Landing Pool during Ocean Pines Doggie Swim fundraiser for the Worcester County Humane Society in September.

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Ocean Pines General Manager John Viola, left, awards recently-retired Police Chief Dave Massey a plaque honoring his 17 years in the role during a small-scale retirement celebration in August at the Ocean Pines Golf Clubhouse.

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OKTOBERFEST

Crowds descended in Berlin on Oct. 17 for Oktoberfest and the Annual Fall Sidewalk Sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., causing the police to close Main Street during the event.



**TRICK HEAD**  
Likely able to skip facemask requirements during the coronavirus pandemic, a headless horseman sets the Halloween vibe in Ocean Pines in October.  
GREG ELLISON/  
BAYSIDE GAZETTE

**SWEETS SEARCH**  
Trick-or-treating in Berlin on Halloween night, from left, are Ellie Bookwater, 5, and Sophia, 5, and Seva Nistazos, 7, of Ocean City.  
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**PROCLAMATIONS**  
Then-Mayor Gee Williams, center, recognized At-large Councilman Thom Gulyas, left, and District 3 Councilman Elroy Brittingham for their service to Berlin as elected officials during their last meeting on Sept. 28. Gulyas, 55, resigned from his position after six years because he and his family will be moving to South Point. Brittingham, 72, decided to retire from Town Council after eight terms to spend more time with family.



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



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**DEPARTING ADVICE**  
Before resigning from the Ocean Pines Association Board in October, Director Steve Tuttle expressed disappointment over recent contention among members.

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BERLIN MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Zackery Tyndall was sworn in as the new mayor of Berlin by Susan Braniecki, clerk of the Circuit Court for Worcester County, on Oct. 13. Then, Tyndall swore into office the three elected officials. Pictured, from left, are District 2 Councilmember Jack Orris, District 3 Councilmember Shaneka Nichols, Mayor Tyndall and At-Large Councilmember Jay Knerr.



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BERLIN VOTERS

Berlin residents in Districts 1 and 2 arrive at Buckingham Presbyterian Church on South Main Street on Oct. 6 to vote in the municipal election from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. There were five candidates on the ballot for mayor: Jennifer Allen, Ron Bireley, Bill Todd, Zack Tyndall and incumbent Gee Williams. Jay Knerr and Tony Weeg ran for the at-large council seat, while Shaneka Nichols and Dan Packey competed for the District 3 council seat. Jack Orris ran unopposed for the District 2 council seat to replace Tyndall.



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ACCORD

Ocean Pines Association Director Tom Janasek, left, and General Manager John Viola fist bump after clearing the air over previous comments involving job performance criticisms during a special board meeting in November.



BEST IN SHOW

Instead of the 16th annual Fall Cruisin' Classic Cars Show, the Berlin Chamber of Commerce hosted a smaller Cruisers Appreciation Day on Oct. 10 from 10 a.m. to noon. Lisa Taylor, of Dale City, Virginia, won the Best in Show award for her red 1969 Chevy Camaro. Taylor is pictured with Steve Frene, president of the Berlin Chamber of Commerce.

PHOTO COURTESY BERLIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



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SHOPPING ADJUSTMENTS

Facemask-clad patrons mill about the Ocean Pines Farmers and Artisans Market in late September in White Horse Park.



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FROlicking

Children put swings and slides to the test, under the watchful eye of elders in late September at White Horse Park in Ocean Pines.

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# Opinion

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## Don't look back ...

Satchel Paige, who might have been the best Major League Baseball pitcher who ever lived, had this to say about always pushing forward instead of worrying about the past: "Don't look back. Something might be gaining on you."

That's good advice, as we leave 2020, that miserable, calamitous and one-damn-thing-after-another year. Forget it, if possible, and concentrate on making 2021 better than its predecessor.

There's no denying that of all the terrible events and occurrences of the past 100 years or so, the miseries of 2020 made it one of the worst, from its devastating human toll to its ridiculously stupid miscues and malfunctions that were like extra toppings at a salad bar of woe.

And no, a turn of the calendar page isn't going to make all that go away. But pressing on wisely, and with some degree of sacrifice, is what has to be done to build a better 2021. If nothing else, 2020 has driven home the point that being prepared for the unexpected is a whole lot better than scrambling to react to it.

The best thing about 2021, aside from it not being 2020, is that it's bound to be a better year no matter what we do.

Still, as the state institutes its vaccination plan, we hope most people will line up for their immunizations, so more of us and maybe even most of us can venture out again and patronize our businesses. If we can do that, it will allow more businesses to regain their strength and bring back more jobs, and, in turn, allow society to function more normally.

We will have to look ahead at what we need to do to get there, and work hard to make it happen, instead of wasting time by looking over our shoulders at what was and what might have been.

Paige had been out of the Major Leagues for 12 years, when he took the mound against the Boston Red Sox in a one-game deal with the Kansas City Athletics in 1965. Although his appearance was a stunt to boost attendance, he pitched real ball against real players in a real game.

He threw three scoreless innings. At age 59. He did it because he focused on what was in front of him, the strike zone. The only thing he drew from the past was the knowledge of how to get it there.



*"Here's the thing. You're entering the NewYear with a Covid Pandemic. The vaccine is on the way but everyone needs to stay safe. A lot of people are counting on you so mask up! This book will explain Covid and also contains Dr. Fauci's personal cell phone number. Godspeed!"*

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### U.S. FLAG RETIREMENT

Scoutmaster Ken Nichols oversees members of Boy Scouts Troop #261 and Cub Scouts Pack #261 removing the blue field and white stars during a flag retirement ceremony at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines in November.

GREG ELLISON/  
BAYSIDE GAZETTE



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### OPERATION WE CARE

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

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WISH LIST UNMASKED

Kirby Cosby, 4, and her brother, Asa, 2, of Berlin both wearing masks, tell masked Santa what they want for Christmas at the entrance of Victorian Charm during the Ice Ice Berlin Art Sculptures Stroll & Holiday Shop Night in Berlin on Nov. 27.



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VENDOR MARKET

Vendors set up tables to display their products in igloos at Windmill Creek Vineyard and Winery in Berlin on Dec. 6.



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MEDIA CENTER

The media center, like classrooms and the cafeteria, in the new Showell Elementary School off Route 589 in Berlin features large windows to let in natural light.



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ABUNDANCE OF GIFTS

Worcester GOLD Executive Director Nicholas Cranford displays an array of Christmas gifts donated in November through the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City annual Toy Drive.

# OPEN HOUSES

## DEC. 31 - JAN. 6

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# Puzzles

TOY STORY

BY RANDOLPH ROSS / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Randolph Ross is a retired high school principal and math teacher who lives in Manhattan. He has been making crosswords for The Times since 1991. The theme of this one arose out of some factoids about 111-Across and 33-Down that he gave a grandson. "It occurred to me that for this Christmas and Hanukkah, with so many grandparents and family not able to see the children from their lives in person, a crossword about toys might bring a smile." — W.S.

ACROSS

1 Currency of Thailand

5 Kiss

9 U.S. city just south of Timpanogos Cave National Monument

13 Minus

17 Something to shoot for

19 One who hasn't turned pro?

20 Strong adhesive

21 Indiana governor Holcomb

22 She debuted on March 9, 1959, in a black-and-white striped swimsuit

24 Virtual pet simulation game that won an Ig Nobel Prize for its Japanese creators

26 [Grrr!]

27 Glenn Miller classic

29 Purchases on 14 de febrero

31 Major talent grp. representing athletes and entertainers

32 Outpourings

36 Overplays, with "up"

39 Toy that was originally called "L'Ecran Magique" ("The Magic Screen")

44 "Lost \_\_\_\_\_ is never found again": Benjamin Franklin

45 Natl. Humor Month

46 Mild, light-colored cigar

47 Things found in wandering souls?

48 Rhodes of the Rhodes scholarship

49 Photo finishes

51 U.S./U.K. divider: Abbr.

53 Loyal following

55 Flag carrier with an alphabetically ordered name

56 Trim

57 Game that got a big boost when Johnny Carson demonstrated it with Eva Gabor on "The Tonight Show"

59 Showy shrub

61 Schlepped

62 City in north-central Florida

63 Writer Arthur Conan \_\_\_\_\_

64 Umpteen

65 Day to play with new toys

69 Food \_\_\_\_\_ (Thanksgiving feeling)

71 Like subway walls, often

73 Final authority

74 William \_\_\_\_\_, founder of Investor's Business Daily

76 \_\_\_\_\_ area, part of the brain linked to speech production

78 Toy that was derived from a wallpaper cleaner

81 "I'm here to help"

82 Contented sigh

83 Phillies div.

85 \_\_\_\_\_ treatment

86 Harlem attraction, with "the"

87 Golf great Sam

89 Place for torn-off wrapping paper

91 Combined

93 Most common day to call in sick: Abbr.

94 Right away

95 Toy with 18 spoken phrases, including "I love you" and "May I have a cookie?"

97 Investment firm T. \_\_\_\_\_ Price

98 A halogen-containing salt

100 \_\_\_\_\_-Locke, Fla.

101 "My luck has to change at some point"

103 Politician parodied by Dana Carvey on 1990s "S.N.L."

107 Performed a Latin ballroom dance

111 Puzzle toy solved in a record 3.47 seconds in 2018

114 Toy that astronauts brought to space to secure tools in zero gravity

117 Goes off

118 Grannies

119 Not on solid ground, say

120 Piece in the game go

121 Strong criticism

122 Chichi

123 Spring event

124 Rigging pole

6 Game with red and yellow cards

7 1904 World's Fair city: Abbr.

8 Flint is a form of it

9 Moonfish

10 Sacking site in A.D. 410

11 Physical, e.g.

12 "Holy cow!"

13 Appointment that may be hard to change

14 Curve

15 Dr. Fauci's agcy.

16 Poli \_\_\_\_\_

18 Premiere arrival

20 Classic comics teenager with good manners

23 They can elevate art

25 Alley \_\_\_\_\_

28 Org. with boosters

30 The beginning, in an idiom

33 By the end of 1996, one million of this toy was sold in a shopping frenzy

34 "South Pacific" hero

35 2014 film directed by Ava DuVernay

36 Goes after

37 Simian world

38 First toy to be advertised on TV

40 Open hostilities

41 St. Patrick's home

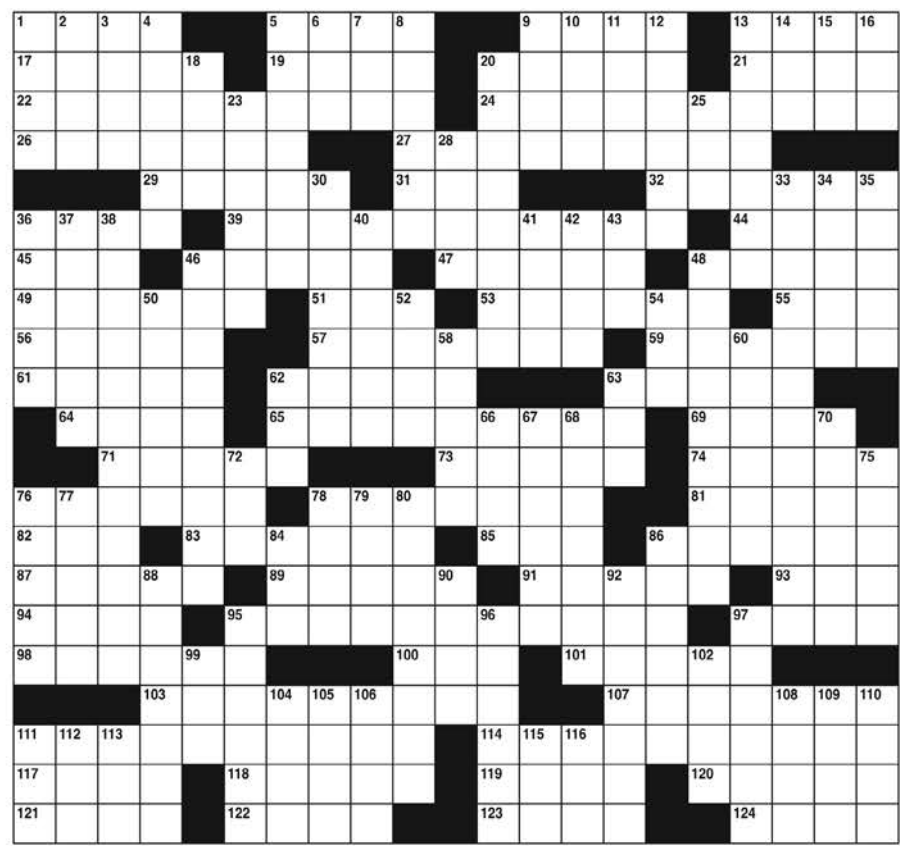
42 See the sights

43 Feed lines to

46 Its box once read "A sweet little game for sweet little folks"

48 Toy that sold more cars in America in 1991 than the Honda Accord or Ford Taurus

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50 Promoting peace

52 Actress Taylor of "Mystic Pizza"

54 "That was Zen, this is \_\_\_\_\_" (philosophy pun)

58 Smart

60 "The Tempest" king

62 Cleanliness fixation, e.g., in brief

63 Brit. military award

66 Little bits

67 Reason for glasses

68 Singer with a self-titled No. 1 album in 2002

70 Be less than ambitious

72 Subj. for some aspiring bilinguals

75 Sierra \_\_\_\_\_

76 Operatic villains, often

77 Totaled

78 Legal assistant, briefly

79 Future J.D.'s hurdle

80 Not just available online

84 Biblical ending

86 Soon

88 With some downside

90 Shot from a doc

92 Statement of resistance

95 Big name in small planes

96 Took care of a tabby, say

97 Counters

99 Tik \_\_\_\_\_ (app)

102 Ballpark figures

104 Lasting impression

105 Give up (on)

106 Shopping site with a "Toys" section

108 Straddling

109 Sight from the Sicilian town of Taormina

110 Textile worker

111 One whistling while working in the Garden?

112 Address with dots

113 Swimsuit part

115 Suffix suggested by the wiggling of one's hand

116 Calf-eteria?

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Answers to last week's puzzles



# Calendar

## Thurs., Dec. 31

**BAYSIDE BALCONY BALL DROP**  
Residence Inn by Marriott, 300 Seabay Lane, 6:00 PM. View the midnight ball drop from private balconies; Seabay Lane, bayfront; or the hotel's second floor lobby. Also featuring music by Randy Jamz, 6-8 p.m.; Marky Shaw & Friends, 8-10 p.m.; and karaoke with Donnie Berkey, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Guests must be seated for service. Masks and social distancing to be observed. <http://www.residenceinnoc.com>

## Fri., Jan. 1

**PENGUIN SWIM**  
Ocean City beach from 91st-94th streets, 1:00 PM. The entire event will take place outdoors. Registration fee is \$25. All participants must register online or in-person and check-in to receive a wristband to gain access to the swim area. Participants and their spectators will be directed to physically distanced markers on the beach where they will remain throughout the event. By attending the Penguin Swim you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19. Face covering are required. All proceeds benefit Atlantic General Hospital Foundation. Joy Stokes, [jskokes@atlanticgeneral.org](mailto:jskokes@atlanticgeneral.org), 410-641-9671, <https://aghpenguinswim.org>

## Sat., Jan. 2

**NEW YEAR'S KNOCKOUT GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
Eagle's Landing Golf Course, 12367 Eagles Nest Road, 11:00 AM. Four-player teams. Modified scramble format. Gross and net prizes. Brunch is included and begins at 11 a.m. with at shotgun start at noon. Cost is \$60 per player. Sign up: 410-213-7277. <https://www.eaglesland-inggolf.com>

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

## Mon., Jan. 4

**FAIRY HOUSE STORY TIME**  
Held via Facebook, 10:30 AM. Take a virtual tour of a Fairy House at the Berlin Library and hear fun stories and poems about the Fair Folk. For children ages 2-5 years. No registration required. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING**  
Meeting 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

**AGH DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP**  
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## Tues., Jan. 5

**FAITH-BASED PARTNERSHIP**  
Meeting via video call, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Join the Faith Partnership: A cooperative effort for local Worship Centers and Atlantic General Hospital & Health System to increase health awareness, education and healthy living incentives. Gail Mansell, [gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org](mailto:gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org), 410-641-9725

**MIDDLE SCHOOL BOOK CLUB**  
Zoom in to discuss this month's selection, "I Don't Know How the Story Ends," by J.B. Cheaney, 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM. To register go to [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org) under events.

**PURNELL MUSEUM: VIRTUAL TOUR**  
Join via Zoom at 2:00 PM, as executive directory and curator Dr. Cindy Byrd tours the eastern shore's oldest museum and shares some of the most fun and interesting items from its diverse and quirky collection. Register at [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org) under events.

## Wed., Jan. 6

**AÑO VIEJO CRAFT KIT DEMONSTRATION**  
Held via Facebook, 10:30 AM. Chase away the challenges of the past year with this craft for 8-12 year olds. No registration required.

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Held via Zoom, 6:00 PM. In this first session the group will discuss what art is, a subjective question with no wrong answers. They will also talk about why people look at art and how it can inspire. For beginners. Register at [worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org) under events.

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**DECORATING CONTEST**  
The Charles Dickens Award for the most spirited house went to 108 Bryan Avenue for Light Up Berlin: Holiday House Decorating Contest & Tour in December.



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**LIVE NATIVITY**  
Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School students wished drivers a Merry Christmas as they presented a drive-through live Nativity scene with stable animals on Dec. 18 in Berlin.

## ONGOING EVENTS

**KIWANIS 2021 LOTTERY RAFFLE**  
The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City is selling tickets for their 2021 Lottery Raffle. All sales must be completed by Dec. 31 to be eligible. All Kiwanis members have tickets to sell and the club will also be selling tickets at the Ocean Pines Farmer's Market every Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. For only \$20 a ticket, the purchasers get 365 chances to win. Match your number to the Maryland "Pick 3" Evening drawings. Winners will automatically be sent a check. Proceeds support local scholarships and youth programs. [www.kiwanisofopoc.org](http://www.kiwanisofopoc.org), [Facebook.com/Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines/Ocean City](https://www.facebook.com/KiwanisClubofOceanPines/OceanCity).

**WINTERFEST OF LIGHTS**  
This walking event will take participants through thousands of sparkling holiday lights and many animated light displays located along the half-mile paved path in Northside Park, through Jan. 2. Sip hot chocolate, take a photo with Santa

and visit the gift shop located in the Northside Park Community Room. Admission cost is \$5 for adults and free to those 11 and younger. Bring a mask for indoor Santa photos and event retail area. Hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 5:30-9:30 p.m. Mobility devices available for rent on site for \$10 per two hours (scooters, powered wheelchairs) Standard wheelchairs also available. Bring your pets on Wednesday nights. (Pets must be leashed at all times.) Tickets available on-site and online at <https://rec.ococean.com/wbWSC/web-trac.wsc/search.html?display=detail&module=PST>. Info: 410-250-0125, 800-626-2326, [www.ococean.com/events](http://www.ococean.com/events).

**'SAVE OUR STORIES'**  
The Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum is asking community members to send in their accounts as to how COVID-19 has impacted them. The submissions can be a specific experience, direct answers to the prompt questions, or a combination. No story is too long or too short. To submit, visit [www.ocmuseum.org](http://www.ocmuseum.org). Info: [Christine@ocmuseum.org](mailto:Christine@ocmuseum.org).



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