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## SDHS GRADUATION

Family, friends and educators gather for the Stephen Decatur High School Class of 2022 graduation ceremony held in the Louis H. Taylor Stadium last Wednesday in Berlin.

## Ortt. Co. angered by threat

Director says management personally responsible for shielding her from Janasek

By Stewart Dobson  
Editor

(June 9, 2022) The ramifications of a May 20 confrontation at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club between former Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors member Tom Janasek and current member Josette Wheatley continued this week with a board hearing scheduled, an ultimatum emailed and the yacht club management's response to what it perceived as a threat.

**'Should she get harassed by Mr. Janasek, she is going to hold us personally accountable.'**

In a special meeting tonight (Thursday), the board will consider a motion by Director Frank Daly to suspend Janasek's privileges at the club and other amenities.

In addition, Ralph DeAngelus, managing partner of the Matt Ortt Companies, which runs the yacht club and other food venues for the OPA, has responded to what he considers to be a threatening email from Director Amy Peck, who said she would hold him and the club personally responsible were she to experience any abuse from Janasek at an Ortt-managed venue in Ocean Pines.

The May 20 incident unraveled when Janasek confronted Wheatley and her husband at the yacht club tiki bar. The ensuing argument escalated

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## It's tub time on Main Street

By Jack Chavez  
Staff Writer

(June 9, 2022) The bathtubs are back for the 32nd year.

Tomorrow night, in front of fans and television cameras, at least a dozen teams will line up on Main Street and strap into self-built, wheeled vessels that likely are not NHTSA-certified.

Then, as Capt. Jimmy Wilder said in the 1996 box-office hit "Independence Day," it'll be time to kick the tires and light the fires.

As of Tuesday, 12 teams had signed up to vie for the

coveted Rubber Duck Trophy in the 32nd annual Berlin Bathtub Races.

Hundreds of spectators every year descend on Main Street to watch as bathtub racers compete in a double-elimination tournament.

"The races are sort of a culmination of the weirdness of this town," said Ryan Nellans, executive administrator for the Berlin Chamber of Commerce. "It's not super alien. It's something knowable. Nothing more than a hundred-yard sprint but it's in a bathtub. It's a team event. It's something that reminds me of a game that you'd come

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## Short-term rental, long-term implementation

By Jack Chavez  
Staff Writer

(June 9, 2022) Talk is circulating in Berlin that the short-term rental ordinance could be delayed until 2023.

The town set the implementation date for July 1 after the town council narrowly passed the ordinance, which allows short-term rentals in residential units in all residential districts (R-1-4) and where they are allowed on the second floor in the business district (B1-3), in March.

According to Mayor Zack Tyndall, the issue appears to be one of timing.

"(To my understanding) the issue is the number of bookings that were in place before the ordinance went into effect and passed by council," Tyndall said. "What's been expressed to me is that rather than forcing everyone to (process) cancellations for this upcoming season and people being upset with the Town of Berlin, we should

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## Short-term rental timing questioned

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push it out to January.”

The primary voice promoting a pushback is Berlin Planning Director Dave Engelhart.

At the last town council meeting on May 23, he brought up delaying the ordinance, saying rental operators had voiced concerns about reservations that predate the ordinance. The delay would allow the town more time to prepare for the changes as well as familiarize itself with the new procedures and inspections the ordinance will bring.



**Zack Tyndall**

If Engelhart gets his way, the ordinance's new implementation date would likely be Jan. 1, 2023.

Tyndall said that, while the ordinance is still slated for July 1, it will likely be discussed at the next town council meeting on June 27. He added that the town “will be prepared” for a July 1 implementation regardless.

“I think that whatever we can do to make Berlin look and feel the best for those who live here and those who want to visit (should be done),” Tyndall said. “And I can see (Engelhart’s) side that it does leave a bad taste in your mouth if you have to cancel those bookings.”

Engelhart could not be reached for comment.

## Peck responds to assertions made by Ortt manager

(June 9, 2022) OPA Board of Directors member Amy Peck responded this week to the public letter written by Ralph DeAngelus concerning Peck’s email to him advising him that Tom Janasek should be banned from the Ocean Pines Yacht Club.

She said her private email to him was leaked and she only learned of his response when she received a screenshot of it, which had been posted on a social media page that follows Ocean Pines.

“They got the letter and I didn’t and I’m on the board. That’s a little concerning,” Peck said. “I was informing (Matt Ortt officials) of updates in the situation (between Janasek and Josette Wheatley) because I had just come back from the hearing that I attended with Josette. I’m concerned about the liability that the association could face if there is a repeat incident.”

Peck repeated that her chief concerns in addressing DeAngelus were liability and safety. When asked if she felt safe in Janasek’s presence anywhere, she replied “not at all.”



# OP director's email perceived as threat by Ortt Companies

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to the point that yacht club staff escorted Janasek off the property, although he allegedly returned later.

The upshot of that encounter was that the board began discussions of banning Janasek from OPA amenities, and Wheatley obtained a District Court order on May 25 that prohibited Janasek from having any contact with her through Dec. 1.

In the interim, however, Peck, "as a homeowner, not as a director," sent an email to DeAngelus and the company that declared she did not feel safe at the Matt Ortt food venues in Ocean Pines unless "I know Josette is going to be in attendance and her protective order would make Janasek leave."

The order, however, does not prohibit Janasek from being present wherever Wheatley is, including the yacht club. All it provides for is that he is not allowed to have contact with her — even though the two might occupy the same space. Nevertheless, Peck added that if she experienced any abuse from Janasek at the yacht club and the OPA venues the company overreaches, she would hold DeAngelus and the company responsible.

*Below is the response from DeAngelus.*

As you know, we received an email from Director Amy Peck regarding her opinion about what Ocean Pines Association "policy" should be for Tom Janasek, which contained clear misstatements and a direct threat to me personally, my business partner, and my company.

Frankly, I'm baffled by her e-mail. She says that the Matt Ortt Companies should set a policy that bans Tom Janasek from all OPA food and beverage properties.

However, she is on the Board, and she knows we don't have the power to arbitrarily set OPA policy. She also knows that I was directly told by General Manager John Viola, President Collette Horn, Vice-President Frank Daly, Police Chief Leo Ehrisman, and OPA attorney Jeremy Tucker that, in response to the incident, we handled the situation exactly as we should have when we walked Mr. Janasek off the property after his encounter with Board member Josette Wheatley.

But, apparently our actions, although they were appropriate to most, weren't enough for her.

In addition to directing us to take arbitrary action, Ms. Peck said in her e-mail that should she get harassed by Mr. Janasek, she is going to "hold us personally accountable." How is this even possible? I am not aware of any issues she has had with Mr. Janasek, and even if I did, how can

she hold us accountable for someone else's actions?

It seems abundantly clear that she's trying to bully us into doing something that she knows would open us up to civil litigation. She is a board member and, as such, is in control of our livelihood. She has the ability to vote for or against new contracts



Tom Janasek

contracts that would keep our company and its 200 OPA employees working, or not working, for years to come.

It is unclear what she is trying to accomplish by bullying a vendor that has worked so hard every day to better the Ocean Pines community — a vendor that, through Covid's darkest hours, had its entire management team personally deliver thousands of family meals, at their own expense and in their own vehicles, to Ocean Pines residents who were too worried to go out.

At best, she's created a hostile work environment; at worst, she has a vendor that sits back and has to think to themselves why are we working so hard for someone who cares so little about us.

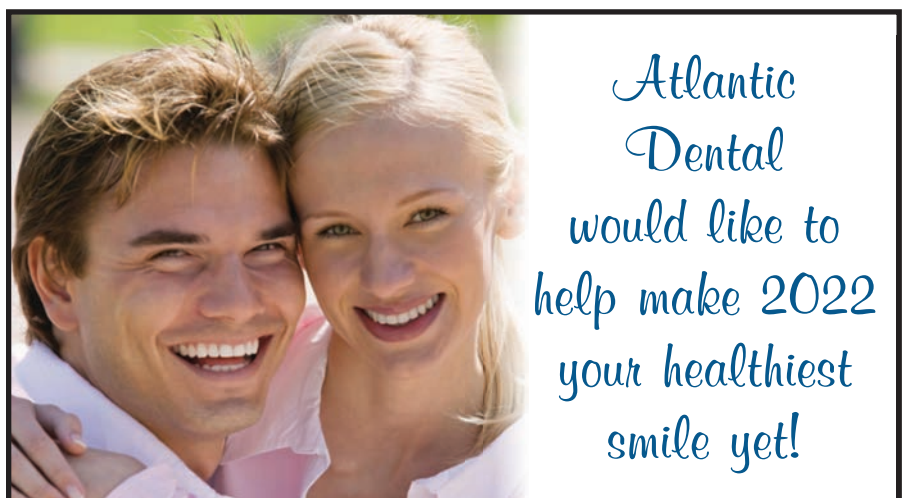
Being a Board member is a great honor as well as a great responsibility; however, her words in that email were neither honorable nor responsible. Now, I understand that she was chosen for the position by Board members as an alternate, and not voted into the position by the residents of Ocean Pines. However, if she took on the responsibility of a Board member, she should live up to it, and living up to it starts with an apology, at a bare minimum.

We here at Matt Ortt Companies have been asked many, many times our thoughts on OPA politics. Throughout our entire tenure here in Ocean Pines, we have said over and over again that we only run the food and beverage operations, and that it's not our place to give our advice or opinion on politics. We stand by that to this day.

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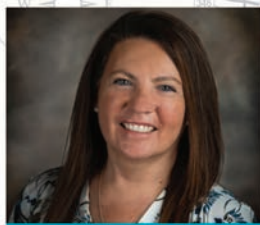
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Worcester County Parks and Recreation "Camp Coast" team of Derek Jarmon and Ally Hernandez participate in the 2021 Berlin Bathtub Races. The defending champs will return this year to compete.

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# Berlin Bathtub Races to hit Main Street on Friday night

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 up with as a kid goofing off with your business in the backyard. We just never grew out of it."

The event, which runs from 6-8 p.m., also features an introductory parade with all the participants. Nellans said organizers hope to start the first race by 6:15. There will also be a Hula Hoop contest, a rubber duck raffle and shops will be open. The Delmarva Sports Network will be televising the races live.

"Aside from bringing a lot of attention to the town, which is always what we're trying to do, it brings a lot of folks in to hang out, spend money, visit some shops and stores," Nellans said. "And it raises money for the chamber, which allows us to magnify efforts in those areas again."

When it comes to the tubs, Nellans said that entries run the gamut. Rain barrels, wash basins, literal bathtubs, water troughs — if wheels can be put on it, someone may just try to race with it.

Last year's race was won by Camp Coast, a kids camping program within Worcester County Recreation and Parks.

Program manager Myro Small said the team, which also includes driver Ally Hernandez

and Derek Jarmon, will be back to defend their trophy.

"I think it's good to see the people of Worcester County come to support the small businesses in the area," Small said. "It's good marketing for us, too, our program here in the south county."

As for the secret to his team's success? WD-40, Small said.

"With a can of WD-40 you can make anything fly, my man," he said.

The race is open to anyone who is over 16 years old and has signed a waiver. There is a \$125 per team entry fee, but chamber members get a 20 percent discount.

Some of the other returning participants this year include Shepherd Realty, Deeley Insurance, Burley Oak Brewing Company, The Globe and Seaside Plumbing. Buzz Meadery will be racing for the first time, and in another twist, Mayor Zack Tyndall and Councilmember Jack Orris will race together.

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Seaside Plumbing team members, Rob Kimber and Olivia Kurtz, display both exuberance and trepidation during the Berlin Bathtub Races last year.

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# Petitioners continue push to get sportsplex on June ballot

By Greg Wehner  
Staff Writer

(June 9, 2022) The purchase of a 95.6-acre property in Berlin for \$7.15 million could face a challenge at the ballot box as a committee operating under a fiscal responsibility banner is closing in on the required number of signatures to take the acquisition to referendum.

The People for Fiscal Responsibility committee out of Ocean Pines announced this week that its petition efforts for the first required period were successful. "In [a] little over three weeks our volunteers collected 3,064 valid signatures representing over 68 percent of the total number required," Slobodan Trendid, a spokesperson for the committee said in a memo dated June 3. "We are proud of our collective team efforts and humbled by the responses received from the residents of the communities in our county."

On April 19, the Worcester County Commissioners voted to purchase the nearly 100-acre parcel of land situated to the west of Stephen Decatur High School. The money will come out of the \$11.2 million in bonds earmarked for financing a portion of the costs associated with designing, engineering, construction, equipping, and furnishing of a potential sports complex.

But the vote for the purchase was not unanimous. Commissioners Chip Bertino, Jim Bunting, and Ted Elder voted against it.

Bertino, at the time, said he was against it because he did not want the

taxpayers to pay for the project, and Bunting said he was afraid it would become a wasted investment.

Although a commissioner majority voted to approve the purchase, a provision in the county government code allows decisions by the commissioners to be voted on in a referendum, providing the requisite number of registered voters sign a petition demanding it.

"Our petition is designed to trigger a referendum regarding the county's plan to issue a general obligation bond to fund a portion of costs related to the sports complex," Trendid said. "Signing our petition is not a vote for or against the project. The petition simply brings the issue to the voters to decide."

Trendid and the committee have until July 1 to collect at least 2,000 additional signatures to move closer to getting the issue on the ballot.

Volunteers plan to blanket the county in search for signatures, while also attending the Ocean Pines Farmers Market every Saturday, and Berlin Farmers Market on Sundays.

In order to get a referendum on the ballot, petitioners must collect 10 percent of the registered voters in the county. The committee, in this case, had 40 days to collect half of the signatures, sort of as a down payment, and another 40 days to collect the remaining 50 percent of the required signatures.

Once garnered, the measure would be automatically added to the ballot unless the commissioners abandon the purchase.

# Elections Committee preps for first OP candidate forum

By Jack Chavez  
Staff Writer

(June 9, 2022) The Ocean Pines Elections Committee is dotting every i and crossing every t in the lead-up to the first candidate forum for the six board of directors hopefuls on June 22.

The candidates are Paula Gray, Stephen Jacobs, Stuart Lakernick, Monica Rakowski, Amy Peck and Josette Wheatley.

On Friday, the committee decided on member assignments for the ballot draw and candidate workshop, which happened Tuesday.

The workshop simply orients the candidates on the forum and the draw decided the order of who speaks, which came out as: Paula Gray, Amy Peck, Stuart Lakernick, Monica Rakowski, Josette Wheatley, Steve Jacobs.

At the forum, the candidates will be asked six questions, committee chair Carol Ludwig said. They will be timed for opening and closing statements at two minutes apiece and have a certain amount of time to answer questions. The committee typically comes up with the same number of questions as there are candidates.

There aren't many concerns heading into the forums, Ludwig said. Although, the committee continues to receive ballots, well after the May 19 deadline.

"I think there were 65 more late ballots from the post office," Ludwig said.

"We always try to track them because that's one of our major concerns with the mail the way it is (currently). We know some people got their ballots very close to the deadline and we don't know when those people may have mailed them.

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Hopefuls to be elected to the Ocean Pines Board of Directors in 2022 are, from counter-clockwise: Paula Gray, Amy Peck, Stuart Laker-nick, Steve Jacobs, Josette Wheatley and Monica Rakowski. This is also the order that the candidates will speak at the first candi-date forum, scheduled for June 22.

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## OP candidate lineup determined

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You talk to anybody and they're talking about four or five weeks sometimes to get mail or when they mail something, the person on the other end could fall asleep waiting to hear from them."

Regardless of the circumstance, late ballots cannot be counted, Ludwig said.

"That's one of the things that we hope, if we do get electronic voting, that should certainly help," she said.

"With electronic voting, you can vote up to five minutes before the deadline."

She added that the committee is working with the board of directors and also the Bylaws Committee to have certain resolutions rewritten that would allow for electronic voting.

The board has already conducted a survey that showed residents are indeed in favor of electronic voting.

The committee is scheduled to meet next on July 1.

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Members of the Stephen Decatur High School Class of 2022 lined up for graduation near football field before walking through the sea of family members and friends to get to their seats last Wednesday.

# Stephen Decatur graduates get bombastic grand finale

By Greg Wehner  
Staff Writer

(June 9, 2022) The 301 members of Stephen Decatur High School's class of 2022 ended their final year last week with a graduation on the football field filled with families, friends and fireworks.

Just before walking through the gated entryway to the field, through the rows and rows of family and friends, and to another section of chairs designated for them in front of the stage, a video showing each of the graduates as youngsters was shown on the jumbotron screens, with faculty members giving words of encouragement to their former pupils.

But the path to graduation was not easy for many of the students, as the covid-19 pandemic forced them all to learn new ways to learn and be away from their friends.

Principal Thomas Sites said the

students were only able to experience some of the traditions the high school provides them as undergraduates before things changed.

"In the middle of their high school experience...we shut down," he said. "Still, they learned not only to navigate online learning but also learned compassion, empathy, and the importance of gratitude. They learned to forge new ways to serve, and perhaps more importantly, they learned how to adapt to change."

That perseverance through change was a big part of the graduation ceremony.

Senior Class President Lilly Devreux addressed her fellow students at the beginning of the procession, providing all of them with words of encouragement as they move to their next phase in life.

"Be proud today when you walk  
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Some of the 301 graduating seniors at Stephen Decatur High School decorated their caps with artistic designs and inspiring quotes such as, "A World of Possibility Awaits," and "Sea Ya Later Beaches."

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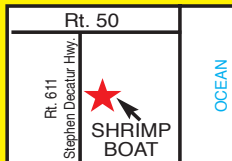
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Worcester County Public Schools Superintendent Lou Taylor spoke during Stephen Decatur High School's graduation ceremony on June 1 and said he is proud of each member of the class of 2022 and optimistic they will go out into the world and shape it for tomorrow.

## SDHS Class of '22 students persevere through covid-19

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across this stage," she said. "We worked so hard to get to this point in our lives and no one can take that away from us."

Of the 301 students in the class, many have already made plans for what that next phase entails.

Just under half of the students, or 146, plan to attend four-year colleges. Of the 146 students, 49 plan to attend Salisbury University, and the rest plan to go to colleges across the country in places like James Madison, Loyola, Pace, Purdue, and the University of California Los Angeles.

Seventy-three students plan to attend two-year colleges, of which 69 plan to attend Wor-Wic Community College.

Eleven students will attend technical or trade schools and six enlisted in the military.

Four students will begin working in a related field of study and 60 will enter the workforce.

Of the just over \$7 million in scholarships offered to members of the class, about \$5 million was accepted.

While the Class of 2022 is not the first to graduate after going through a pandemic, it certainly will not be the last.

Superintendent Lou Taylor, for whom the stadium is named, said the goal of the district is to have students become a generation of citizens who are ready to go out and shape the world for tomorrow.

"I believe we have accomplished what we have set out to do," he said to everyone at the graduation.

He then directed his comments to the class, saying they will be a generation that seeks to enrich the community and the world beyond them.

After receiving their diplomas and being sent out into the world, fireworks shot up into the sky to celebrate the landmark occasion in the students' lives.

"Members of the class of 2022, the future is always out there waiting for us," Sites said. "Now go out there and make it shine bright."



GREG WEHNER/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Lilly Devereaux, class president of Stephen Decatur High School's Class of 2022, spoke to students during last week's commencement ceremony telling them to be proud as they walk across the stage. "We worked so hard to get to this point in our lives and no one can take that away from us," she said.

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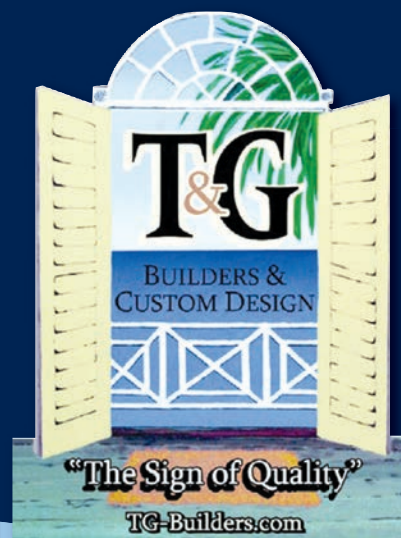
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## New head of AGH adjusting to more localized campus

By Mallory Panuska  
Staff Writer

(June 9, 2022) On his fourth day on the job, Atlantic General Hospital President and CEO Donald Owrey settled in Monday morning behind an organized desk peppered with stacks of introductory paperwork and other work items.

The cream-colored walls of his second floor office, tucked away in an administrative corner of the main Berlin health campus, were understandably bare, as staff members said the Pennsylvania transplant has barely had a free moment since his June 1 start date.

Owrey, 54, came to the local health system from the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, most recently serving as leader of a regional facility in North Central Pennsylvania. He jumped to the top of a list of “numerous candidates” who were vetted and interviewed by recruiters after the local job opened up in the fall.

Owrey has more than 30 years in the health care industry under his belt, 20 of which were spent in various leadership roles with UPMC, and he came to Atlantic General with hopes of having a larger role in local care.

“I worked for UPMC for 20 years. It’s a great organization, I loved what I did, there was lots of opportunity, I was just ready to get out of a big corporate healthcare environment,” Owrey said Monday of the reason he applied for the opening at AGH. “I missed kind of being closer to patients and the delivery of care. I had kind of transitioned away from that.”

Owrey is familiar with the area, having vacationed in Ocean City over the years, and said he and his wife have always “sort of been attracted to the mid-Atlantic.”

“The opportunity to come here, a small community hospital that really understands its role in the community and has a lot of community support, I sensed that really from the



Donald Owrey

very beginning,” he said, recalling early interviews.

“And so it kind of met a lot of my professional things I was looking for in terms of leading a health care organization,” he continued. “But I felt that there was a very good alignment in terms of kind of my personal values in and out of the hospital ... taking care of your neighbors and your friends. There’s a close knit kind of a family-type environment here and I sense that, and that appeals to my wife and I.”

Owrey’s first days have been full, from acclimating to the seasonal population spike (a far cry from the steady, declining numbers in most parts of Pennsylvania) to learning the ins and outs of AGH’s operations.

Most notably, Owrey said he took note of local staff members’ pandemic response.

“I’m impressed with what I see here,” he said. “I talked to staff here, they felt safe, they continue to feel safe, they had the first protective equipment that they needed, there was a good flow of information. A lot of it is you kind of need to have a source of truth, like there’s so much information out there and it seems conflicting. I think the hospital has done a good job in kind of centralizing that.”

He said he thinks staff members have successfully gotten patients tested and immunized and tackled surges as they have come.

“That sort of stresses and strains a hospital,” he said of the last major surge at the beginning of the year. “We’re going through a bit of a surge now but it’s more a community, you know less severity of the illness, but there’s more prevalence of it. We’re back to, we have to be mindful of making sure our employees are protected because we need them here, because our patients need them here.”

Like in most every other industry, staffing is another potential challenge Owrey faces in his role. The high cost of living, and rising expenses for goods and services, is trickling down

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# Recruitment, projects main focus

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to his ability to recruit employees. "We've got to find ways to be an attractive employer," he said. "Certainly we want our employees who are here to feel valued, this work matters ... And we want to be an attraction for folks who might be looking for a job in health care. There's plenty of opportunity not just for professional staff but all across all segments of health care."

Owery has also inherited oversight of several local health care projects that are in the works. The biggest one, he said, is the new 53,000 square-foot Gudelsky Family Medical Center under construction on the southern end of Racetrack Road in Ocean Pines. The project, which broke ground in September with a year-and-a-half timeline to completion, will feature the first multi-spe-

ciality ambulatory surgery facility in the county, allowing for expansion of the surgical services available.

Currently, outpatient health and medical services are not in a centralized location, creating the need for patients to travel to multiple places, in some cases outside of county limits, for basic primary care and outpatient procedures.

Owery said much of his focus in the coming months will be preparing for the opening of the new facility.

"It's not as simple as, 'Oh we've got a new building let's go see patients,'" he said. "There's a lot of behind-the-scenes coordination that needs to take place logistically to bring that online."

And when he's not working, Owery said he and his wife want to transition to becoming true Worcester County residents. He said they are in the process of building a house in Ocean Pines, and want to get involved in the community.

"My principle responsibility is the hospital and making sure we're meeting the health needs of the community," Owery said. "But we have to be a partner, so being involved in civic and business community events is important. It's important because we rely on those partners in our community but we want to be a good partner

back to them."

Overall, Owery wants to ensure people to trust in the services that AGH provides, and continue the positive track of providing quality care.

"We want to be an organization that cares for people because at our heart we care about people ... These are our friends, families and neighbors that need the services we offer," he said. "We want them to feel confident that in their time of greatest need we can meet it."

Owery's predecessor, Michael Franklin, left abruptly on Sept. 3 after nearly 17 years with Atlantic General. While the details surrounding his departure were never publicized, the move jump-started a nationwide search that began weeks later with the naming of a seven-member search committee. In mid-October, committee members hired national executive firm WittKieffer to find a permanent replacement for Franklin. And after what officials called an "extensive" search and interview process, Owery came out on top.

In the interim, before Owery came on board, Dr. Sally Dowling, the hospital's current vice president of medical affairs, and Kim Justice, the existing vice president of planning and operations, served as co-president and CEO.

## USAF Thunderbirds set to star in 15th Air Show at resort

By Greg Wehner  
Staff Writer

(June 9, 2022) Jets and all manner of aircraft will scream and soar over Ocean City this weekend, giving visitors and residents an opportunity to witness high-flying, death-defying aerial acrobatics and an idea of why this nation's military pilots are the best in the world.

The 2022 Ocean City Air Show is set to take place from June 11-12, featuring the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, the F-18 Rhino Demo Team, SOCOM Para-Commandos, helicopter demonstrations, and more for what marks the 15th year of its stop in the resort.

"It's sort of a milestone," Chris Di-rato, the director of public relations for the Bitner Group – which organizes the Air Show – said on Tuesday. "We're in celebration mode."

Consisting of six F-16 Fighting Falcons, the U.S. Thunderbirds will perform nearly 20 formations and maneuvers in over 45 minutes.

During that performance, the Thunderbirds will fly as close as four feet away, push several G's, and close in on each other at 1,000 mph before tipping their wings to avoid colliding.

In addition to the Thunderbirds, F-18 Super Hornets, one of the military's main jets that was recently featured in the movie "Top Gun: Maverick," will show off its capability that allows it to take off and land from an aircraft carrier and engage in aerial dog fights.

The show's not just about jets, though.

Michael Goulian, one of the top  
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## Construction to start on four new pickleball courts

(June 9, 2022) Construction on four new pickleball courts is expected to start this week, and should be ready for Ocean Pines players by the end of July.

The Ocean Pines Board of Directors approved the new courts in January 2021, but a lengthy permitting process because of the covid-19 pandemic resulted in several delays. The courts will be part of the Ocean Pines Tennis Center on Manklin Creek Road.

A representative from Baltimore-based firm ATC Corp said paving the base of the courts would start on Tuesday or Wednesday, weather permitting.

ATC will then install net posts and fencing and put in surface asphalt. Once the asphalt cures, ATC will coat the courses and apply finishing touches.

Ocean Pines General Manager John Viola said the new courts would supply more space for players and allow Ocean Pines to grow its slate of lessons and tournaments.

"There has been a lot of demand for more pickleball courts, and we're happy to announce that this project is moving forward," Viola said.



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The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds will headline this year's Ocean City Air Show, taking place this Saturday and Sunday along the resort. Those looking for prime viewing areas can purchase tickets for seats between 13th and 17th streets.

## Stunt pilots perform aerial acrobatics high above OC

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aerobatic pilots in the world who's flown in Red Bull Air Races, will perform heart-stopping drops from the sky, tumbling and twirling in his propeller-driven airplane.

The UH-72A, a light utility helicopter used by the military on search and rescue missions as well as MEDEVAC missions, will be part of a demonstration that shows off its capabilities. A special ops parachute team known as the Para-Commandos will also jump from a plane above Ocean City and land near center stage.

In total, there will be 11 performances taking place this Saturday and Sunday.

"We're hopeful that people will come out, weather being a factor, and we think weather will hold out," Di-rato said. "It's been an ongoing event, and people always look forward to going to it each year."

Tickets for the air show start at \$35 for adults and \$24.50 for children. Purchasing tickets give ticket holders access to Drop Zone Beach, between 14th and 15th streets.

Additional ticket options are available that range from \$189 - \$499.

Experiences differ on price point and range from bringing your own chair to the sandbox, getting your own tent with a catered lunch that includes alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, and a penthouse suite 10 floors up in a hotel at the center of action.

VIP Penthouses are sold out for Saturday but as of Tuesday were still available for Sunday for \$499.

For more information about the Air Show and to purchase tickets, visit [www.oceairshow.com](http://www.oceairshow.com). Also on the site is a map of how the beach is laid out, as well as Air Show merchandise.

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## Pines Chamber of Commerce hosting public utility forums

(June 9, 2022) The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce will host a public forum for all Ocean Pines community homeowners that will focus on all available energy supplier options from 6-8 p.m., Thursday, June 9, at the Ocean Pines Community Center.

Representatives from electric, oil, propane, and natural gas companies will be present to speak with homeowners about their options and cost-saving tips as energy costs rise.

The public is invited and will have the opportunity to ask questions of all companies.



# WWII vet takes in 96th birthday on Boardwalk in OC

**By Jack Chavez**  
Staff Writer

(June 9, 2022) It's hard to surprise Morris Semiatin on his birthday these days.

The 96-year-old celebrated another one on June 1, this one with family, friends and well-wishers singing him happy birthday in front of the Ocean City Firefighters Memorial on the Boardwalk.

Last year, a motorcade parade featuring local first responders came to the Gull Creek senior living community to commemorate his birthday. The previous year, before moving from Montgomery to Worcester County, also featured a motorcade parade — but in this one, he was presented with an American flag on behalf of the President of the United States, the Governor of Maryland, and the Montgomery County Executive.

It's been a rollercoaster of a life for the nonagenarian.

A World War II veteran, Morris

# Ethics looks at candidate finances

**By Jack Chavez**  
Staff Writer

(June 9, 2022) The Berlin Ethics Commission reviewed the first batch of financial disclosures from candidates and incumbents running for Berlin Mayor and Town Council and sent back most of them.

It's not a shocking move, said Town Administrator Mary Bohlen.

"It's not the easiest form," she said. "It's unsurprising that there were ad-

Semiatin was injured on Iwo Jima when an enemy soldier charged his foxhole and threw a grenade into it. While he and his compatriots were busy trying to protect themselves from the impending explosion, another section of soldiers "eliminated him," Morris said.

In the Marine Corps, Morris Semiatin even befriended Ira Hayes, best known as one of the six marines in the iconic "Raising the Flag on Iwo Jima" photo taken by Joe Rosenthal in 1945.

So close were they that he even gave his son Ben Semiatin the middle name

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ditional questions for us (to have them answer). It's a matter of clarification. We need more thorough answers."

In some cases, the issue was as simple as someone missing a question.



Mary Bohlen

The statements are a prerequisite for individuals running for mayor and town council, Bohlen said. Members of the various town commissions do not have to fill them out.

The point of the forms is to identify possible conflicts of interest, which itself is the central, most fundamental directive of the Ethics Commission in all its duties.

"Our ordinance is modeled on the state law," town attorney Dave Gaskill said at the meeting. "Mainly what we're concerned with, so far as ethics go is financial transparency — elected officials, employees and board of commission members here in town. That's why a certain number of those members are required to file financial (disclosure forms)."

"Essentially, the Ethics Commission, both in our state and in our town, boils down to this: looking for conflicts of interest. Essentially, an elected official or board member cannot participate in a discussion or decision for

anything that would financially enhance their pocketbook. They can't participate in anything that a family member is involved in. That also goes to businesses. A council member would have to recuse themselves if their decision involved either a business or a family member who would benefit from that decision financially."

Further, elected officials cannot solicit or accept gifts.

The commission also reviews complaints. The process starts with signed complaints submitted in writing. The complainant cannot be anonymous and they must file their complaint with the town administration. The complaint then makes its way to the commission.

From there, an initial determination is made on whether the commission has jurisdiction over the complaint. If it does, then a hearing is scheduled, which the complainant must attend. The complainant testifies — under oath — and has the option to bring additional witnesses.

Defendants have all recourse available to them under legal due process.

Like any court, the complainant must establish a preponderance of evidence for their complaint to succeed.

The commission did not set a date for its next meeting, but Bohlen said she imagines it will be closer to the Sept. 2 filing deadline.



JACK CHAVEZ/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Morris Semiatin gives a big thumbs up to the crowd of friends, family and well-wishers that gathered on the Boardwalk last week to sing him "Happy Birthday." Semiatin, 96, capped the night off with a ribeye steak from Ruth's Chris Steakhouse.

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# WWII vet has seen world, schmoozed biggest celebrities

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Ira.

After the war, Morris Semiatin had a long career as a White House photographer. During this time he was the photographer for every president from John F. Kennedy to Ronald Reagan. He photographed world leaders, athletes and celebrities alike.

Ben Semiatin recalled that he got to have celebrities call him on his birthday. He can produce photos of him wrestling Muhammed Ali and his dad posing with Neil Armstrong and William Shattner.

Allegedly, Lyndon B. Johnson is a big hugger.

He has a picture that his father shot of Roger Maris of the New York Yankees presenting to Kennedy the baseball he hit for his 61st home run, which was a record at the time.

Simply put, Morris Semiatin got to make history and documented history makers.

Today, Ben Semiatin is the architect of these jubilant celebrations every year. Doing so keeps a pledge he made to his mother, Ann, 37 years ago.

“When my mother died (in 1985), I promised her that I’d take care of my dad for the rest of my life,” he said. “Every year since she died, I take care of my dad. I make sure he’s treated like a king. He’s

# Ocean Downs horse racing returns

By Jack Chavez  
Staff Writer

(June 9, 2022) Live horse racing is back at Ocean Downs for the 2022 season and for the second year in a row, fans and bettors will be in the stands.

This year, the season started a bit earlier than usual with the first live meet happening on May 29, a day before Memorial Day.

“We opened to a really good crowd,” Ocean Downs General Manager Bobbi Sample said.

“As with any business, we would like to see some growth this season. Part of the reason that we are starting and ending our meet a bit earlier this year is to better align our live meet with the summer season in an effort to maximize our on track atten-

my dad. I’m the youngest and I take care of my dad. He’s my awesome dad and I want to make sure he’s taken care of on his birthday.”

“That’s why every year I make sure that he is taken care of. I want the entire town — the entire country — to know who this man is. Because I challenge (anyone) to find another living human being who has seen as much as he has seen, who has been through as much as he’s been through and photographed as many people as he has photographed in his life.”

dance.”

Races will occur typically three days per week — four in July — until the week of Labor Day, Sample said.

“In 2021 it was nice to be able to welcome fans back to the track,” Sample said. “Our live meet has two revenue streams, the wagering at our location and the wagering from the export of our races to other race-tracks throughout the country. Our on-track wagering was down a bit from 2019 levels but the export wagering was up so fans across the country were wagering more on our races.”

This year will include plenty of promotions including “fan-favorites like the Ostrich and Camel Races, appearances by the Clydesdales as well as family-fun events like our Stilt Walker and Cascading Carlos,” Sample said. Baltimore Ravens mascot Poe, a fortune teller and magician will all makes appearances. There’s also a watermelon-eating contest planned and other “fun-themed” nights.

“We have something going on every night of racing,” Sample said.

A year after heavy covid protocols

had to be in place, Sample said that guests will have the option of wearing a mask but no mandated protocols will be in effect.

“Fortunately, this is an outdoor sport and we have a lot of space around the track,” she said.

The offseason can be just as busy for horses and trainers alike. Horse owners typically race their horses at other locations in the mid-Atlantic region.

“Our (Maryland) horsemen tend to race at Rosecroft (in Prince George’s County), which has a spring and fall meet each year,” Sample added. “We use the offseason for repairs and maintenance projects that we can’t do during racing.”

Ahead of the season, the prep work on the track begins in March so that it’s ready for training, which starts in April.

“As we get closer to the season, we add qualifying days so that horses can qualify to race,” Sample said.

Ocean Downs races standardbred pacer and trotter horses.

For more information, visit <https://oceandowns.com>.



JACK CHAVEZ/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Environmental scientist Carly Toulan uses a YSI ProDSS meter to gauge water temperature and salinity in Marsh Harbor on Monday. Toulan says that while salinity isn’t part of the survey, it does tell them how salty the water is in a given area. Being so close to the inlet, the salinity in the harbor was around 29 parts per thousand, which she said is pretty salty for brackish water.

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# Diamondback terrapin count underway in coastal bay area

By Jack Chavez  
Staff Writer

(June 9, 2022) The humidity was low, the temperature hovered around 70 degrees, there wasn’t a cloud in the sky and the mosquitos and flies were inexplicably — miraculously — absent in West Ocean City’s Marsh Harbor on Monday morning.

The conditions were good for some good old-fashioned turtle counting.

Every June, the Maryland Coastal Bays Program facilitates a northern

diamondback terrapin survey over land and water. The surveys typically last 12 days. This year, it began on May 31 and will conclude Jun 11.

“They’re the only brackish water turtle in the United States and we’re trying to get an idea of the population density in the coastal bays,” said Roman Jesien, science and restoration coordinator MCBP. “We have a number of sites we do these surveys on and over time that will build up a





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# MCBP terrapin survey seeks to study population, trends

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 database of where the turtles are and how many we see. We've got some areas that we do see turtles so we'll monitor those and try to learn a little bit more about what makes certain areas better for turtles than other areas. Right now we're at a loss."

Jesien pointed out that in Marsh Harbor, there's not exactly an abundance of sandy beaches, which are ideal for nesting.

"And yet, they're here," he said, noting the several turtles he and the rest of the team — environmental scientist Carly Toulan and intern Sara Butz — logged.

When it comes to counting the turtles themselves, Toulan said it can be a challenge for the newcomer, but surveyors tend to pick up the common tips and tricks quickly.

"Females are typically larger (than males)," Toulan said. "They have much larger, fatter heads, whereas males are a lot smaller. If you're unsure, you just (note) 'undetermined.' The data sheet (we hand out to surveyors) gives you adult female, adult male-slash-juvenile, then you have undetermined. Sometimes it can be

really hard when you're looking and you just see a head pop up for barely a second and it's way (further down from where you are). But once you see a terrapin head, you remember what it looks like. It's easy to point them out from there on."

"But especially females — they're easier to identify because of their big, fat heads."

The diet of the diamondback terrapin consists of snails, crabs, fish and anything that's dead, which may explain their congregation in areas like Marsh Harbor — perhaps it's just a food stop, Jesien said.

Weather can have an effect on a survey, which is why the project is extended over more than a week. The conditions were good on Monday, but the hotter days are always good. Toulan said. The hotter it is, the more likely to see turtles active in the water or sunbathing on the shores. Low tide is also a prime survey time.

Toulan said that MCBP implements some safeguards to make sure that turtles aren't double-counted. For instance, they encourage survey groups to limit how many people are actually counting. On a trip like up Marsh Har-



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The Maryland Coastal Bays Program is seeking volunteers to participate in the annual Diamondback Terrapin count, which runs through June 11. It will take place in the coastal bays including its creeks of brackish water.


bor where eventually the watercraft must turn around, the program asks surveyors to only count one way. But if surveyors are counting in the same or close-by areas, they're advised to wait a certain amount of time first.

Ultimately, the terrapin survey allows MCBP to monitor what the terrapin population is doing, assess the health of the ecosystem and formu-

late plans for action, if necessary.

"It's always important for people to realize these surveys are happening in their watershed because these species are significant not only ecologically but also, sometimes it's cultural, sometimes it's economics, even for environmental health," Toulan said. "There are different reasons why we do these surveys."

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# Snapshots



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## PROCLAMATION

The Worcester County Commissioners present a proclamation recognizing March as Women's History Month to Commission for Women members, honoring their contributions. Pictured are Commission for Women members Terri Shockley, Chair Tamara White, Laura Morrison, and Co-Chair Coleen Colson.



## TOP HONORS

Berlin Intermediate School fifth grader Ellie Wells was named a 2022 Carson Scholars winner. This prestigious honor is reserved for students who excel academically and are dedicated to serving their community. Wells will receive national recognition and will be awarded an academic scholarship on behalf of the foundation. Principal Ryan Cowder presented Wells with her award. Her name will also appear on the BIS Carson Scholar Trophy.

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## INDUCTION

Members of the Worcester Prep junior class were inducted into the school's chapter of the International Thespian Society on March 3. The International Thespian Society (ITS) is the Educational Theatre Association's student honorary organization to recognize high school student achievement in theatre. Hosted by Head of School Dr. John McDonald, Assistant Head of School/Head of Upper School Mike Grosso, Middle/Upper School Music Director Christopher Buzby, and Upper School Dance/Drama Director Paulette DeRosa-Matrona, the ceremony was held in front of family and friends in the WPS Guerrieri Library. Member of the junior class inducted into the ITS are Broderick Bushnell, Aria Islam, Ian Lewis, Cooper Ludt, Parker Tingle, Christopher Todorov and Cayden Wallace.



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## GUEST SPEAKER

Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City welcomed guest speakers from Town Cats, who brought along 24-pound "Magic Mike," a cat adopted through the organization by one of its volunteers, now the Treasurer-Secretary, Nancy Carter. Pictured, from left, are Kiwanis Club President Tim Lund, Carter, "Magic Mike," Town Cats Vice President Elizabeth Scott and President Susan Mohler. Town Cats, now in its 25th year, rescued over 200 felines in 2021.



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## MILESTONE

Worcester Preparatory Lower School celebrated reaching 100th day of school on March 3. Students from Pre-K to fifth grade participated in a variety of educational and philanthropic activities to commemorate their milestone. Pictured, from left, are third graders Gavin Dennis, Jad Salem, Colton Duffie, Evan Kaufman, Luca DiFebo, Jamil Salem and Soloman Prosser.



## WINNERS

Worcester Preparatory School's Ocean City Elks Lodge 2645 essay contest winners were recently recognized. Pictured, in front, from left, are Rani Yonker (second place, grade 5-6 division), Gabriella Damouni (third place, grade 7-8) and Ellie Phillips (first place, grade 5-6); second row, Gavin Mann (second place, grade 7-8) and Caleb Walston (first place, grade 7-8); and in back, Ocean City Elks Lodge Americanism Essay Contest Chairpersons Allen Meyer and his wife, Gretchen; and Head of School Dr. John McDonald. Phillips and Walston advanced to the district level. More than 80 essays were submitted.

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# Opinion

Please send all letters and other editorial submissions to editor@baysidegazette.com by 5 p.m. Monday.

## Law says patrons, not bars, liable for actions

The question of whether a bar or restaurant can be held liable for the behavior of its patrons is especially interesting in Maryland, one of eight states that does not have what are known as "dram shop" laws.

Dram shop laws pertain to an establishment's liability when providing bar service to an obviously intoxicated person or a minor results in a crime or accident. But even if Maryland did have these laws, a club or restaurant still can't be held liable because a customer, drunk or not, is being obnoxious or even belligerent.

Although the state's liquor laws do impose on bars and restaurants what's known as social host liability, that generally relates to the crime of serving minors. But for the most part, this state believes that bar and club patrons are responsible for their own actions.

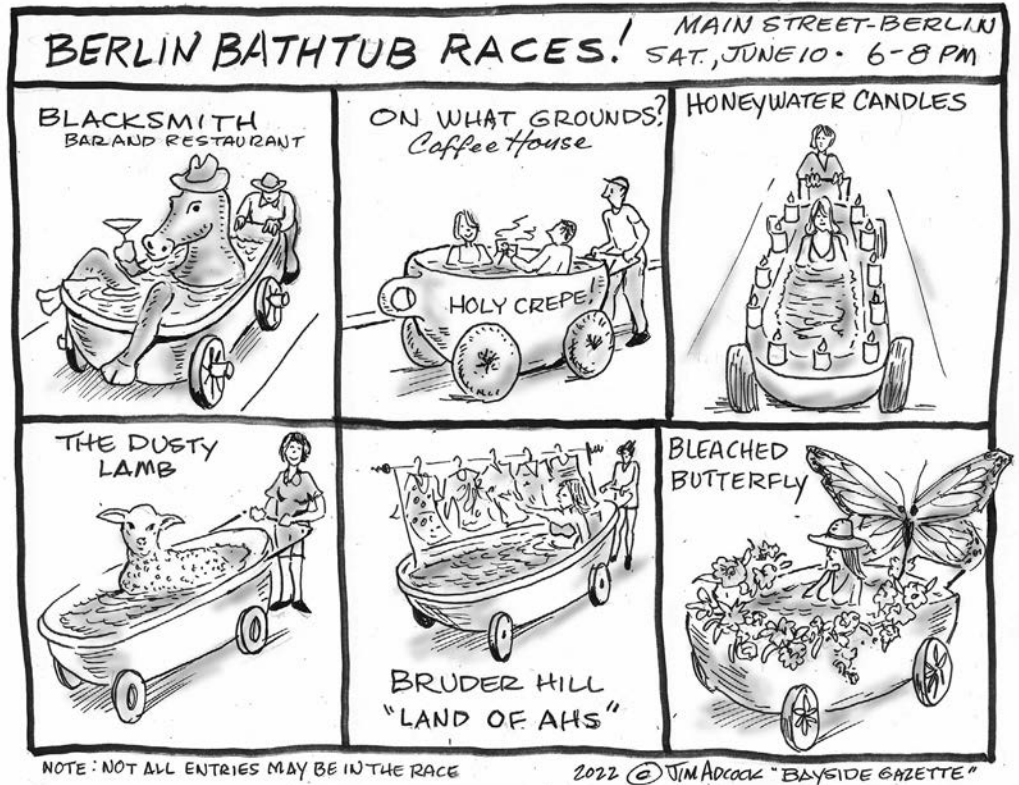
A bar, for instance, can't be held liable if Customer A wallops Customer B. Any ensuing legal action in such a circumstance would be up to Customer B and whatever legal steps he or she wants to pursue against the attacker.

Even so, restaurants, bars and almost all other businesses have a duty to keep their premises safe for their guests by maintaining reasonable security. They are obligated to intervene when situations get out of hand, especially when some one threatens the safety of others.

But can they take preemptive action against someone because another individual doesn't like or fears that person? It can as long as it doesn't violate the Civil Rights Act.

The question, though, is why would any business do that, especially if it is tantamount to picking a side in a political fight or social disagreement? It just wouldn't, because the owner is in business to make a living by staying above the fray and having as many customers as possible.

Bars and clubs can and should stop disruptive behavior, keep an eye on argumentative individuals, and take action when it's needed. But what no operator can afford to do is have one set of customers dictate who from another set will be allowed to enter.



## Horseshoe crab spawning season

(June 9, 2022) Notice an abundance of horseshoe crabs on bay beaches lately? Horseshoe crab spawning season is underway, and the Maryland Coastal Bays Program is promoting a horseshoe crab response team initiative this year to help protect this species.

Most aquatic animals, except aquatic mammals and reptiles, reproduce through a process called spawning. The spawning activity can be problematic for the horseshoe crab as there is a mortality rate that occurs due to excessive energy expenditure, and then to add to the mix, there are some areas in the coastal bays that have obstacles that cause the horseshoe crabs to become stranded while spawning.

These strandings lead to mass casualties which is why MCBP is establishing a team of volunteers to go out to these locations and help rescue stranded horseshoe crabs.

Horseshoe crabs are referred to as "living fossils" due to their ancient roots. These funny looking creatures go back 445 million years. Although they are referred to as crabs, they are

not crabs, they are more closely related to spiders.

Horseshoe crabs have nine eyes and are made up of three distinct sections: the head, which contains all their major organs; the abdomen, that contains the gills and muscles to move them about; and the tail, which is called a telson.

Horseshoe crabs are ecologically important and are harmless to humans. Their telson may look sharp, but it does not sting like a stingray; it is mainly used for maneuvering and helps to turn the crab upright when it gets flipped over.

A single female horseshoe crab can lay 90,000 eggs; only about 10 of these babies will survive to maturity. What happens to the rest of them? Their tiny pearl-like eggs are a critical food source for many species of migrating shorebirds, turtles and fish.

In addition to being an important food source to many species throughout the Coastal Bays food web, horseshoe crabs provide humans with a valuable resource to public health; Limulus ameobocyte lysate (LAL).

This substance is extracted from the horseshoe

crab's blue-colored blood, which is blue due to the blood being copper based instead of iron based like human blood. LAL is used in the biomedical industry to test for the presence of bacterial toxins. The discovery of this life-saving substance occurred in 1971.

Since then, all vaccines, injectable drugs, intravenous solutions, and implantable medical devices that are certified by the Food and Drug Administration are required to be tested using LAL. Horseshoe crabs are also harvested to be used as bait for American eels and whelks.

If you see a horseshoe crab stuck in the rocks, feel free to pick it up by grabbing each side of the shell and put it back into the water, this will help it out tremendously. Never pick up a horseshoe crab by its tail (telson); this will result in injury to the animal.

To contribute to a larger initiative to protect this species, join the MCBP Horseshoe Crab Volunteer Response Team. Contact Carly at ctoulan@mdcoastalbays.org or call 410-213-2297 ext. 103.

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# Two students stopped after planning to murder another

By Greg Wehner  
Staff Writer

(June 9, 2022) Two Berlin Intermediate School students were arrested this week and charged with conspiring to commit first-degree murder.

According to a press release that followed a press conference on Friday, Worcester County Public School officials contacted the Sheriff's office about a potential threat several students reported to administrators.

After investigating the situation, the Worcester County Sheriff's Office confirmed the threat was credible.

The investigation found that a 13-year-old girl brought a knife to the school on June 1, following a dispute with another student on social media days earlier. After bringing the knife to school, the girl asked another student to hide it near the woods outside of the school so she could apparently use it against the student with whom she had had a dispute during recess.

Several students overheard the conversation, the statement noted, and reported the information to faculty members.

Deputies recovered a kitchen knife from the suspect's backpack before  
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CHRISTINE BROWN/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Snow Hill Police responded to reports of a shooting in Snow Hill on Cypress Lane near Byrd Park and were unable to locate a suspect or victim. The department later found out the victim, whose name has not been released, was taken in a vehicle to Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin before getting transported to TidalHealth Peninsula Regional in Salisbury.



CHRISTINE BROWN/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Two Berlin Intermediate School students were arrested by the Worcester County Sherriff's Office last week and charged with conspiring to commit first-degree murder.

# One man hospitalized after shooting at Snow Hill park

By Greg Wehner  
Staff Writer

(June 9, 2022) A man was hospitalized after a reported shooting in Snow Hill on Saturday evening.

Snow Hill police responded to the area after the Worcester County 911 center received multiple calls for shots fired on Cypress Lane near Byrd Park.

According to reports heard over the scanner, the person who opened fire in the area struck multiple cars and a house with bullets.

When police arrived, they were unable to locate a victim but later learned a victim was taken by a private vehicle to Atlantic General Hos-

pital in Berlin.

Police said the victim who went to AGH was ultimately taken to Tidal-Health Peninsula Regional hospital in Salisbury for treatment of the wounds.

The Worcester County Bureau of Investigation arrived on the scene of the shooting to process evidence and interview witnesses.

Additional responding agencies included the Worcester County Sheriff's Office, Maryland State Police, and the Maryland Natural Resources Police.

Anyone with information about the case is asked to contact the Worcester County Bureau of Investigation at 410-632-1111.

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# OPA Board election ballot order set

(June 9, 2022) A candidate draw held on Tuesday officially set the ballot order for the 2022 Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors election.

The ballot order is: Paula Gray, Amy Peck, Stuart Lakernick, Monica Rakowski, Josette Wheatley and Steve Jacobs.

Ballot order was decided by a deck of six cards, drawn by each candidate and announced by Elections Committee Chairperson Carol Ludwig.

Three seats on the board will be up for election this year: those currently

held by Peck, Wheatley and Larry Perrone. The seven-member volunteer board is the governing body of Ocean Pines.

The first candidate forum is scheduled for Wednesday, June 22 at 6 p.m. in the Clubhouse meeting room on 100 Clubhouse Drive.

Ludwig said ballots would be mailed by the week of July 12 and must be received by close of business on Aug. 10.

### Important upcoming election dates include:

- First Candidate Forum -

Wednesday, June 22 at 6 p.m. in the Clubhouse Meeting Room

• Second Candidate Forum - Saturday, June 25 at 10 a.m. in the Clubhouse Meeting Room

• Cutoff date for voter eligibility - Wednesday, July 6

• Ballots mailed - Week of July 12

• Ballot Deadline - Wednesday, Aug. 10 by 4 p.m.

• Ballots counted and vote totals announced - Thursday, Aug. 11 starting at 10 a.m. in the Clubhouse Meeting Room

• Annual Meeting - Saturday, Aug. 13, Time and Venue TBD

Video of the count will be posted to the Ocean Pines YouTube channel, [www.youtube.com/oceanpinesassociation1](http://www.youtube.com/oceanpinesassociation1). For questions about the election, contact [elections@oceanpines.org](mailto:elections@oceanpines.org).

# Worcester County Rec & Parks hosts pitch, hit and run

(June 9, 2022) Boys and girls ages 7 to 14 are invited to participate in Pitch, Hit, and Run with Worcester County Recreation and Parks.

Players will participate in this one-day skills competition at the Northern Worcester Athletic Complex, Senior Field on Saturday, June 18, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Participants may stop in at any time for their skills assessment on pitching, hitting and running. The assessment will take approximately five minutes per individual.

Event winners will be required to provide a birth certificate to verify age before advancing to sectionals, with hopes to move on to partake at a big league ball park. Pre-registration is recommended at [www.pitch-hitrun.com](http://www.pitch-hitrun.com).

For more information, contact Tyler Keiser at 410-632-2144 x2505 or [tkeiser@marylandscoast.org](mailto:tkeiser@marylandscoast.org).

To view more upcoming free youth programs visit [www.playmaryland-scoast.org](http://www.playmaryland-scoast.org).

# Pupils alert faculty of overheard talks, foiling recess plan

Continued from Page 19 contacting the Worcester County Bureau of Investigation.

"Through the combined efforts of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office, the Worcester County Bureau of Investigation, the Worcester County States Attorney's Office, and both the students and staff at Worcester County Public Schools, we have averted a potentially tragic incident," Sheriff Matthew Crisafulli said. "Furthermore, I can confidently state that there is currently no active threat at Berlin Intermediate School or any other school within Worcester County at this time."

Superintendent Lou Taylor echoed the sheriff, adding that counseling and other resources are available for students and staff affected by the incident.

School officials praised those who came forward to report the incident, during the press conference.

"We are here first and foremost today to honor the bravery of several of our students, who prevented what otherwise could have been a tragic event for Berlin Intermediate School and our entire school system," Taylor said.

The investigation is still ongoing and has resulted in numerous interviews, including confessions from both suspects as to their involvement, as well as the seizure of additional pieces of evidence.



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## Worcester Library summer reading program returns

(June 9, 2022) Worcester County Library again invites everyone to dive into summer reading.

The free, annual program gives children and their families the opportunity to access the many resources the library has to offer and participate in reading challenges.

Enriching programs are planned throughout the summer months at all five branch libraries that feature pirates, magic, music, movement, and STEAM.

Registration begins June 13.

This year's theme, "Oceans of Possibilities," is a celebration of all aspects of oceanography and marine life and the importance of taking care of the planet.

Worcester County Library promotes reading and literacy by offering access to books and special programs to encourage everyone to keep reading and prevent summer learning loss, also known as "summer slide."

Practicing reading skills for 20 minutes a day will help children maintain their school-year gains and be better prepared for a successful school year in the fall.

Recommended reading lists for all age groups can be found on the library's website.

Summer Reading is not just for children - the library also has programs for teens and adults.

For those participating in the reading challenge, the library has prizes available, including the chance to win ocean-themed building kits, giant stuffed animals, Amazon gift cards or a Kindle Fire.

For a full schedule of free activities, check out the 2022 Summer Reading Program at [www.WorcesterLibrary.org](http://www.WorcesterLibrary.org).

# Model horse shows in Ocean Pines

(June 9, 2022) Model horse shows hosted by Rainbow's End Tack Shop are returning to the Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market.

Model horse showing is a hobby built around the collection of scale model horses, with a focus of reflecting horse show industry standards, as well as the artistic merit of the plastic miniatures.

"These are friendly model horse competitions - where there are no horse hauling hassles," Tack Shop owner Ingrid Parker said with a laugh. "Our marketplace shows are open to veteran show-ers and those

that have never been shown before."

Parker is a professional horse show judge who officiates events in the Mid-Atlantic region. She also officiates at model horse shows across Delmarva.

"Don't hesitate to visit us before the show with questions and let us know that you are new to showing," she said. "We'll give you some tips on placing the model in the show ring and getting you ready to have some fun."

Park will award ribbons for first through sixth place, with the champion earning an edible prize from a

market bakery.

The shows are open to children and adults of all ages and are scheduled on June 11, July 30 and Aug. 27.

Registration for each show is \$5 per participant. The competition starts at 9:30 a.m. Participants must bring their own table and table covering to present on.

The Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market is open Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in White Horse Park.

For more information, visit [www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/farmers-artisans-market](http://www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/farmers-artisans-market).

## Hungrytown live at Pines library, Tues. starting at 7 p.m.

(June 9, 2022) After more than 15 years of worldwide touring and three album releases, Rebecca Hall and Ken Anderson—otherwise known as the folk duo Hungrytown—will perform at the Ocean Pines Branch of the Worcester County Library on Tuesday, June 14, at 7 p.m.

Hall and Anderson met in New York City, where they had been performing regularly - Hall as a jazz singer and Anderson as a drummer.

Their introduction to folk music came later, when a close friend—who died young due to a tragic misdiagnosis—entrusted the couple with her guitar and collection of 1960s folk albums.

Inspired by these traditional ballads, Hall wrote lyrics that became her first songs and Anderson assisted with musical arrangements.

Now based in Vermont, Hungrytown spends more than half of the



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Rebecca Hall and Ken Anderson—otherwise known as the folk duo Hungrytown—will perform at the Ocean Pines Branch of the Worcester County Library on Tuesday, June 14, at 7 p.m.

year on the road, particularly in North America, Europe, and New Zealand. Their music has been featured on The Daily Show and Portlandia.

Register online at [worcesterlibrary.org](http://worcesterlibrary.org) to attend this free concert, sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean Pines Library.

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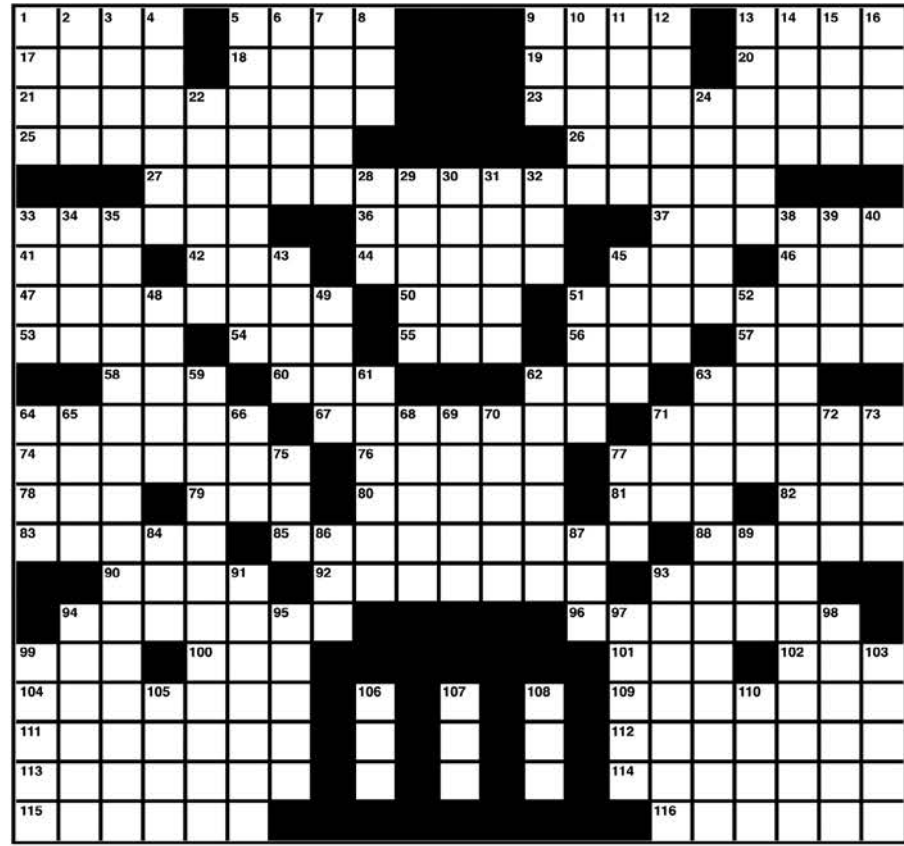
# Puzzles

## A MONUMENTAL CENTENNIAL

BY DANIEL BODILY AND JEFF CHEN / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Daniel Bodily, of Woodbury, Minn., is an R&D robotics engineer. Jeff Chen, of Seattle, is a professional writer and crossword constructor. Dan started making puzzles three years ago. "Every once in a while I pick a 'mammoth goal' — something way out of my comfort zone," and in 2019 that was to have a crossword published in The Times. This is his second (and his first Sunday). Jeff Chen has been a frequent contributor since 2010. — W.S.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Part of a big media campaign
  - 5 About 200 feet, for a Boeing 777
  - 9 Artist Vincent van \_\_\_\_
  - 13 Tiara go-with
  - 17 Kind of spider commonly found near train tracks
  - 18 Held on to
  - 19 Slacks, say, in slang
  - 20 Apparel in many a Degas painting
  - 21 With 23-Across, what this puzzle's subject promised in his most famous address
  - 23 See 21-Across
  - 25 Premium flight amenity
  - 26 Piercing-free bijouterie
  - 27 Landmark dedicated on 5/30/1922
  - 33 Raymond \_\_\_\_, Best Actor nominee for portraying this puzzle's subject (1940)
  - 36 Hades' collection
  - 37 Rough and uneven
  - 41 Actress Green of "Casino Royale"
  - 42 They watch what you eat, for short
  - 44 Order of doughnuts
- 45 It's in, then it's out
- 46 "Norma \_\_\_\_"
- 47 Pining away
- 50 Suitcase
- 51 He played Ferris Bueller's droning economics teacher
- 53 Something easily snapped
- 54 Pay-\_\_\_\_click (advertising model)
- 55 Place for an ace
- 56 Wish to take back
- 57 Composer Zimmer
- 58 N.H.L. great Bobby
- 60 PDF alternative
- 62 Get the \_\_\_\_
- 63 Situated
- 64 Office
- 67 Big moneymaker
- 71 Italicize or underline
- 74 It's all about me
- 76 Feature first recommended to this puzzle's subject by an 11-year-old girl
- 77 Extendable recording device
- 78 Rivendell resident, in "The Lord of the Rings"
- 79 Drink (up)
- 80 "You with me?"
- 81 \_\_\_\_ Offroad Fury (2000s video game series)
- 82 Cable news anchor Cabrera
- 83 Stuffed pockets
- 85 Nickname for this puzzle's subject
- 88 Eponymous physicist Mach
- 90 Have \_\_\_\_ (be able to jump high, in slang)
- 92 Ulysses S. Grant, e.g.
- 93 Bit of "deets"
- 94 Locales in a winery tour, perhaps
- 96 Bikini's place
- 99 "Crazy Rich Asians" director Jon M. \_\_\_\_
- 100 IV site, for short
- 101 Choose
- 102 When repeated, cheer accessory
- 104 Stretches
- 109 Trattoria staple
- 111 Takes part in a pilot program?
- 112 Sanskrit for "great soul"
- 113 Sent a letter
- 114 Govt. aid for a mom-and-pop store
- 115 Some titles with tildes
- 116 Backs
- DOWN**
- 1 Some Asian cuisine
  - 2 Skiing star Lindsey
  - 3 Partner of aid
  - 4 Pieces included with Ikea furniture
  - 5 Barely get wet?
  - 6 Writer Georges whose 300-page novel "A Void" completely avoided the letter E
  - 7 Is \_\_\_\_ (probably will)
  - 8 Utmost
  - 9 Classic Pontiac
  - 10 Title role in a Monteverdi opera
  - 11 Win at life
  - 12 One-eyed giant?
  - 13 McCartney of fashion
  - 14 Maker of the Q7 and Q8
  - 15 Cry from one being tickled, maybe
  - 16 Runs well
  - 22 Snug-fitting underwear
  - 24 Greetings sent with a click
  - 28 Tab inits.
  - 29 Unlikely winners in Fortnite, say
  - 30 Earful in an elevator
  - 31 Dead lines?
  - 32 I.S.P. alternative to 84-Down
  - 33 Diner order
  - 34 Say outright
  - 35 One epithet for this puzzle's subject
  - 38 Another epithet for this puzzle's subject
  - 39 "Buy low, sell high" outcome
  - 40 Aches (for)
  - 43 Nailed
  - 45 Ongoing quarrel
  - 48 Cousin of a bittern
  - 49 Ray of McDonald's fame
  - 51 Arched body part
  - 52 Utility bill unit
  - 59 Campaign nickname that reflected the rustic upbringing of this puzzle's subject
  - 61 Beachside locale
  - 62 Loving turndown
  - 63 Accessory in which this puzzle's subject stashed important documents
  - 64 [Outta my way, slowpoke!]
  - 65 Wrinkly fruit
  - 66 Home to about 75% of the world's tornadoes
  - 68 Rocker Bob
  - 69 More than unpleasant
  - 70 Island whose capital and largest city is Iraklion
  - 71 Habitual drinker
  - 72 Subject of the seven-letter mnemonic PALE GAS
  - 73 "Zip-a-dee-doo-dah," e.g.
  - 75 Fastball stat
  - 77 Hon
  - 84 I.S.P. alternative to 32-Down
  - 86 Biting remarks?
  - 87 \_\_\_\_ on over (go somewhere, in slang)
  - 89 Court figure, informally
  - 91 Perfumed pouches
  - 93 Symbols of rebirth in ancient Egypt
  - 94 Goat's milk cheese
  - 95 Anthony or Joe who directed "Avengers: Endgame"
  - 97 Makeup set?
  - 98 One making a racket?
  - 99 Some arcade machine mechanisms
  - 103 Spooky sounds
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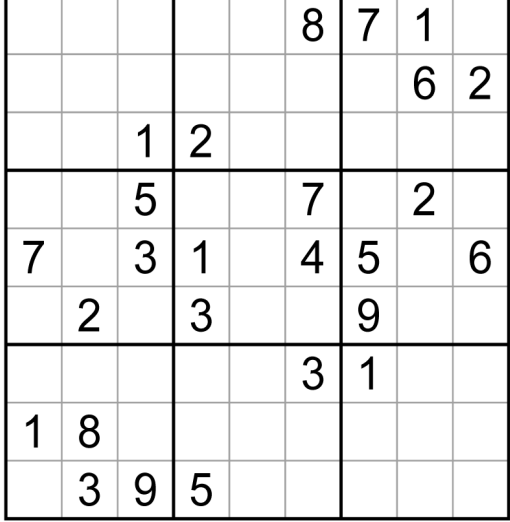
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**HARD - 39**

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



**Answers to last week's puzzles**

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





# Exhibit featuring work of two local artists at gallery

(June 9, 2022) The Worcester County Arts Council will present an exhibit throughout the month featuring artwork by two Gallery Co-Op Artists: Beth Cooper – watercolors and acrylic paintings, and Lisa Marie Penn – oil and screen paintings.

The opening reception of this exhibit will be held on Friday, June 10, from 5-7 p.m. The public is invited to come to meet the artists and partake of complimentary refreshments.

Selected pieces of artwork, donated by featured artists, are available for bidding during the silent auction to benefit the Arts Council's Arts Scholarship program.

Visit the Arts Council's Gallery, located at 6 Jefferson Street in Berlin, Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to view the exhibits and place a bid.

In addition to the featured artists' exhibit, artwork created by 30 artists and members of the Co-Op Gallery is on display and available for purchase.

For more information, visit [www.worcestercountyartscouncil.org](http://www.worcestercountyartscouncil.org).



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Worcester County law enforcement officers, friends and supporters participate in the Law Enforcement Torch Relay benefiting the Special Olympics of Maryland on Monday. The event started on the Ocean City Boardwalk and the group also ran through downtown Berlin with stops at several schools.

The Worcester County Arts Council is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to support, promote, and encourage visual, performing, and literary arts in Worcester County.

As designated by the Maryland

State Arts Council County arts agency, the Worcester County Arts Council is committed to fostering the excellence, diversity, and vitality of arts, artists, and arts organizations and increasing access to the arts for

all members of our community.

The Worcester County Arts Council is funded by a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council and supported by memberships, donations, and local sponsorships.

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# Cuisine

## Grilled rib cap with sauteed mushrooms

I pride myself on my lovely backyard. It is an insane amount of work, and this year as I will be doing all of it, it is even more overwhelming.

But, it is worth it when I get to relax in the swinging chairs. Granted, the bugs also come out this time of year, but that's alright. It's all for



By Paul Suplee,  
MBA, CEC, PC-3

the cause.

The banana palms have grown much faster than I expected them to, their large leaves towering over the smaller plants in the beds.

Most people don't realize that these are just weeds, and once you have them, you will never get rid of them. They proliferate underground and their roots shoot out in all directions, so from one healthy plant you could have twenty offshoots the following summer.

The house sat empty for a number of years before we purchased it, and I have been told by multiple people that they used to come in the backyard and take some of the young shoots home for their own garden.

That is just fine with me, as I definitely have plenty to contend with at present.

Outfitting the tiki bar with a new-to-me merchandise refrigerator, it is the perfect place to keep the sparkling water, beer, bottled still water, white wine and beer.

By the time summer is in full swing, everything will be fully stocked and ready to roll. While the pool is open, it is holding at a nice frigid temperature. It is rather brutal, but jumping between there and the hot tub is a welcome activity.

Last year, I worked on the entry way to the house, and the front is now looking fairly presentable, notwithstanding the Sanford & Son junkyard that is being amassed by my kids.

I guess collecting old, beat up cars is a healthy habit. That's my story and it's easier that the alternative which could end in stroke or seizures.

With the first dinner party under our belts, I figured it was time to write about the steak that I cooked. For many of the banquets that I've served, I've removed the rib loin cap, and broken the eye of the ribeye into two long, fat-free tubes almost resembling a beef tenderloin.



These can be grilled and finished in the oven whole, or they can be broken down into steaks and cooked as you normally would.

Since I already had some steaks that I broke down and froze months ago, I pulled them out and got to work. Removing the cap (spinalis dorsi) left me with some lovely eyes of the ribeye.

These grilled spectacularly, and the cap (spinalis) was coiled up as mentioned in the recipe and grilled up.

If you are a fatty-part-of-the-steak kind of person, as my girlfriend is, this steak is a little chunk of heaven. It has tremendous flavor and bite and it will give your fat-loving fiend exactly what they want.

I remember growing up in a house where my dad and one brother would eat every scrap of fat off peoples' plates. Boy did they love that.

Not me. I am a sissy beef tenderloin or skirt steak kind of fellow. Or give me the eye of the ribeye and I can eat that all day long.

It is worth a short, and definitely worth perfecting your skills with breaking down the whole loin. Either way, the rib loin is one of the most flavorful parts of the cattle, and it rarely disappoints.

At the end of the day, the steaks were perfect and the party was a success. And now on to the next one.

### Grilled Rib Cap

serves 4

2# spinalis dorsi (rib loin cap)  
4 Tbsp. Whole unsalted butter  
3 cloves fresh garlic  
Salt & Pepper to taste  
Juice of 1/2 lemon

1. If you cut the cap off individual steaks, you can roll them together like a cinnamon roll. Roll them up and secure them with two metal skewers, or a high-quality kitchen fork as pictured.

2. If you are using the whole cap, simply clean fat off and season and grill that puppy up.

3. For the basting butter, melt the butter and add the garlic, salt, pepper, lemon juice and an optional touch of blackening seasoning

4. Baste the steaks and grill to the temperature of your liking.

5. I prefer to pull mine off around 122F and allow them to rest for about 10 minutes. This allows the meat to relax and become tender again.

6. Slice and serve along with your favorite sides. In our house, asparagus and mushrooms always wear the

champion belt.

### Sauteed Mushrooms

serves 4

4 c. Sliced baby bella mushrooms  
2 Tbsp. EV Olive oil  
2 Tbsp. Whole unsalted butter  
1 tsp. Fresh thyme leaves  
3 cloves fresh garlic, smashed  
juice of 1/2 lemon  
1 c. White wine

1. Clean off the mushrooms if needed and set aside until needed.

2. Heat the olive oil, butter, thyme and garlic in a pan until the garlic is fragrant but not burnt.

3. Throw in the mushrooms and cook until softened, about four to five minutes.

4. Add the lemon juice and white wine and continue to cook until most of the liquid is absorbed. It is always good to have a little bit of liquid left, but you don't need to have it soupy.

• Serve with the steak and asparagus.

—Paul Suplee is a Professor of Culinary Arts at Wor-Wic Community College and owner of boxcar40 and boxcar on main. Visit him at [www.boxcar40.com](http://www.boxcar40.com); [www.boxcaronmain.com](http://www.boxcaronmain.com)



# Worcester NAACP honoring baseball hall of famer, Sun.

(June 9, 2022) The Worcester County NAACP will honor Negro League Baseball and Snow Hill native, Judy Johnson, 1975 Baseball Hall of Famer, with a tribute/Negro League Baseball celebration on Sunday, June 12 at the Arthur W. Perdue Stadium, of Route 50 in Salisbury.

The game, which features the Delmarva Shorebirds vs the Fayetteville Woodpeckers, begins at 2:05 p.m.

Special appearances by Sam Allen,

(Kansas City Monarchs), Pedro Sierra (Detroit Stars) and Rayner Banks (The Negro League Ambassador.)

A raffle, exhibits and vendors will be available. Purchase tickets through the Delmarva Shorebirds. The event is sponsored by Worcester County NAACP, Residence Inn Marriott Ocean City, The Delmarva Shorebirds, Greater Ocean City Chamber of Commerce, and Beach to Bay Heritage Area.



PHOTO COURTESY OCEAN PINES FARMERS AND ARTISANS MARKET

John Kent, owner of Driftwood Furniture, poses with one of his "upcycled" products at the Ocean Pines Farmers and Artisans Market.

## OP farmers market featuring 'upcycled' furniture, products

(June 9, 2022) The Ocean Pines Farmers and Artisans Market continues to add to its arts and crafts side by reaching out to the area's better craftspeople.

That would include Jon Kent, the owner of Driftwood Furniture and Signs, who can be found each Saturday morning at the market's Artisan Alley. Kent is a craftsman from Willards who specializes in upcycled, reimagined furniture. He calls it "re-loved furniture."

"I have been upcycling furniture on and off for about 15 years, with wood signs and art the last three-to-four years," Kent said.

Well-made new wood furniture can be both expensive and hard to come by, but reclaimed furniture helps keep older furniture out of landfills and lessens dependence on production companies, he said.

"To ensure our inventory is like no other, we search relentlessly to ac-

quire vintage and well-made wood furniture pieces that we refinish to give a new life and a new home," Kent said. "We also take custom orders and will work with you if you have an old piece of furniture that you would like us to work on."

Driftwood Furniture and Signs is just one of the many artisans that will be participating at the market this summer.

"We're so proud of our market merchant lineup," said Market manager David Bean. "The artisans we've brought together allow us to bring our shoppers, great creators and trades-people in the bold pursuit of sharing their beautiful ambitions."

The Ocean Pines Farmers and Artisans Market is open Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in White Horse Park.

For more information, visit [www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/farmers-artisans-market](http://www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/farmers-artisans-market).

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# MCBP, partners team up to preserve endangered birds

(June 9, 2022) The partnership of Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Audubon Mid-Atlantic, and Maryland Coastal Bays Program is continuing an innovative conservation project to preserve three of Maryland's state listed endangered colonial nesting waterbirds - the Common Tern, Royal Tern, and Black Skimmer.

The project, now in its second year, is providing a floating wooden-framed platform as a nesting site for endangered colonial waterbirds, which have declined by a staggering 90-95 percent since the mid-1980s due to sea level rise and the erosion of their natural barren sand nesting islands in the coastal bays.

The initial year of the project was an immediate success. The platform was used for nesting by 23 pairs of Common Terns, making it the largest breeding colony of this species in the Coastal Bays in 2021.

"The immediate success of the project is encouraging," said Director of Bird Conservation Dr. David Curson of Audubon Mid-Atlantic. "But the fact that the largest Common Tern colony in the coastal bays system last year was on this small artificial island illustrates just how dire the situation is for these birds. In 2003,

there were more than 500 pairs of Common Terns nesting at six natural colony sites in the coastal bays - today, most of these former sites have been degraded by erosion and some have been washed away entirely."

This year, the partnership has expanded the size of the nesting platform from 1,024 square feet to 2,304 square feet, by adding five new raft sections to the four used in 2021.

The rafts are latched together in a square formation that flexes at the joints as waves roll beneath it. This design allows the platform to safely withstand large waves and strong winds during storm events.

The project team hopes the larger platform will not only support a larger tern colony, but also may attract Black Skimmers to nest alongside them.

The project team has also expanded in 2022. Maryland Coastal Bays Program hired Archer Larned, Ph.D., to the newly created position of Coastal Bird Habitat coordinator to assist with the project, using funds provided by US Wind.

"We will monitor the platform closely through the 2022 breeding season," said Larned. "Early signs are encouraging. Remote cameras installed on the platform show that



PHOTO COURTESY ARCHER LARNED

Floating wooden platforms are used to create nesting sites for endangered colonial waterbirds. In its second year, the project saw immediate success the year prior.

about 50 Common Terns are already using it for roosting, and we are hoping that nesting activity will begin soon."

Dave Brinker, of Maryland DNR Wildlife and Heritage Service, has been monitoring colonial nesting waterbird populations in Maryland since 1985.

"This project shows great promise in offering endangered colonial waterbirds much-needed nesting sites," Brinker said. "But in order to fully recover and sustain populations of terns and skimmers in the coastal bays it is essential that we restore and

maintain former sand islands that have been lost to erosion. To achieve that we will need a long-term strategy that allocates locally dredged sand for island restoration."

DNR's Wildlife and Heritage Service is providing technical assistance, materials, and funding through federal Pittman-Robertson funds that the state receives from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Match for these federal funds comes from Maryland Program Open Space funds used to purchase land for state Wildlife Management Areas and from the Chesapeake Bay and Endangered Species fund (state income tax checkoff).

Audubon Mid-Atlantic and Audubon's Seabird Institute are providing technical support and assistance with planning, coordination, and raft construction under a contract with DNR. Maryland Coastal Bays Program is assisting with local support, planning, coordination, and providing local volunteer assistance.

"Addressing the population declines of these important bird species is a high priority for our department and our partners," said Jeannie Hadaway-Riccio, secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. "We are pleased to support innovative measures and long-term efforts to give them the best possible chance to rebound."

For more information on this project contact Larned at [alarned@md-coastalbays.org](mailto:alarned@md-coastalbays.org) or by calling 40-213-2297 ext.107.

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# Calendar

## Thurs., June 9

### OUTDOOR STORY TIME: POUT-POUT FISH

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Hear some stories about Pout-Pout Fish's adventures. For ages 2-5 years. Outdoor activity included. In the event of inclement weather, event will be moved inside. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

### PLAYTIME

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. A variety of activities and toys. Play and socialize with other families. For ages 2-5 years. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

### ZUMBA FOR ALL LEVELS

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 4:30 p.m. Join certified Zumba instructor Joyce Landsman for an hour of movement. These classes uplift and improve mood. Register: [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org) under "Events." 410-632-2600

### UTILITY OPTIONS PUBLIC FORUM FOR OCEAN PINES HOMEOWNERS

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 6-8 p.m. Representatives from electric, oil, propane and natural gas companies will be on hand to speak with attendees about options and cost saving tips. 410-641-5306, [oceanpineschamber.org](http://oceanpineschamber.org).

### FAMILY BEACH GAMES

Carousel Oceanfront Hotel & Condos, 11700 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 6:30-11:59 p.m. Games include sand castle contests, tug-of-war, relays and more. Free event. Parents are asked to stay with their children. Weather permitting. 410-250-0125, [www.oceancitymd.gov](http://www.oceancitymd.gov)

### BEACH SINGLES-55 PLUS

*Thursdays* - Harpoon Hanna's, 39064 Harpoon Road, Fenwick Island, DE, 4-6 p.m. Info: 302-436-9577 or [BeachSingles.org](http://BeachSingles.org)

## Fri., June 10

### 32ND ANNUAL BATHTUB RACES

Downtown Berlin, 2 S. Main St., 6-8 p.m. Parade is at 6 p.m. and races start at 6:15 p.m. Bring a chair. Leashed pets welcome. To enter the race, call 410-641-4775.

### LAP TIME

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. An interactive program which features activities, rhymes and stories to enhance your child's language development. Designed for infants and toddlers. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

### FOLK DEVILS, MORAL PANICS & YOUTH SUBCULTURES: PART 1

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill

Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 2 p.m. Music and clothes are ways for teenagers to express themselves. Local history librarian Nate Godfrey begins a look at WWII era jazz fans: hepcats and the zoot suit fashion. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

### IN 3D!

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2:30 p.m. Join the group for a wildly popular 80's sci-fi action classic with Arnold Schwarzenegger in 3D. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

### MARYLAND CRAB CAKE DINNER FUNDRAISER

Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin. 4-6:30 p.m. Carryout only. Cost is \$14 for platter with one crab cake sandwich, \$24 for platter with 2 sandwiches and \$10 for crab cake sandwich only. Platters include green beans, baked potato, Cole slaw.

### ARTS COUNCIL OPENING RECEPTION

Worcester County Arts Council, 6 Jefferson St., Berlin. 5-7 p.m. Featuring Beth Cooper and Lisa Marie Penn. The public is invited to meet the artists and enjoy complimentary refreshments. Exhibits will be on display through June 30. Art for sale and silent auction.

## Sat., June 11

### 15TH ANNUAL OC AIR SHOW

17th Street & Beach, Ocean City, 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Experience the inspiration, power and patriotism of an AirDot-ShowLive event. Several ticket options. Also view virtually with AirDotShow Livestream. <https://ocairshow.com>

### LIBRARY BINGO

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Drop in to learn more about the library. Fill out a bingo card, learn something new and earn a prize. For ages 6 years and older. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

### MODEL HORSE SHOW

Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market - White Horse Park, 235 Ocean Parkway, 9:30 a.m. Open to all ages. Ingrid Parker is a professional horse show judge who enjoys officiating model horse shows across Delmarva. Hosted by Rainbow's End Tack Shop. Registration is \$5. Bring table.

### OCEAN PINES ANGLERS CLUB MEETING

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 9:30 a.m. Lee Phillips and John McFalls will cover fishing locations that can be successfully fished from land. Charter trips and updated fishing issues also covered. All welcome. Jack Barnes, 410-641-7662

### SHREDDING EVENT

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch - Back Parking Lot, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Participants may bring up to 5 boxes for shredding. Non-perishables will also be collected for local food banks. Sponsored by AARP. Larry Walton, 443-831-1791

### OUTDOOR CRAFTY SATURDAY: BUBBLE ART BANNER

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. The group will be decorating a Summer Reading Banner to display at the library. Be ready to get messy. For ages 4 years and older. Moved inside in case of inclement weather. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

### BOOK TASTING

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Join the group any time during the day to taste test top quality fiction, record initial reactions and leave with a book or two. For ages 9-14 years. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

### FLAG DAY BRUNCH

Poplar Hill Mansion, 117 Elizabeth St., Salisbury, 10 a.m. Join the Commodore Stephen Decatur Chapter of the National Society United States Daughters of the War of 1812. Cost is \$25. All are welcome. RSVP: [stephendecaturusd1812@gmail.com](mailto:stephendecaturusd1812@gmail.com), 410-726-3873.

### ASSATEAGUE ADVENTURES

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. A ranger-led adventure featuring crafts, puppets, stories, cool props and live animals from Assateague Island National Seashore. A different adventure each week. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

### JUDY JOHNSON DAY - MEET & GREET

Residence Inn by Marriott Ocean City, 300 Seabay Lane, 3-5 p.m. Sam Allen (Kansas City Monarchs), Pedro Sierra (Indianapolis Clowns and Detroit Stars), Rayner Banks (The Negro League Ambassador). Sponsored by the Worcester County NAACP.

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### FREE KIDS CRAFTS AT THE ART LEAGUE OF OCEAN CITY

*Saturdays through Sept. 3* - Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th Street, 11 a.m. Each

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### SUNDAES IN THE PARK & FIREWORKS

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Free family concert featuring Chris Sacks Band "Tropicana Rock." Activities and entertainment for children and ice cream and beverages for purchase. Bring a picnic basket and beach chairs.

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*Sundays* - Berlin Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, 212 West St., Berlin, 10 a.m. [www.jw.org](http://www.jw.org)

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## Mon., June 13

### SUMMER STORY TIME: DINOSAURS

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Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:30 p.m. Writing about stressful experiences like illness, may boost health and psychological well-being. Group uses exercises to stimulate creative expression. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

### MONDAY MOVIE MATINEE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Take a  
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**T.O.P.S. OF BERLIN - GROUP #169**

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

**DELMARVA WOMEN'S A CAPELLA CHORUS**

*Mondays* - Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 7:00-9:00 p.m. All ladies that love to sing invited. Contact Mary, 410-629-9383 or Carol Ludwig, 302-242-7062.

**Tues., June 14**

**NATURE WALK**

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. School-aged children are invited to explore the nature trail at the library and look for treasures. The group will be building dioramas too. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

**BABY TIME**

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 11 a.m. Babies under 2 years old and their caregivers join the group for songs, rhymes and stories. Stay after to socialize with

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**THE AMAZING SHELL!**

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Learn about shells of the sea and create a unique keepsake to take home. Presented by the Worcester County 4-H. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

**PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP**

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American Legion #123, 10111 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, 7:30 p.m. This month's speaker will be Dean Lokie of C.C. Kayaks to speak on kayak fishing. Everyone is welcome. John O'Dell, 410-371-8001.

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**BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**

John H. 'Jack' Burbage, Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center, 9707 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 1-2 p.m. For survivors and current patients battling breast cancer. Women Supporting Women, 410-548-7880.

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