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## Berlin hikes stormwater runoff fees

Ditch in no man's land plagues Flower Street

By Jack Chavez  
Staff Writer

(July 21, 2022) The Berlin Town Council voted 3-1 twice, with councilmember Jack Orris in opposition twice, to double the town's stormwater fees and raise the water and sewer capital service fees during its July 11 meeting.

Residential stormwater fees will raise from \$50 to \$100 annually. The price hikes are expected to bring in an additional \$75,400 from residences and \$48,000 from businesses, with the money intended to fund capital projects that the stormwater fund did not allow for.

The resolution also increased the commercial annual fee to \$35 per ERU (equivalent residential unit), with a minimum of \$100.

Water capital service fees have been set at \$5 for residential properties and \$10 for commercial properties. Sewer capital service fees were set at \$14.50 for residential properties and \$29.50 for commercial properties.

Flower Street property owner Gabe Purnell brought up an ongoing issue with a drainage ditch that neither the town nor Worcester County is eager to claim as its own, leading to the ditch's maintenance going ignored and causing bad drainage issues in the area.

Purnell said, regardless of who owns it, the town could be doing more to remedy the situation and that the issue is part of the greater problem caused by the town not prioritizing the east side.

"The east side ... you don't give a damn about it as far as I'm concerned in some cases," he said.

Councilmember Shaneka Nichols took exception to Purnell's comments and shot back that she's

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## VOTE HERE

Constituents in District 3 who headed to the polling center at the Ocean City Lions Club on Airport Road in Berlin to cast their ballot for the primary elections were greeted with campaign signs of candidates participating in the races on Tuesday.

## Fiori has strong lead in District 3

Bertino, Bunting returned, Elder up by 18 votes

By Greg Wehner  
Staff Writer

(July 21, 2022) The preliminary results are in for the Worcester County primary races, and the commissioners will see a new face on the dais representing the South Point and Sinepuxent area for the next four years.

Eric Fiori, 44, took 32.48 percent of the vote in District 3 with 293 votes. The only race in the district, represented by Commissioner Bud Church for the past 20 years, was between four Republican candidates and netted 902 votes. Mail-in ballots have not been tallied to this point.

"It was a hard-fought battle...and we knew in this race

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Voters at Showell Elementary School prepare to hit the polls for the primary elections on Tuesday in District 6, where Worcester County Commissioner Jim Bunting will retain his position.



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# County, town appear to skirt matter of which owns ditch

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met with residents in the area and that even Purnell's wife, Worcester County Commissioner Diana Purnell, told her that the county has tried to address the issue.

"The guy who cuts the ditch, your wife called him," Nichols said. "I know because she told me to my face on the first day of my family reunion last year. What he told your wife was, and I know because (town administrator) Jeff (Fleetwood) called him and I sat right in his office listening. I do my damned due diligence. I try my hardest to do that ... So what I'm telling you is she made that phone call and that man told her he'd be there after the season was done, meaning after the harvest and everything else. When the fall came he was supposed to come. Jeff reached out and he never came."

Mayor Zack Tyndall stated that staff resources "are not isolated to one side or the other of Berlin."



Shaneka Nichols

Resident Marie Velong, a 48-year citizen of Berlin, said that the rate seems to be slanted against residents, many of whom are like her and have seen drainage issues crop up with continuing residential development.

"My property has only gone and sunk because of the houses around me," she said.

Councilmember Dean Burrell took notice of Velong's issue and asked the council to figure out when some relief could come to the West Street area.

"When we developed this plan, we realized that each street of the town is dependent upon another," he said. "It would do no good to go in and mandate things. So we developed a comprehensive plan that is designed to decrease the flooding throughout the town and the east side was started with because ... that's where the water goes and it had to have somewhere to go."

Jean Holloway, the Maryland state manager for the Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project, came before the council before the discussion to offer suggestions based on that organization's analysis, including the price hike and replacing water meters, which is underway, she said.

"Some of the recommendations originally were to replace the meters, which we are doing, and (with) meters that read every gallon (of water)," Holloway said. "People were ... losing ... unaccounted for (water) and weren't getting money back for it. I would suggest a water audit also to see if there are any other causes once you've had meters (replaced)."

She added that interim rates had been recommended to start on April 1, though the council did not accept that recommendation. Regardless, she urged, the issue should be revisited once the meters have been in the ground for six months, as the rate might benefit then from further tinkering.

Holloway also recommended restructuring the rates for wastewater, which she called "not particularly equitable." Her recommendation was to incorporate a fixed charge per equivalent dwelling unit and then a usage charge or a "biometric charge" to recover the variable costs. She also recommended a water audit to identify any sources of non-revenue water that are not directly attributable to the water meters.

For any changes, Holloway cautioned that they should come with accompanying legislation to protect them in the future.

"Your wastewater has depth, for one thing, and it's top-heavy, which See COUNCIL Page 3

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The drainage ditch in question that caused resident Gabe Purnell and Berlin Town Councilmember Shaneka Nichols to square off on July 11 sits adjacent to property Purnell owns on Maple Avenue.

## Council hears from its advisor

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... we talked about depth before. But if you can't pay down the depth, then I'd recommend just based strictly on cost and the prorated share cost that we use 2.9 times what the water interim rate is, so that it's \$14.50 per residential connection and \$29.50 per commercial connection," Holloway said. "And again, sufficient legislation to protect that from unauthorized use or use that you all

did not intend. And then restructure the rates."  
"Again, neither the water nor the source system is financially sustainable or sustainable under the present circumstances and rate structure. I think that's recognized by USDA and likely be remembered if you go to the capital project and it's something that will block your ability to get credit, loans or grants until that is straightened out."

## Pines committee continues resolution reviews, updates

**By Jack Chavez**  
Staff Writer  
(July 21, 2022) The Ocean Pines Bylaws and Resolutions Committee continued to update and confirm resolutions and processes in the association's bylaws on Friday.  
"Our agenda was a long list of resolutions to establish the status of them concerning a periodic review that we initiate and keeping the resolutions up to date," committee chair Jim Trummel said after the meeting. "The primary reason was many months spent on focusing entirely on the referendum (in May) for amending the association's bylaws," he said. "We let our requests going out to review resolutions fall behind."  
Twelve resolutions were on the docket for the committee, and Trummel added

that the committee has been "significantly" behind in keeping up with the review requests coming from other committees and officials within the association.  
Some resolutions received minor changes, such as B-01, or the book of resolutions, and the committee continued talks of drafting a new M-02 resolution that will cover amenity policy.  
"There are a couple of other instances where there are items on the resolution agenda, F-03 reserve accounts and M-05 animal control (for example), those two resolutions we agreed on in committee to go ahead with drafting an amendment to those resolutions as a part of a catch-up, not necessarily something we would normally do," Trummel said.  
He added that those resolutions are

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## Peck strives to be voice for part-time residents in Pines

**By Jack Chavez**  
Staff Writer

(July 21, 2022) Amy Peck doesn't see herself as among the Ocean Pines elite.

Sitting under the pavilion at White Horse Park on a pristine Thursday afternoon earlier this month, the former paralegal and retired early childhood teacher described her 1973 "original rancher" home that has aluminum siding "that's as hard as gold" and talked about how the "poor side" of Ocean Pines needs someone in its corner on the board.



Amy Peck

"All of Ocean Pines is not waterfront people with a lot of money," Peck said. "I tend to understand that we have a lot of people here in the Pines who are on a budget, a lot of young working families. Keeping that HOA fee low is important. It's critical."

Peck has been around Ocean Pines for 20 years, mostly as a part-timer before she and her husband made the Pines their year-round residency in 2020. The pair has two grown sons who live in Colorado and North Carolina.

Peck hails from Parkville in Baltimore County. Her education includes a bachelor's degree in business from the former Villa Julie College, which changed its name to Stevenson University in 2008.

She says what she brings to the table is perspective, having been a part-time resident and now a full-time resident whose family grew up coming to Ocean Pines.

"I was here when my kids were little, so I understand (the perspective of) the young families," she said. "Now I'm a retiree, so I feel that I have a unique perspective that allows me to look at all of Ocean Pines. Too many

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# Incumbents hold seats for four more years

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every vote counted,” Fiori said, adding that he was cautiously optimistic that his lead will stand after the mail-in ballots are counted later this month. “I think our message prevailed. If this comes through, I’m really excited to serve the people.”

Assuming it does come through, Fiori will go on to represent the district for the next four years as a commissioner since there are Democratic challengers on the ballot for November.

Tim VanVonn collected the second most votes in the district with 259, followed by Tom Gulyas with 237, and Shawn Kotwica with 113.

In retrospect, the primary race between two Republican candidates four years ago resulted in a slightly lower 880-vote total.

Commissioner Chip Bertino will continue to represent District 5, which includes a major portion of Ocean Pines, for the next four years after taking 508 votes to opponent Grant Helvey’s 296 votes.

The constituents of neighboring District 6 in Bishopville voted Jim Bunting to a fourth term with 527 of the 888 counted votes. Bunting’s opponent, Richard Addis, Jr., is a former member of the Air Force and received 361 votes, or 36.82 percent.

District 4 had a four-way race with all candidates getting more than 22 percent of the vote. But of the four, Ted Elder received the most votes with 214, or 27.09 percent, and will, barring an upset in the write-in ballot count, serve as a commissioner for a third, and possibly final term.

Former commissioner Virgil Shock-

ley, who ran this time as a Republican instead of Democrat as he did in 2018, received 196 votes, former Fire Marshall Jeff McMahon took 191 votes, and Nancy Bradford collected 189 votes.

Commissioner Diana Purnell will also go on to serve another term as a county commissioner for District 2 after collecting 311 votes, or 82.93 percent.

Catherine Freeman, who made her first run for a position as a commissioner, received 64 votes, or 17.07 percent.

In other county elections, Sheriff Matt Crisafulli will get a second term after col-

lecting 4,090 votes to challenger Jeffrey Buhrt’s 594.

This year’s primary ballot included candidates from both the Republican and Democratic party seeking the governor’s seat.

On the Republican side, Dan Cox and Gordana Schifanelli carried Worcester, receiving 3,087 of the 4,766 votes cast. In the Democratic race, Peter Franchot and Monique Anderson-Walker received the most votes out of 10 candidates seeking the party voters’ nod to move forward in the race with 619 of the 1,966 votes, or 31.49 percent.


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clearly necessary and that drafts will be sent to board liaison Collette Horn for future consideration by the OPA Board of Directors.

Trummel stressed how important it is that resolutions reflect the current state of affairs in Ocean Pines.

“(On Friday and in our meeting in

June) the agenda has been almost exclusively to catch up on where we are in main sure the resolutions are kept up. We don’t want to be in a ditch with a resolution for which — for one reason or another — circumstances change and we don’t have a resolution that’s reflective of what’s going on (at that time in the association).”



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people only see it as a retirement community, especially if you look at the makeup of the board, which tends to be older, retired people. So I feel that often, the part-timers and young families are left out of the equation. I make sure not to leave them out.”

Peck focused on the fact that part-timers often don’t know what’s going on in the community and what’s being decided. She advocates for “a la carte amenities” to keep the annual HOA down for people who would not be using the facilities they’re paying for.

“So many people just think, look, let’s include all of the amenities in the rate and it’s like no, you have all these part-timers here who hardly ever get here,” Peck said. “They don’t want trash included in their HOA (fee). They’re looking to be here maybe two weeks a year. This is their investment and I think the board needs to factor those people in, and we don’t.”

It’s no small number of part-timers in the community either, she said, describing the split as roughly half and half.

“We’ve got 8,452 homes and only 1,800 people who are participating. That’s why I was so passionate about electronic voting. We need to get

those 7,000 people who are not involved. We’re not doing a good enough job with that.”

In particular, Peck said she’s against a “special assessment” of \$600 for three years for the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department’s renovation of the South Side station.

“I can’t sell that,” she said. “There are a lot of homes here that don’t have another \$600 to add to their assessment. That’s not going to be an option for people. You have a whole portion of Ocean Pines that says ‘Give me the monthly payment plan. That’s all I can do.’ So I try to be a voice for those people.”

“My main thing is to keep this thing going. It’s better to have a surplus than a deficit. I’ve been here long enough (to see) that we have made terrible, terrible mistakes in the past. We have let buildings fall apart in the past. We have to be smart. We can’t do stuff like that — it’s not fair to the community.”

This week and next week, *Bayside Gazette* is sitting down with the six candidates for the Ocean Pines Board of Directors election that will be decided next month. To maintain consistency and fairness, all candidates answered the same questions.

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# Jacobs has outsider's perspective

Retired lawyer says career on Hill good experience for political position in Pines

By Jack Chavez  
Staff Writer

(July 21, 2022) Steve Jacobs has been in Ocean Pines for a couple of years, perhaps not long enough to gain access to the cliques and factions that form in the tight-knit community over years and decades of political maneuvering and positioning. Jacobs sees that as a good thing. “I benefit from the fact that I’m not aligned with any particular camp that may exist around the board or community as a whole,” Jacobs said. “I look at everything with a fresh set of eyes. The other thing I bring is a lot of real-world experience in trying to bring differing points of view to-

gether to reach a common goal. I did that for years and years when I worked on Capitol Hill and these trade associations and when I practiced as a lawyer. That’s what your job is.”



Steve Jacobs

The former litigator has extensive experience working with trade associations and helping Latino clients in the Maryland suburbs around Washington, D.C. He has worked for firms that practice family, civil, criminal and property law. He also worked for the Attorney General in Howard County litigating child support for Disability Support Services.

Jacobs hit the ground running when he made it to the Pines. A former HOA president and advisory board member in Montgomery County, he presently volunteers on the Ocean Pines Bylaws and Resolutions Committee.

Jacobs lives with his wife, Nicki. They have two grown sons living in North Carolina.

Considering his background, Jacobs might have found a way to scratch that professional itch while living in the cozy confines of the

Pines.

“As much as people belittle it, a lot of what happens is strictly political and I happen to enjoy politics. I like it,” he said. “I’m ready to jump in with both feet. It’s what I’ve done for a lot of my life.”

Looking at the association’s structural and financial situation, Jacobs sees an operation that’s in “pretty good shape.”

“There are always things that will need to get done and people will always want to see things done or at least see progress (on things like) the mailboxes, drainage issues, those sort of ongoing things,” Jacobs said. “As a general rule, I think you have to say the association and the community are in much better shape than it was a few years back. That being said, I think it would be nice if we found a way to discuss and address issues in a relatively civil tone without casting aspersions on people’s motives or personalities.”

Looking toward the future, Jacobs said the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department’s renovation of the South Station will be the biggest item to tackle and he has an eye on what may come out of Annapolis that could affect Ocean Pines.

“Potentially — and I think we’re

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## Berlin prepares for election, board in need of member

By Jack Chavez  
Staff Writer

(July 21, 2022) During a Board of Elections meeting last week, Berlin Town Administrator Mary Bohlen walked her volunteer staff through the ins and outs of candidate registration and election day for the town council elections this fall.



Mary Bohlen

Volunteers were residents Tony and Linda Bowen, Betty Justin and Gina Velong.

Velong will serve as the board’s chair, a position that Bohlen said would likely not be too demanding, but could see itself settling unlikely but not impossible issues.

“On election day you’ll float between the two polling places as

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## Worcester County School Board Briefs

By Greg Wehner  
Staff Writer

(July 21, 2022) The Worcester County Public Schools Board of Education met on July 12 and discussed several items, including policy revisions on matters such as the acceptable use of telecommunications for instructional purposes, qualifications of drivers, different forms of transportation other than buses, and the re-appointment of the board's attorney.

### Telecommunications uses

School board members unanimously approved a policy revision required by the State of Maryland that is part of the Children's Internet Protection Act.

The revisions add definitions and address access and access points for mobile devices and personal mobile devices.

The policy also addresses the blocking of inappropriate material, the responsibilities of all school users, and penalties.

### Driver qualifications

The school board approved revisions to the policy on school bus driver qualifications, since the policy was written for employee drivers rather than the contract drivers the system now uses.

According to Dwayne Abt, the district's chief safety and human relations officers, the changes to the policy will reflect that difference.

### Board attorney

Heather Stansbury, an attorney with the law firm of Ayres, Jenkins, Gordy and Almand, was reappointed as the attorney for the school board for the 2022-23 school year.

### Alternative transportation

A policy permitting the use of school-owned vans for student transportation was unanimously approved by school members.

Abt told board members the district will now be able to use the vans with approved drivers who are certified with the transportation department, to transport students in certain situations.

For instance, if there is an emer-

gency, students can be transported by the principal or designee with prior consent of a parent or guardian, according to the policy.

Still, the use of private vehicles to transport students is prohibited.

## Jacobs looks to keep OP in black

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still waiting to get word on this — because of the Maryland legislature, we may have to revisit our reserve accounts,” Jacobs said. “That may affect some of our budgetary decisions. But those are the things you see coming up. We'll move from that point forward.”

“There are always things that need to be done. People always want to raise things that they feel haven't been handled properly or something that occurred that requires a new focus. But that's what happens. That's the way things operate. We'll get them all done.”

This week and next week, *Bayside Gazette* is sitting down with the six candidates for the Ocean Pines Board of Directors election that will be decided next month. To maintain consistency and fairness, all candidates answered the same questions.

## Berlin preparing for Oct. election

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needed and sign off on the results at the end of the night,” Bohlen said while adding any other responsibilities would be to resolve deadlocked issues.

At the end of the meeting, Bohlen said that the board itself has a vacancy and encouraged the members to suggest anyone who may be interested.

“We can do it with four (members) but it's obviously not ideal,” she said.

Polling places this year are Buckingham Presbyterian Church on Main Street and the Berlin Police Department on Route 113.

The board will also be advertising for election day workers in August to notify citizens of two major deadlines — Sept. 2 for voter registration and candidate filing and Sept. 27 for write-in candidate filing, withdrawal of candidacy and absentee applications by mail. The former date is also the first day of accepting absentee voting applications.

Further, Sept. 29 is the deadline for mailing absentee ballots and Sept. 30 is the deadline for in-person absentee application submittal.

Election day is Oct. 4 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.



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# Frontier Town proposes 107 cabin sites plus amenities

**By Greg Wehner**  
Staff Writer

(July 21, 2022) Frontier Town’s plans to develop cluster camping areas with cabins was discussed during a Worcester County Technical Review Committee meeting last week, and the plans call for an expansion with proposed sites, a public pool, and recreational areas.

The plans were reviewed by the committee just weeks after the county commissioners granted a change to the code that allows parking spots to be located farther than 600 feet from campsites within membership-style campgrounds.

Prior to the change, off-site parking was not allowed, but because of plans being developed by Sun TRS Frontier LLC that involve clusters of cabins, more green space, and recreational areas, parking needed to be located just a bit further away.

The campground on Route 611 is proposing 107 park unit sites with a public pool and recreational areas.

During the commissioner meeting on June 21, the attorney representing the company, Hugh Cropper IV, said the cluster designs would consist of cabins with parking around the perimeter of those cabins instead of just next to them.

Each structure is not required to have a minimum setback and is not permitted to be constructed within 10 feet of any other structure. The restrictions limit the number of cabins in each cluster to 10, as well.

Cropper also told the commissioners that the clusters are being restricted to cabins, and cabins only – they are not intended for RVs or campers.

According to documentation on the county website, the area Sun TRS is looking to develop is outside of the Atlantic Coastal and Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Program.

The documents show that Frontier Town was allocated 38 equivalent dwelling units, or EDUs, of sewer and water capacity on June 7.

The Environmental Programs staff advised the committee that the flow for the cabins would be the same as an RV, or 100 gallons per campsite. The number of sites should also not exceed 38 x 300 gpd/EDU, or 11,400 gallons.

As for the proposed pool, the company will only be allowed to provide the amenity for those staying in the resort cabins.

Calls to county officials and the engineering firm working on behalf of the LLC were not immediately returned.



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Frontier Town on Route 611 in Berlin is planning to expand its offerings with 107 additional camp sites meant for cabin clusters, along with recreational areas and a pool.

# Construction in Sandyhook, Beaconhill, Pinehurst areas

(July 21, 2022) The Ocean Pines Public Works Department have begun replacing drainage pipes under Sandyhook, Beaconhill and Pinehurst roads this week.

Public Works Director Eddie Wells said residents should expect road closures and limited access in those areas, for the next several weeks.

Construction is expected to focus on Sandyhook Road this week, and then move to Beaconhill and Pinehurst roads during the next two weeks, roughly from July 25 to Aug. 6.

The association will continue to publicize the construction and any related road closures on [www.ocean-pines.org](http://www.ocean-pines.org).

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# Travers pleads guilty to child sex abuse, porn production

**By Jack Chavez**  
Staff Writer

(July 21, 2022) An Ocean Pines man facing nearly 100 charges of child sex abuse and child pornography has pled guilty to some of those charges.

The guilty plea came on the morning of July 12, ahead of what would have been the first day of a two-day trial that was scheduled to conclude the following day.

"The court has not yet set the sentencing date, however I would anticipate it being set sometime around October," State's Attorney Kris Heiser said in an email. "He continues to be held pending sentencing."



Bruce Travers

The charges to which 37-year-old Bruce Travers pled guilty include multiple counts of sexual abuse of a minor and manufacturing child pornography and one count of sex abuse of a minor by a household member.

Heiser added that the sentencing was postponed for a pre-sentence investigation.

Travers was indicted in October on

43 misdemeanor counts of possessing child pornography, 37 felony counts of soliciting a subject for child pornography, four counts of filming a child in a sex act, two counts of sexually abusing a minor, and two counts of sexually abusing a minor who either lived in the household or was a family member.

Each of those charges stemmed from reported incidents between June 1, 2018, and July 31, 2021, according to court documents.


A second case was brought against Travers that started in May 2021. In addition to the 87 charges brought against him in the first instance, he is also charged with single counts of sexually abusing a minor, distribution of child pornography, and possession of child pornography.

Travers faces 91 charges in all, with more than half of them felonies. Forty-three are misdemeanors for possessing child pornography.

Travers, a former employee of Little Lambs and Community Church in Berlin, was arrested by Maryland State Police on Aug. 21, 2021 and indicted in October.


He was expected to take a position with Worcester County Public

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# Car sought in hit-and-run found, paddle-out planned

By Jack Chavez  
Staff Writer

(July 21, 2022) Key details are emerging regarding the hit-and-run accident that occurred on the night of July 11 that claimed the life of 14-year-old Gavin Knupp of Ocean Pines.

The Maryland State Police announced on Monday that they had located and seized a black Mercedes they suspect was involved in the case. According to a press release, damage on the vehicle matched evidence left at the scene of the accident that occurred on Grays Corner Road, not far from Crabs-To-Go Seafood Market.

The Mercedes was found in Worcester County.

Details regarding what led police to the vehicle, where exactly in the county it was found, who it belongs to and where the search for a suspect goes from here were not immediately available.

In the meantime, the communities that Gavin touched are left to pick up the pieces after his sudden passing.

“Gavin was an outdoor enthusiast. He loved hunting, fishing, surfing and skateboarding,” read an obituary for him. “Above everything else, he loved his sister, Summer. They were

two peas in a pod, always inseparable and he looked at her as his hero.”

“He will be remembered for his great sense of humor, his ability to light up a room and his exceptional character. He made friends everywhere he went and will be missed by everyone who knew him. Everyone who had the honor of knowing Gavin is better for doing so.”

On Saturday at 5 p.m., the Ocean City Surf Club will hold a paddle-out for Gavin on the beach at 36th Street, club President Tommy Vach said.

“Several of our students called me and asked if they could do a surfer’s memorial paddle out (for Gavin, who was not a club member),” Vach said. “They called the day after he passed away. Since then we have been organizing a traditional surfers paddle out which I will orchestrate at the celebration of life.”

Vach said that some of the students in their summer camp who knew Gavin were so affected that they had to take time away from the program to collect themselves.

“All of a sudden, they’ve lost a close friend,” Vach said. “It impacted the Surf Club a lot.”

A paddle-out is a traditional tribute

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Ocean Pines resident Gavin Knupp, 14, died last week after a vehicle struck him on Grays Corner Road and fled. Police earlier this week announced they found the vehicle suspected in the case.

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# Travers pleads guilty on multiple charges

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Schools before the district was notified of the allegations against him. Although he was not an employee with the school district, he had worked as a substitute and intern there previously.  
The Maryland State Police computer crime unit received a tip about Travers' alleged activity by the National Center for Missing and Ex-

ploited Children, according to court documents.  
An image traced back to a home on Brandywine Drive in Ocean Pines depicted four juvenile boys in a sex act. At the time, the home was being rented to Travers.  
After an investigation, a search and seizure warrant was executed at the home by state and local police officers on Aug. 20, with Travers inside.

Police recovered laptops, cell phones, memory cards, and thumb drives during the search, according to court documents, as well as individually wrapped children's underwear.  
Travers admitted to police that he possessed child pornography, but denied touching children sexually, according to court documents. He also told police children have stayed at his home previously, including three who were between 7 and 10 years old.

An investigation found Travers had stayed at the home with the children's guardian on and off from June 2018 to July 2021. The documents said he earned the trust to take care of the children at his home in Ocean Pines.  
An examination of devices seized during the search contained several pornographic images of those children, court documents said.  
*Staff Writer Greg Wehner contributed to this report.*

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## Progress made in hit-and-run

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to a fallen surfer, he said. People will gather on the beach and say a few words before the surfers paddle out past the breakers, into the open ocean, and father around a wreath made in Gavin's honor. More words will be shared before the "splash of life" where surfers splash water up to the sky to "let Gavin know we're down here thinking of him and honoring him."  
Everyone then separates and creates a big circle with some close

friends in the middle — the circle of life, Vach said. They hold hands and wave palm fronds in the air that they'll have carried out with them, before paddling out the wreath to sea.  
"It's a very emotional and moving way to send a surfer off to sea," Vach said.  
A GoFundMe for the family, which has raised nearly \$40,000 as of Tuesday afternoon, can be found at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/gavin-knupp>.

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# OCPD Narcotics notches big distribution bust for county

Two men from Berlin found in possession of cocaine, heroin, fentanyl and pills

(July 21, 2022) Two Berlin residents have been arrested on charges related to distributing fentanyl, heroin and other drugs in the Ocean City and Worcester County area.

According to a news release, members of the Ocean City Police Department's Narcotics Unit conducted an investigation throughout the month of June into the local distribution of controlled dangerous substances.

The investigation led to the arrest of Mark Patrick Adams, 36, and Jason Christian Bumgarner, 50, both of Berlin, on charges of possession and distribution of an array of illegal substances.

The release said that Adams and Bumgarner were illegally traveling to the Philadelphia area to pick up heroin.

On July 7, Ocean City detectives and members of the Philadelphia Police Department conducted surveillance on

the pair's vehicle as they traveled toward Philadelphia.

Once Adams and Bumgarner returned to Maryland, the Worcester County Criminal Enforcement Team conducted a traffic stop in the area of Route 113 and Bishopville Road and took the suspects into custody.

Once they were taken back to the Ocean City Police Department, detectives conducted searches and seized 276 bags of fentanyl/heroin, about 1 gram of cocaine, a variety of scheduled prescription pills, \$800 in cash, cell phones, and their vehicle.

Adams and Bumgarner both face two counts of possession with intent to distribute schedule 1 narcotic, and three counts of possession with intent to distribute a controlled dangerous substance that is not marijuana. They were both seen by a Maryland District Court Commissioner and held without bond.

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is up to 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine. According to the CDC, it is a major contributor to fatal and nonfatal overdoses in the United States.



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# Three arrested for home robbery in Newark

Pistol used to strike victim in head fires several rounds before suspects flee scene

(July 21, 2022) Three Wicomico County residents have been arrested in connection with a robbery and assault at a home on Hayes Landing Road in Newark.

According to a news release from the Maryland State Police Berlin Barrack, troopers responded to a call just before 10 p.m. on July 11 in reference to a subject with possible gunshot wounds at 10022 Hayes Landing Road in Newark in Worcester County.

On arrival, police found Joseph Cooper III, 26, of Newark, with traumatic injuries to his head, which were later determined not to be from a gunshot. The Maryland State Police Aviation Command flew him to the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore for treatment.

**‘Military ordnance’ washes ashore on Assateague Island**

(July 21, 2022) The Worcester County Fire Marshal’s Office along with the Ocean City Fire Marshal’s Office Bomb Squad and the United States Air Force 436th Civil Engineer Squadron - Emergency Ordnance Disposal team based out of Dover Air Force Base responded to Assateague Island National Seashore shortly after 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 13, for a suspected military ordnance that washed ashore.

Maryland State Park Rangers reported the suspicious device which triggered the response of the Fire Marshal’s Office and EOD teams to investigate.

EOD technicians determined the ordnance, which had been in the ocean for an unknown amount of time, needed to be rendered safe in place.

After clearing the beach of bystanders, the ordnance was rendered safe and the beach was reopened around 8 p.m.

From 1944 to 1947, during World War II, the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Army Corps used the Maryland portion of Assateague Island as a bombing and strafing range.

Air crews from Chincoteague, Virginia and Manteo, North Carolina, would fire practice rockets, bombs and machine guns from the air at targets on the ground.

If a member of the public observes any suspicious devices washing up on local beaches immediately report it to local authorities for further investigation.

ment, where he was treated and released the following day.

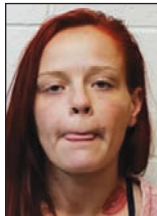
The incident resulted in the arrest of Kimberly Renee Worley, 31, of Pittsville; Avontae Curtis Fortt, 27, of Salisbury; and Jaquan Frederick Cannon, 31, also of Salisbury, on a variety of assault, firearms and drug charges.

The release said investigators from the Worcester County Bureau of Investigation determined that the incident began when Worley, Fortt, and Cannon arrived at 10022 Hayes Landing Road, Newark, to buy a PlayStation from Cooper III.

During the exchange, Fortt reportedly struck Cooper III in the back of the head with a pistol while also firing several rounds. The subjects then fled the scene in a white Chevrolet Impala.

A broadcast was given to surrounding jurisdictions for the vehicle.

Just after 10:30 p.m. that night, troopers from the Maryland State Police Salisbury Barrack, and the



Kimberly Worley

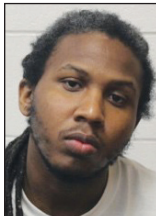
Wicomico County Sheriff’s Office found a vehicle matching the description driving north on Route 13 in Salisbury.

After failing to stop for emergency vehicles, deputies with the Wicomico County Sheriff’s Office pursued the vehicle. During the chase, the Impala failed to control its speed and collided with a fence near Liberty Street and Route 13, the release said.

Wicomico County Sheriff Deputies detained all three occupants of the vehicle, who they identified as Worley, Fortt, and Cannon.

During the arrest, Fortt reportedly assaulted Wicomico County deputies. And during a search of the vehicle, deputies found illegal narcotics and a loaded 9 mm handgun, according to the release.

Worley was arrested on numerous warrants, including burglary, assault, and trespassing in Wicomico County; and burglary and theft in Worcester County.



Avontae Fortt

From the incident this week, Worley faces charges of being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm, having a loaded handgun in a vehicle, CDS possession-not marijuana, attempted first- and second-degree murder, first- and second-degree assault, and reckless endangerment.

Cannon was arrested on an outstanding warrant for burglary, trespassing and assault in Wicomico County.

He also faces charges of being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm, having a loaded handgun in a vehicle, and CDS-possession not marijuana stemming from the event this week.

Fortt has been charged with being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm, having a loaded handgun in a vehicle, assault on a police officer, CDS possession-not marijuana, attempted first- and second-degree murder, first- and second-degree assault, and reckless endangerment.



Jaquan Cannon

# Assateague horses return to home

(July 21, 2022) Two wild horses from the Maryland herd N9BM-JO (Adrianna’s Happy Camper) and N2BHS-CKT (Starlight) crossed to the mainland over the Route 611 Verrazano bridge that connects it to Assateague Island last Wednesday.

According the National Park Service and Maryland State Park personnel, horses N9BM-JO (Adrianna’s Happy Camper) and N2BHS-CKT (Starlight) took a bit of a stroll after being cut off from their home territory.

Island officials said a witness reported the equine exodus after seeing the two wild horses in an agitated state on the eastern end of the bridge. With the path of retreat to the interior of the island blocked at this point by visitors and vehicles, the horses took the only escape route available to them: over the bridge to the mainland.

The horses were soon captured, trailered and returned to the island safely a few hours later.

Visitors are reminded that the entire causeway east of the bridge is a “No Stopping, No Parking” zone. Vehicles illegally stopping immediately after the bridge led directly to this incident, officials said.

This incident is a very unusual and very uncommon occurrence. For reasons not entirely known, wild horses have been known to cross the bridge during one prior occasion decades ago.

The circumstances that led to these wild horse’s flight across the



bridge last Wednesday is more serious than previous incidents because it involved visitors and motorists, park official said.

Park rules require visitors to stay at least 40 feet from horses. Due to the narrow nature of the causeway this is generally not possible at this location.

Stopping and getting out of the car on the causeway to view horses is illegal. Stopping on the causeway leads directly to an unsafe situation for other vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians, for horses and for park personnel.



# Neighborhood Watch big for Pines

Volunteer group integral to continuing effectiveness of county's safest community

(July 21, 2022) The Ocean Pines Neighborhood Watch has been something of an invisible backbone of the community for many years.

The volunteer group, active at least since the early 1980s, has been in the background of almost every big event, helping to direct traffic and keep the flow of people safe and orderly.

Also as the name implies, it helps to watch over the community that is consistently ranked one of the safest in the United States.

Jim Hamlin joined the Neighborhood Watch a decade ago, in June 2012. The New York native and U.S. Army veteran came to Ocean Pines in 1998 after a career working for the Exxon/Esso corporation.

He remembers calling the police after watching a group of teenagers in Teal Bay acting suspiciously.

"There were three teenagers with leaflets in their hands, and I noticed that they only went into homes with garage doors open and no one there," he said. "They were looking in the garage and coming out, not leaving any leaflets or anything, so I just called the Ocean Pines Police Depart-



Jim Hamlin joined the Neighborhood Watch in June 2012 and since then the New York native and U.S. Army veteran has ascended from treasurer to leader in that time.

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ment and said, 'I think you ought to check this out.'"

Police arrived and escorted the teenagers out of the area. Hamlin said the police department later put him in contact with Charlie Watson, who ran the Neighborhood Watch program in Ocean Pines at the time.

"I got involved, and the next thing I knew he asked me to be the treasurer," Hamlin said. "Unfortunately,

Charlie had a brain aneurysm in 2014 and he passed away. Unbeknownst to me, everything from his house [related to Neighborhood Watch] was put on my deck one day when I got home. So, I thought, 'I guess I'm the new person in charge.'"

Hamlin said Lt. Greg Schoepf, affectionately known in Ocean Pines as "LT," became his point of contact at

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# Opinion

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## Major changes ahead in county government

The complexion of Worcester County’s Board of Commissioners shifted slightly with the Republican Party primary elections Tuesday, as the incumbents were returned to office and Eric Fiori held a 34-vote lead over Tim VanVonno in the race in District 3, or Sinepuxent District.

The county board of elections supervisors won’t declare any of these contests final until after it counts the mail-in and provisional ballots later this month, but Fiori looks to have enough of a cushion to eke out a victory should these absentee ballots lean in favor of VanVonno.

If that happens, Fiori’s replacement of the departing District 3 Commissioner Bud Church would bring a similar political approach to the board, with one major exception — he would vote no on the issue of a sports complex next to Stephen Decatur High School.

It remains to be seen whether any further action on that proposition takes place before December when the winners of this year’s election are sworn into office. But no matter who ascends to Church’s seat on the commissioners, that new member is not going to be a reliable part of Commissioner President Joe Mitrecic’s 4-3 majority.

With Snow Hill-area Commissioner Ted Elder’s 18-vote lead over former Commissioner Virgil Shockley likely to hold, and Commissioners Chip Bertino of Ocean Pines and Jim Bunting of Ocean Pines/Bishopville safely at the top of the ballot, the District 3 commissioner would be the swing vote in all sorts of issues.

But even that is a big assumption. Down south, in the Pocomoke district, Republican Caryn Abbott will be helped by heavy support from her party when she faces off against Democratic incumbent Josh Nordstrom, who has been friendly to northern Worcester on numerous occasions.

What all this means for Worcester residents is that the county government they have now probably isn’t going to be the government they get in December. And the sports complex? Even if it survives the referendum, the new county commissioners will see things differently.



“It’s so hot you can fry an egg on the sidewalk, so they added it to the menu.”

## Letters

### Complex should go at 113 and 589

Editor,

Although I am not a sports enthusiast, I believe that a sports complex in the area is not a bad idea, but the proposed complex location next to Steven Decatur High School is not likely the best location given the access/egress to the property.

Not only is Flower Street inadequate to accommodate

the traffic, but Stephen Decatur High School Road is inadequate as well, especially at the entrance to the apartment complex across from Stephen Decatur Middle School.

I cannot imagine how the traffic from a night sports event would safely negotiate through that ill-designed intersection: would it be safe to define that as an engineering travesty?

That intersection is hard enough to negotiate during

daylight hours.

I have heard that there are possibly several other locations in the county which have been offered as a potential location for a sports complex.

I personally thought that the location at the north end intersection of Route 589 (Racetrack Road) and Route 113 was a better location because of the access to Route 113.

John Bussard  
Ocean Pines

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## Book sale at Ocean Pines Library

(July 21, 2022) The Friends of the Ocean Pines Library will sponsor its annual book sale at the Ocean Pines Library, July 22, 23 and 25.

This event is open to the public and is scheduled as follows:

- Friday, July 22, 6-8 p.m. - FOPL members only sale. Join FOPL for \$5 and get first access to this year’s books on sale.
- Saturday, July 23, 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - General sale with all books, audio and DVD’s priced 50 cents to \$2.
- Monday, July 25, 9 a.m.

to 4 p.m. - General sale continues with all books sold at half price, including the Specials Room.

This popular, annual book sale offers over 20,000 books that have been donated throughout the year by patrons, community members and businesses.

Books will be available in over 30 categories including fiction, non-fiction, biography, history, religion, art, music, science, animals, children’s, cookbooks, gardening, home school education, foreign language,

poetry, classics, science fiction, westerns, and many others.

There will also be a large selection of CDs, DVDs and audio books and special sets.

All book sales are cash or check only – no credit cards will be accepted. All monies go to benefit the Ocean Pines Library and its resources, programs and events.

The Friends of the Ocean Pines Library is a certified 501, c3 non-profit organization that exists solely to support the library.



## Women Supporting Women to host Ride for Awareness, Sat.

(July 21, 2022) Local nonprofit organization, Women Supporting Women, will host its 18th annual Ride for Awareness on Saturday, July 23.

The event was originally scheduled for May 14, but it was canceled due to inclement weather.

Tickets are \$25 for a single rider, and \$35 for a rider and passenger. This ticket price includes a commemorative event patch for the first 100 registrants.

The guided ride will start at Women Supporting Women's Office (1320 Belmont Avenue, Suite 402, Salisbury), and end at Berlin American Legion Post #123 Boggs Disharoon (10111 Old Ocean City Blvd, Berlin).

Registration starts at 10 a.m., and kickstands will be up at 11 a.m. Lunch and beverages will be available for purchase. WSW will also have a 50/50 and Gift Card Tree raffles available.

For more information, riders should visit [www.womensupporting-women.org](http://www.womensupporting-women.org) or register at <https://wswwide.eventbrite.com>.

All of the registration proceeds from the ride will benefit WSW. The organization is not affiliated with any national organization, so the monies raised stay on the shore to help neighbors, friends and families. Besides free services, WSW provides friendship, support and hope.

More information on the event is available by contacting the WSW office at 410-548-7880.

Women Supporting Women is a local, grass-roots nonprofit organization dedicated to providing awareness, education and support to all those who are affected by breast cancer.

With no national ties or funding, it relies completely on the community to help provide free services to neighbors, friends and families right in local communities. To learn more about WSW, visit [www.womensupportingwomen.org](http://www.womensupportingwomen.org) or [www.facebook.com/womensupportingwomen](http://www.facebook.com/womensupportingwomen) delmarva, or stop by the Salisbury office located at 1320 Belmont Avenue, next to the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore.



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## OPA Board election ballots mailed

Homeowners may vote by paper or online with given instructions before Aug. 10

(July 21, 2022) Paper ballots and voting instructions for the 2022 Ocean Pines Board of Directors election were mailed this week and are due back by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 10.

The Ocean Pines website has a dedicated election section, viewable from the homepage or the direct link: <https://www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/election-2022>.

The page includes biographical and contact information for each can-

didate, links to video of candidate forums, and key upcoming dates in the election process.

Voters for the first time will have the option to vote electronically. Online voting instructions are included in the ballot mailing and will be available on the Association website later this week.

Paper ballots may be returned either by mail or to the 24-hour drop box in the Ocean Pines Police Department lobby, on 239 Ocean Parkway.

Elections Committee Chairperson Carol Ludwig stressed the importance of returning paper ballots on time, by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 10. Paper ballots received late or not

sealed in the envelope provided in the mailing will not be counted.

**Important upcoming election dates include:**

- Wednesday, Aug. 10 – Ballot deadline (by 4 p.m.)
- Thursday, Aug. 11 – Ballots counted, and totals announced – 10 a.m., Clubhouse Meeting Room
- Saturday, Aug. 13 – Election results validated (if there is a quorum) during the Annual Meeting of Membership – 9 a.m., Assateague Room, Ocean Pines Community Center.

For questions about ballots or the 2022 election, contact the Elections Committee at [elections@oceanpines.org](mailto:elections@oceanpines.org) or call 410-208-3989.



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# Cuisine

## Soft pretzel topped with pimiento cheese

I love traveling to the South. Hell, I love traveling to the North, East and West as well. I just love traveling. There is never a shortage of things to learn when one gets out of Dodge, and there is no better way to do so than under the guise of “research.”



By Paul Suplee,  
MBA, CEC, PC-3

Now, research is an invaluable tool when it comes to menu development and cultural education, so I imagine using the term guise is not well-fitted in this instance, but I digress.

My daughter transferred to Flagler College last year, and as such we have flown to Florida quite a few times for college tours, securing housing, touristy things and otherwise getting out of said Dodge. St. Augustine is beautiful, and history abounds in this tiny waterfront town. And, while the restaurant scene is solid (and just like anywhere they are suffering the labor shortage splendidly), there are a few favorites that we have found over our year of scouting.

I think my favorite aspect of food here is that it is mostly southern food, as it is in The South. I know, it's strange but deal with it. What we have found is that our favorite spots lean towards southern cuisine, and I can live with that: Fried Green Tomatoes, Pimiento Cheese Dip, Chicken Fried Whatever, Greens et al. The Floridian is a great spot, as is PK, Blue Hen, The Distillery, Preserved and others. There is a lot of comfort food, some well-refined and served up for our pleasure in this quaint little town.

Of course, I can't forget two of our favorite restaurants, one French and one Italian (Sainte-George and Alta Marea, respectively), but they aren't in the scope of this piece. Once again, digression.

St. Augustine is reverently known for the Datil Pepper, a chili that is grown in great abundance in the region. As hot as a habanero, it has an incredible flavor and is manufactured into hot sauces, dry rubs and seasoning blends. It can be found in stores around town, and we fell in love with them on our first visit. Adding this to the dip adds a very Florida touch and is well received by guests as long as you don't use too much.

The dip in the picture is a warm pimiento dip atop a fresh soft pretzel.



Soft pretzels are incredibly simply to make, but one little trick makes them even better: baking your baking soda. As Harold McGee (renowned author and food scientist) noted in a 2010 New York Times article , the process results in a “a more muscular and versatile alkali”. The process of baking the baking soda at 250 degrees for an hour supercharges this alkaline substance and makes it more akin to lye, which is used to give corn tortillas their texture and almost meaty flavor.

The simple act of baking the soda ahead of time makes your alkaline solution more potent and the finished product much more palatable. To think that it was right under our nose this whole time. Who doesn't love a good kitchen hack?

And now I must bid you adieu, as I prepare for Vegas. Travel, we must. Enjoy, we shall, and eat well we will. And along the way, oh the things we will learn.

### Pimiento Cheese

serves 4  
8 oz. Cream Cheese  
1/2 c. Duke's Mayonnaise  
4 oz. Pimiento, diced  
1 tsp. Dried parsley  
1 1/2 c. Shredded cheddar blend

- 2 scallions, sliced  
1 Tsp. Coarse ground mustard  
1 tsp. Datil hot sauce  
S&P to taste  
Datil dry rub, for garnish
1. Combine everything together except for the salt and pepper, mixing well to make it as homogenous (albeit lumpy) as possible.
  2. Season accordingly and set aside until service.
  3. When ready to serve, simply gently heat and keep warm.

### Soft Pretzels\*

makes 6 jumbo pretzels  
1 1/2 c. Warm water  
1 Tbsp. Sugar  
2 tsp. Kosher salt  
1 packet active dry yeast  
4 1/2 c. AP flour  
2 oz. Unsalted butter, melted  
Vegetable oil, as needed  
10 c. Water  
2/3 c. baking soda, baked (see article)  
1 large egg yolk with 1 Tbsp. water  
Coarse sea salt

1. Combine water, sugar and salt in the bowl of stand mixer and sprinkle with yeast.
2. Let it rest for 5 minutes, or until you see the yeast doing its magic.
3. Add flour and butter and mix with a dough hook for 5 minutes.

4. Remove dough, clean the bowl and oil it.
  5. Place the dough back in the bowl, cover and rest in a warm place until doubled in size.
  6. Preheat oven to 450F.
  7. Bring the water and baking soda to a rolling boil while you are portioning out your pretzels.
  8. Portion out the dough into 4 equal pieces. This is for jumbo pretzels, so you can halve these as you see fit.
  9. Roll them into ropes and perfect your pretzel-making skills.
  10. Be creative on how to transfer the dough to the water as you want to maintain that pretzel shape.
  11. Cook for about 30-45 seconds in your alkaline bath, and then remove to a sheet pan lined with parchment paper.
  12. Brush with the egg and sea salt and bake for 12-14 minutes, depending on your oven.
  13. Remove when the pretzel is a little past golden brown and serve with the pimiento cheese.
- \*from foodnetwork.com

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# Neighborhood Watch keeps OP safe

## Art League in need of volunteers for upcoming events

the police department.

“If he needs something, he calls me and says, ‘Ocean Pines is having something at White Horse Park,’ which they do quite a bit. [Recreation and Parks Director] Debbie [Donahue] has a lot of events there,” Hamlin said. “And it seems to always be on a Saturday, when they have the Farmers & Artisans Market.”

It can be challenging, he said, to help hundreds of motorists find parking. Not to mention helping hundreds of pedestrians, including many families and children, safely use the designated crosswalks.

“Fortunately, we have the back gate, and we utilize that as much as possible, even when the farmers market is open,” he said. “We’ll have someone there telling people, today only, you’re going to be exiting out the back gate, because there’s too many kids and there’s too many people.”

Hamlin said Schoepf always sends a “thank-you” email after each event, which he then forwards to the other Neighborhood Watch members.

“It lets them know that they’re appreciated,” he said. “We know the police are shorthanded, so we do what we can to help.”

The group also works with the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation during events, in-

cluding Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies, and the recent The Wall That Heals visit. All the current Neighborhood Watch members are veterans.

“We just had the Memorial Day service and we had six or seven guys parking cars. And so many people on

**‘It lets them know that they’re appreciated... We know the police are shorthanded, so we do what we can to help.’**

Jim Hamlin, OP  
Neighborhood Watch

the way out thanked us for what we did, because it was so, so organized,” Hamlin said. “A person who was never there before told me he couldn’t believe how organized it was.

“We were also really involved with The Wall That Heals, working with the First State Detachment Marine Corps. Those guys were fantastic,” he added.

Another part of being in the Neighborhood Watch, Hamlin said, is just being visible. For example, the members place “Ocean Pines Neighborhood Crime Watch” shields on their cars during events.

“Believe it or not, it really does

slow people down,” he said.

Neighborhood Watch also occasionally holds public membership drives, handing out literature and offering a few general safety tips.

“One of the biggest things is just, lock your car, lock your car, lock your car. We can’t stress that one enough,” Hamlin said.

Another good general tip, he said, is simply to report suspicious activity to the police.

“There’s a story about people being away, and a U-Haul backed into their driveway and emptied out the house. The neighbors afterward said they thought it was strange – they thought they were friendly with the neighbors, but they never told them they were moving. Well, pick up the phone and call the police and have them investigate!” Hamlin said.

“Keep your eyes open and, if you see anything, don’t confront anyone – just call the police. Let them handle it, which is what I did with those three kids walking around with leaflets,” he added.

Hamlin said there are only a handful of people left on the Neighborhood Watch, and new members are needed. For information on joining, email Hamlin at jim1127@mchsi.com.

“We’re just trying to give back to the community the best way that we can,” he said.

(July 21, 2022) The Art League of Ocean City is in urgent need of volunteers to assist with upcoming events, including monthly First Friday art opening parties, ArtX at Northside Park in August, the Sand Castle Home Tour in late September, and the Harbor Day Festival in October.

Volunteer duties include staffing Art League information areas, assisting with refreshments, acting as docents on the Home Tour, ticket taking, assisting with children’s and adult’s art activities, raffle offerings, bartending, and event setup and breakdown, among other opportunities.

“Volunteering with the Art League can be so rewarding and fun,” Aubrey Sizemore, the Art League’s volunteer coordinator, said. “You’ll connect with other creative-minded people like yourself, make new friends, and really feel a sense of belonging. There are many ways to get involved that suit you, and we’ll work within your interests and your schedule to find your perfect spot. Plus our volunteers are rewarded with special recognition and price incentives to many of our events.”

The Art League’s First Friday art receptions happen at the Ocean City Center for the Arts on 94th Street every first Friday of the month throughout the year. ArtX Fine Arts Festival at Northside

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Worcester Preparatory School thanks the Bank of Ocean City for sponsoring the spring 2022 EverFi Financial Literacy Program for seniors in Paul Curyca's Contemporary Issues course. Forty students participated in the program that assists future community leaders in becoming financially responsible at an early age. Pictured, in front, from left, are Vice President at Bank of Ocean City Nancy Bradford, seniors Anna McDonald, Josie Gonzalez and Hannah Brasure, and Vice President at Bank of Ocean City Earl Conley (WPS alum '90); and in back, WPS History/Contemporary Issues teacher Paul Curyca and seniors Natalie Brushmiller, Hugh Thomas Cropper and Jarett Sofronski.



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### BLUE WORCESTER

Worcester Preparatory School held a "Wear Blue Worcester Wednesday" in support of Autism Awareness Day on April 27. In addition to wearing blue, the Upper School Surf Club collected donations to support the Surfers Healing foundation, which works to enrich lives of people living with autism by exposing them to the unique experience of surfing. Surfers Healing offers a camp each summer in Ocean City providing nearly 200 children with autism, and their families the opportunity to go surfing.

## Art League in urgent need of volunteers for activities

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Park is Aug. 20-21.

The annual Sand Castle Home Tour takes place in-person on Sept. 29-30 at private homes around the resort. The Harbor Day Festival happens at the West Ocean City commercial fishing

harbor on Oct. 15.

The Art League welcomes everyone to apply, and does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, gender, marital status, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, or physical challenge.

Interested parties should contact Sizemore at [aubrey@ArtLeagueofOceanCity.org](mailto:aubrey@ArtLeagueofOceanCity.org) or 410-524-9433.

The Art League of Ocean City is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting artistic expression and appreciation for the creative arts in our community through education, exhibits, scholarship, programs, and community art projects.

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Saturday, 11am-1pm	11215 Woodside Dr., Ocean City	4BR/3BA	Single Family	\$629,900	PO2 Team/Hileman Real Estate
Saturday, 11am-2pm	118 Robin Hood Trail, Ocean Pines	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$419,900	Debbie Bennington/BHHS

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**INDUCTED**  
Students from Worcester County recently inducted into the Alpha Nu Omicron chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Wor-Wic Community College, from left, are Nathaniel Elko of Ocean City, Svetlana Sadakbaeva of Pocomoke City, Morgan Schroeder of Ocean City and Verne' Shaw-Johnson of Newark.

# Obituaries

**GAVIN ROSS KNUPP**  
Ocean Pines  
Gavin Ross Knupp, 14, of Ocean Pines, passed away following a tragic accident on Monday, July 11, 2022.



**Gavin Knupp**  
Born on June 13, 2008 in Salisbury, he was the son of Raymond Knupp of Salisbury and Tiffany Knupp (Frye) of Ocean Pines.

Gavin was an outdoor enthusiast. He loved hunting, fishing, surfing and skateboarding.

Above everything else, he loved his sister, Summer. They were two peas in a pod, always inseparable and he looked at her as his hero.

He will be remembered for his great sense of humor, his ability to light up a room and his exceptional character.

He made friends everywhere he went and will be missed by everyone who knew him. Everyone who had the honor of knowing Gavin is better for doing so.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Jeff Beach.

Gavin is survived by his parents; his sister, Summer Knupp; grandparents, Roger and Marlene Frye of Salisbury, Allen Knupp of Berryville, Virginia, and Terry Beach of Crisfield; an aunt, Crystal Stavley and her husband, Mark, of Eden; two uncles, Roger and Randy Knupp, both of Salisbury; cousins, Cade and Savannah Stavley; his best friend, Kameron Blagus, as well as many other friends.

A celebration of Gavin's life will be held at 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 23, 2022, on the beach at 36th Street, oceanside, in Ocean City, Maryland.

Memorial donations may be made to the GoFundMe page established in Gavin's name at: [https://www.gofundme.com/f/gavin-knupp/update/30895081/gallery/o?utm\\_campaign=pcpsshare-sheet&utm\\_medium=copy\\_link\\_all&utm\\_source=customer](https://www.gofundme.com/f/gavin-knupp/update/30895081/gallery/o?utm_campaign=pcpsshare-sheet&utm_medium=copy_link_all&utm_source=customer)

Arrangements are in the care of Holloway Funeral Home, P.A., 501 Snow Hill Road, Salisbury, Maryland 21804.

To send condolences to the family, please visit [www.hollowayfh.com](http://www.hollowayfh.com).

# Calendar

## Thurs., July 21

### CPAP MASK FITTING

Atlantic General Hospital's Sleep Disorders Diagnostic Center, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin. Free mask fitting clinic for patients who are having trouble adjusting to their CPAP equipment. Appointments required: Robin Rohlfing, 410-641-9726.

### STARPOWER NATIONAL TALENT COMPETITION

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 9 a.m.

World championship competition for dancers who qualified at regionals held across the U.S. Schedule: [www.starpowertalent.com](http://www.starpowertalent.com). 301-870-9550, [info@starpowertalent.com](mailto:info@starpowertalent.com)

### SEA SENSORY PLAY DAY

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Explore sand, water, ice and other sensory elements outside in the library garden. All ages. Dress for a mess. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

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# Puzzles

## MOVIN' ON UP

BY CHRISTINA IVERSON AND SCOTT HOGAN / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Scott Hogan is making his New York Times debut with this puzzle, after many submissions. He is a patent attorney from Midland, Mich. Christina Iverson is a crossword constructor and editor from Ames, Iowa. They met through the Cruciverb Facebook page, a forum for crossword constructors. Scott says he takes inspiration from the lyric of "Movin' On Up," the theme song from "The Jeffersons" — "It took a whole lotta tryin', just to get up that hill." — W.S.

ACROSS

1 [omg haha!!]

5 Left speechless

9 Reward for sitting, say

14 Entice

19 Something we share

20 Rocker John whose surname sounds like a leafy vegetable

21 "\_\_\_ Man Chant," song by Bob Marley and the Wailers

22 Diarist Nin

23 Where some stable relationships form?

25 San Diego State athlete

26 Verge

27 Name that's 98-Across backward

28 The sky, they say

29 "All the Light We Cannot \_\_\_" (2015 Pulitzer-winning novel)

30 Certain Chinese teas

32 Roman emperor after Nero and Galba

34 Heap of "David Copperfield"

36 Drop the "Donuts" from "Dunkin' Donuts," e.g.

38 Some four-year degrees: Abbr.

39 Kind of attack with no attacker

40 Michael Jackson hit whose title is heard 88 times in the song

41 What might accompany a grave admission?

44 Claws

47 Cheese with a light, nutty flavor

49 Quite an uproar

52 Design style influenced by Cubism

53 Fabric often dyed with indigo

55 Each of its interior angles measures 135 degrees

56 Swing preventer, of a sort

58 Like some vows

60 Run off together

61 Personal ID

62 Like a sweater that shrank in the dryer, maybe

64 Its alphabet includes delta

65 Some Brothers Grimm villains

66 Artless nickname?

68 Tease

70 Sarcastic punch line

71 That guy's

72 40 winks

75 Threads

77 Tepid greeting

79 Second word of many a limerick

82 Sans-serif font

83 Thesis writer

85 Meaning of a signal flare

88 2021 Aretha Franklin biopic

90 Strained

92 Greek name meaning "golden one"

93 Something filmed in Broadway's Ed Sullivan Theater, with "The"

95 Journalist Skeeter in the Harry Potter books

96 Train segment

97 Butt end

98 Name that's 27-Across backward

99 "Sweet dreams!"

101 Rapper \_\_\_ Rida

102 It's not a good look

106 Family/species go-between

107 The last thing you need?

109 Like the community portrayed in Netflix's "Unorthodox"

111 Piercing tool

113 Tickle

115 Evian, in its native land

117 Cruciverbalist's favorite cookies?

118 "Well, gosh!"

120 Topsy trips

122 Teatro alla \_\_\_

123 Takes a car, in a way

124 Lab assistant in "Young Frankenstein"

125 It may be upper or lower

126 Blue-book filler

127 Much of a sponge

128 Mad, with "off"

129 Word of surprise

4 Drug that can be microdosed

5 Berry in a bowl

6 Animated short before a Pixar movie?

7 New York resting place for Mark Twain

8 In the stars

9 Give a scathing review of a major camera brand?

10 Demolish

11 Compound with a fruity smell

12 Had a hero, say

13 Mexican street-food mogul?

14 Pair of small hand drums

15 Defunct company of accounting fraud fame

16 Smaug, in "The Hobbit"?

17 Send an e-message to

18 Makes shame-y noises

24 Does a fad 2010s dance

31 Pro using cutting-edge technology?

33 Movie rating that's practically NC-17

35 Political staffers

37 Retreat

42 "Fingers crossed!"

43 Window units

44 Small amounts

45 God whose name sounds almost like the ammunition he uses

46 Starts to go haywire

48 Where 122-Across can be found

50 Places for placentas

51 Surrounding lights

Online subscriptions: Today's puzzle and more than 4,000 past puzzles, nytimes.com/crosswords (\$39.95 a year).

54 Movement championed by the Silence Breakers

57 Get rid of

59 Light-headed sorts?

63 Word after gas or ice, in astronomy

65 Novelist Achebe

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67 Spun things

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105 Like a proverbial beaver

108 Model material

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110 Rainbows, e.g.

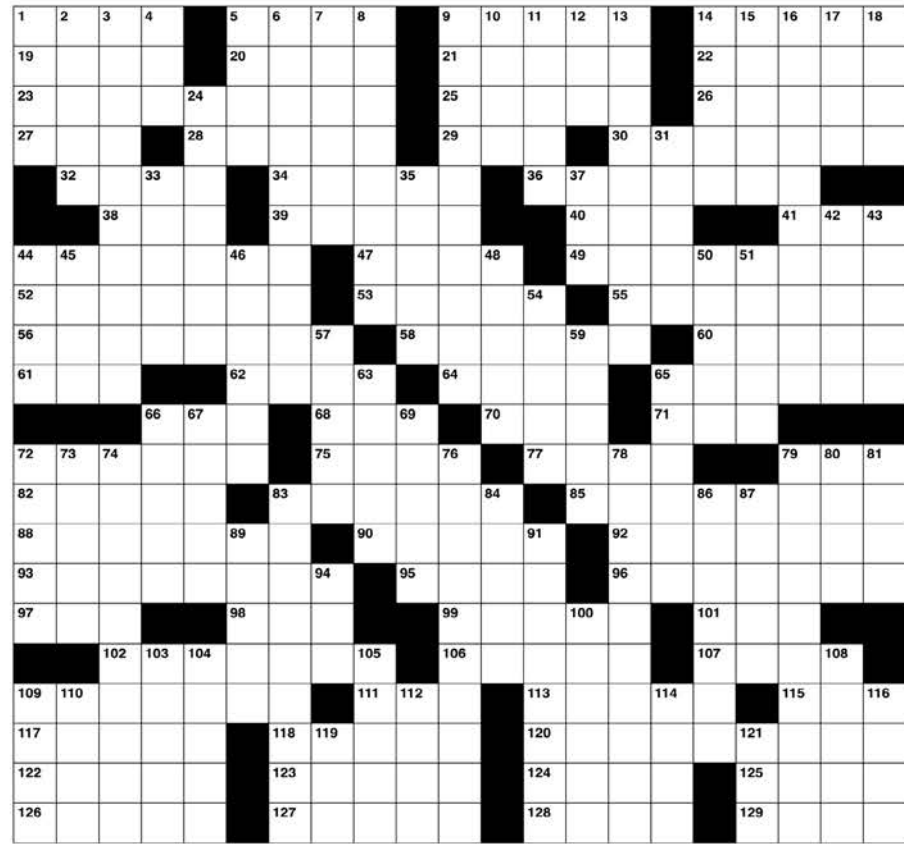
112 "\_\_\_ saved!"

114 Large amount

116 Bookstore sticker

119 "Euphoria" airtel

121 Excellent service?



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

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		9		7		6		2

Answers to last week's puzzles

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

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RHEA	NORAH	ETAL	ELLIE
BOTTOMLINE	ACRE	CAPRA	
SOS	METE	OLDERBROTHER	
GRATED	TASTY	IMEASY	
STEIN	ETHNIC	ONES	
PUTTINGGREEN	ANDS	WAH	
ATOZ	EAGER	ANTS	AHME
NUN	FALSE	TRUTH	FLAIR
WHIRL	PEORIA	LETGO	
ASIAN	INCONTACT	ARSON	
BUTTE	VALUES	NASTY	
USHER	APART	SPOCK	OAK
THIS	ANEW	BOOTH	MULE
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PSIS	ALECTO	ITSON	
ATARUN	SMACK	SCATHE	
GIVINGTHANKS	HULU	CON	
AMEND	HANG	THIRDPARTY	
TERCE	UNDO	AERIE	REIN
ESTER	STAR	BETON	ETSY



# Calendar

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**ANNUAL BOOK SALE SNEAK PREVIEW**

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1-4 p.m. Specials Room Sneak Preview. The specials room features rare, signed, vintage, 1st edition, small press, collectibles, odd and special interest books and ephemera. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org).

**SEA GLASS ART**

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2 p.m. The C Glass Sisters will teach how to assemble glass into a work of art. All supplies included. Registration required: [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org). 410-632-2600

**FAMILY NATURE TRAIL WALK**

Cypress Park Playground, Pocomoke City, 2 p.m. Receive a nature guide and colored pencils to search for local species. Weather permitting. Bring binoculars, Register: [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org) under “Events” or call 410-957-0878. All ages.

**ZUMBA FOR ALL LEVELS**

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 4:30-5:30 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

**FAMILY BEACH GAMES**

Carousel Oceanfront Hotel & Condos, 11700 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 6:30 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).

**CONCERT IN THE PARK**

Cypress Park, 7 Bridge St., Pocomoke City, 7 p.m. Featuring “Mercy for the Mockingbird.” Free and open to the public. Pack a picnic and lawn chair. DowntownPocomoke.com, Instagram: @pocomoke\_downtown, Facebook: City of Pocomoke.

**SUNSET PARK PARTY NIGHTS**

Sunset Park, 700 S. Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Featuring Transfusion (classic rock). Admission is free, while beverages including beer, are available for purchase. Bring seating. OCDC, 410-289-7739, [www.ocdc.org](http://www.ocdc.org).

**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

## Fri., July 22

**FOLK DEVILS, MORAL PANICS & YOUTH SUBCULTURES: PART 3**

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 2 p.m. Local history librarian Nate Godfrey looks at the stereotypical image of 50’s pop cul-

ture — the Greaser/Rocker, and their rivals the Mods. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

**4TH FRIDAY STREET FESTIVAL**

Downtown Pocomoke, Market Street & Front Street, 5-8 p.m. “Christmas in July” features activities, artists, vendors and entertainment by Blue Milkshake. Food and drinks available. [www.downtown-pocomoke.com](http://www.downtown-pocomoke.com)

**ANNUAL BOOK SALE**

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 6-8 p.m. For Friends of the Ocean Pines Library members only. All sale are cash or check only. Membership to FOPL is open to the public for \$5. Thousands of books priced at \$2 or less. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

**BEACH MOVIE & YARD GAMES**

27th Street Beach, Ocean City, 8 p.m. Featuring “Coco.” Also, entertainment and yard games like corn hole, ladder ball, spike ball, large connect four and more. Weather permitting. Free event. 410-250-0125, [www.oceancitymd.gov](http://www.oceancitymd.gov)

## Sat., July 23

**RED BULL FOAM WRECKERS SURF CONTEST**

Ocean City Beach at 39th Street, Ocean City. The anti-surf-contest surf contest where only soft-boards are allowed and anyone can win. Boards and Wiings provided. [www.redbull.com/us-en/events/foam-wreckers-long-ocean-city-maryland](http://www.redbull.com/us-en/events/foam-wreckers-long-ocean-city-maryland).

**ANNUAL BOOK SALE**

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. All books, audio and DVD’s priced at 50 cents to \$2. Specials room will be open. All proceeds go toward the purchase of equipment and services for the library. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

**BOOK TASTING**

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Join the group anytime 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

**OCEAN TRIVIA**

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Drop in to test your knowledge of the ocean. Take our self-guided quiz to learn new facts and earn a prize. For ages 6 years and older. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

**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

**18TH ANNUAL RIDE FOR AWARENESS**

Women Supporting Women, 1320 Belmont Ave., Salisbury, 11 a.m. Registration begins at 10 a.m. Tickets for the Ride cost \$25 for a single rider, \$35 for rider and passenger. Ride ends at the Berlin American Legion Post #123. [www.womensupportingwomen.org](http://www.womensupportingwomen.org), 410-548-7880

**REFLECTIONS IN WATER: A HARP RECITAL BY KARA DAHL RUSSELL AND STUDENTS**

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 12 p.m. Kara Dahl Russell tours with entertaining programs that combine music, art, literature and education. Weather permitting this event will be outside. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

**PROJECT T(W)EEN: AROUND THE WORLD**

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 12 p.m. Celebrate your culture. Play games from around the world, listen to music and make awesome projects. Bring something that represents your culture. For ages 12-15 years. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

**FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET**

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

**FREE PLATFORM TENNIS LESSONS**

Saturdays - Ocean Pines Racquet Center, 11443 Manklin Creek Road, 9:30 a.m. All abilities welcome and equipment will be provided. [oppaddle2020@gmail.com](mailto:oppaddle2020@gmail.com) or 516-508-0313.

**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 week provides a different project to complete. [www.artleagueofoceancity.org](http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org)

## Sun., July 24

**CHRISTMAS IN JULY AT JOLLY ROGER**

Jolly Roger Amusement Park, 2901 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 12-9:30 p.m. Bring in any unwrapped new toy or a \$20 donation and receive a 20-percent off coupon for all purchases. Benefiting Toys for Tots. Events schedule: <https://jolly-rogerpark.com>.

**SUNDAES IN THE PARK & FIREWORKS**

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Music by Guys in Thin Ties “80s.” Free activities and entertainment for kids. Ice cream available for purchase. Bring picnic and beach chairs. Fireworks may or may not occur. 410-250-0125

**JEHOVAH’S WITNESSES MEETING**

Sundays - Berlin Congregation of Jehovah’s Witnesses, 212 West St., Berlin, 10

a.m. [www.jw.org](http://www.jw.org)

**FREE TOURS AT THE ART LEAGUE OF OCEAN CITY**

Sundays through Sept. 3 - Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th Street, 1 p.m. Learn about exhibiting artists as well as the programs and activities at the Art League. [www.artleagueofoceancity.org](http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org)

**BERLIN FARMERS MARKET**

Sundays - Main St., Pitt St., Commerce St., 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Live music. TheBerlinFarmersMarket.com

## Mon., July 25

**ANNUAL BOOK SALE**

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Books, audio and DVD’s priced at 50 percent off. Specials room included. All proceeds go toward the purchase of equipment and services for the library. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

**JESUS AT THE BEACH MUSIC & MINISTRY FESTIVAL**

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Ocean City Convention Center from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and North Division Street beach from 7-10 p.m. Free admission to all events. Baptism in ocean on July 27. 410-289-1296, <https://sonspot.org>

**SUMMER STORY TIME: A CAMPING WE WILL GO!**

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Songs, stories and plenty of fun. For ages 2-5 years. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

**CHRISTMAS IN JULY AT JOLLY ROGER**

Jolly Roger Amusement Park, 2901 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 12-9:30 p.m. Bring in any unwrapped new toy or a \$20 donation and receive a 20-percent off coupon for all purchases. Benefiting Toys for Tots. Events schedule: <https://jolly-rogerpark.com>.

**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.

**BEACH MOVIE & YARD GAMES**

27th Street Beach, Ocean City, 8 p.m. Featuring “Luca.” Also, entertainment and yard games like corn hole, ladder ball, spike ball, large connect four and more. Weather permitting. Free event. 410-250-0125, [www.oceancitymd.gov](http://www.oceancitymd.gov)

**DRONE SHOW ON THE BEACH**

Downtown Ocean City beach, 2 N. Atlantic Ave., 9:30 p.m. Come experience

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# CLASSIFIED Marketplace

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

## Tues., July 26

**JESUS AT THE BEACH MUSIC & MINISTRY FESTIVAL**  
Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Ocean City Convention Center from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and North Division Street beach from 7-10 p.m. Free admission to all events. Baptism in ocean on July 27. 410-289-1296, <https://sonspot.org>

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**FAMILY BEACH GAMES**  
27th Street Beach, Ocean City, 6:30 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)

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American Legion Synepuxent Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 12 p.m. Any Marines and Navy Corpsman who have served in the Corps, living in Worcester and Sussex counties, are welcome. 410-430-7181, [websergeant@firststatemarines.org](mailto:websergeant@firststatemarines.org)

**VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB: 'SEARCHING FOR SYLVIE LEE' BY JEAN KWOK**  
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