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Goodbye 2022, Welcome 2023

Inside: The Year in Pictures

The grid contains 60 small newspaper clippings, each with a headline and a small image. The headlines include:

- Berlin Council outlines 2022 goals
- Pines fire budget talks get testy
- Farr ends busy first week on board
- OPA board foresees drop in assessments
- Water, sewer reserves fall far short
- OP bylaws revisions include elections focus
- Berlin tax base grows \$1.7M over past year
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- Berlin Goes Green to aid recovery
- OP budget passes with big assessment drop
- Berlin's HDC shows budget for 2023
- Crematorium awaits code change
- Rose steps down as chair of HDC
- Lakemick denied committee post
- Furnace town hits reopening goal
- OP Fin Dept. gets \$10M aid for big project
- Berlin acquires lot from county
- Fleetwood resigns as Berlin's administrator
- OP financials look strong as year-end nears
- OP leadership offers relief on board's job
- Berlin budget shows budget for fiscal year
- OPA Sec. Farr qualifies candidates
- Berlin's Spring Crushers look to clinch State Cup
- Phonics and math support leaders
- All referendum questions pass
- OPA directors meet 86-ling Janasek
- Ort. Co. angered by threat
- Annual BarHub Races dazzle crowd
- Races on in Berlin, OP districts
- Janasek files suit over ban
- Candidates share goals at OP forum
- Short-term rentals rule at the offset
- Electronic voting safety assured
- Berlin bills show budget for fiscal year
- Fiori has strong lead in District 3
- Paddle out for Gavin
- Perrone quits as treasurer
- OPA annual meeting to take place Sat.
- Power costs stun utility
- Parks returns as president
- Berlin wins Traveler's Choice award
- Board election coming down to final count
- OPA board takes shape
- Bohnen new town administrator
- Worcester kids back to school
- An early present for Josh
- Berlin to go country on Saturday
- Skate park plan proceeds
- Time to fiddle in Berlin
- OPA board meetings go back to Sat.
- Vote total changes, not results
- Keerr, Burrell, Green sworn in
- Disc golf expansion urged
- OPA board tables audit of vote
- Tax credit reduction reversed
- Parks storage plan considered
- Online voting unplugged for now
- Split council OKs center MOU
- Skate park unnamed for now, board says
- Berlin parade holiday highlight
- OPA board meetings become members-only sessions
- County sports complex strikes out
- Parking impact fees topic of future talks
- Fire dept. aims for FEMA grant
- OPVD wants proven fundraiser
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HOUSE FIRE

Multiple units responded to a house fire at 211 Maple Avenue in Berlin in January. PHOTO COURTESY BERLIN FIRE COMPANY

TOWN CHICKEN

Berlin lost one of its own after Althea, the adopted town chicken, was killed by a hit-and-run driver in January on Main Street. Mayor Zach Tyndall and his son are pictured with Althea.

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RIBBON CUTTING

Hospital officials and community members gather in January for a ribbon cutting for the new Atlantic General Behavioral Health Crisis Center on the hospital's campus in Berlin.

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DOG DAYS

Looking unfettered by chilly temperatures, contented canines play follow the leader at the Ocean Pines Dog Park in January.

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SEAGULLS

Seagulls crowd snow covered boat slips at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club in January.

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CONTROVERSY

In January, the Worcester County Commissioners approved the White Horse Park Community Association's request to update their declarations to conform with the county code and bar residents from living in the community year-round, but a conflict arose among community members concerning whether or not the county had actually notified them of the decision.



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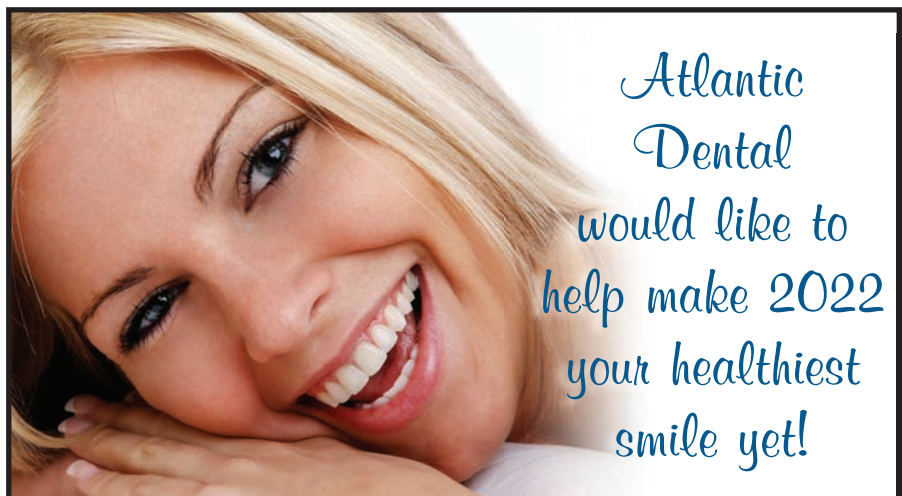
HOLIDAYS

Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club members Christopher Thomas and Christina Dolomount pack up Christmas lights and decorations as the holiday season closes out in Ocean Pines at White Horse Park in January.

CHILDREN'S THEATER

Ocean Pines Children's Theater members practice lines and stage directions for "Disney's Frozen Jr." in January at the community center in Ocean Pines in preparation for its two-day run at the Ocean City Performing Arts Center.

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SKATE PARK

Andrew McGill catches air while testing out the Ocean Pines Skate Park in January.



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HERONS

Tandem herons change out sentry duties while scouting prey on snow-covered greens at the Ocean Pines Golf Course in January.



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SNOW FUN

Snowman sentry stands duty nearby the Ocean Pines Yacht Club in January.



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WINTER SCENE

Traffic moves down Main Street in January as downtown Berlin remained under a blanket of fresh powder following significant snowfall.

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MASKED SHOPPERS

Heeding ample caution for health safety concerns masked shoppers peruse Main Street in Berlin in February.



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UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Joe Price, the facilities planner for Worcester County Public Schools, gave school board members a quick update on the 25,000-square-foot expansion being built at Stephen Decatur Middle School in February, saying the crews are ahead of schedule despite slowdowns created by snow storms.



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GARDENING

Tracy Jones surveys ground conditions in February at the Ocean Pines Community Gardens.



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HERO AWARD
Town of Berlin and Ocean Pines Association officials, in March presented Ocean Pines resident Jonathan Bauer, right, with a 2021 Carnegie Hero Fund award, considered North America's highest honor for civilian heroism. He is pictured with Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall. In 2021, Bauer rescued a 2-year-old girl who had been ejected from her car seat into Assawoman Bay during a vehicle collision on the Route 90 bridge. Bauer jumped from the bridge into the bay to rescue the child.
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RENTALS

Following extensive public comments airing myriad concerns Berlin Town Council approved a short-term rental ordinance by a split 3-2 vote in March.

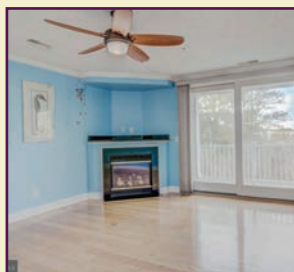
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BUDGET REQUESTS

The towns of Worcester County briefed the commissioners in March regarding their budget requests for FY23. Ocean City's requests paced the rest of the towns and Ocean Pines at \$8.46 million. Berlin requested \$2.6 million, Ocean Pines requested \$1.86 million, Snow Hill requested \$2.24 million and Pocomoke requested \$1.91 million.



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BUS CONTRACTS

WCBCA members hold up signs during a Worcester County Commissioners meeting in March to support the organization's request for better compensation. The organization says the requests represent a necessary and fair solution to mounting costs for bus drivers, who are more often than not responsible for the maintenance of the buses they drive.



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GOLF

Moves to address aging irrigation infrastructure at the Ocean Pines Golf Course were discussed in March by the Ocean Pines Budget and Finance Committee in light of Worcester County opting against funding a proposed project at the site.

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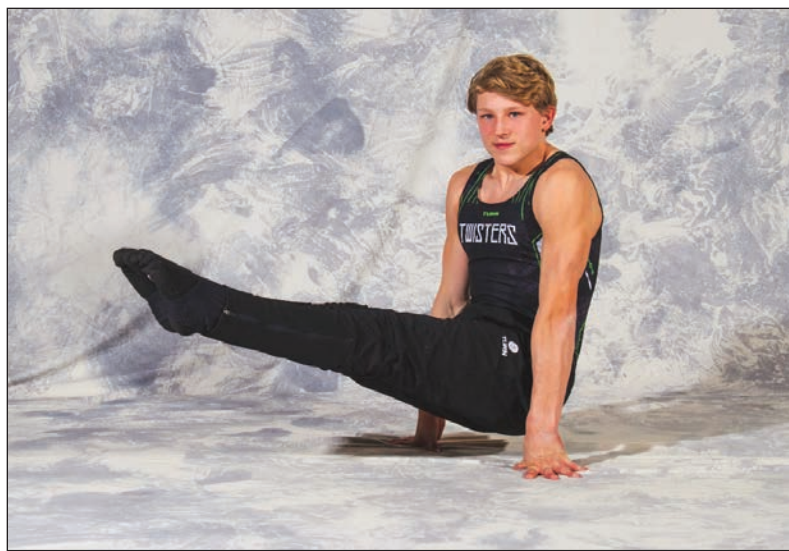
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STATE CHAMP

Worcester Preparatory School sophomore Dylan Simons became the Level 10 Maryland State champion on rings and high bar in gymnastics in March. He also placed second on floor and third all-around during the competition.

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JUNIOR OLYMPICS

Three Worcester Prep students competed in the Mid Atlantic Junior Olympics March 17-20, in York, Pennsylvania. Pictured, from left, are Gabriella Damouni, Anna Mumford and Jude Damouni.

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BEST IN CLASS

Pocomoke High School English teacher Kristin Cashman, center, was named the 2022 Worcester County Teacher of the Year in March, earned the top honor after beating out 13 other nominees in the district. She is pictured with Superintendent Lou Taylor and Pocomoke High School Principal Jenifer Rayne.

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ROCKET LAUNCH

NASA Wallops launched a Northrup Grumman Antares rocket into space in February, as part of the 17th commercial resupply mission to the International Space Station. In March, Worcester County officials discussed economic development that is expected to come from the partnership of NASA and aerospace manufacture Rocket Lab. One estimate for money generated by the jobs and population Rocket Lab could create is more than \$1 billion, regionally.

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BREAKING GROUND

We Heart Berlin members and elected officials break ground for the ping pong tables at Burbage Park during a dedication ceremony in April.



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SPRING CELEBRATION

Children search for Easter eggs during the annual Spring Celebration on the lawn of the Taylor House Museum in April.

ANNIVERSARY

The Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club celebrates its 50th anniversary with a celebration at the American Legion on 24th Street in April. Pictured, counterclockwise from top left are Vice President George Saylak, Treasurer Joe Hammen, Secretary Roger Pacella, board member Sharon Sorrentino, past President Charles Smith and current President Bill Hickey.

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WOOD SHOP

Programs director Elijah Miles-Wipf tends to the woodworkers shop at the Furnace Town Historic Site, one of the structures that sustained a degree of damage during an act of vandalism in the fall season of 2021 that forced staff to shut down much earlier than they would have liked. The historic site hit its goal of opening in April.

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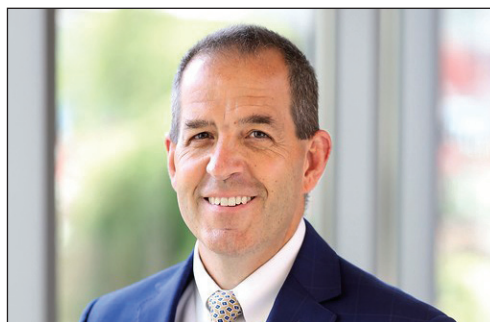
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BOOK VENDING MACHINE

A new vending machine at Buckingham Elementary School in Berlin that dispenses books to students instead of snacks and drinks was debuted in April. Pictured, from left, are Chief Academic Officer Denise Shorts, Curriculum Resource Teacher Laura Arenella, Chief Academic Officer Annette Wallace, students Selvin Carcoma-Diaz and Oliver Woodward, Superintendent of Schools Lou Taylor, Chief Financial Officer Vince Tolbert and Principal Christina Welch.



NEW LEADER

In April, Atlantic General Hospital officials announced that University of Pittsburgh Medical Center leader Donald Owrey would step in as president and chief executive officer of the Berlin Facility in June. He replaced Michael Franklin, who left abruptly in 2021.

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MEGA BRAIN

Stephen Decatur Middle School hosted the MEGA Brain in April to show students the effects of drugs and alcohol on the central nervous system organ.

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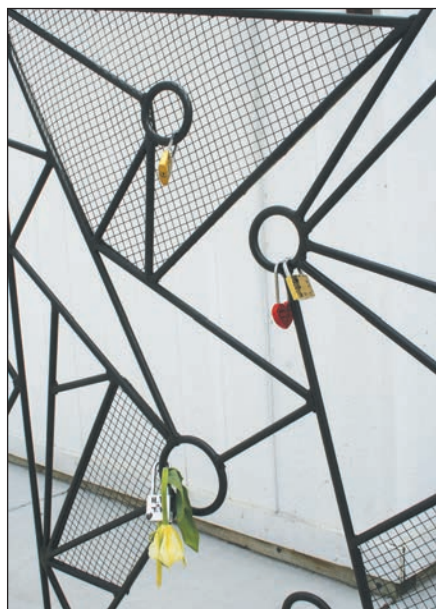


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LOVE LOCKS

In April, early adopters were planting memories along "Berlin Love Locks," a trio of metal panels crafted by glass artisan Jeff Auxer located behind his studio on Jefferson Street across from Pop's Kitchen By Denovo's at 15 Gay St.

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REPAIRS

The Worcester County Commissioners approved spending \$188,000 on repairs to the Ocean Pines Wastewater Treatment Facility in May after being informed that the malfunctioning equipment has reduced the capacity of the plant by 20 percent the repairs ended up being the result of negligence, when a facility employee failed to act when the head of a rake he was using fell off and jammed a pipe. Much of the debate on this topic focused on whether county taxpayers should foot the bill for someone else's error.



REGGAE PLAY DAY

Reggae Play Day was back after a two-year hiatus with reggae music plus beer, wine and food on Main Street in May. The annual event, sponsored every year by Ocean 98, hadn't been scheduled since 2019 due to covid-19.

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BLUES AND BREWS

Jaime Windon, CEO and founder of Lyon Rum, the flagship spirit of Windon Distilling Company in St. Michaels, presents samples to guests attending the Berlin Chamber of Commerce's Jazz and Blues, Wine and Brews festival on Main Street in May. Despite the rain, many attended the event.

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GRADUATION

Worcester Preparatory held its 50th annual graduation in May, honoring the 46 students and their accomplishments at the private Berlin school.



MEMORIAL PARADE

America's "Coolest Small Town" hosted the return of the Memorial Day Parade on Flower Street in May. The theme for this year's Berlin parade was "Hometown Heroes," and was chosen to honor U.S. military members who died serving the country.

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BROADBAND

Broadband vendor Talkie celebrated the start of a project to install 30 miles of fiber-optic-cable in Bishopville with a ribbon cutting in May even though the company failed to obtain a grant that was expected to cover the project's cost. The price tag on the installation of fiber in Bishopville is \$77,000 per mile, or approximately \$2.3 million, and once finished, the network will offer internet with speeds up to 1 gigabyte per second, phone service, and home security to residences.



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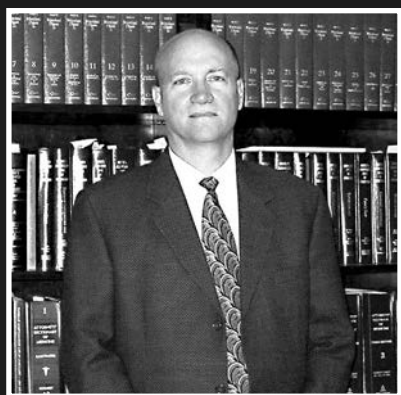
The Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation hosted its annual Memorial Day ceremony in May at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines on Route 589 near the South Gate.

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BATHTUB RACES

Sheppard Realty's Gussie Sholtis and Kyle Hill leave Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall and Councilman Jack Orris in their dust on their way to securing a victory during the 32nd annual Berlin Bathtub Races in June. Thirteen businesses participated in the Berlin Chamber of Commerce's event.



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GRAND OPENING

Chesapeake Health Care held a grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony in June, to celebrate the opening of its newest medical facility located at 9958 N. Main Street in Berlin.



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TORCH RELAY

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

CHARLES TINDLEY

Artist Jay Coleman, local officials and member of the Rev. Charles A. Tindley's family congregate in the parking lot next to Bruder Hill boutique in June to commemorate the mural to the seminal gospel music composer that Coleman painted. The mural has been a longtime coming as support grew over the years to highlight Berlin as the hometown of the late 19th- and early 20th-century figure.



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FUNERAL PROCESSION

The hearse holding fallen Wicomico Sheriff Deputy 1st Class Glenn Hilliard and its accompanying funeral procession proceeds down Route 50 in Berlin in June on its way to Sunset Memorial Park, where Hilliard was laid to rest. The day began some 20 miles away in Salisbury at the Emmanuel Wesleyan Church where hundreds attended a celebration of his life. The procession then embarked on the lengthy trek to Hilliard's final resting place. The procession included dozens of motorcycles and cruisers from law enforcement agencies spread all over the Eastern Shore and Delaware. Hilliard was shot and killed on June 12 while pursuing a man on foot in Pittsville that was wanted in multiple jurisdictions.

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SEAL RELEASE

The National Aquarium released rehabilitated juvenile grey seal, nicknamed Louis Armstrong, at Assateague Island National Seashore in June.

OP ELECTIONS

Candidates for the Ocean Pines Board of Directors in 2022 were, from counterclockwise: Paula Gray, Amy Peck, Stuart Laker-nick, Steve Jacobs, Josette Wheatley and Monica Rakowski. The election — which would end up mired in controversy as it headed for a recount and the eventual resignation of the entire Elections Committee — resulted in wins for Laker-nick, Jacobs and Rakowski.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Morris Semiatin gives a big thumbs up to the crowd of friends, family and well-wishers that gathered on the Boardwalk in June to sing him "Happy Birthday." Semiatin, 96, capped the night off with a rib-eye steak from Ruth's Chris Steak-house.

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GRADUATION

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

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CONTROLLED BURN

A planned controlled burn of the Seasons Plaza on Racetrack Road was successfully conducted in July. The Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department used the building to hold training sessions since April and used the fire as an opportunity for live training as well as inviting neighboring agencies to do so as well. The property is the future site of a Royal Farms, which granted the agency the rights to use the property for training.



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FOURTH OF JULY

The annual Ocean Pines Fourth of July celebration at Veterans Memorial Park featured fireworks in the evening and beforehand, residents and visitors alike had a chance to enjoy myriad games, kid's activities and a variety of food trucks, as well as a Kiwanis Club booth selling typical summer outdoors fare.

GAVIN KNUPP

Ocean Pines resident Gavin Knupp died in July after he was struck on Grays Corner Road in a hit-and-run accident. The 14-year-old's death has sparked outrage in the Worcester County community and beyond as the investigation into his death progresses.

Rallies, vigils, boycotts and more have been carried out in the name of finding the person or persons responsible for killing the local youth. Days before the calendar flips to 2023, authorities still haven't filed any formal charges.

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PADDLE OUT

Worcester County's coastal community showed up big for the Knupp family whose lives were upended by the death of their 14-year-old son and brother in a hit-and-run on July 11. Around 250 surfers participated in a "paddle out" for Gavin Knupp, organized by the Ocean City Surf Club, with another 400 or so in attendance on the beach at 36th Street.

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JOINS BOARD

Three new members officially joined the Ocean Pines Board of Directors in August: Steve Jacobs, Stuart Lakernick and Monica Rakowski. Jacobs led the ticket with 1,867 votes, followed by Lakernick with 1,802 and Rakowski with 1,603. Rakowski and Lakernick are pictured with Budget and Finance Committee member, Tom Piatti, right.

NEW TOWN ADMIN

Mary Bohlen, a long-time employee of the Town of Berlin, was promoted to town administrator in August. She had been serving as acting town administrator since the spring, following the April retirement of Jeff Fleetwood.

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EARLY CHRISTMAS

Josh Alton accepts an armload of gifts from Santa Claus, who arrived in an Ocean Pines fire engine to help the 17-year-old, suffering from Stage IV cancer, celebrate Christmas in August at his Ocean Pines home. He died on Nov. 29.

WALK

Isaiah Glen Shields sits under a banner inside a storefront in downtown Berlin in August. Shields set out in May 2021 to walk across the entire country and stopped in both Berlin and Ocean City on the journey, which ended Nov. 13.




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TURTLE RELEASE

The National Aquarium released two Kemp's ridley sea turtles, Bassoon and Cello, in August at Assateague State Park. This was the first public release since 2019. Pictured are Sen. Chris Van Hollen and Rehabilitation Manager Caitlin Boverly with Cello.



BUSINESS ANNIVERSARY

Janice Rooney, left, and her parents Joan and Jim Rooney celebrated 20 years of operating Paws & Claws in August in West OC. The pet boutique sells numerous healthy alternative foods for cats and dogs, toys, and a large array of leashes and collars to match anyone's style. Also pictured are their canine pals, Darby, front, and Chase.

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PEACH FESTIVAL

Hundreds of people attended the 14th annual Berlin Peach Festival in August at the Calvin B. Taylor Museum.

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MASS RESIGNATION

In September, the Ocean Pines Election Committee tallied up the votes again from the August Board of Directors election and came up with the same results – but with 10.7 percent fewer votes. Only 15 votes separated third-place director Monica Rakowski and first runner-up Amy Peck. The recount led to the resignation of the entire Elections Committee and plenty of discussion about how the association could ensure such an incident doesn't occur again.



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SMALL TOWN THROWDOWN

Several hundred people gathered in downtown Berlin for the fifth annual Small Town Throwdown in September.



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BACK TO SCHOOL

Lou Taylor, superintendent of Worcester County Public Schools, visits with students at Buckingham Elementary on the first day back in September.

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Worcester Preparatory School students returned in stages starting with Upper School (ninth to 12th grade) on Aug. 30; followed by Middle School (sixth through eighth grades) on Aug. 31; and Lower School (Pre-K to fifth grade) on Sept. 1. Best friends Parker Moreland, left, and Romie Creveoeur are reunited on their first day of kindergarten.



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FIDDLERS

The Berlin Fiddlers Convention attracted hundreds of bluegrass and country music lovers to Main Street in September for a weekend of music, food and fun. Pictured are 11-year-old Maxwell Brown and 6-year-old River Brown perform during the Youth Open.

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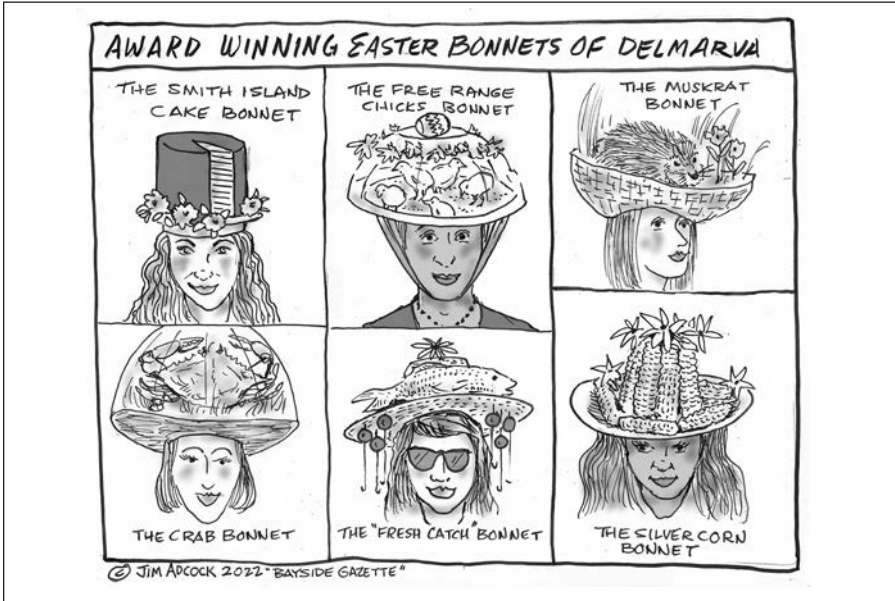
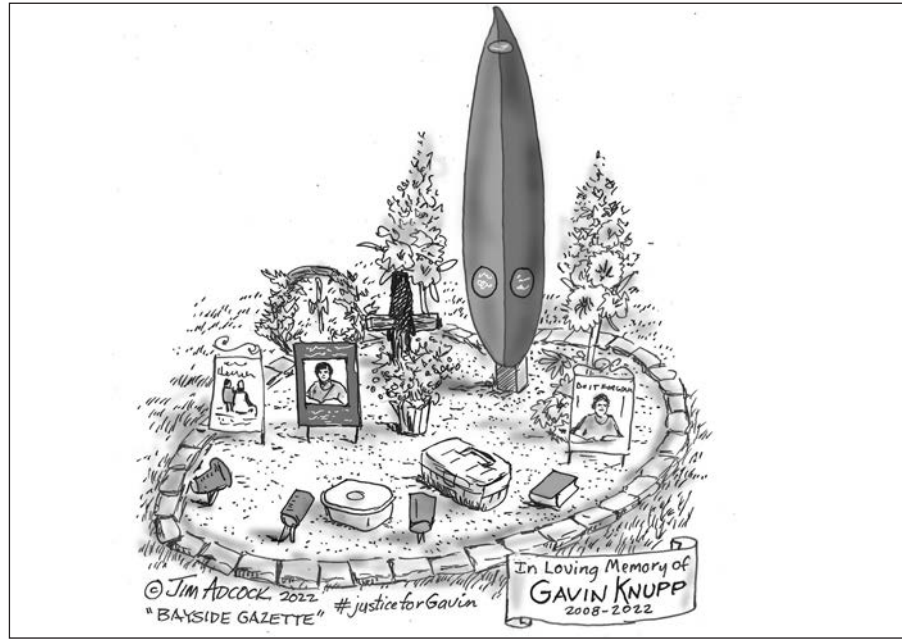
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DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL

Faculty and staff members of Berlin Intermediate School were surprised to learn in October that the campus had been recognized as an Apple Distinguished School for its use of technology to enhance a student's learning experience. Pictured, from left, are State Delegate Wayne Hartman, Worcester County Board of Education President Elena McComas, Board Member Dr. Jon Andes, BIS Principal Dr. Amy Gallagher, BIS Teacher Michael Anne Bunting, Showell Principal Ryan Cowder, BIS Teacher Ellen Masters, Superintendent of Schools Louis Taylor, and Board Member Bill Gordy.



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EDELWEISS

The Edelweiss Band performs during Berlin's Oktoberfest and Sidewalk Sale in October.

COUNCIL ELECTION

Berlin's District 4 residents headed to the polls on the cold, windy and rainy Tuesday in October to decide the race between incumbent Dean Burrell and challenge Tony Weeg for the district's town council seat. Burrell edged Weeg by two votes, 37 to 35.

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NEW COUNCIL

The Berlin Mayor and Town Council take their seats on the panel in Berlin Town Hall in October after three councilmembers — Steve Green, Dean Burrell and Jay Knerr — were sworn in. Pictured from left: Green, Jack Orris, Burrell, Mayor Zack Tyndall and Knerr. Shaneka Nichols not pictured.



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HALLOWEEN

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AMERICA

Two eagles are seen here perched on tree branches near the entrance to Assateague Island on Halloween.



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After holding on for years on a razor-thin 4-3 majority, Worcester County's aspirations to build a sports complex in the northern half of the county were promptly and summarily dashed at the end of the first commissioners meeting with new commissioners Caryn Abbott and Eric Fiori in December. In a 4-2 decision with Commissioner Ted Elder abstaining, the commissioners voted to direct the county administrator to cancel the land purchase contract on the Route 50 parcel known as the Harrison property and to cancel any consulting contracts concerning it.



MALLORY PANUSKA/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

VETERANS DAY

Kelsey Warren sings the National Anthem during the annual Veterans Day tribute ceremony in November at the Ocean Pines Community Center as attendees stand and pay their respects.



CAUGHT

Former Berlin Administrator Jeff Fleetwood pleaded guilty to embezzlement of town funds in Worcester County District Court on Dec. 13. Appearing before District Court Judge Gerald Purnell, Fleetwood was sentenced to six months of incarceration with all but one month suspended. Judge Purnell ruled that the remaining 30 days of Fleetwood's sentence will be served through in-home detention which started Dec. 20. He will also be required to perform 40 hours of community service as part of the sentence.



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TREE LIGHTING

The annual Berlin Christmas tree-lighting event was held the day after Thanksgiving.



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CHRISTMAS PARADE

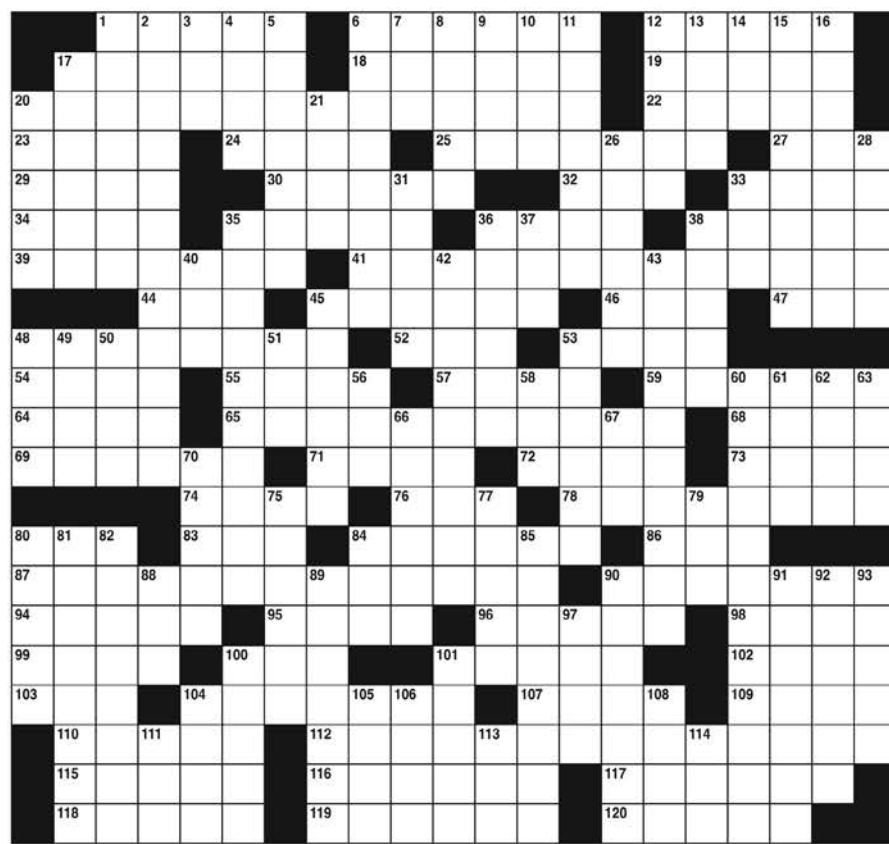
Members of Seaside Dance Academy participate in Berlin's 51st annual Christmas parade on Dec. 1.

Puzzles

WHAT'S SHAKING? BY LAURA TAYLOR KINNEL / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Laura Taylor Kinnel of Newtown, Pa., teaches math and is the director of studies at a Friends boarding school near Philadelphia. She has been solving crosswords since childhood but just started constructing them a little over a year ago. A cousin who solved a 2018 Christmas puzzle of Laura's encouraged her to make more. She was pleasantly surprised to discover all the help available online to new puzzle makers. This is her second Times crossword, both Sundays. — W.S.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Boasts
 - 6 Longtime anthropomorphic aardvark on PBS
 - 12 Australia's national women's basketball team
 - 17 Sounds "everywhere," in a children's song
 - 18 Gloomy
 - 19 Soup server
 - 20 Add insult to injury
 - 22 "Whenever I want you, all I have to do" is this, in an Everly Brothers hit
 - 23 Farming prefix
 - 24 "Gracias a ____"
 - 25 Jam producer
 - 27 Jack Frost's bite
 - 29 Bits of terre in la mer
 - 30 Churns
 - 32 Author Harper
 - 33 He loved Lucy
 - 34 Dry
 - 35 Tea type
 - 36 "A Life for the ____" (Mikhail Glinka opera)
 - 38 1940s vice president who went on to become president
 - 39 "In Praise of Folly" writer
 - 41 How to take glib promises
 - 44 Dog/dog separator
- 45** Subject of many a negotiation
- 46** Days ____
- 47** Jeanne d'Arc, e.g.: Abbr.
- 48** Enlivens
- 52** Big feller?
- 53** Fails to be
- 54** City on the Brazos River
- 55** Propeller blades?
- 57** ____ Crunch
- 59** Gobs
- 64** Item often numbered from 3 to 9
- 65** Boardwalk buy
- 68** Gush
- 69** Time magazine's Person of the Century runner-up, 1999
- 71** Strain
- 72** ____ Westover, author of the 2018 best-selling memoir "Educated"
- 73** Big name in theaters
- 74** Till compartment
- 76** "Silent Spring" subject, for short
- 78** Nothingburger
- 80** Descartes's conclusion
- 83** Energy
- 84** Least interesting
- 86** It gets the ball rolling
- 87** 2002 Winter Olympics locale
- 90** Looks through
- 94** Abdominal-pain producer
- 95** Way of securing payment
- 96** Fizzy drinks
- 98** Knitting stitch
- 99** "Holy ____!"
- 100** Word after bargain or overhead
- 101** Emulated a kitten
- 102** ____ expense (free)
- 103** Org. with the slogan "Every child. One voice."
- 104** Brand with the slogan "The Art of Childhood"
- 107** What flies usually become
- 109** Wimp
- 110** It's held by a winner
- 112** You, according to Jesus in Matthew 5:13
- 115** Follow
- 116** Reflexive pronoun
- 117** Fishes
- 118** Moved like Jagr?
- 119** Shaded growths
- 120** Lil Nas X and Billie Eilish, to teenagers
- DOWN**
- 1 Orlando ____, two-time Gold Glove Award winner
 - 2 Almost won
 - 3 Martial artist's belt
 - 4 Appurtenance for a T.S.A. agent
 - 5 Many Dorothy Parker pieces
 - 6 Big 12 college town
 - 7 Column crosser
 - 8 Brings (out)
 - 9 Time of day
 - 10 Sch. with 50+ alums who went on to become astronauts
 - 11 Warning sign
 - 12 Blast from the past
 - 13 Setting for a classic Georges Seurat painting, en français
 - 14 Fruity quaff
 - 15 South American cowboys
 - 16 Like Havarti or Muenster
 - 17 Reveille player
 - 20 Jack up
 - 21 Repeated part of a pop song
 - 26 Kind of wheel
 - 28 Peak
 - 31 Heroine of Bizet's "The Pearl Fishers"
 - 33 Cozy spot
 - 35 Shows how it's done
 - 36 Climate change, notably
 - 37 State
 - 38 Refried bean
 - 40 Astronaut Jemison of the space shuttle Endeavour
 - 42 Reduction in what one owes
 - 43 Headaches
 - 45 Nursery-rhyme couple
 - 48 Gulp
 - 49 Prefix with medic or military



- 50 Princess Diana, for one
- 51 Negotiator with G.M.
- 53 Suckling
- 56 Disco ____ ("The Simpsons" character)
- 58 Memorized
- 60 Exasperate
- 61 Fabric with sheen
- 62 Actress ____ Rachel Wood
- 63 Potential source of a political scandal
- 66 Evasive maneuver
- 67 Opposite of "to"
- 70 Behave like a helicopter parent
- 75 Attendant of Desdemona in "Othello"
- 77 Lightly roast
- 79 Continental abbr.
- 80 Clustered
- 81 Meted out
- 82 Best-actress Oscar winner between Streep and Field
- 84 Agent of change
- 85 Attention seekers
- 88 Critical
- 89 Fictional exemplar of Christmas spirit
- 90 Stir-fried noodle dish
- 91 Sews up
- 92 Senator Joni and Dadaist Max
- 93 What water in a bucket might do
- 97 Source of the line "Man does not live by bread alone": Abbr.
- 100 Boxer, for example
- 101 Handcuffs
- 104 This, for one
- 105 "____ be in England"
- 106 Not so much
- 108 Post
- 111 "Tut-tut"
- 113 Argentina's leading daily sports newspaper
- 114 Super ending

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Answers to last week's puzzles

1	6	5	9	2	3	4	7	8
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Calendar

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

Thurs., Dec. 29

STEM THURSDAYS

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Drop in any time during the day to use your creativity and build using one of the STEM building kits. For ages 4 years and older. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

PLAY TIME

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Featuring a variety of activities and toys. Play and socialize with other families. For ages 2-5 years. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

OPEN SKATE

Sturgis Park, 200 River St., Snow Hill, 12-7 p.m. Children under 14 years must be accompanied by an adult. Children 6 years and younger must have an adult on the ice with them. Free and open to all ages. 410-632-2144-2505, tkeiser@marylandscoast.org

POLAR BEAR DEN CHALLENGE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Build a shelter for the polar bear using only the materials provided. For ages 8 years and older. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

LEGO LAB

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Calling all master builders. Bring some of your own Legos or use some of the library's. For ages 6 years and older. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

FIRESIDE CHAT

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 3 p.m. Featuring books participants and read and want to share. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

ZUMBA FOR ALL

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 up-lift and improve mood. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org under "Events." 410-641-0650

Fri., Dec. 30

FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 9 a.m.-noon. Shop for everything from fresh local produce to unique handmade artisan goods. Open to the public. <https://www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/farmers-artisans-market>.

STORY TIME: NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Ring in the New Year with a special story time. Stick around for a fun craft. For ages 2-5 years. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

NOON YEAR'S EVE COUNTDOWN

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 11:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Countdown to 12:00 Noon and celebrate the coming year along with friends. Play game, hear a story, make party hats and have fun. Families welcome. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

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HOBBIES CLUB: MESSY ART CLUB

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1 p.m. Join in on a fun new hobby as the group explores different forms of "messy" art. For ages 6 years and older. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO

Knights of Columbus - Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. (Building behind St. Luke's Church.) Doors open at 5 p.m., games begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments offered for sale. Play every game for \$25. 410-524-7994, <http://www.koc9053.com>

MAYOR'S NEW YEAR EVENT - THE GREATEST PIANO MEN

Performing Arts Center, Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 7 p.m. A tribute to piano playing prodigies and rock and roll legends. Tickets available at ocmdperformingarts-center.com and at the convention center box office. Benefits the Ocean City Paramedic Foundation.

Sat., Dec. 31

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET

Whaleyville United Methodist, 11716 Shepards Crossing Road, Whaleyville, 7-10 a.m. Buffet will include pancakes, bacon, sausage, scrapple, scrambled eggs, chipped beef, hash brown potatoes, toast, fruit and assorted beverages. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children.

BERLIN NEW YEAR'S EVE - TWO BALL DROPS

Historic Downtown Berlin, 124 N. Main St. Laser show, 5:15 p.m.; first ball drop, 6 p.m.; live music, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Beer, wine (10 p.m.) and food available. Dance away 2022 with a laser show and 2nd ball drop

at 12 a.m. BerlinMainStreet.com.

NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 5:30 p.m. Winterfest of Lights will stay open until 11:30 p.m. Fireworks display will begin promptly at midnight and can be watched from the sidewalks and parking lots.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DRIVE-IN MOVIE AND FIREWORKS

Ocean City Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave. Movie #1: Encanto, 7 p.m. followed by a kid-friendly countdown at 9 p.m. Movie #2: Top Gun: Maverick, 9:30 p.m. Fireworks display at midnight. Refreshments available from local vendors and food trucks.

Sun., Jan. 1

ASSATEAGUE COASTAL TRUST NEW YEAR'S DAY BEACH MEMORIAL WALK AND COASTAL CLEAN-UP

Assateague State Park - Day-Use Lot, 6915 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, 10 a.m.-noon. Walk includes details and history about Assateague Island. Hot chocolate served. Bring work glove if participating in the clean-up. Dress according to weather. outreach@actforbays.org, 443-856-9309

AGH 29TH ANNUAL PENGUIN SWIM

Princess Royale Oceanfront Resort, 9100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. Check-in/registration held from 9-11:30 a.m. Swim begins at noon. \$25 registration before Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. Proceeds benefit AGH. <https://aghpenguinswim.org>, 410-641-9671

Mon., Jan. 2

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 Champion, 410-641-0157

Tues., Jan. 3

STORY TIME 'OPPOSITES'

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and crafts. For ages 2-5 years. 410-957-0878, www.worcesterlibrary.org

STORY TIME 'FAIRIES'

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and finger plays. Take-home activity included. For ages 2-5 years. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

OC KNITTING GROUP

Worcester County Library - Ocean City

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

MASTER GARDENER PLANT CLINIC WITH GINNY ROSENKRANZ

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

BABY TIME

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 11 a.m. Songs, rhymes and stories. Stay after to socialize with other families. For ages 2 years and younger. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30 p.m. The group will focus on poems by Tennyson and Whitman, found in Robert Pinsky's anthology, "America's Favorite Poems." This group meets twice a month. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

Wed., Jan. 4

BARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP

Held via Zoom, on the first and second Wednesdays of each month, for non-surgical patients. Atlantic General Bariatrics Center, 410-641-9568.

CREATIVE KIDS CORNER

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Come create a winter craft at the library or take it to go. Most supplies included. For ages 4 years and older. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

JUNK JOURNALING WITH VICTORIA

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Learn how to create "vintage" pages from copier paper, embellish junk-mail envelopes, sew signatures into book covers and more. Registration required: 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org.

PAGE TO SCREEN BOOK CLUB

Held via Zoom, 1 p.m. Continuing discussion on "Diary of a Wimpy Kid." Books available at libraries and on Libby/Hoola. Recommended for ages 7-11 years. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org. 410-208-4014

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 3:30-4:30 p.m. The group provides discussion, education and a speaker on the topic of diabetes. Darlene Jameson, 410-208-9761, djameson@atlanticgeneral.org

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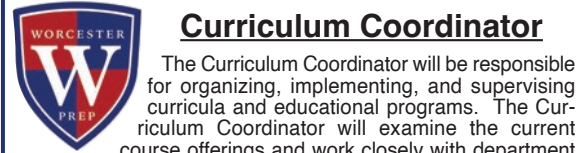
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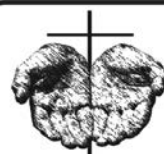
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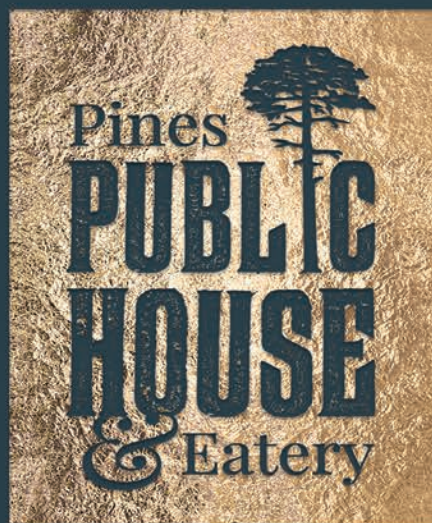
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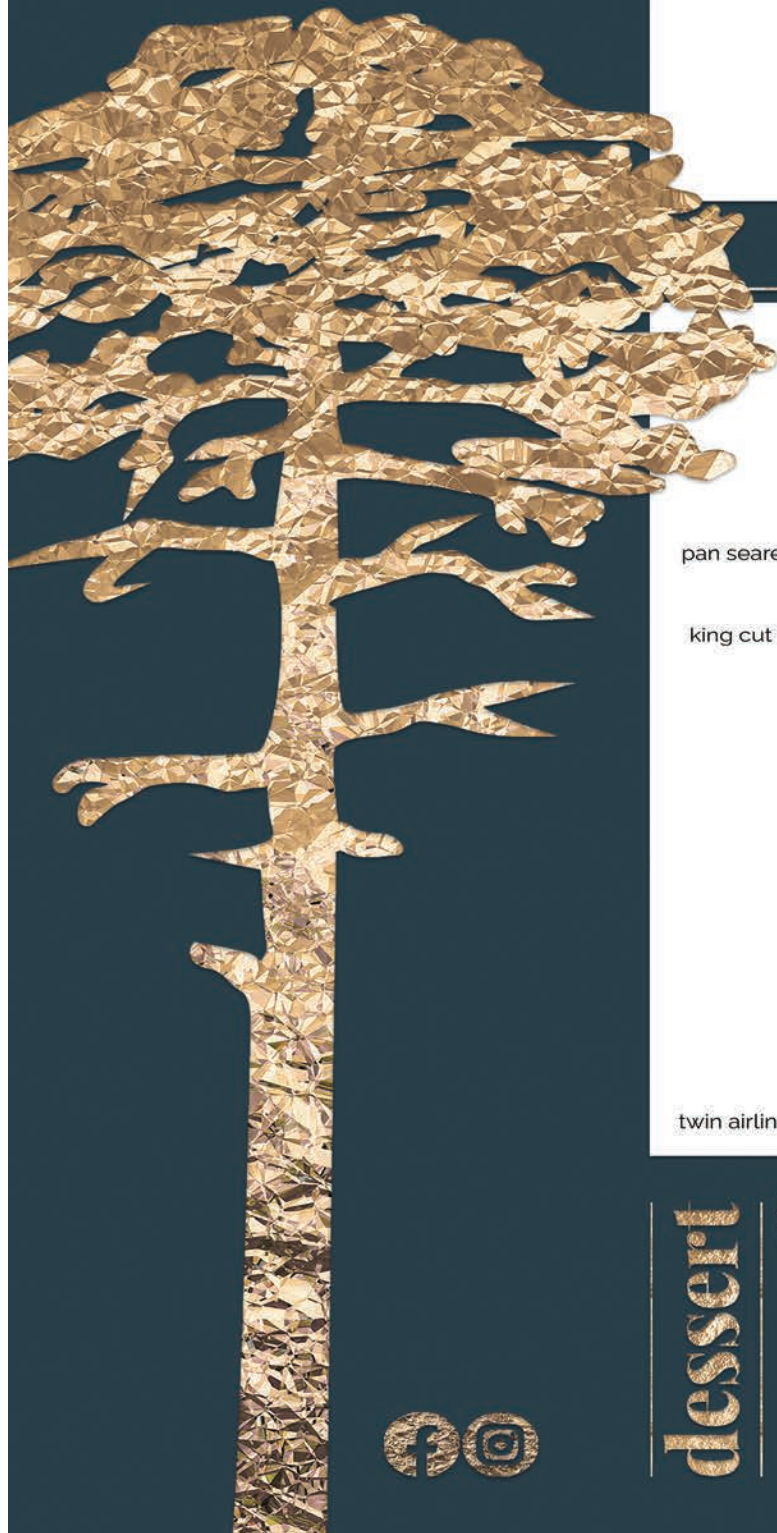
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a curated
**NEW YEARS
EVE DINNER**

reservations encouraged
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the menu

Lobster & Corn Bisque | 12

chef's family recipe

French Onion | 10

classic braised onions • rich broth • gruyere

Berries & Bubbles | 11

mixed greens • strawberries & blueberries • red onion • goat cheese
house candied pecans • sherried champagne vinaigrette

Grilled Radicchio & Artichoke | 11

marinated & grilled head of radicchio • artichoke hearts • greek vinaigrette
shaved fennel • smoked almond dust

Pines Caesar Salad | 11

chopped romaine • sliced brussel sprouts • julienned kale
caesar dressing • grated & sliced parmesan • crostini

starters

Charcuterie Board | 17

chef's cheeses & meats of the day • accoutrements • crostini

Crab Cake Trio | 16

trio of fried crab cakes • sriracha aioli • tartar sauce • cocktail sauce

Shrimp Cocktail | 15

five jumbo shrimp court bullion poached • cocktail sauce • lemon wedges

Smoked Fish & Crab Dip | 14

house smoked • white fish & sweet crab meat • gruyere cheese • crostini

Beef Carpaccio | 17

thinly sliced filet mignon • smoked sea salt • annatto oil • caper berries
fresh horseradish • aji verde sauce

entrees

Chilean Sea Bass | 36

oven roasted • risotto • pan roasted brussel sprouts
fried prosciutto • pan sauce

Crab Cakes 39

sautéed fingerling potatoes • grilled broccolini • caper aioli

Scallops | 39

pan seared diver scallops • fennel roasted beet & pine nut salad • brown butter • cauliflower purée

Prime New York Strip | 39

king cut • whipped yukon gold potatoes • fried onions • grilled asparagus • garlic rosemary butter

Dry Aged Filet Mignon | 39

black pepper & sea salt roasted • bordelaise sauce • grilled asparagus
whipped sweet & russet potatoes

Rack of Lamb | 37

oven roasted • mint jelly • whipped potatoes • grilled asparagus
whipped yukon gold potatoes

Pork Ossobuco | 32

slow roasted & pulled pork • traditional new year's black eyed peas
jasmine rice • braised cabbage & bacon

Duck Tsukim Ramen | 29

slow roasted & pulled duck • good luck noodles • rich broth
ramen egg • grilled bok choi • corn • leeks

Coq Au Vin | 31

twin airline chicken breasts • heirloom winter vegetables • roasted sweet potatoes • red wine sauce

dessert

Flowerless Chocolate Tower Cake | 10

decadent chocolate cake • belgian ganache • vanilla cream • cocoa dusted

Lemon Bar | 10

classic new england recipe • vanilla cream • candied raspberries

New York Cheesecake | 10

housemade • vanilla sweet cream • macerated blueberries