

## Charges filed in Knupp hit-and-run case

Four felonies lead 17 total violations listed, summons issued in July '22 incident

By **Hunter Hine**  
Staff Writer

(May 4, 2023) About 10 months after a dark Mercedes drove away after hitting and killing 14-year-old

Ocean Pines resident Gavin Knupp on Grays Corner Road, 22-year-old Tyler Mailloux, of Berlin, was charged as the driver.

Worcester County State's Attorney Kristin Heiser filed the charges, 17 altogether, against Mailloux in circuit court last Friday. Four of the 17 are felonies, two of which carry a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison.

All the charges are related to Mailloux's alleged failures to stop at the scene or report it later.

The list includes charges such as failure to stop at the scene of an accident resulting in bodily injury or death, and failure to report an accident that involved bodily injury or death within 15 days of the incident happening.

On Monday, a summons was filed for Mailloux's initial appearance in court, set for May 31. If Mailloux's attorney enters an appearance on his behalf before the court date, then the initial appearance will be canceled, Heiser said.

"The whole point of the initial appearance hearing is to advise the de-  
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## Snake buster

Who you gonna call?  
Russ Lederman, that's who, for snake removal

By **Cindy Hoffman**  
Staff Writer

(May 4, 2023) Snake charmer? Snake whisperer? Russ Lederman prefers snake rescuer when you talk about what he does.

Lederman markets his free services as a snake rescuer on the Nextdoor app. He knows there are many people who suffer from ophidiophobia — an overwhelming fear of snakes — and he wants them to know he is here to help.

Lederman has been a snake lover since his days as a boy in Brooklyn, where there was a limited amount of wildlife. Even so, he would go to vacant lots in search of bugs and other animals.

"One day, I flipped a board and, wow, there was a snake. I was so thrilled, and I caught it. It was a Dekay's snake. They are small, brown, harmless snakes that seem to have the ability to hang on in urban areas," he said.

He later became a camper in upstate New York, where he was able to catch frogs and snakes. The  
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PHOTO COURTESY RUSS LEDERMAN

Russ Lederman holds a black rat snake. His grandson, Carson, enjoys snakes as well. Lederman markets his free services as a snake rescuer on Nextdoor. After rescuing a snake he will take it to a more rural areas where they are safe from harm.

## Jazz, Blues, Wine, Brews Sat. in Berlin

Season begins with 16th edition of Main St. festival

By **Jack Chavez**  
Staff Writer

(May 4, 2023) Vivacious vintners and toe-tapping trumpeters converge once again this Saturday as the Berlin Chamber of Commerce's Jazz, Blues, Wine and Brews returns for its 16th year.

The Main Street corridor will be cordoned off to make way for several musical acts and upwards of 30 vendors ranging from local breweries, wineries, artisans and nonprofits.

"It's a big kickoff to the event season on the shore," said Berlin Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Ryan Nellans. "It is an excellent chance to get a taste of what it is that we do locally, pun intended. It's an exhibition of a lot of the art and crafts that our vendors have been honing over the winter."

This year's musical acts are headlined by jazz and blues outfit the Nighthawks. They'll be preceded by the Rodney Kelley Jazz Experience, the Lowercase Blues and the Salisbury University Jazz Ensemble.

On top of the traditional offerings indicated by the event's namesake, also on-hand will be photographers,  
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Gavin Knupp, center, takes a picture with local skater friends. Knupp was 14 when he was killed in a hit-and-run accident. The State of Maryland charged 22-year-old Tyler Mailloux of Berlin, as the driver. Four of the 17 charges are felonies, with two of those carrying a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison.

## Community, family react online

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fendant of the charges and explain his right to have an attorney.” Heiser said. “If he already has an attorney, the court doesn’t need to advise him on those things.”

Gavin’s mother Tiffany Knupp posted a message on Facebook directed at Mailloux on Monday.

“Tyler I have waited so long for this moment and the words I would say have played over and over in my

head. Yet I’m speechless. The fear of seeing you face-to-face is now something I have to prepare us for not just think about,” Knupp wrote. “This is real again, Gavin is never coming home and the pain is flooding me. You killed my son.”

Ray Knupp, Gavin’s father, posted an image of Mailloux on his Facebook on Monday with the words “F— you Tyler,” pasted under his face. In the header Ray Knupp wrote, “Tyler Mallioux is his name.”

In the months following the incident, the Knupp family has led a movement to bring charges to those involved in his death.

The family created the Gavin Knupp Foundation, a nonprofit made in his honor that donates to the Ocean City Surf Club and awards scholarships for programs such as Camp Woodward, a skateboarding camp.

Gavin was an avid skater and surfer who also enjoyed fishing and hunting on the Eastern Shore. The foundation’s mission is to create opportunities for youths to participate in everything Gavin loved.

The Do it for Gavin - Justice for Gavin Facebook group has 22,000 members who have posted in remembrance of Gavin and shared hopes that those responsible for his death are held accountable.

“We are immensely grateful to Kris Heiser and her team for the diligence and hard work that led to the filing of these criminal charges against the defendant Tyler Mailloux,” said Knupp family Attorney Neil Dubovsky in a statement Monday. “We also again want to express our appreciation to our family, friends and the entire community for their love and support. We will forever be grateful for the strength you have given us to keep fighting and we have only just begun.”

Around 10:45 p.m., on July 11, See FAMILY Page 3

## Town of Berlin Public Notice



**TOWN OF BERLIN, MARYLAND NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2023-03 FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BERLIN, MARYLAND, A MARYLAND MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET AS SUBMITTED.

The Ordinance will be introduced for a first reading on Monday, May 8, 2023, at 7:00 PM. The public hearing on the Ordinance will be held on Monday, June 12, 2023, at 7:00 PM. Both meetings will be held during Regular Meetings of the Mayor and Council Berlin Town Hall, 10 William Street, 2nd Floor, Berlin, MD 21811.

The hearing is open to the public, and public testimony is encouraged.

Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call 410-641-2770 for further information.

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# Atlantic General preparing to mark 30th anniversary

(May 4, 2023) To celebrate Atlantic General Hospital's growth and the community support that has made it possible, the Atlantic General Hospital Foundation will be holding its 30th anniversary celebration on Thursday, May 18.

Guests are encouraged to wear cocktail attire for the outdoor event that will take place, rain or shine, during the evening of Thursday, May 18 from 6-10 p.m.

Features of the gala include hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, and live musical entertainment.

Three decades of commitment is traditionally represented by a pearl – a symbol of wisdom, purity and love.

It is because of the long-lasting support and dedication by community members that Atlantic General Hospital continues to shine.

Admission to attend the event is \$150 per person and can be purchased online at [www.agh.care/agh30](http://www.agh.care/agh30). Event sponsorships are also available.

Several sponsorship levels include a number of complimentary admissions to the celebration.

Anniversary Celebration Committee Co-Chairs are Emily Tunis and Sara Hambury.

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# Family lawyer: 'important step'

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2022, Gavin's sister, Summer Knupp, now 17, picked him up from a friend's house. She was driving west on Grays Corner Road, back to their mother's house in Ocean Pines. They stopped, and Gavin allegedly got out of the car to take a picture of a taxidermy deer mount on the side of the road. While crossing the street to return to the car, a vehicle heading east hit Gavin.

Summer Knupp reportedly attempted to perform CPR on Gavin at the scene before first responders took Gavin to Atlantic General Hospital.

He was pronounced dead that night at AGH.

The side view mirror of a black Mercedes sedan made between 2011-2012 was left at the scene. On July 17, police found a black Mercedes that had damages consistent with the crash in the garage of local businessman Ralph DeAngelus' home. Maryland State Police took the car for processing.

Mailloux is the son of DeAngelus' girlfriend, Kearston Frey.

Although Mailloux was never officially declared to be connected to the crime before Friday's charges, many locals suspected he had been the driver.

DeAngelus made a statement on July 28, saying that he and his businesses – including his partnership in the Matt Ortt Companies restaurants – were not involved in the incident. He claimed to have reached out to authorities the day after the incident, but that police didn't contact him until the 15th.

According to DeAngelus' statement, his lawyers had made arrangements with the Maryland State Police on July 15 to drive the Mercedes to the Berlin Barrack. Police executed a search warrant on DeAngelus' home and seized the car on July 17 for processing.

Companies, announced the dissolution of his partnership with DeAngelus Nov. 7, and apologized for originally defending him.

The Knupp family and locals involved in the Justice for Gavin movement still boycotted restaurants that had been affiliated with DeAngelus and his business partners.

On Monday, before Tiffany Knupp made the Facebook post directed at Mailloux, she posted a picture of the state's attorney's request for summons, which asked the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Worcester County to issue a summons for Mailloux. It asked to attach the charging document to the summons when delivered.

"See you soon," Tiffany Knupp wrote above the picture.

"This [the charges] presents an important step towards accountability for Gavin's death, but it is just a step in that direction," Dubovsky said in the statement Monday. "Let there be no confusion – we will not rest until that process is completed, both through this criminal prosecution in addition to pursuing any and all available civil remedies."

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Attendees checks out some of the offerings at a past edition of the Jazz, Blues, Wine and Brews festival. This weekend's event will feature four musical acts and around 30 vendors.

# Jazz, Blues, Wine, Brews will liven up Main Street Berlin

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traditional art and snap vendors like Claire's Nutting Concoctions and Eastern Shore Kettle Korn, Nellans said.

Crowd favorites Silver Sun, Happy Now Creations and Images of Asateague will be returning, and Nellans promised a few new ones "that'll be interesting," including CP Tackle, run by a young man who makes his own fishing rigs.

Personally, Nellans said he is looking forward to the Lower Case Blues on the music side and also having a "much wider" selection of beverages on-hand.

"In years past we had a truck that was just Burley Oak but right now the plan at least is to have (them), Evolu-

tion, Buzz Meadery as well as some Miller Lite and Coors products on draft at three different stations," he said. "(This way), we don't have the big line that we had at Oktoberfest (last year) which was not popular at all."

From a logistics standpoint, they're just in a better place than they have been in previous years, Nellans said.

Restaurants are open every day. Live music can be found every weekend — and this time of year virtually every day. But what makes Jazz, Blues, Wine and Brews a must-attend event?

"It's a good time," Nellans said. "You can go to the movies any day of the week. This is a once-a-year opportunity to see some of the best bands from D.C. to Philly that live and work in this area. The Night Hawks are a Maryland-D.C. band, the Rodney Kelly Jazz Experience is also Maryland-DC-based. Lower Case Blues are your buddies from down the street. Dr. (Jerry) Tabor (of the Salisbury University Jazz Ensemble) is a well-respected musician and organizer.

"This is a great place to come, hang out, enjoy the beautiful weather we're going to have and have a drink and kick back and relax."

Jazz, Blues, Wine and Brews is free to attend for all ages and goes from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Beer and wine tasting tickets cost \$35 and premium tickets that include a swag bag cost \$50. Visit <https://berlinmainstreet.com/jazz-blues-wine-brews/> for more information.

## Weekend of rain lets fire marshal call off burn ban

(May 4, 2023) Following the heavy rains of the weekend, Worcester County fire officials lifted the county-wide burning ban on Monday.

"Due to the significant amounts of rainfall throughout the county during the weekend, the drought conditions have improved, and the burn ban has been lifted," Fire Marshal Matt Owens said.

Nevertheless, Owens said anyone who conducts outdoor burnings, regardless of the type, should know that the law requires any fire to be attended from start to extinguishment. Precautions for having the proper tools and safe water supply are also required.

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# Pines snake lover relocates nuisance serpents to wilds

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other campers used to make fun of him because of his fascination with snakes.

“One day, I watched a camp counselor take an oar and smash to death a northern water snake as if he was some kind of hero. It just reviled me, the anger I felt.”

“People vilify animals rather than appreciate their part in the environment.”

His friends and neighbors in Ocean Pines know he loves snakes, so those who are uncomfortable with them in their yard call Lederman and ask him to remove them.

Word got around and eventually, he decided to advertise his services on Nextdoor. Sometimes he can get multiple calls a day.

“There’s no charge, if you want to tip me or give me some gas money, I appreciate that, but it’s not required. I just want to relocate the animal rather than it be harmed,” Lederman said.

He will go anywhere in Worcester County to catch a snake. He releases them in safe remote locations far from housing and low traffic areas so they can carry on their lives without fear of human interference.

Most of his calls are referrals from Worcester Animal Control, which will not come out to deal with snakes.

“I am happy to do this,” Lederman said.

“I don’t want to see snakes killed. If you have a problem with a snake being on your property, I will catch it and release it in a rural area.”

“The main thing I see here is that most people are not able to identify [different snake] species in Ocean Pines,” Lederman said.

Ocean Pines is home to ringneck, Dekay’s brown snake, garter, northern water, black rat, copperheads and the hard-to-find eastern king snake.

“The garter snake is the most common in Ocean Pines. Next would be the black rat snake.”

The only snake on this list that is venomous is the copperhead.

“It’s the only snake that has a wide band at the base that narrows towards the top. I’ve heard it called a Hershey Kiss. That’s a really good description,” Lederman said.

“Northern water snakes are just the opposite; they are wide at the top and narrow at the bottom.”

He wants to make clear that there are no water moccasins in this area. “The furthest they go north is Norfolk, Virginia.”

He encourages people to do a search online for snakes of Worcester County to find the names and pictures of snakes found in this region.

“Snakes are so vilified. I have this affinity for them and their situation.” he said.



PHOTO COURTESY RUSS LEDERMAN  
Russ Lederman caught this garter snake in Ocean Pines. He markets his free services as a snake rescuer on Nextdoor. After rescuing a snake, he will take it to a more rural areas where they are safe from harm.

“Snakes were here before us. The attitude of coming in and clearing out what you deem as bad animals is a flaw in the human psyche. It’s simply not right.”

Snakes play an important role in the ecosystem.

Snakes provide natural rodent control. Smaller snakes will eat toads and earthworms and insects.

“It’s beneficial for humankind to learn how to live with the wildlife around us,” Lederman said.

Lederman warns people who don’t want snakes on their property to not use Snake Rid or mothballs, both of which are toxic to the environment and animals, as well as people.

He knows several cases where people spread moth balls under their home to keep snakes away and ended up getting sick themselves from the mothballs.

“Don’t do that, call me instead if you find a snake.”

He encourages people to not touch or harass the snake, just keep an eye on it until he can get there.

He reminds people that it is illegal to kill any species of snake in Maryland. Just call Russ Lederman. He’ll be right over.

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Kids enjoy the crafting stations at last year's Bay Day in Ocean Pines.

**Bay Day in OP this Saturday  
full of activities, education**

By **Cindy Hoffman**  
Staff Writer

(May 4, 2023) The fourth annual Bay Day event returns to White Horse Park in Ocean Pines on Sunday, May 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This free, family-friendly event caters to all age groups through hands-on activities, free boat tours, live music, local food trucks, live ani-

mal exhibits, and other diversions. Thirty organizations will be at the event to educate people on the local watershed and ways they can help improve the health of the waterways surrounding Ocean Pines.

"We are excited to bring Bay Day back this year for the fourth time," Maryland Coastal Bays Program Education Coordinator Liz Wist said. "Bay Day is a great way for community members to learn more about how they can make changes that, over time, have a strong positive impact on our Coastal Bays.

"They can learn about the shore's amazing environmental organizations, take a boat tour of the St. Martin River, listen to music, pick up a native plant, and participate in educational hands-on activities."

Go Green OC will be at Bay Day to collect compost. Go Green will accept any type of food waste including meat, bones, dairy, fish, shells, fruit rinds, and coffee grounds — if you can eat it, they take it. For food

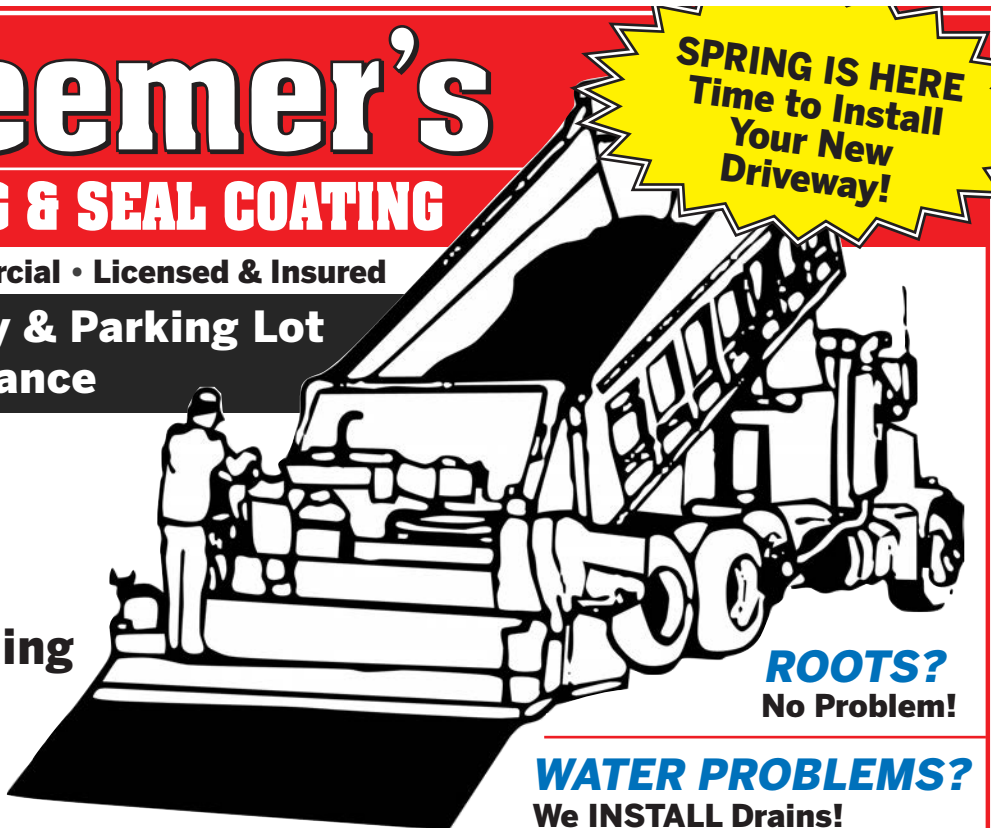
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(May 4, 2023) Bikers Without Borders Foundation's fifth annual Blessing of the Bikers event will take place this Saturday at 11 a.m.

The event will start at Fathom Church, 10455 Georgetown Rd. in Berlin. It will be led by Chaplain Jeff "Buster" Bowden, who will pray over and bless each individual motorcycle, rider/passenger.

Fathom Worship Team will be providing music and Pastor Nate Deism will give a brief message.

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# Spring Just Walk Berlin back on Sat. at SD Park

By Jack Chavez  
Staff Writer

(May 4, 2023) The trees are budding and the flowers are blooming, making this the perfect time to step outside and take a stroll through town after a long winter.

That's what the Town of Berlin and the Worcester County Health Department are inviting people to do Saturday morning with the return of the annual "Spring Just Walk Berlin."

Participants will meet up at 8:30 a.m. at Stephen Decatur Park and walk a path through town before looping back around to the park. There will be available paths that are one, two and three miles long.

"We'll have resources onsite that I think will be beneficial for the community to learn more about, but I also think the walk itself, it's through town, so you're part of the community," said Berlin town Administrative Assistant Kate Daub. "It brings the community together to promote physical activity and being inside."

Daub said the event is catered to as many people as possible — it's a flat-surface, easy walk.

"We are trying to promote more physical activity as part of the community," Daub said.

Staff from Atlantic General Health will be on the way promoting healthy living and offering resources and services such as blood pressure checks. Health Department representatives will be present as well to promote healthy-living resources.

Drawing on the turnout from last year's Fall Glow Walk that featured around 50 to 75 walkers, Daub said she's hoping they can get a similar turnout on Saturday.

The walk is free for participants. There is no rain date scheduled if inclement weather cancels the walk.

For more information, visit <https://berlinmd.gov/2023/04/26/spring-just-walk-on-saturday-may-6th/>.

## Bikes, food and blessings offered

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There is no entry fee but participants are welcome to provide a donation. Bring nonperishable food items for the group's food bank.

Food will be available at the event. Look for the Fathom Church flags lining the driveway and follow it back.

There will be people parking bikes on the property. The event will be held outside on the lawn. All are welcome. For more information, call 443-497-1302.

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**Plenty of biking activities on tap for National Bike Month**

By **Cindy Hoffman**  
 Staff Writer

(May 4, 2023) May is National Bike Month and with that comes numerous opportunities to get out and ride.

The Maryland Coastal Bike Festival has planned three bike routes to explore Maryland's scenic coastal region on May 6.

The three rides include an Island Ride, which is 17 miles to Assateague Island starts at 8 a.m. A longer Surf and Turf ride combines 34 to 49 miles of beach with Maryland's coastal backcountry trails starts at 7:30 a.m. The longest ride is Metric Century, covering 64 miles, starting at West Ocean City Harbor, through Assateague and the Worcester County countryside starts at 8 a.m. Costs are \$45 for the Island, \$65

for the Surf and Turf and \$75 for the Metric Century ride.

Packet pickup is on Friday, May 5 at Coconuts Beach Bar and Grill, located in Oceanfront Castle in the Sand Hotel at 3701 Atlantic Avenue.

All rides start at West Ocean City Public Boat Ramp lot at the intersection of Sunset Avenue and Golf Course Road and finish at OC's famous harbor.

After the ride, bikers can join the celebration at Harbor Docks for craft beer, seafood, and lots of vendors.

On May 13, the third annual Snow Hill Community Bike Ride will be held at 9:30 a.m. for a four-mile route through Snow Hill along the proposed Snow Hill bikeways route. Riders will meet at Byrd Park at 9:30  
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**Bring recycling to Bay Day, Sun.**

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scrap, Go Green OC said the best way to handle them is to freeze food scraps leading up to Bay Day and bring them by their exhibit table.

"We'll have two pizza box receptacles as well," Josh Chamberlain said, the founder of Go Green OC.

Go Green OC will also demonstrate its compost program.

"People will be able to touch the finished product of compost we create," Chamberlain said.

Those who might want to do this on a regular basis can let Go Green know. Go Green will set participants up with a restaurant in Ocean City to drop off food waste for free.

There will be a recycling station where community members can bring hard-to-recycle items such as plastic grocery bags, alkaline batteries, old phones, chargers, and remotes.

Attendees will also have a chance to check out the Fishmobile to get close to Chesapeake Bay wildlife such as turtles and horseshoe crabs.

"We have 13 different animal tanks, several interactive activities, and displays all focusing on the unique ecosystems that make up the Chesapeake Bay and its watershed,"

Kristen Lycett, the executive director of Phillips Wharf Environmental Center, said.

"Kids can make their own recycled paper out of old newspaper at the Coast Kids table," Verena Chase, of Assateague Coastal Trust (ACT), said.

ACT will also be selling native plants.

Protectors of the St. Martin's River will lead an oyster cage building demonstration and provide information on oyster gardening.

The first 200 attendees will receive a canvas bag, hand-painted by students from Worcester County Public Schools. Otto Grundman will be providing the live music at the event, bay boat tours on the OC Bay Hopper will be available, visitors can learn how to cast a line with OP Anglers, and indulge in food from The Street Kitchen, Kiwanis, and Kona Ice.

For more information visit the "Bay Day in Ocean Pines 2023" event at <https://www.facebook.com/events/528628399344625/?ref=newsfeed>. For questions about the event, email [lwist@mdcoastalbays.org](mailto:lwist@mdcoastalbays.org). To volunteer, contact [gatkin@mdcoastalbays.org](mailto:gatkin@mdcoastalbays.org)

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Bikers, led by Mayor Zack Tindall, far right, took to the streets for last year's ride through Berlin. The Berlin bike event will be held on May 18 this year.

## Bike events abound this month

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a.m. Riders can take a break for lunch and then head over for a longer afternoon ride through Ocean Pines.

The Ocean Pines ride starts at 3 p.m. The 14-mile route will start and finish at the Ocean Pines Golf Club at 100 Clubhouse Drive.

The Clubhouse Bar & Grill will offer a free drink for participants, after the ride. The event will also feature live entertainment and free giveaways.

"We're excited to continue this event and to share the benefits of bicycling with another group of people," Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Director Debbie Donahue said.

Then on Thursday, May 18, the Worcester County Bike and Pedestrian Coalition will host a three-mile ride through downtown Berlin starting at 6 pm.

Riders will meet at Roadie Joe's for a demonstration from the Berlin Police Department on bicycle safety. The ride will be led by Mayor Zack Tindall who, along with the Town Council, declared May National Bike Month.

A future Berlin Bikeway is planned from Heron Park through town and ending where Main Street intersects with 818 at 113.

"This would allow residents to travel on a shared use trail that par-

allels the existing railroad tracks through town for about two miles," said Patti Stevens, community coordinator of the Worcester County Bike and Pedestrian Coalition.

A proposal is being submitted by the town to the state Department of Transportation by June 1 requesting funding for the bikeway from the Kim Lamphier Bikeways Grant Program.

Worcester County received funding from the Rural Maryland Economic Development Fund through the Tri-County Council to develop a countywide greenway and trail plan.

This funding would allow the county to connect the trails being planned in Berlin, Snow Hill and Ocean City to produce a bigger network of trails.

"Berlin is the middle of the spine of this connecting network," Stevens said.

For more information on all of the events visit:

May 6: Maryland Coastal Bike Festival: [bit.ly/3NtFXt1](https://bit.ly/3NtFXt1)

May 13: Snow Hill community bike ride: [bit.ly/3NuNt7g](https://bit.ly/3NuNt7g)

May 13: Ocean Pines bike ride: To register in advance, call 410-641-7052 or email [rec@oceanpines.org](mailto:rec@oceanpines.org)

May 18: Berlin Bike Ride: <https://visitmarylandcoast.org/event/berlin-community-bike-ride-1/2023-05-18>



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# Springfest:

**WHAT:** 32nd annual Ocean City spring festival  
**WHERE:** inlet parking lot  
**WHEN:** Thursday, Friday, Saturday, May 4-6, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday, May 7, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
 • Thursday, 10 a.m. - opening ceremony, inlet lot  
 • Thursday, 6 p.m. - Mayor's Bike Ride and Boardwalk Parade; 5 p.m. registration at South First Street  
 More info: <https://www.ocean.com/springfest/>

# Springfest forecast of sunny skies

**By Hunter Hine**  
Staff Writer

(May 4, 2023) Last year, a storm brought Springfest to an abrupt end, but the annual festival returns for its 32nd year at the inlet parking lot, today through Sunday.

The celebration focuses on music, food and arts and crafts, with live music and free performances throughout the day and one headliner each of the first three nights.

The first three days run from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday the festival will close at 6 p.m.

For the opening ceremony at 10 a.m. on Thursday, the OC Stars from Ocean City Elementary will perform.

"Even with the storms we had [last] weekend, preparations have been very smooth, so we're very happy with how things have turned out this year in terms of us getting ready for the event," said Frank Miller, director of the Ocean City Special Events Department.

"It's an event that generally draws around 100,000 people, and has attracted as many as 160,000 in the past," Miller said.

The three music headliners will play inside the 1,750-seat pavilion at the side of the lot closest to the beach from Thursday to Saturday, starting at 7 p.m. each night.

It begins with Shadows of the 60's, a tribute to Motown's Super Groups, then Collective Soul on Friday and finally Marty Stuart & His Fabulous Superlatives on Saturday.

Attendees must buy tickets to attend the three main shows. Prices range from \$110 to \$20 depending on the show and seating section, and they can be bought online. Links to the


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# Springfest offers music, vendors, activities

Ticketmaster pages for each show are available at <https://www.ococean.com/springfest/music-lineup/>.

All the other performances are free, as so is Springfest.

The line-up of free shows includes many local and regional groups, such as Poole and the Gang, Front Page News, Rt 50, and the Mathew Street Band.

Regulars like the Elvis cover band Bob Lougheed & The Memphis Mafia, and Rick K Road Trip will perform as will some new musical faces that includes up-and-coming country singer Sam Grow and Neil Diamond tribute band Real Diamond.

The live music will be surrounded by refreshments, including a food tent featuring around 10 vendors, and gourmet food options located in the mid-way area.

Revenue from beer sales will go to support four local nonprofits: The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City, Art League of Ocean City, Ocean City Lioness and the Knights of Columbus.

Specialty beverage sales, which includes options like margaritas for Cinco De Mayo, will go to support the Ocean City Recreation Boosters.

Other tent sections will also house vendor booths with more than 200 artists and craftspeople along with many more pop-ups from businesses and organizations.

Besides the music, food and drinks, Springfest will also offer a few special activities.

On Thursday at 6 p.m., Star Wars Fans are invited to dress up like their favorite character and join the Mayor's Bike Ride and Boardwalk Parade to celebrate May the Fourth, — as in May the Fourth be with you. Riders can bike with Mayor Rick Meehan

on a Boardwalk loop beginning and ending at South First Street.

There will also be painting activities with T.C. Studios instructors and supplies included, and inflatable play-places on the beach.

Trimper Rides, located on the end of the Boardwalk, is opening for Springfest with \$30 tickets for unlimited rides all four days.

Jolly Roger, which is just off the lot by the pier, is offering three deals: a \$5 off day or nighttime armband, a \$10 off two-hour armband at Speedworld Go-Kart Track, and buy one get one free at Jolly Roger Mini Golf, both at 30th Street.

Just hours before one of Springfest's headliners, Starship, were set to perform at last year's event, a violent nor'easter stopped the festivities short only halfway through.

"Last year was a little dramatic on weather, but we were ready and we always are because we're outdoors," said Brenda Moore, a special events coordinator for Ocean City.

This year, Miller said organizers are "optimistically confident" that the days ahead hold fair weather for Springfest. If it's just some rain, the show will go on. That's what the tents are for, Miller said.

"The flipside of the rain and wind that we sometimes run into is these incredibly beautiful, sunny days at the beach, at the ocean, along the Boardwalk that are just perfect for families to come and visit and get great memories and have a great time," Miller said.

Organizers are still constantly monitoring the weather, so if they see a storm system approaching, they can make an appropriate call on the severity and notify attendees, Miller said.



HUNTER HINE/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Despite the past week's rain, preparation for the 32nd annual Springfest is going well and weather forecasts look clear, said Frank Miller, director of the Ocean City Special Events Department. Brenda Moore, a special events coordinator for Ocean City, and Frank Miller standing among the ongoing Springfest setup at the inlet parking lot.

Miller also advised visitors from western and central Maryland to come prepared for the temperature drop between mainland and shoreline.

"You might be coming from a 75 degree day, come to the ocean and you're sitting at 63," Miller said.

The inlet lot will be completely closed, and nearby parking will likely be hard to find, so Miller and Moore encourage visitors to park in designated lots

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# County has questions on rec center add-on

**By Jack Chavez**  
Staff Writer

(May 4, 2023) The Worcester County Commissioners voted 6-0 to approve the solicitation of bids for the construction of a storage addition to the recreation center in Snow Hill on Tuesday, but not before some discussion about how county staff went about the process.

The funding for the project comes from the county's Program Open Space grant, with \$623,000 approved for it. County staff said that the storage facility is needed to address the overflow of fitness and youth sports equipment that is spilling over into the gym area of the recreation center.

Architectural drawings and specifications were provided to the county by the Salisbury-based Becker Morgan Group.

"This is a storage shed. Do we really need Becker Morgan (to come out on this)?" Commissioner Joe Mitrecic asked.

"I think before we move forward with plans for these types of projects, we need to put out a (request for proposal) for design," Mitrecic said. "I haven't seen (that), I don't know what it entails. A storage shed to me means

(four walls, a floor and a roof) ... I don't think we need Becker Morgan to draw up a storage shed. That's just my opinion."

Mitrecic clarified that he ultimately supports the need for the storage shed.

"Before we start doing these kinds of projects, we need to send out an RFP for the design first and see what we come back with," he said. "think we could've gotten a high school draft student to draw up this shed."

Chief Administrative Officer Weston Young pointed out that the footprint of the storage shed is a "sizable addition" that involves some utility relocation work.

"I'm not discounting anything that's been mentioned but we have the solar installation behind the property, (it) has utilities running through this spot so again it's a little more than say an Amish-built shed in the backyard somewhere. This is a building addition with utility (relocations) and it's needed for that facility.

Mitrecic agreed that it's not as simple as a backyard shed, but that no matter the degree of complexity, chances are that, had the county sent out an RFP, a firm the size of Becker Morgan would not have been needed.

Commissioners Caryn Abbott and Eric Fiori agreed with Mitrecic, with

Fiori saying that the designs, which indicate it will affect three-quarters of the existing building are perhaps a bit too complex.

"Looking backward on this, maybe (don't) try to tie it into the building so invasively. (That) might be a little bit

of cost savings," Fiori said. "This is a need but again I support Joe saying we don't need to hire a high-end firm for something like this."

The next step will be having the commissioners award the construction contract.



Joe Mitrecic

## Four commissioners sign on to paid parking code change

**By Jack Chavez**  
Staff Writer

(May 4, 2023) Four Worcester County Commissioners sponsored legislation on Tuesday that paves the way for a pilot program that would create a parking charge for out-of-state people using the Shell Mill boat ramp in Bishopville.

With the signatures of Commissioners Chip Bertino, Jim Bunting, Eric Fiori and Caryn Abbott, the new majority in county leadership can now determine the feasibility of one of its ideas to drum up additional revenue.

The pilot program was approved in March, but a minor amendment was needed to implement it. Specifically, the code now adds "paid" to the parking zone designations.

The pilot program will charge out-of-state boat ramp users \$10 to use the north-county boat ramp. If the program is determined a success, similar charges will likely come to the rest of the county's 14 other public boat ramps, which include the boat ramp on 64th Street in Ocean City and the



Chip Bertino



Jim Bunting

ramp on Golf Course Road in West Ocean City.

Back in March, Commissioner Joe Mitrecic said this move might just dissuade out-of-state boaters from using that specific ramp.

"We're going to push these boat ramp users to other boat ramps," Mitrecic said then. "If we're going to do it, we need to do it with all boat ramps in the county."

Fiori disagreed, saying that parking is so bad at other ramps that the public will need to weigh its limited options.

"By 9 a.m. on a Saturday, these lots are already filled," Fiori said. "You're not going to take your family and boat to another ramp because of a \$10 fee."

Commissioner Jim Bunting said  
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"What it (Springfest) has done to

help boost that tourism crowd into May is quite substantial, and we've seen events fill in after Springfest to continue that trend as we head toward Memorial Day and the normal summer season," Miller said.

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# Coastal Drugs opens new location

OP pharmacy owners says prices beat big box stores

By **Cindy Hoffman**  
Staff Writer

(May 4, 2023) Coastal Drugs, a family-run business in Ocean Pines, has moved from its old location in

Manklin Station to a new stand-alone building at 11005 Manklin Creek Road, right across from the South Pond.

The husband-and-wife team, Ray and Arti Patel, have been in business in Ocean Pines for seven years. They purchased the building after their previous lease expired, because of the better visibility from Ocean Parkway and more parking.

"We are investing back into the community," Ray Patel said.

They renovated the building and are in the process of landscaping before their grand opening.

"The customers like the new location. It's bright, lots of parking and we will have pick-up lanes so we can bring purchases out to your car," Ray Patel said.

"We've dedicated our store to safety, and durable medical equipment, reclining chairs people can try out, and DME walkers. We have a little bit of a showroom here. We kept it simple, but at the same time, focused on what the community is looking for."

Instead of buying these products online, customers can come into the pharmacy and try the products out.

"We can assemble items for them. They don't have to worry about anything."

The pharmacy will deliver to Snow Hill, Ocean Pines, Ocean City and Berlin.

"If the consumer cannot come to us, we cater to their needs. There is nothing we won't do for the convenience of our patients," he said.

"We have grown by word of mouth through the community. Friends and family are key to our growth."

They have stiff competition from Walgreens, Walmart, Rite Aid, Tidal Health and AGH.

"Even with all this competition, we

are thriving," he said.

"We are thankful that we have great customers and people who support small businesses. That is how we, as the Coastal Drug family, keep growing."

Patel's business philosophy is knowing his patients, caring for them and their health, and providing them with great service and good prices.

"For people without insurance, we give them the best possible price that a pharmacy can. Better than the big box stores like Walmart, Walgreens, and even better pricing than GoodRx."

"We can save you money. We do have better prices than the big box stores. Not just on medication, but over-the-counter, durable medical equipment and incontinence supplies as well."

If a customer is struggling to afford a medication, Patel is willing to work with them.

"We care. Even if I am going to break even or not make too much money."

"Our formula is taking care of our customers, who have become part of our Coastal Drug family."

"At the end of the day, your health is your wealth. We want to know them, not just from a business perspective, but personal life as well."

Patel encourages people to bring their list of medications and their price points to them.

"Come in and have a consultation with our owner/pharmacists," Patel said.

His wife, Arti, is the store pharmacist.

Once we have a dialogue with the patient, we can get them that drug for cheaper. We want to help the patient and grow our business.

"We are blessed that the patients and the community of Ocean Pines and this county are supporting us."



CINDY HOFFMAN/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Ray and Arti Patel, owners of Coastal Drugs Pharmacy, say their family-owned business has thrived by word of mouth throughout the community. They say they treat their customers like friends and family.

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There are less than 330 nurses nationwide that have been bestowed this honor and Dr. Sebach is the only nurse in Maryland to be inducted this year.

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"Aaron has been an integral part of many programs here at TidalHealth and in the community," said Kathryn Fiddler, DNP, MS, RN, NE-BC, TidalHealth's vice president of Population Health. "His work as a hospitalist and as a nurse practitioner for our SWIFT program connects the care of our patients through exceptional practice, commitment and passion. We are excited to see Aaron

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## Text amendment for paid parking

Continued from Page 12 that the county must start somewhere.

"It's a problem (at Shell Mill boat ramp)," he said. "This helps us track who's coming from out of state. We're going to get it straight and we'll have the ability to enforce the number of boats and trailers there. We won't have them stacked up the road and blocking, loading and unloading."

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# County Public Works offering farmers scrap tire collection

(May 4, 2023) The Worcester County Public Works department will offer an agricultural scrap tire collection for county farmers on May 20 and 22, at the central landfill in Newark.

This event is for Worcester County farmers only and is not open to homeowners or area businesses. Farmers will be permitted to deliver scrap tires without restrictions, provided the tires come from a Maryland farm that is based in Worcester County.

The department is being aided in the event by the Maryland Department of the Environment, Maryland Environmental Services and Maryland Farm Bureau. The Department of the Environment will reimburse Worcester County for costs up to \$60,000 for transporting and disposing of the scrap tires it collects.

For more information, contact Worcester County Recycling Manager Mike McClung at 410-632-3177.

## Business Briefs

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earn this well-deserved recognition for all he does for TidalHealth and our community.”

### Joins TidalHealth

Kristen Abbott, FNP, joins TidalHealth Primary Care in Ocean Pines.



Kristen Abbott

Abbott received her Master of Science in Nursing from Wilmington University and obtained her Family Nurse Practitioner certificate in 2022.

She is currently working toward her Doctor of Nursing Practice at Wilmington University.

Abbott has more than 10 years of experience as a registered nurse.

She began her career caring at the Wicomico County Board of Education, then transitioned to TidalHealth Nanticoke where she provided comprehensive inpatient care to pediatric, adult and medical-surgical patients. She has also served as an adjunct faculty nursing clinical instructor at Salisbury University for the past six years.

When she isn't treating patients, Abbott enjoys reading, traveling and spending time with her large family.

Abbott is accepting new patients at TidalHealth Primary Care, located at 11101 Cathage Road, Suite 102 in Berlin. To schedule an appointment, call

410-912-6104.

### New oncologist

Dr. Rodney Williams joins the medical staff of Atlantic General Hospital to provide medical oncology care alongside Dr. Rabindra Paul and nurse practitioner Paige Wildmann at the John H. 'Jack' Burbage, Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center.



Rodney Williams

Williams earned his medical degree at University of California School of Medicine.

His training and clinical experience includes a fellowship at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, after a residency at the University of Colorado Affiliated Hospitals in Denver.

He comes to Atlantic General from coastal South Carolina, where he provided cancer treatment in a rural clinic and in the hematology/oncology division at the Medical University of South Carolina, in Charleston.

Williams has held medical leadership positions at several healthcare organizations, including the Greater Baltimore Medical Center. He is board certified in internal medicine and medical oncology.

Williams is currently accepting new patients. For more information and appointments, call the Burbage Regional Cancer Care Center at 410-629-6888.



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Ocean Pines Police Cpl. James Brasure, left, was named Officer of the Year for the community during an April 5 ceremony of the American Legion, Synepuxent Post 166. He is pictured with OPPD Sgt. Shakhan Toppin. SUBMITTED PHOTO/ BAYSIDE GAZETTE



## Cpl. Brasure presented top honors from American Legion

(May 4, 2023) Ocean Pines Police Cpl. James Brasure was named Officer of the Year for the community during an April 5 ceremony of the American Legion, Synepuxent Post 166.

Ocean Pines Lt. Shakhan Toppin said Brasure has been with OPA Police for 27 years – since 1995. Toppin was named Officer of the Year at the same ceremony last year.

“His dedication to duty, his work ethic, and his commitment to the community were factors I considered when I nominated him for this prestigious award, which was given by the American Legion,” Toppin said.

The Legion hosts annual recognition ceremonies for local police, firefighters, EMS, and Coast Guard workers.

The Ocean Pines Police Department is currently hiring officers. Police academy candidates are also welcome to apply.

To download an application, visit <https://www.oceanpines.org/documents/10184/89280/Employment-Application-Form-Revised.pdf>.

Applications may be dropped off at the Ocean Pines Police Station on 239 Ocean Parkway or emailed to [stoppin@oceanpines.org](mailto:stoppin@oceanpines.org).

## U.S. Coast Guard offers safe boating class at OP library

(May 4, 2023) The US Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering a one-day Maryland Safe Boating Course on Saturday May 6, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Library.

A Safe Boating Certificate is required for all boat operators born after July 1, 1972, and is awarded after successful completion of the course. The class includes piloting in local waters, tying nautical knots, foul weather tactics, legal issues, updated Maryland regulations, and common marine maintenance.

Those attending the class, and passing the test will receive a Maryland Boating Certificate, which is NASBLA approved and valid in all states.

The cost is \$20 to participate. Register or get more information by calling Barry Cohen at 410-935-4807, or email [CGAUXOC@Gmail.com](mailto:CGAUXOC@Gmail.com).

Checks should be made payable to: USGCAUX 12-05 and mailed to: USGCAUX 12-05, P.O. Box 1682, Berlin, Maryland 21811.

Payment via PayPal is also accepted.

The 2023 course schedule: June 6-7, July 11-12, Aug. 5, and Sept. 12-13.

## Motor vehicle crash claims woman’s life in Ocean Pines

By Cindy Hoffman  
Staff Writer

(May 4, 2023) Ocean Parkway was closed near the South Fire Station Monday morning following a motor vehicle crash that claimed the life of a pedestrian, according to the Worcester County Sheriff’s Office.

The sheriff’s office reported Tuesday that around 9:23 a.m. Pamela Shellenberger was walking across Ocean Parkway at the intersection of King Richard Road in Ocean Pines when she was struck by a vehicle being driven by Bethany Jones, 30 of Berlin.

The victim was airlifted from the scene by Maryland State Police Aviation Command to Tidal Health Penin-

sula Regional in Salisbury where she later succumbed to her injuries.

Jones talked to police at the scene and showed no signs of impairment, the sheriff’s office reported. The sheriff’s office Crash Reconstruction Unit was called in by the Ocean Pines police to handle the investigation.

Shellenberger was taken to the Office of Chief Medical Examiner in Baltimore for autopsy. After the investigation is complete, the case will be forwarded to the Worcester County States Attorney’s Office for review, the sheriff’s office said. Anyone with information about the crash should contact Sgt. Chris Larmore of the Crash Reconstruction Unit at 410-632-1111.

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# 'Vote' sign contest to help spread word on OPA Board

(May 4, 2023) The Ocean Pines Communications Committee is sponsoring a design a "vote" sign contest to help spread the word for the 2023 Ocean Pines Board of Directors election.

Homeowners and residents in all age groups are asked to design an 18 x 24-inch lawn sign.

The winning sign or signs will be announced by the committee on June 2. The winners will receive a \$100 Yacht Club gift card.

Winning signs will be displayed around the community as part of the voter turnout effort.

"We hope our homeowners and residents will show off their artistic talents and send us their best work," Committee Chairperson Cheryl Jacobs said. "The committee feels strongly about increasing voter turnout in Ocean Pines, and we believe this is a fun and, hopefully, effective way to help spread the word for the upcoming board election."

Sign submissions may be sent to Jenny Cropper-Rines at jcrines@gmail.com. All submissions must be received by May 15. Submissions must be in either jpg, png, or pdf formats.



HUNTER HINE/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Worcester County Library served cake and lemonade at its presentation of the new Pop Up Library on April 26 at the Berlin branch. Pictured are attendees taking a closer look at the book mobile.

# Worcester County Library unveils new book mobile

By Hunter Hine  
Staff Writer

(May 4, 2023) Worcester County Library presented its new book mobile at the "Meet your Pop Up Library" event in the parking lot of the Berlin branch on April 26, while attendees enjoyed cake and lemonade.

"We wanted to have a way to cele-

brate our new Pop Up Library," said Jennifer Ranck, director of Worcester County Library. "It's a library on wheels that we can bring to all quarters of the county, and this was a way that we could gather everybody here today and sort of have a meet-up event, have some cake and celebrate."

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# Library book mobile hits road

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The book mobile will have a regularly scheduled route, but it will also visit special events like parades.

“We’re taking it to places like long-term care facilities, child care facilities and getting it into places where people who can’t easily come to the library can still access library services,” Ranck said.

Ranck said the Pop Up Library will serve all ages, but that the Worcester County Library system hopes to specifically target the young and the old, or more generally, people who might have trouble traveling to a stationary library.

Although it’s mobile, the Pop Up Library features many of the same hallmarks of a brick and mortar library. Besides books, it offers public wifi, DVD’s, and it will serve as a vessel for programs like storytimes for different organizations, Ranck said.

People can even sign up for a library card from the van.

As for books, it will hold a large variety suited for all ages.

“I suspect that we will probably have sort of the latest and greatest (books) on our book mobile to keep the collection fresh,” Ranck said.

Any books checked out from the book mobile can be returned to the van, or any other Worcester County Public Library branch, Ranck said. The check-out period is 30 days.

“That gives us time to get back to you, to see you on our route,” Ranck said.

The idea of creating a book mobile was first discussed during covid when all the libraries were shut down, Ranck said.

She said that although it came to fruition a little later than she would’ve liked, Ranck is excited about the possibilities the Pop Up Library will open to get more involved with the community.

This is the first book mobile Worcester County has had in 40 years. The county’s original book mobile ran from 1960-1982, bringing library access to what were small towns at the time like Girdletree, Stockton and Ocean Pines. Eventually, it started having service issues and had to be sold.

“I did see a little news article that a local resident did buy it and turned it into kind of like a camper, or a van, so sort of van-life, 1982 style,” Ranck said.

During the Pop Up Library’s presentation, Ranck introduced Mobile Services Coordinator Amanda Laick, who will be scheduling and driving the mobile library.

Worcester County Commissioner Ted Elder was also there to witness the unveiling.

“We’re very grateful to the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the Maryland State Library Agency, our Worcester County commissioners and our Worcester County Library Foundation for funding this,” Ranck said.

For more information, visit <https://worcesterlibrary.org/>.

# Berlin receives Certificate of Excellence in Reliability

(May 4, 2023) American Municipal Power Inc. announces that the American Public Power Association has presented the Town of Berlin with a “Certificate of Excellence in Reliability.”

The certificate recognizes utilities that placed in the top 25 percentile of reliability nationwide in 2022, as measured against the U.S. Energy Information Administration’s data.

The association helps public power systems track outage and restoration data through its eReliability Tracker service and compares the data to the administration’s national statistics.

American Municipal Power covers the cost of subscription to the eReliability Tracker service for all of its members.

“Berlin’s commitment to reliable electric service is commendable,” said Jolene Thompson, AMP president and CEO. “This recognition shows how dedicated Berlin Electric Utility Department is to serving its customers.”

For more information about the eReliability Tracker program and a listing of all recipients of the Certificate of Excellence in Reliability, visit [www.publicpower.org](http://www.publicpower.org).

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# 'Stand Down' event provides help to veterans

Group provides medical check-ups, mental health support, food and clothes

By Hunter Hine  
Staff Writer

(May 4, 2023) The Ocean Pines Community Center held the weekend's final Stand Down event to serve at-risk veterans on Sunday, after organizers held one in Cambridge on

Friday and another in Salisbury on Saturday.

At Stand Down events, Veteran Affairs staff and local organizations serve veterans in need, providing them with food, clothes and medical check-ups, while also connecting them with housing and employment opportunities, substance abuse treatment and mental health support among other services, according to the U.S. Department of Veteran Af-

fairs.

"It's open to any veteran, active duty service member, their families, and what we do is try to provide local resources for our veterans for many things from homelessness, to behavioral health services, to job placement, you name it," said Dina Karpf, eastern regional resource coordinator, who helped organize the event. "We had a little bit of everything."

Gregory Bisset, a veteran himself who does healthcare outreach for homeless veterans at the VA, also helped organize the event.

Bisset said the event was open to all veterans, but emphasizes a focus on homeless veterans, vets who had other than honorable discharge and may not qualify for all VA services, and veterans who simply haven't taken advantage of the resources  
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A 'Stand Down' event took place at the Ocean Pines Community Center on Sunday. At these events, the Department Veterans Affairs and local organizations come together to bring health and support services to veterans in need. Pictured are pop-ups from organizations inside the community center.  
HUNTER HINE/  
BAYSIDE GAZETTE

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# Community Briefs

## Carson Scholar

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Vanesska Hall

The Carson Scholars Program recognizes students who demonstrate the highest standards of academic achievement, integrity, civic and social responsibility.

Hall will receive a \$1,000 scholarship award that will be invested for her college education.

She was selected as a Worcester Prep nominee based on her superb academic record and pledge to volunteer. Currently, Hall serves as a leader in the WPS Volunteer Club and a cadet with the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company.

In 2022, she traveled abroad to complete a service project on the Ukrainian border, in addition to many other service commitments throughout her upper school career.

The Carson Scholars Fund, Inc. was founded in 1994 by now retired, world-renowned Johns Hopkins Pediatric Neurosurgeon Benjamin S. Carson, M.D. and his wife, Candy.

The program has grown to award more than 500 scholarships annually. More than 3,500 Carson Scholars

have been recognized for their academic and humanitarian achievements in multiple years. Scholarship winners have received more than \$8.28 million to help finance their education.

## Dean's List

Jillian Griggs has been named to Adelphi University's fall semester Dean's List.

Griggs of Berlin, was among a select group of outstanding students recognized by the New York school's deans of Arts and Sciences, Education and Health Science, Business, Nursing and Public Health, Social Work and Psychology for superior academic performance.

The list comprises full-time students-registered for 12 or more credits-who have completed at least nine graded credits who achieved a GPA of 3.5 or above for the semester.

Dickinson College has announced the following students were named to the dean's list for the fall semester.

Drew Hauelsen, a junior quantitative economics and mathematics major, is a graduate of Stephen Decatur High School in Berlin, and is the son of Craig and Amy Hauelsen of Snow Hill.

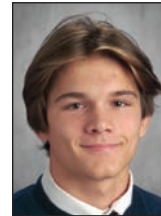
Jo van Kuilenburg, a senior history and women's, gender & sexuality studies major, is a graduate of Gover-

nor Thomas Johnson High School, and is the son of Marinus van Kuilenburg of Berlin, and Nicola van Kuilenburg of Frederick.

All students earning a position on the dean's list for the Pennsylvania school must have a grade-point average of 3.7 or above on a 4.0 GPA scale for the semester.

## Accepted

Worcester Preparatory School junior Dylan McGovern has been accepted into the American Legion Maryland Boys State 2023 program.



Dylan McGovern

McGovern will be sponsored by the Wicomico Legion Post #64 to attend the week-long program in June.

American Legion Boys State is among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for high school students. It

is a participatory program where each participant becomes a part of the operation of his local, county and state government.

Activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law enforcement presentations, assemblies and art and recreational programs.

## Inducted

Shenandoah University's Department of Intercollegiate Athletics announced that 139 student-athletes are the inaugural inductees into its Pi chapter of the Chi Alpha Sigma national collegiate athlete honor society.

Julianna Fohner, of Ocean City, is among those inducted into the honor society.

Chi Alpha Sigma was started in 1996 as a way to recognize the academic achievements of student-athletes around the country.

It is open to all student-athletes who have earned at least a 3.4 GPA and have junior academic standing

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# Birckhead joins veterans' event

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Around 30-50 veterans showed out to the community center, Karpf said. She estimated that there were around 100-150 attending veterans across all three days.

The event was originally planned to happen at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Park in Ocean Pines, but because of weather concerns, it was moved inside the Ocean Pines Community Center, Karpf said.

Snow Hill native Brig. Gen. Janeen Birckhead, who recently assumed responsibility as 31st Adjutant General of Maryland, attended the event both in her capacity as the new adjutant general and as someone from the Eastern Shore, she said.

Birckhead said that while Stand Down events also happen in dense urban areas like Baltimore, veterans there are much closer to resources

like the Baltimore VA medical center. The need for veteran outreach is often much greater in rural areas such as the Eastern Shore, given that brick-and-mortar veteran resources are scarce, she said.

"There's always a need because there are homeless veterans in the area, but the VA and the local services that work together do a really really good job in trying to get them housed as quickly as possible," Karpf said.

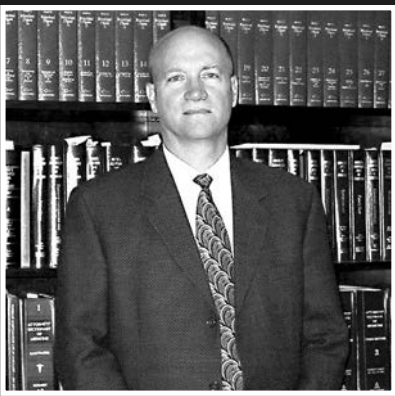
Among the organizations set-up at tables throughout the community center were River Oak Day Center, VA Caregiver Support, Maryland Legal Aid, Maryland Access Point, the Maryland Department of Labor Veterans Services and the Vet Center.

For more information on Stand Down events, visit <https://www.va.gov/homeless/event.s.asp>. Veterans in need can call the Maryland's Commitment to Veterans 24/7 hotline at 1-877-770-4801.


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# Ocean Pines Players offer theater-related classes

(May 4, 2023) Ocean Pines Players are now offering theater-related classes. Currently in session is the class "Become a Stage Manager" with seasoned director, Frank Pasqualino, as instructor.

The stage manager, Pasqualino said, is the heartbeat of any show and embodies detailed organization. The students in this class will be shown how to mark sound and lighting cues and how to "call the show" on performance days.

They will then have the opportunity to apply their newly acquired skills by working Tech Week (the week before the performances) of the Players' upcoming show, Love Letters by A. R. Gurney, on May 18, 19, 20, 21 at Mariner's Country Down (Members receive a 20 percent discount on tickets.)

The next class will focus on "The Power of Movement," which will be offered on June 13 and taught by master dance examiner, Barbara Miller. Although people might think

of the movements on-stage as exaggerated and larger than life, these grand movements come from an understanding of body mechanic and an awareness of the source of each movement. This class enhances stage presence but also instills confidence in off-stage moments.

The Players thanked the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department for including these classes in their Spring-Summer Activities Guide. The Players are also assembling its fall-summer offerings such as "Improv for the Non-Actor" and "Circle Sing" for the non-singer.

Players members will receive a 30-50 percent discount on tuition to any of its classes. Contact 410-641-7052 to register.

To submit class suggestions, email: info@oceanpinesplayers.org. To become a member and receive discounts on classes and show tickets, go to: https://oceanpinesplayers.org.

## Community Briefs

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following their fifth semester of study.

### Selected

Gideon Plamondon of Berlin, is one of two SUNY Oneonta students to be selected for a mentorship program offered by the Country Music Association (CMA).

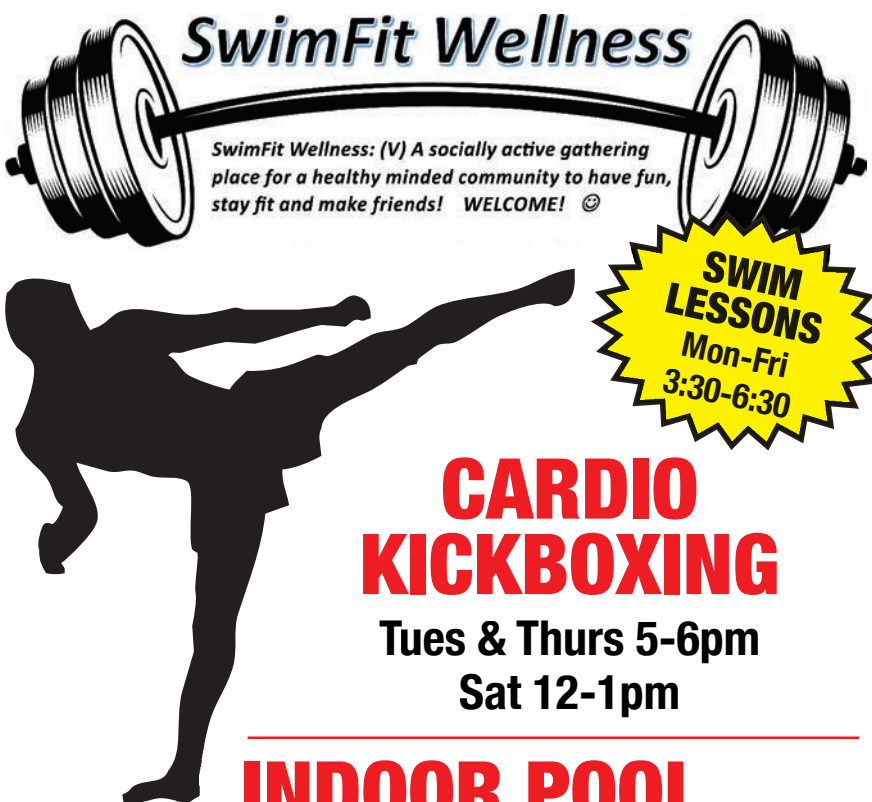
Plamondon is among 41 college and university students from across the country to be selected for this opportunity.

As a member of the CMA's Educational Leadership Class of 2024, Pla-

mondon will meet country music industry professionals through a year-long program that includes panels, seminars and courses.

In addition to being one of the two first SUNY Oneonta students selected, both Plamondon and his classmate, Destiana De Jesus, are two of the three SUNY applicants ever to be accepted into the mentorship program.

A highlight of the program will be a trip to Nashville in August for the organization's annual Leadership Summit, a multi-day conference full of professional development, industry education and networking.



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# Snapshots

## INDUCTED

Twenty-three Worcester Preparatory School students were inducted into the Pablo Picasso Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica and one - Jennifer Kimbrew - into the Societe Honoraire de Francais Chapitre Bastille at the school's Spanish and French Honor Society Induction Ceremonies. Pictured, in front, from left, are Landon Schul, Lindsay Bruner, Nazli Unal, Emma Zajdel, Danielle Carr, Lillian Doran and Travis Netting; in second row, Jackson Fernley, Jayden Scopp, Kimbrew, Lydia Schwartz, Sydney Tingle, Savannah Palmisano, Abigail Ament, Benjamin McGovern and Michael DePalma; and in back, Allen Zhang, William Wells, Dillon Scopp, Lucas Nicastro, Jack Lynch, James Haley, Aleksey Klimins and Ryan Mann.

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## DONATION

Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City Treasurer and Reporting Secretary Carolyn Dryzga, left, presented a \$1,000 donation on March 28, to Caryn Horn, clinical director of Worcester Youth & Family at the organization's facility in Berlin.

## COMMITTEE

The newly-elected Worcester County Republican Central Committee, in front, from left, are Beth Rodier, treasurer; Dale Hall, vice chair; and Susan Ostrowski, secretary, and in back, Andrew Hobbs, chair; Carl Smith, Richard Addis and Harry Wimbro. Not pictured: Beverly Bigler and Tom Babcock.



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## CONTEST WINNERS

The Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club hosted the winners of its oratorical competition at the April 6 dinner meeting. Pictured, from left, are Dr. John McDonald, Head of School Worcester Preparatory School; Jude Damouni, first place, Worcester Preparatory School; Alexandro Pace, third place, Stephen Decatur Middle School; Lynn Barton, principal, Stephen Decatur Middle School; Avery Weber, second place, Stephen Decatur Middle School.



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## GUEST SPEAKER

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City heard from Dr. Jennifer Leggour, executive director of Worcester Youth & Family in Berlin, on March 22. She is pictured with Club President Bob Wolfing.



# Snapshots



**GATHERING**  
The "Drawbridge Diners of Ocean Pines" are once again enjoying their monthly get-together. On March 27, 22 neighbors on Drawbridge Road met for dinner at Taylor's Restaurant.  
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## MATH TEAM

In late February, a group of Worcester Prep middle school students attended the Annapolis Chapter MATHCOUNTS Competition held at the Chesapeake Science Point Charter School in Hanover. Pictured, in front, from left, are Chloe Holland, Zane Freih, Emerson Bofinger, Isha Garg and Scarlett Shimko, and in back, Noa Bouzaglo, Jacob Lev, Isabella Fernley and Ben Rafinski.



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## DONATION

Worcester Preparatory School's Head of School, Dr. John McDonald, with the help of students, recently presented a \$1,000 donation to the Catch a Lift Fund. On Feb. 10, Worcester held "Super Bowl Friday" and for a \$2 donation to Catch a Lift (CAL), students and staff were able to wear their favorite team's jersey or colors. CAL enables veterans to recover and rehab both physically and mentally through physical fitness programs. It was founded in memory of Army Cpl. Chris Coffland, who lost his life in Afghanistan while serving in Operation Enduring Freedom in November 2009. The fund was started by the family of Army Cpl. Coffland, who lives near Worcester Prep. His niece, Tony Phillips, graduated from WPS in 2005.



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## WPS BOOK FAIR

During the week-long Book Fair in the Guerrieri Library, Worcester Prep Lower School students invited special guests to "Breakfast with Buddies" on March 29. Guests enjoyed Dunkin Donuts breakfast and coffee, compliments of the Nistazos family, while purchasing books together. (Left) Students Connor and Carly McCallum are pictured with their father, Kevin. (Center) Kindergartener Tenley Brittingham picks out a book with her mom, Jessica. (Right) Alum Chris Harrison ('00), visited the book fair with his son, Carter, and daughter, Anna.

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**Bob Kelly, president of Bil-Jac Foods, also known as Kelly Foods Corporation, has signed on to be legacy sponsor again this year for Atlantic General Hospital Foundation's annual Anniversary Celebration. Caption: Pictured are Jim, Ray, Bill and Bob Kelly.**

# Atlantic General Hospital's 30th anniversary celebration

(May 4, 2023) Atlantic General Hospital Foundation is preparing to present one of its largest fundraising events, the annual Anniversary Celebration, with this year's edition marking Atlantic General Hospital's 30th anniversary.

Bob Kelly, president of Bil-Jac Foods, also known as Kelly Foods Corporation, has signed on to be legacy sponsor again this year. He has said the continued endorsement has been important to him and his family for years. This year marks Kelly Food's 19th consecutive year as Legacy Sponsor.

Kelly Foods and the Kelly family have contributed more than \$231,000 to Atlantic General Hospital since 2004, with plans to continue the family tradition of giving to the community hospital as an annual sponsor of Atlantic General Hospital's Anniversary Celebration.

Kelly's father always believed it was important to give back to the commu-

nity and he demonstrated this by contributing financially, in addition to volunteering his time to serve the local hospital in their hometown of Medina, Ohio.

"When I moved to the Eastern Shore in the 1970s, I remember what it was like when there was no hospital in Worcester County. A local community hospital is not something that should be taken for granted. I encourage our community members to help support our local hospital in any way possible, especially during trying times," Kelly said.

Bob Kelly's father, Bill, and Bill's brother, Jack founded Bil-Jac Foods in 1947 based on their passion to help dogs thrive by improving their nutrition through the best combination of ingredients, vitamins and minerals. Although the Kelly Foods headquarters is located in Medina, Ohio, they also have a presence in Berlin with their pet food plant that is located half a mile

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# Beach to Bay Heritage mini-grants

(May 4, 2023) Beach to Bay Heritage Area has announced the guidelines and criteria for its mini-grant program for the fiscal year ahead.

Made possible through financial support from the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority, the organization's mini-grants assist local heritage-related non-profit organizations in developing new heritage and preservation-related programs, activities, products and events.

Maximum mini-grant awards capped at \$5,000. Applications, guidelines and more information is available on the Mini Grants page at Mini Grants - BeachesBaysWaterWays.org.

The mini-grants program is designed to assist heritage-related sites and organizations, as well as municipalities, in the certified heritage area to develop innovative programs, partnerships, exhibits, tours, events, and other initiatives that are consistent regional goals and activities outlined in the Heritage Area Strategic Plan.

Mini-grant proposals that include collaborative partnerships and enhance preservation, the stewardship of historical, cultural, and/or natural resources and economic development through heritage tourism are encouraged.

Examples of eligible projects include new heritage tours, maps, interpretive brochures, podcasts, and other heritage-related publications; educational public programs, exhibits, and/or

events; and heritage tourism-related website development. Oral history projects are also eligible.

Heritage tourism-related programs for K-12 students, home-schooled students, and/or after-school educational programs, and educational seminars, workshops, and conferences that encourage or enhance preservation, revitalization, and interpretation of the area's natural, cultural and historic resources are also eligible.

The organization encourages proposals that are consistent with any regional thematic heritage-tourism related initiatives and those that include new technology, foster environmentally

friendly and sustainable practices at heritage sites, foster accessibility for visitors with disabilities, and/or create new heritage-related programming in the arts.

Generally, grants will be made as one-time awards, not for ongoing projects or annual activities. Other types of projects not specifically stated here may be eligible and should be discussed with the heritage area director.

Applicants should contact the heritage area info@beachesbayswaterways.org to discuss potential grant projects before they begin the application. Applications are due (submitted via e-mail) no later than Friday, May 12.

## Kelly Foods supports hospital

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from Atlantic General Hospital.

Additional event sponsorships are available. Several sponsorship levels include a number of complimentary admissions to attend the celebration at Newport Farms Estate located at 10851 Hayes Landing Road in Berlin.

Guests are encouraged to wear cocktail attire for the outdoor event that will take place, rain or shine, during the evening of Thursday, May 18th from 6-10 p.m. Features of the gala include an abundance of sophisticated

hors d'oeuvres, an array of stylish cocktails, and live musical entertainment for your listening and dancing pleasure.

Visit [www.agh.care/agh30](http://www.agh.care/agh30) to submit sponsorships or purchase admissions. All proceeds benefit Atlantic General Hospital Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization, and all gifts are tax-deductible as allowed by law. For more information, contact Laura Powell, Event Coordinator, at [lpowell@atlanticgeneral.org](mailto:lpowell@atlanticgeneral.org) or by calling the Foundation office at 410-641-9671.

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Dr. Cynthia Salmond of Coastal Acupuncture and Integrative Medicine in Berlin shares this belief. "I've been treating neuropathy, in all its various forms, for over four years and so often my patients come to me because of the symptoms, not because of a diagnosis. They see one of my ads, or hear the testimonial of another patient and say to themselves, "Hey, I feel the same thing."

Frankie M. of Annapolis testified to this. "I remember my husband driving me to my consultation and I saw a woman running just outside our neighborhood. I was so envious - I just kept thinking, 'I would give anything just to walk again'. My primary care doctor told me my troubles with pain and balance were just symptoms of old age and gave me a prescription. I was so depressed."

Fortunately, Frankie would eventually see Dr. Salmond on the news and how she offers a real solution at Coastal AIM. "I just knew I had to see her. She was my last hope."

**"Almost all of our patients come to us with a story similar to Frankie's. They've been everywhere else. They've been told there's no hope," shares Liz, a Patient Care Technician at**

**Coastal AIM. "It just breaks my heart, but I know how much we can help people like Frankie, so I'm always so happy when they walk through our door."**

Those diagnosed with peripheral neuropathy often face a grim reality; Western Medicine declares there is no solution while most alternative therapies carry large price tags and offer little to no resolution. Which is why Dr. Salmond and the staff at Coastal AIM pride themselves on being the 'last resort with the best results'.

Peripheral neuropathy is a result of damage to the nerves and this damage is commonly caused by the lack of blood flow in the hands and feet. A lack of blood flow results in a lack of nutrients; the nerves then begin to degenerate and die which causes pain ranging from discomfort to debilitation. Because neuropathy is a degenerative condition, once those nerves begin to deteriorate they will continue to do so until they are completely expired, leaving patients suffering from crippling balance issues. "In this case, the absence of pain is not necessarily a good thing," shares Dr. Salmond, "This usually indicates that your nerves are hanging on by a fragile thread."

So how exactly is Dr. Salmond able to reverse the effects of this degenerative condition? "Acupuncture has been used to increase blood flow for thousands of years which helps to get the necessary nutrients to the affected nerves. But the real magic happens when I integrate ATP Resonance BioTherapy. This is technology that was originally developed by NASA to expedite recovery and healing."

**"I just can't say enough about Coastal AIM," Frankie shared through tears of joy. My husband and I moved here almost three years ago and he's gone to the beach almost everyday. I always stayed home because of the pain and discomfort. Yesterday, I walked on the beach with him! And next week, we're making plans for a weekend music festival. I am truly living life these days."**

According to Frankie's test results, she has seen a 74% improvement in pain and functionality, which is "on par with the majority of our patients," shares Liz. "But more important than those test results is the joy she's expressed being here and hearing about all the amazing things she's able to do because she feels great!"

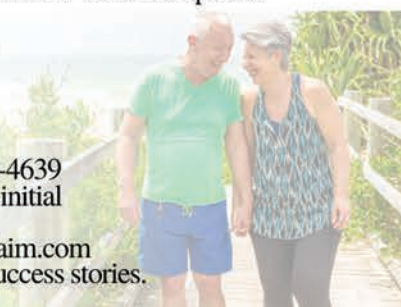
By seamlessly blending the ancient science of acupuncture with modern medical solutions, Dr. Salmond has achieved a 90% success rate in reversing the effects of neuropathy. She starts each patient with an initial consultation where a sensory exam is performed. This not only aids in making a proper diagnosis but it helps to define just how much nerve damage has occurred. She says, "This is important because if a patient has suffered more than 95% damage, there is little that I can do to help them. I'm familiar with medical miracles, but I know the limits as a practitioner and the limits of this medicine."

When it comes to treating peripheral neuropathy, regardless of its origin, early detection greatly improves chances of a full recovery.

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# Opinion

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## Filing of charges one of many steps to come

The news that charges were filed last Friday in the Gavin Knupp fatal hit-and-run case, might have some people expecting some form of commentary on what has just happened and what should happen next.

The next steps in this process, however, are the responsibility of the local justice system, which doesn't need any advice from this quarter on how to do its job.

As it is, the filing of charges in this high-profile case marks the conclusion of just the first of many steps that remain before the final reckoning in this tragedy arrives.

Although members of the community profess to know all about what happened, it remains that the no one except the people directly involved will know anything for a fact until the courts establish precisely what the facts are.

The state's attorney's office, obviously, can't expand on its comments because legal protocols limit the prosecution's ability to say anything more than to confirm the existence of the charging documents and to clarifying a point or two within that publicly available information.

Beyond that, anything prosecutors might have to say must be said in court in order to prevent generating pre-trial publicity that won't do it or anyone else any good if this case goes to trial.

The point is, as eager as many people are to see justice served and the Knupp family provided with some degree of closure, if that's even possible in a situation as heartbreaking as this, we should not get ahead of ourselves and presume, publicly at least, how this will end.

As disagreeable as it might seem, we have no choice but to leave this in the hands of the courts and continue to wait, when, as the late author Michele Hanson wrote, "waiting is bad enough, but not knowing how long is worse."



Bulkhead Replacement in Ocean Pines begins anew in September.

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## Letters

### Community compassion

Editor,

What defines a community isn't just geographic proximity, it's a willingness to work together for the betterment of the whole. Recently, I had the wonderful opportunity to witness the compassion of our community during a Stephen Decatur High School-sponsored Believe in Tomorrow beach supply drive.

Our Believe in Tomorrow House By the Sea is truly a magical place where families with children suffering from life-threatening illnesses can enjoy a stress-free vacation in

our beautiful area.

At the conclusion of our drive, we were able to fill three SUVs with beach buckets, shovels, beach toys, towels, games, cards, books, toiletries, and other goodies for our visiting families to enjoy.

I would like to especially thank the following people and organizations for their help in sponsoring this drive and for their extraordinary kindness:

Mary Brown, Believe in Tomorrow Program Manager, Jude Al Hamad and family, Sonya Bounds and family, Atlantic United Methodist Church, Home Depot, Berlin location.

Debbie Donahue, Ocean Pines Recreation & Parks Director, Ocean Pines Recreation Center, Ocean Pines families and surrounding community, Walmart, Berlin location, Laurie Chetelat, Stephen Decatur High School Connections Adviser.

Mandi Wells, Stephen Decatur High School Testing Coordinator, Tom Sites, Stephen Decatur High School Principal, SDHS Mu Alpha Theta, SDHS National Honor Society, SDHS student body & staff.

Brooke Berquist  
*Stephen Decatur High School sophomore Believe in Tomorrow student advocate*

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## Lifeguard shortage hits OP pool hours

(May 4, 2023) Continued staffing issues related to a national lifeguard shortage is having an impact locally, as the Ocean Pines Association expects that some pools will be forced to operate with limited hours this summer.

OPA officials said pool schedules are likely to be similar to the rotating hours announced last year.

The association will announce the Monday-Sunday

operating hours in advance, each Friday. Announcements will be posted on the front door of each aquatics facility, and advertised on the Ocean Pines Association website, Facebook, and in a weekly email. To subscribe to weekly emails, visit [https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/WyIaXID/t\\_hisweekinthepines](https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/WyIaXID/t_hisweekinthepines).

The likelihood of limited hours was previously publicized and listed on pool mem-

bership applications.

To respond to the lifeguard shortage, the association hosted and participated in job fairs, increased lifeguard salaries, offered to pay for safety training, and posted job openings on the website, social media, and through paid advertising in local press and through local schools. For information on current job openings in Ocean Pines, visit <https://www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/work-here>.



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This year's Worcester Preparatory School's Ocean City Elks Lodge #2645 essay contest winners were recognized on March 28, and presented their awards. Sarah Williams was awarded first in the seventh grade division.

# Elks present awards to Wor. Prep essay contest winners

(May 4, 2023) This year's Worcester Preparatory School's Ocean City Elks Lodge #2645 essay contest winners were recognized on March 28, and presented their awards.

Collin Hastings was presented first place, Ava Holland second, and Elle Wilsey third in the sixth grade division. In the seventh grade division, Sarah Williams was awarded first place and Vivian Ruggerio received second.

Jacob Lev received second place and Isha Garg third in the eighth grade division.

Hastings and Williams will ad-

vance to the district level.

Ocean City Elks Lodge Americanism Essay Contest Chairpersons Allen and Gretchen Meyer, presented each student with their award.

This year's Elks National Great Americanism essay contest theme was "What is your American dream?"

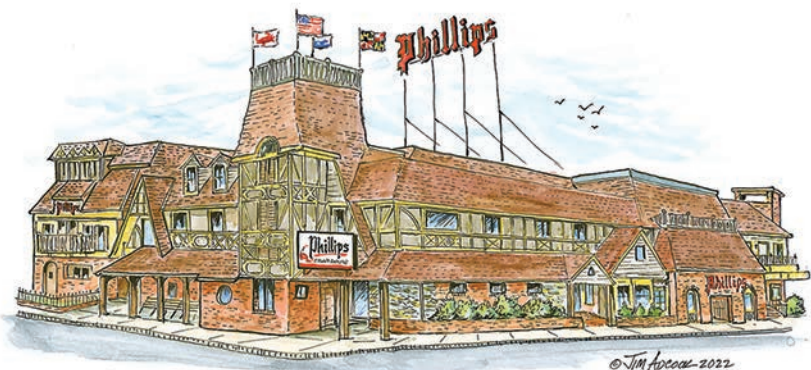
Each student submitted an essay of close to 300 words expressing dreams they hope to come true by living in this country.

"We received 122 essays to review," Allen Meyer said. "It wasn't easy to get it down to three finalists in each age group."



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Collin Hastings was presented first place in the sixth grade division.



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# Md. Coastal Bays assess region's wetlands

(May 4, 2023) The Maryland Coastal Bays Program is currently planning its fifth year of assessing the health of tidal wetlands in the Coastal Bays watershed.

MCBP conducts wetland assessments throughout Chincoteague, Sinepuxent, Newport, Isle of Wight

and Assawoman Bays, and on the St. Martin River.

The goal of the assessments is to determine the current condition of tidal wetlands by looking at the quality of habitat, hydrology and surrounding land use.

Wetlands provide many essential

services to both humans and the environment including improving water quality, providing protection from flooding and storm surges, and providing habitat for a variety of wildlife.

These assessments are based on Mid-Atlantic methods and rely on maps and field visits, which take less than a few hours and are a great way to look at marsh health in a rapid, "leave no trace" way.

Data from the assessments are grouped by sub-watershed, so individual properties are not identified in the analysis.

MCBP is reliant on the help and support of private landowners that allow access to their properties to collect this important data. These assessments help MCBP focus on tidal wetlands in need of restoration and resiliency efforts.

Property owners with tidal marsh in the coastal bays watershed that wish to learn more about MCBP's Wetland Assessment initiative, or to discuss scheduling a tidal wetland assessment should contact Environmental Scientist Billy Weiland at 410-213-2297 ext. 109, or email [bweiland@mdcoastalbays.org](mailto:bweiland@mdcoastalbays.org).



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A team from the Maryland Coastal Bays Program conducts wetlands assessment during last year's evaluation of the Coastal Bays watershed.

## Worcester gives Ocean Pines pools certificate of excellence

(May 4, 2023) Four of Ocean Pines' pools recently received a "Certificate in Excellence in Pool Operation" award

from the Worcester County Health Department.

A fifth pool was excluded because of a notice related to pool phone lines, which was remedied that day.

Aquatics Director Kathleen Cook said the honors recognize a spotless safety record and are not easy to come by.

"We follow stringent guidelines set by the county and the state, and these awards are a reflection of the job that we're doing and how we're presenting the amenities," Cook said. "These recognize that we operated through the season without having any critical or major violations recognized by the health department."

She said Ocean Pines pools have earned safety awards regularly over the last decade.

Ocean Pines' outdoor pools will reopen for the season on May 27.

For more information on Ocean Pines Aquatics, visit [www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/aquatics](http://www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/aquatics).

For more information, contact Ocean Pines Association Director of Public Relations and Marketing Josh Davis at 443-366-1844 or [jdavis@oceanpines.org](mailto:jdavis@oceanpines.org).

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# Optimist Club awards prizes to contest winners

(May 4, 2023) Worcester Preparatory School students received awards for their artwork entered into the Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club's Worcester County High School Art Contest.

In February, the Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club's gallery featured the Worcester County High School Art Contest, a juried art competition.

The exhibition featured 26 pieces of student artwork submitted by high school art teachers, including Worcester Prep Art Director George Zaiser.

The competition awarded a total of \$2,000 in cash prizes to the student artists. The selection of artwork was judged by artist and former educator, Sandy Glassman.

Worcester Prep students winning awards were:

Drawing: Angie Todorov – "Foxy," third place



Painting: Izzy Huber – "Shattered," second place

Digital: Cayden Wallace – "Ruined My Day," second; Anisha Batra – "German Dog," third

Blick Certificate: Luke Loeser - "The Battle of Time"

Worcester Preparatory School students standing with their art that won awards in this year's Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club's Worcester County High School Art Contest, from left, are Angie Todorov, Izzy Huber, Cayden Wallace, Anisha Batra and Luke Loeser.

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

# Worcester Prep students place in DAR essay contest

(May 4, 2023) Worcester Preparatory School hosted the Daughters of the American Revolution on April 17, to present Good Citizen and essay contest awards during a ceremony in the Guerrieri Library.

The General Levin Winder Chapter of the DAR recently sponsored two American History essay contests in area schools.

The chapter also recognized a senior from each of the four Worcester County high schools as DAR Good Citizens.

The Worcester Prep winners of the American History essay contest, open to grades five through eight, are as follows: Grade 6 – second place, Jack Jarvis; Grade 7 – second place, Elena Gjoni; Grade 8 – second place, Gavin Mann; Grade 6 – first place, Collin Hastings; Grade 7 – first place, Noa Bouzaglo; and Grade 8 – first place, Sophia Poffenberger.

Hastings and Poffenberger went on to win at the state level.

Prep freshman, Jude Damouni, won first place in the Patriots of the American Revolution essay contest, open to grades nine through 12.

The DAR Good Citizens program was initiated by the National Society in 1934 to recognize male and female high school seniors who exemplify the qualities of a good citizen: dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism.

Senior Riley Moyer was chosen as this year's Worcester Prep DAR Good Citizen and was awarded a certificate, lapel pin and gift card.

The DAR is a women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through bet-

ter education. For more information, visit [www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org) or <http://GeneralLevinWinder.marylanddar.org>.

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# Cuisine

## Stone crabs with Paul-style mustard sauce

Reprint from May, 21, 2020

Once again, Capt. Sonny comes through for the win! I know I write about the champions of the sea perhaps too much, but one of my favorite parts of living down here is driving to the commercial docks for dinner.



By Paul Suplee,  
MBA, CEC, PC-3

Whether it is day-boat scallops, rockfish,

sea bass, lobster or stone crab claws, it is always a treat as you know it is fresh out of the ocean.

And truth be told, I had no idea that they were catching stone crabs in the Washington. You truly learn something every day.

And as the notification came in from the Skilligalee that they had the claws, I was dressed and in my truck, still half-soaked from getting ready in the morning.

After some near-death experiences on Route 50 with the construction as well as a feisty ATM machine, I was pleased to get to the docks before they ran out.

Securing my haul at an overly-reasonable rate, I met a friend from Annapolis for a small hand-off and then went home and cooked and chilled them.

I've had stone crab claws plenty of times in Florida, but I wanted to play a bit with these. I didn't steam them. I quasi-steamed them in a bath of beer, water and Old Bay.

When they were done, I served them with a mustard sauce that I think stands up to any that you may have had on the panhandle.

And if truth be told, and I think it should, I had some of my lime-cin-lantro crema in the icebox from last week's carryout dinner and I just threw some yellow mustard in there. And I was in love.

And when I say in love, I mean in love. This sauce is fantastic! As we strive to open our new concept of a market (sit down, take out, prepared foods, etc.), I will definitely make this a hallmark on the new menu. And yes, I am touting it that much. As I am fond of saying, "#stayhumble."

So as you wander through the day, start following the commercial fishermen in the harbor, get their notifications and definitely support local. These men and women work harder than most of us ever will.



The beauty is that we get to stuff ourselves with fresh, healthy and beautiful seafood in the thick of it.

### Stone Crab Claws

for 5 pounds-worth

5 lb. fresh stone crab claws, cleaned

2 c. Water

1 bottle beer

Old Bay, as desired (don't shoot me, Floridians)

2 c. mustard sauce (recipe follows)

2 c. lemon brown butter (recipe follows)

Old Bay, as needed

- Scrub the claws, as they can be a bit dirty when they are fresh.

- Bring the water, beer and Old Bay to a boil in a pot large enough to easily handle the claws.

- When at a rolling boil, throw in the claws, cover and cook for 4 1/2 minutes. Don't overcook. Some people prefer steaming them, but this has always worked for me.

- Stir them occasionally, and turn off when they are cooked through. I can tell when they're done, but feel free to crack one to check. A word of warning, though. When they are hot, they can fall apart. When they are chilled they are much easier to work with.

- Chill them completely. I put mine in the refrigerator uncovered, and some people put them in an ice bath. For me, I don't want to lose the flavor that I cooked them in.

- When they are done, simply pull the leg and knuckle from the claw and crack open with a swift crack from a crab mallet on each side.

- If possible, keep one of the pointy shells connected to the claw for dipping, and arrange on a plate with lemon.

- Serve with the mustard sauce and butter or any sides of your choosing.

### Mustard Sauce, Paul-Style

makes little more than 2 cups

2 c. crème fraiche (crema fresca at any Latin market)

Juice of 1 lime

2 tbsp. finely minced cilantro

2 tbsp. Champagne vinegar

2 tbsp. yellow mustard

- Don't yell at me. This is how I make it, and this is how I like it.

- Mix it all up. Adjust as you see fit.

- Commence to yell at me because you've been to Florida.

### Lemon Brown Butter

makes about 1 1/2 cups

1 lb. whole unsalted butter  
Juice and rind of 1 lemon

2 Tbsp. trimix

- Place the butter in a saucepan and heat on medium.
- Butter in a water/fat emulsion, so as you melt it, the butter will separate into several layers.

- Let the butter be. If you want to be a purist and remove the foam from the top, please feel free. I leave it there and strain it later.

- As the butter melts and the water boils, it will evaporate through the fat. This is when the fun stuff happens.

- The milk solids will start to brown once they are frying in the fat, and that is what gives the brown butter that magical essence.

- At this point, add the lemon and trimix and cook until you can smell the beautiful aroma of brown butter, lemon, pepper and garlic all in the same waft.

- Strain through the finest strainer that you have, or cheesecloth (preferred).

- Keep warm until ready to serve.

Paul Suplee is the owner of the boxcar restaurants and is also Senior Lecturer of Culinary Arts at UMES. [boxcarrestaurants.com](http://boxcarrestaurants.com)



# Calendar

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

## Thurs., May 4

### CPAP MASK FITTING

Atlantic General Hospital's Sleep Disorders Diagnostic Center, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin. For patients who are having trouble adjusting to their CPAP equipment. Free service, but requires an appointment: Robin Rohlffing, 410-641-9726.

### MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Celebrate the official Star Wars holiday with crafts and activities. 410-957-0878. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### SPRINGFEST

Hugh T. Cropper Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Four days of free music, food vendors, arts and crafts vendors and more. Admission is free. Rain or shine. Shadows of the 60's at 7 p.m. Tickets: [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). Info: [www.oceancity.com/springfest](http://www.oceancity.com/springfest).

### STORY TIME 'STAR WARS'

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. May the Fourth be with you. Stick around for a craft after. For ages 2-5 years. 410-208-4014, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### STORY TIME 'BEAR COUNTS'

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and rhymes. For ages 2-5 years. 410-632-3495, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### MERRY MAKERS: MOSAICS FOR MAY

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Following the basic principles of arranging smaller pieces of material to form a larger pattern on a surface. Limit 10. Registration required: 410-208-4014. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### CHESS CLUB

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Quiet place to meet new friends and play some chess. Bring your boards. All are welcome. 410-524-1818, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### FAMOUS MOMS TRIVIA

Snow Hill 50plus Center, 4767 Snow Hill Road, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Join in for a famous moms themed trivia. 410-632-3495, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### BOOK DISCUSSION: 'HEAVEN' BY MIEKO KAWAKAMI

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 2 p.m. Copies of the book are available at the Pocomoke

Library front desk. 410-957-0878, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### CLAY IMPRESSION ART

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 3:30 p.m. Create a unique piece by experimenting with pressing designs into clay. For ages 12-15 years. 410-632-3495. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### STAR WARS ESCAPE ROOM

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 4:30 p.m. Help a droid named R5-D4 escape from the ship he is trapped on by hunting for clues, breaking codes and working together with friends. For ages 6-10 years. 410-524-1818, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### ZUMBA

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. Registration required: 410-641-0650. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### TRIMPER RIDE'S 'MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU' COSTUME CONTEST

Trimper Rides of Ocean City, 700 S. Atlantic Ave. Costume contest awarded at 5 p.m. 410-289-8617

### MAYOR'S BIKE RIDE & BICYCLE PARADE

Atlantic Avenue & First Street, Ocean City, 5-8 p.m. Dress up as a Star Wars character for a chance to win an award. Registration begins at 5 p.m. At 6:10 p.m., parade starts 1.75 mile loop. Awards at 7 p.m. <https://oceancitymd.gov/oc/mayors-bike-ride/>

### SOUND BATH

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 6 p.m. Kacey Martin produces resonant music with sound bowls. Experience this immersive, meditative practice that helps relieve stress, anxiety and worry. 410-208-4014, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.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](http://BeachSingles.org)

## Fri., May 5

### ANNUAL SPRING FEST

St. Andrew Orthodox Church, 33384 Mackenzie Way, Lewes, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Featured are an indoor yard sale, bake sale (Greek and other international pastries), plant sale, car wash, church tours and more. 302-645-5791, [www.orthodoxdelmar.org/springfest](http://www.orthodoxdelmar.org/springfest)

### SPRINGFEST

Hugh T. Cropper Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Four days of free music, food vendors, arts and crafts vendors and more. Admission is free. Rain or shine. Collective Soul at 7p.m. Tickets: [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). Info: [www.oceancity.com/springfest](http://www.oceancity.com/springfest).

### HOBBIES CLUB: CREATIVE COOKING

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1 p.m. The group will use various snacks and foods to create some incredible things. For ages 6 years and older. Registration required: 410-208-4014. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### CINCO DE MAYO AT PAPI'S

Papi's Tacos Ocean City, 1500 Philadelphia Ave., 3-7 p.m. There will be a prize wheel with exclusive gifts, dinner and drink specials and music. Tickets cost \$10. Each ticket gets you two tacos or a drink. <https://chamber.oceancity.org/events>, 443-664-3052

### TRIMPER RIDE'S 'REVENGE OF THE 5TH COSTUME CONTEST'

Trimper Rides of Ocean City, 700 S. Atlantic Ave., 3 p.m. Dress as you best Star Wars villain. Costume contest awarded at 5 p.m. 410-289-8617

### FIRST FRIDAY OPENING RECEPTION FOR MAY EXHIBITS

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 5-7 p.m. Meet the artists, enjoy hors d'oeuvres and see the new exhibits by a variety of local artists. Free ad open to the public. <https://artleagueofoceancity.org>, 410-524-9433

## Sat., May 6

### MARYLAND COAST BIKE FESTIVAL

Assateague Island Visitor Center, 11800 Marsh View Lane, Berlin, 7 a.m. Featuring 3 routes including a 17-mile "Island Ride." There will be bike vendors and clubs, live music, food, craft beer and arts and crafts. Register: <https://marylandcoastbikefestival.com>.

### 24TH ANNUAL NATIVE PLANT SALE - FUNDRAISER

Assateague Coastal Trust, 10959 Worcester Highway, Berlin, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Featuring native plants, mosaic planters, raffle baskets, art vendors, garden art, Master Gardener table, compost sale, soil test kits and planter/flower baskets. Also, pre-order pick-up.

### MARYLAND SAFE BOATING COURSE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. A Safe Boating Certificate is required for all boat operators born after

July 1, 1972 and is awarded after successful completion of this course. Cost is \$20. Register: 410-935-4807, [CGAUXOC@gmail.com](mailto:CGAUXOC@gmail.com).

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### TINKER TIME: SPRING FLOWERS

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Drop in anytime, use the library's supplies and your imagination to create. This month, make a variety of May flowers. 410-632-3495, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### GENEALOGY HELP

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10 a.m.-noon. Need help finding your roots? The Local History librarian will be on hand to help. By appointment only: 410-632-3495. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### FIRST SATURDAY WRITERS

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10 a.m. Novice and established writers share their writing projects. Structure includes critiques and appreciation, market leads and writing exercises. Drop ins welcome. 410-641-0650, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### CRAFTY SATURDAY: LITTLE CHEF CRAFTS

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. Make some great crafts perfect for every little chef. Be prepared for a mess. For ages 4 years and older. 410-208-4014, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

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### 5TH ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE BIKERS

Fathom Church, 10445 Georgetown Road, Berlin, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Chaplain Jeff "Buster" Bowden will pray over each individual motorcycle. Also music and a brief message. Food available on site. No entry fee but feel free to give. Nonperishable food collected. 302-344-6145

### TRIMPER RIDE'S 'KENTUCKY DERBY CELEBRATION'

Trimper Rides of Ocean City, 700 S. At-

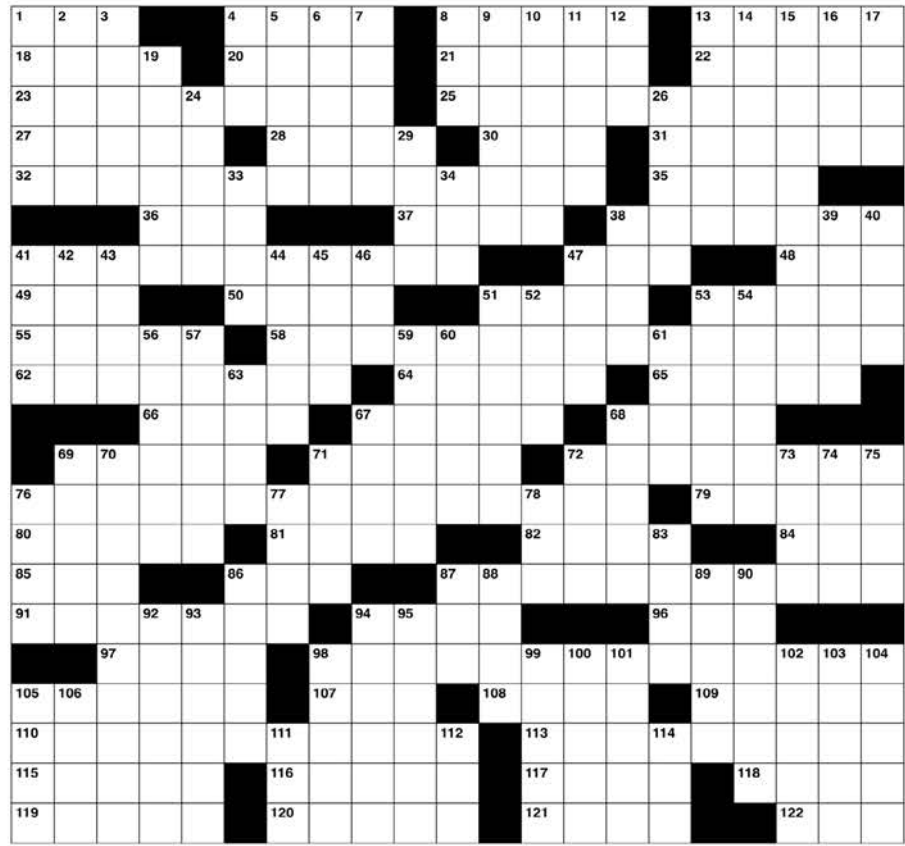
# Puzzles

## PUNCTUATION MATTERS

BY KATIE HALE AND SCOTT HOGAN / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Katie Hale, originally from Houston, is a freelance crossword editor now living in London with her husband and 6- and 10-year-old kids. Scott Hogan is a patent attorney from Midland, Mich. They met through Christina Iverson, a crossword editor at The Times who has collaborated with each of them. The theme for this puzzle was Katie's. She and Scott laughed a lot in thinking up examples. — W.S.

- ACROSS**
- 1 With frequency
  - 4 Little disagreement
  - 8 Rank for Porthos of "The Three Musketeers"
  - 13 Speak in Spanish
  - 18 Court entrance?
  - 20 Meaty sauce
  - 21 Polynesian love
  - 22 High grade
  - 23 Instrument anyone can play
  - 25 "Oh, now I understand the significance of the troupe's performance in 'Hamlet!'"
  - 27 W-4 collector, for short
  - 28 Window treatment
  - 30 Singer Rita
  - 31 Touches up, as a tattoo
  - 32 "I can't get past this witness box!"
  - 35 Like many burns, paradoxically
  - 36 Word that can be represented by a number
  - 37 Part of M.I.T.: Abbr.
  - 38 Accidental "subject" of certain snapshots
  - 41 "Watch out for that bully!"
  - 47 Lead-in to air or Atlantic
  - 48 Application
  - 49 "Father of," in Arabic
- DOWN**
- 50 Deborah of "The Innocents," 1961
  - 51 Bamboozle
  - 53 Passage straight from the heart
  - 55 Gave medicine
  - 58 "Everyone dislikes autumn now!"
  - 62 Where artwork is often hung
  - 64 Self-\_\_\_\_\_
  - 65 20,000 drops, pharmaceutically
  - 66 Big name in laptops
  - 67 Euphemistic term for love
  - 68 Lisa with the 1994 No. 1 hit "Stay (I Missed You)"
  - 69 Where to see party people out on the floor?
  - 71 Actor Willem
  - 72 Really succeed
  - 76 "Dracula has lived half a millennium!"
  - 79 Talk like Foghorn Leghorn
  - 80 Lets out
  - 81 Name that becomes an adjective when "-y" is added
  - 82 Scottish refusals
  - 84 Actress Whitman of "Parenthood"
  - 85 Word that can be represented by a number
  - 86 Industrious animal in a classic fable
  - 87 "I'm thinking of a grizzly!"
  - 91 Brandy container
  - 94 Queen's onetime rock style
  - 96 Fish of the
  - 97 Twisted do
  - 98 "Careful, the shrub may have fingerprints on it!"
  - 105 Portmanteau expressions popularized by Tyra Banks
  - 107 Trendy
  - 108 Not just a couple
  - 109 Many a Mormon
  - 110 "I finished this crossword!"
  - 113 Staple of Coen brothers films
  - 115 Buck who was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2022
  - 116 Closed captioner's machine
  - 117 101-Down opera
  - 118 Currency of the Philippines
  - 119 Diurnal phenomena
  - 120 Acknowledge wordlessly
  - 121 Shape of a fox's pupil
  - 122 Haven
  - 11 "Well, that's awesome!"
  - 12 "Stillmatic" rapper
  - 13 Talk smack about
  - 14 Taxing times?
  - 15 Something you shouldn't pass on
  - 16 "Diligence is the mother of good \_\_\_\_\_"; Benjamin Franklin
  - 17 Consults
  - 19 "Men in Black" role
  - 24 Braided buns, e.g.
  - 26 Rainbow-esque
  - 29 Water down, say
  - 33 Water down, say
  - 34 Purpose
  - 38 It might be a stretch
  - 39 Family name synonymous with wealth in early America
  - 40 Ovoid form : egg :: pyriform : \_\_\_\_\_
  - 41 Relative of lime and mint
  - 42 TikTok persona typified by floppy hair and grunge clothing
  - 43 Stratagem
  - 44 Cite, with "to"
  - 45 \_\_\_\_\_B
  - 46 Certain link
  - 47 Chum
  - 51 Went way, way up
  - 52 Lemon \_\_\_\_\_
  - 53 Away from home
  - 54 Hiker's snack, perhaps
  - 56 March on, so to speak
  - 57 Gentle roasts
  - 59 By the book



- 60 Require smelling salts, say
- 61 Dud
- 63 Start of a boast by Julius Caesar
- 67 Bert of Cowardly Lion fame
- 68 Rock veins
- 69 Leslie of "Gigi" and "Lili"
- 70 Disinfected
- 71 School honcho
- 72 Boots, tent, mosquito spray, etc.
- 73 Spaghetti-strapped top, informally
- 74 Actor McGregor
- 75 Toy that may have a rope
- 76 They might have matching half-heart necklaces, in brief
- 77 Swerve
- 78 Vaccine molecule
- 83 One who's always on the phone?
- 86 "Steppenwolf" author
- 87 Something that might be put on plastic bags
- 88 Many frontline workers, in brief
- 89 "Thanks, Captain Obvious"
- 90 Come together
- 92 Muppet bear
- 93 Immune system components
- 94 Ready to play catch, say
- 95 Unexpressed
- 98 Passport requirement
- 99 Pops
- 100 Where @ is at?
- 101 Composer Giuseppe
- 102 Picked
- 103 Picked
- 104 Subject of a 2001 bankruptcy
- 105 Give as a handicap, as points
- 106 Local bond, informally
- 111 Tax ID
- 112 Pooh's rhyming friend
- 114 Krazy \_\_\_\_\_ of cartoons

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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.

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

**Answers to last week's puzzles**

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

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 STRUM STU CREAM PSY  
 SINGER ANTS GIBES  
 ORAL AHEAD OF STEAM  
 SAD FACED AGLET HASAT  
 SLOWLY GREW APART ICONS  
 NOMAD ANTE ERIE CONGA  
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# Calendar

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Atlantic Ave., 2 p.m. Adults and kids should dress in their biggest and best derby hats and get on the Carousel. Derby wearers ride for free at 2 p.m. A prize will be awarded for best derby. 410-289-8617

## 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.

## Sun., May 7

### SPRINGFEST

Hugh T. Cropper Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Four days of free music, food vendors, arts and crafts vendors and more. Admission is free. Rain or shine.

### 4TH ANNUAL BAY DAY

White Horse Park, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Featuring environmental exhibitors and demonstrations, live music, food trucks, free boat tours, hands-on activities and live animal exhibits. Special recycling collection onsite. [mdcoastalbays.org](http://mdcoastalbays.org)

### 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)

## Mon., May 8

### STORY TIME 'BLOOMING FLOWERS'

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Learn about flowers through stories, songs and a craft. For ages 2-5 years. 410-524-1818, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### 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

### SOUND BATH

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 6 p.m. Kacey Martin produces resonant music with sound bowls. Experience this immersive, meditative practice that helps relieve stress, anxiety and worry. 410-632-3495. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### DELMARVA WOMEN'S A CAPELLA CHORUS

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

### OVEREASTER'S ANONYMOUS

*Mondays* - Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 7-8 p.m. No dues or fees. 410-459-9100

## Tues., May 9

### STORY TIME AT THE CORNER SANCTUARY: PLANTING FLOWERS

Pocomoke Community Garden, 327 Clarke Ave., 10:30 a.m. Take home a flower that you plant. Ages 2-5 years. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held at the Pocomoke Library. Dress to get dirty. 410-957-0878, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### STORY TIME 'DUCKS AND GEESE'

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](http://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](http://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](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Neurology, 314 Franklin Ave., Suite 104, Berlin, 3:15-4 p.m. Group provides discussions and support, along with education on exercise, nutrition, coping techniques, medications and developments in treatment. To reserve: Kay Kinnikin, 410-641-4765.

### OIL PASTEL ART

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 4 p.m. Experiment with oil pastels as the group creates spring inspired art pieces. For ages 12-15 years. 410-957-0878. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### ATLANTIC COAST SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION MEETING

American Legion Synepuxent Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 7 p.m. Guest speaker will be local fishing legend, "Big Bird" Cropper. Food and refreshments available. Public cordially invited.

### BEACH HEROES-OC

*Tuesdays* - Volunteer beach clean-up group meets from 9-10 a.m., year-round. Trash bags, grippers and gloves provided. Check the Facebook page "Beach Heroes-OC" for weekly meeting locations. All are welcome.

### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MEETING

*Tuesdays* - Berlin Congregation of Jeho-



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## BREAKFAST

Ocean Pines held a pancake breakfast with the Easter Bunny on April 1, and the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City volunteers annually cook the food. Kiwanis Kitchen Crew, from left, are Kitty Wrench, Mike Castoro, Candy Foreman, Ed Ahlquist and former member, Barb Peletier.

vah's Witnesses, 212 West St., Berlin, 7 p.m. [www.jw.org](http://www.jw.org)

### TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

*Tuesdays* - Worcester County Health Department, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 3:30-4:30 p.m. TOPS is a weekly support and education group promoting weight loss and a healthy lifestyle. 410-289-4725

### OC KNITTING CLUB

*Tuesdays* - Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m.

### ARGENTINE TANGO PRACTICE

*Tuesdays* - Experienced dancers and others interested in watching or learning more are welcome, 7-9:30 p.m. No partner required. Info: [TangobytheBeach.com](http://TangobytheBeach.com).

## Wed., May 10

### BARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP

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

### OCEAN CITY AARP CHAPTER 1917 MEETING

Ocean City 50plus Center, 104 41st St., 10 a.m. Refreshments served at 9:30 a.m. The guest speaker will discuss new advances in orthopedic surgery. New members welcome. Bob McCluskey, 410-250-0980

### SENSORY STAY AND PLAY

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Learn through exploration, curiosity and creativity. Get ready to squish, build, splash, shake and scoop through several fun stations. 410-524-1818,

[www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### SNACK FACTS: CREATIVE AND KID-APPROVED RECIPES

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 4 p.m. Learn nutritional facts about high-sugar snacks and then try some health and easy-to-make alternatives. No baking. For ages 6 years and older. Registration required: 410-957-0878.

### UNCOOKING CLUB

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 5-6:30 p.m. No cooking required. Bring your favorite recipe to share with the group. This class will focus on dinner and dessert dishes. 410-632-3495, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### AUTHOR ROBERT M. CRAIG TO PRESENT 'HISTORY OF THE POSTCARD'

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 6 p.m. Craig will discuss the changing styles of postcards, illustrated primarily by postcards of Ocean City. He will also be selling and signing several of his books.

### JAPANESE AMERICAN INFLUENCE IN 'AP-PALACHIAN SPRING'

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 6:30 p.m. Held in person and via Zoom. Dr Marta Robertson discusses this 1944 ballet through the lens of two Japanese-Americans involved in the production. Registration required: 443-783-6164.

### KIWANIS CLUB MEETING

*Wednesdays* - Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 8 a.m. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. Third Wednesday meetings are offsite and will be updated monthly on the website and Facebook. Guests are welcome. [www.kiwanisofpoc.org](http://www.kiwanisofpoc.org)

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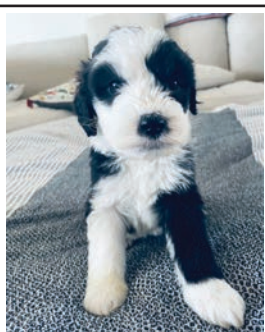
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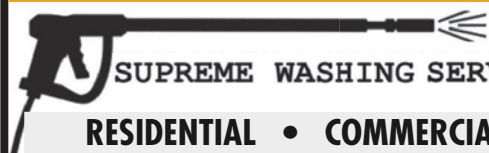
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