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Residents gathered along the sidewalk of Henry Park in Berlin on Monday to see the Memorial Day Parade as cars traveled from Stephen Decatur Middle School carrying veterans, tributes to fallen soldiers and promoted community organizations. Pictured are representatives from Berlin's Duncan - Showell American Legion Post 231.

## Board agrees to election plan

Contractor would eliminate need for software, add-ons and provide total coverage

**By Cindy Hoffman**  
Staff Writer

(June 1, 2023) The Ocean Pines Board of Directors agreed on May 20 to let Election Trust, a company in Washington State, handle the annual election this summer, as a board majority embraced the recommendation of the Election Committee.

The elections have been conducted by Ace Printing and Mailing, a com-

pany of Berlin for the past 18 years.

Tom Piatti, the chair of the Election Committee, said in a letter to General Manager John Viola that the committee conducted research to find a national company to perform the full array of election services. The committee specifically looked at companies that could conduct online voting, should the board move forward with that in future elections.

After researching five and disregarding three "online only" voting companies, the committee recommended awarding the contract to Election Trust. The company will be

responsible for printing, mailing, receipt and counting of paper ballots. The company also offers an "observable live count" option that will allow residents to watch the ballots be counted virtually.

During the May 20 board meeting, Director Steve Jacobs reminded board members that Resolution M-06 places responsibility for counting the ballots on the committee and that it should be open to observation to those Ocean Pines members in a room large enough to accommodate the process and the association members who wish to ob-

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## Berlin gets more eyes on town with help from grant

**By Cindy Hoffman**  
Staff Writer

(June 1, 2023) With a \$76,300 Community Safety Works Business District Grant from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, the Town of Berlin will be keeping a closer eye on things.

The grant provided funding to purchase 10 security cameras as well as modular vehicle barriers that will be used for special events.

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# Washington state firm gets contract for OPA elections

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serve the count.

OPA President Doug Parks told the board that minor adjustments to the language will allow for viewing the count virtually, adding that this approach would make it possible for even more people to watch.

By contracting with Election Trust, Piatti said, the OPA will no longer have to procure software or equipment for ballot-counting purposes. The association purchased a high-speed scanner to count ballots for the 2022 elections.

Election Trust has been in operation since 2003. It has worked with various HOAs, as well as the National Bar Association in D.C. and the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners.

Election Trust uses the same administrative template employed for government voting, including a mail-in ballot tracker bar code ballot inventory, audit, and canvas system.

It utilizes Clear Count to digitally scan all incoming paper ballots, which can read pen ink in any color.

The process will go like this:

OPA will provide Election Trust with an eligible voter list, an ineligible voter list and the content for the elec-

tion ballot by June 15.

By July 11, Election Trust will design, print, and mail to each eligible voter a ballot packet that will include a voter guide. The company will also send a letter of ineligibility to those residents not eligible to vote.

Election Trust will staff a Voter Help Desk accessible through email, phone and web chat during the election.

All paper ballots will be returned by residents through the U.S. Postal Service or a secure ballot box by Aug. 9.

On Aug. 10, Election Trust will host an observable VBM count via zoom, which will include ballot extraction, count, adjudication, and final certified results reporting.

All data and collateral will be archived for six months. After this time, all collateral materials will be shipped back to OPA for archiving.

Election Trust will provide OPA with a report that includes the number of eligible members, number of ballots received, and percent returned. It will also provide the number of votes by candidate, percent of votes received by candidate, invalid votes and number of ballots cast.

# Kiwanis Club's Classic Car Show funds local charities

By **Cindy Hoffman**  
Staff Writer

(June 1, 2023) Ocean Pines is the place to be for classic car lovers on June 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the annual Kiwanis Car Show, where more than 100 cars will be on display and competing for Best in Show, Best in Class, Best Jeep and Veterans awards.

The awards ceremony will take place at 1 p.m.

Throughout the free event, the Kiwanis Club will be serving hot dogs and burgers and Radio OC will be broadcasting music on site.

"It's fun seeing the classic cars, enjoying the music and weather, fingers crossed, and supporting the community," Kiwanis car show chair Tim Lund said.

Parking is available on site at the Veterans Memorial: 1114 Cathell Road on Ocean Pines.

Money raised from the event will go to The Cricket Center, Worcester GOLD, and Children's House by the Sea.

Those interested in showing their vehicle can register online at [www.kiwanisofopoc.org](http://www.kiwanisofopoc.org) for \$15 or at the show for \$20, beginning at 9 a.m.

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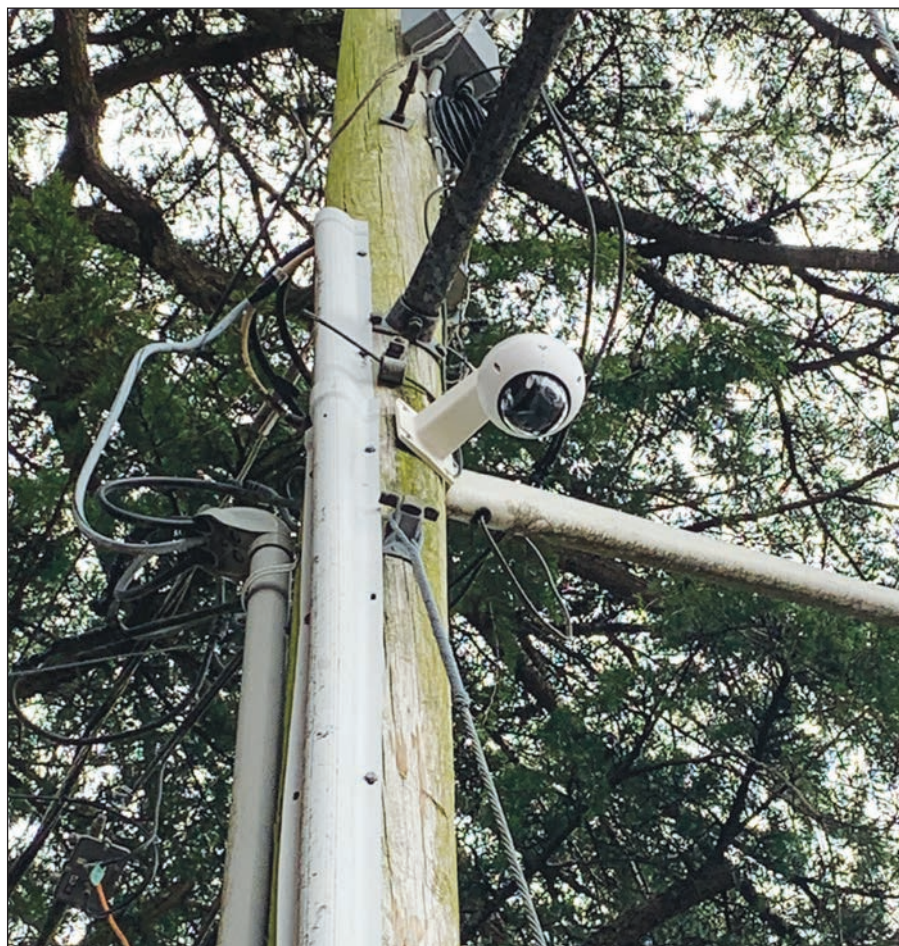
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Ten new security cameras are now posted throughout the town of Berlin.

# Berlin's 10 security cameras are force multiplier for police

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The cameras have already picked up two accidents within the first two days, according to Police Chief Arnold Downing.

The cameras have been placed at Broad Street, Commerce Street, Jefferson and Gay streets, Jefferson and Main streets, and William Street.

Parking lots on North Main Street, Pitts Street and William Street, and behind Sisters will also be covered.

"We believe technology will be a force multiplier for us," Downing said.

While the cameras will not be monitored 24/7, Downing said the police can review camera footage from any workstation. The footage will be stored in the online cloud for 30 days.

If the police are looking for a certain color or type of vehicle, at a particular date or time, the technology will identify it in the footage, Downing said.

The town also is looking to install two license plate readers on Route 113. The readers can help with Amber Alerts, stolen vehicles and for any person of interest.

"If a local or state partner is looking for a certain vehicle, they can call us and we can see if the vehicle has gone through 113," Downing said.

Downing said the department is also considering speed cameras. Berlin will have to pass a resolution to adopt the actual program. If that happens, the vendor, Redspeed, would visit the town and determine where the cameras should be placed.

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# Fire contract talks continue

By Jack Chavez  
Staff Writer

(June 1, 2023) As the Berlin mayor and Town Council parsed the contract minutiae with Berlin Fire Company President David Fitzgerald and attorney Joseph Moore before the mayor and council meeting on May 22, there was no ignoring the fact that one of the two sides is going to have to make a sacrifice it says it can't make.

"We can't operate on inadequate funds for the entire year," Moore said at the end of the discourse that was cut short for the public meeting. "Even though a substantial load is being carried by volunteers, we've got expenses — even with those volunteers."

The fire company's request of roughly \$703,000 is about 33 percent higher than what the town is budgeting for at \$525,000.

Though the meeting took place to determine the fine print in the contract between the company and the town, much of the discussion revolved around the fire company's financials and how the two entities could proceed with improved communication relaying those numbers.

As it stands, the fire company comes before the mayor and council once every financial quarter and runs through a report that includes numbers such as emergency calls, busiest days and dollars spent.

Fitzgerald spoke about the way meetings used to take place, when it was the mayor and a couple of council members, perhaps the town administrator, and officials from the fire company meeting in a backroom informally, as opposed to the on-the-record filmed discussion that happened Monday. Fitzgerald said he preferred the former way.

"This is a formal environment," Fitzgerald said. "You can't have a candid conversation sometimes because you're trying to be politically correct in what you say. (Everyone is choosing their words carefully) because we don't want to be misconstrued with someone watching tomorrow or next week on Facebook. They're not getting the emotion and eye contact. They're looking at the back of our heads."

Instead of a "vague" and impromptu meeting, Councilmember Jay Knerr suggested scheduled meetings every other month in which the town council is given reports at least one week in advance. As it stands, the council typically receives reports the same day the fire company meets with them, making it hard to "digest" all the information beforehand.

After it was suggested by Mayor Zack Tyndall, everyone agreed that at first, the meetings will continue to be quarterly.

Councilman Dean Burrell raised concerns with the content of the quarterly reports, specifically numbers that he felt aren't necessary for the report's purpose.

"You provide us with the number of calls and the times and that kind of information," Burrell said. "That's good information, but we're up here trying to determine possible funding for the upcoming year and I think it should be more time spent on what's budgeted, where we are and where we were the same time last year."

Fitzgerald said that used to be the way, but they changed the report layout at the town's request.

"I would like to have discussions about these numbers and what you see and how you interpret those numbers as where you are and where you'd like to be and how we interpret those numbers," Burrell replied. "Maybe somewhere along the line, we'll get on the same page."

Tyndall brought up the fact that funding requests had been made back in February, and now at this point in the budget process when the town is nearing the finish line, it is difficult to find extra money.

The fire company's request totals \$200,000 and EMS totals more than \$500,000, compared to what was actually budgeted at \$116,000 and \$283,000, respectively. It's anyone's guess what'll come of the \$125,000 in grant funding the town requested from Worcester County, which was not a part of the FY24 budget forecast the county has released, though the county has yet to formally pass their budget too.

Fitzgerald said that eventually, under the status quo, the fire company will



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The Berlin Fire Company and the town are in agreement on the money being budgeted for fire and EMS in FY24 — at about 33 percent less than what was requested — but Berlin Fire Company David Fitzgerald said that funding will have to increase in the future for the fire company to keep up.

"end up with zero."

His ominous forecast related to the way the town distributes its fire and EMS funding, with the money being set aside as a whole and then broken into two grants.

"They're going to end up with zero because if you keep lumping it together ... the employee cost of the EMS corporation is going to continue to rise," Fitzgerald said. "This is what puts us in the jam we're in today, this lumping the funds together. You don't do it anywhere else. You don't lump the water and sewer together; you don't give the town administrator \$2 million and tell him or her (to figure it out from there). You don't do that anywhere else because you've been running the same boat. Both of them get bigger and something is going to get wrote out."

"If we're going to go with the numbers proposed in the last public budget, the \$116,000 (for fire) and the (\$283,000 for EMS), that's what we'll deal with and we'll send you the same letter that we sent you in the past (on) how that impacts our operations."

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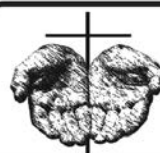
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## Kindness award for local couple who runs shelter

By Cindy Hoffman  
Staff Writer

(June 1, 2023) Sometimes kindness can be its own reward, and other times kindness is rewarded. In the latter case, the Ocean Pines foundation Matt's Kindness Ripples On takes care of that.

And on June 1, the Kindness Award will go to Trisha and Jason Long, of West Ocean City who manage the OC Cold Weather Shelter at St. Peter's Lutheran Church on 103 Street from November through March each year.

Matt's Kindness Ripples On is run by the Kurtz family of Ocean City. They started the foundation as a way to honor their late son, Matt, who suffered from mental health issues. He lost his battle in 2017.

People send the foundation nominations, and the family goes through them.

"It's an honor for us to read these [nominations]. It makes us feel so good. It constantly reminds us how many wonderful, amazing people there are out there," Matt's mother, Jackie Kurtz said.

The award consists of a certificate of kindness and \$250 for both Trisha and Jason.

"We tell everyone to take this money and spend it on themselves. I want them to do some self-care.

One award winner struggled with using the money on herself.

"Just remember, it is the oxygen mask, take care of yourself first," Kurtz said.

The Longs took over the Cold Weather Shelter in 2020. The shelter was founded by a church coalition and run by Robin Derrickson, who attended the Ocean City Baptist Church, where the Longs worship. Before she passed in 2020, she asked Jason to take over lead-



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Trisha and Jason Long received an award from the Matt's Kindness Ripples On Foundation for their efforts to run the OC Cold Weather Shelter.

ership of the shelter. He and his wife are two of five board members that run the shelter.

"It's more of a community effort today," said Jason, who handles all the volunteer recruitment and scheduling.

The shelter can handle up to 30 people a night, and this past season the facility averaged 12 people a night, Trisha said.

"Guests check in at 5 p.m. They go to their room; they can shower and eat. There is a TV with a couch, where we can socialize. The next morning, they eat and are out by 7 a.m."

"It's hard to send them out at 7 a.m. when it is so cold. You get in your car. They are standing at the bus stop. You are going to take a shower or lay in bed, and they are going to the Boardwalk," said Trish.

"They are so very thankful to the volunteers."

Ocean City provides the shelter with bus passes for their guests. Without this support, their guests would not be able to get to the shelter.

"They literally have no other place to go," Jason said.

"One of our guests comes from Salisbury because the shelters there are full.

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## Ways to help local homeless

Diakonia provides shelter, food, clothing and program services to help homeless men, women and families rebuild their lives.

Executive Director Ken Argot provided the following list of things people can do to help the homeless in Worcester County.

- Create affordable housing opportunities, with an understanding of employment income limitations. Diakonia will work with landlords who are willing to give second chances to those with poor credit history, lack of current ability to pay (we will help with subsidy), or something in their background check. Landlords can help and get a tax write off.

- Support local non-profits financially. "I believe in return on investment. If we don't invest in human resources, then no matter what pro-

gram you try to run, it will ultimately fail," Argot said. Donations provide shelter, food and clothes, and support a team of employees who do this because they want to help people, to feel valued for what they do.

- Volunteer or provide "in-kind" donations. It takes an army of volunteers in addition to donations of food, clothing, hygiene kits and blankets.

- Advocate for mental health assistance. "When you are in survival mode, anything less than an immediate goal fulfillment doesn't matter," Argot said. People need safe spaces. Diakonia provides that. But daily mental health resources are needed to help stabilize people in crisis before they do something that could negatively impact themselves or the community.

To volunteer or support Diakonia, visit diakoniaoc.org/



# Longs run OC Cold Weather Shelter

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There is a high need for more shelter space," said Trisha.

The most recent "Point in Time Count" in late January found 20 homeless families in Worcester County, three of which were unsheltered at the time. This included 35 children under 18 living with 22 adults, according to Ken Argot, executive director of Diakonia.

In addition, another 180 persons were identified as homeless, of which 58 were unsheltered at the time. Males made up 70 percent of the homeless population. Over 50% of homeless individuals identified as Black or African American, compared to 46% White/Caucasian, 3% Latinx/Hispanic, and 1% Other.

The shelter is run solely by volunteers. Jason recruits five volunteers for each night. The volunteers register the guests, cook, do laundry, and two sleep at the shelter. One woman is needed each night in case they get a female guest.

"The most humbling thing is to wash their clothes. To put their needs ahead of yours," Trisha said.

Most of the guests in the shelter are regulars. The majority live within the Ocean City limits.

"We had a lot of new people this season. Several had passed away and new people had come to town," Trisha said.

"There are very few who only come once or twice," Jason added.

Trisha, who is part of the Homeless Outreach Team or HOT, said affordable housing is a significant problem in the area.

"It causes so many people to get into awful positions. If only the businesses in the area would come together on some sort of low-income housing for the homeless and the J1s," Trisha said.

"A homeless person isn't easily definable. Sometimes you wouldn't even be able to tell that someone is homeless. In fact, it's my experience that about 50% have employment, but those wages aren't sufficient for housing," said Argot.

The current housing shortage has led to the housing rental rates here being near double what a mortgage payment might look like for a similar dwelling, Argot said. But down payments and mortgage insurance rates can make purchasing impossible.

And many rentals require a salary to be three times the monthly rent, which makes lower wage workers ineligible for housing, according to Argot's experience.

For guests at the cold weather shelter, Trisha said maybe three out of 12 have jobs. And many have mental health issues.

Some could get support through the county health department, but that means they have to be willing to be diagnosed with mental health issues. Many are not comfortable with that.

Trisha recalled one guest who was a

regular. He was an alcoholic. Two summers ago, he developed liver failure and was in the hospital.

"He was unresponsive, not eating. I visited him several times.

"I was waiting for him to take his last breath while I was sitting with him."

Instead, he became lucid and began to eat again.

"He started healing and went back out on the streets again because he had nowhere else to go.

"He turned his life around and stopped drinking. He is doing so well."

"He is still a guest at our shelter," said Jason.

"So many people have preconceived notions of who they are. You sit down with some of them, and you would be shocked at the stories they have, Trisha said.

Trisha said it's important to remember that they are still people.

"People walk past them on the Boardwalk like they are aliens."

Instead, she suggests asking them if they would like something to eat. Or offer them water or sunscreen.

The shelter always needs volunteers. Email Jason Long at [OCMDColdWeatherShelter@gmail.com](mailto:OCMDColdWeatherShelter@gmail.com) to get on his list for volunteers starting November.

To nominate someone to receive an award from Matt's Kindness Ripples On, visit their website at [mattskindnessrippleson.com/get-involved/nominate-someone/](http://mattskindnessrippleson.com/get-involved/nominate-someone/)



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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!"

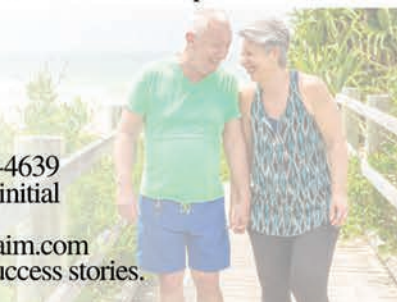
By seamlessly blending the ancient science of acupuncture with modern medical solutions, Dr. Salmond has achieved a 90% success rate in reversing the effects of neuropathy. She starts each patient with an initial consultation where a sensory exam is performed. This not only aids in making a proper diagnosis 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.

If you or someone you love are suffering with chronic pain that presents as burning, tingling or 'pins and needles' or you've been recently diagnosed with peripheral neuropathy, it's important to know there are options.

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# Cyclist flown to shock trauma after Ocean Pkwy accident

(June 1, 2023) A cyclist was flown to ShockTrauma in Baltimore Saturday evening after suffering injuries from a wreck in Ocean Pines.

According to a news release, around 9:30 p.m. Saturday, members of the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department were called to attend to a bicyclist down in the road at 499 Ocean Parkway and Ocean Expressway underpass.

A statement from the fire department said paramedics called for a Maryland State Police helicopter to fly one patient to shock trauma for treatment.

The state police did not immediately respond to questions regarding the cause of the wreck or the patient's identity and condition.

In the release, Ocean Pines officials used the incident as an opportunity to remind the community of some safety tips for bike riding, listed as follows:

- Wear a properly fitted bicycle helmet. Protect your brain, save your life.
  - See and be seen.
- Whether daytime, dawn, dusk, foul weather, or at night, you need to be seen by others. Wearing white has

not been shown to make you more visible. Rather, always wear neon, fluorescent, or other bright colors when riding day or night.

Also wear something that reflects light, such as reflective tape or markings, or flashing lights. Remember, just because you can see a driver doesn't mean the driver can see you.

- Watch for and avoid road hazards.

Be on the lookout for hazards such as potholes, broken glass, gravel, puddles, leaves, and dogs. All these hazards can cause a crash.

If you are riding with friends and you are in the lead, yell out and point to the hazard to alert the riders behind you.

- Avoid riding at night.

It is far more dangerous to ride at night than during the day because you are harder for others to see.

If you have to ride at night, wear something that makes you more easily seen by others.

Make sure you have reflectors on the front and rear of your bicycle (white lights on the front and red rear reflectors are required by law in many States), in addition to reflectors on your tires, so others can see you.

## OPA meets in closed session

By Cindy Hoffman  
Staff Writer

(June 1, 2023) The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors went into a closed special session last Saturday.

The meeting was held both in the Administration Board Room and vir-

tually using Microsoft Teams.

During the meeting, board members voted unanimously to go into closed session "for the purpose of discussion of matters pertaining to employees and personnel," according to an administration announcement.

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The new wing of Stephen Decatur Middle School is officially open and local officials celebrated the occasion with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The \$11 million addition serves the school's seventh and eighth grades.

# WCPS, local officials ring in \$11M Decatur Middle wing

By Jack Chavez  
Staff Writer

(June 1, 2023) The long-awaited new wing at Stephen Decatur Middle School is finally open.

Worcester County Public Schools Superintendent Lou Taylor, SDMS Principal Amy Gallagher and various local officials celebrated the completion of the 25,000-square-foot, \$11.09 million addition with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday, less than two years after construction crews broke ground in late 2021.

Before cutting the ribbon in the pristine, shiny new hallways, Taylor and Gallagher remarked from an interior, open-air courtyard on how important the day was and thanked the people who helped see the project to completion.

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# School and local officials cut ribbon for new SDMS addition

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“It’s a great feeling for many reasons,” Taylor said after the ceremony. “One is it allows us to keep all our kids inside the building. That is very important in today’s world and the area’s safety. The other thing is that we have been able to build state-of-the-art facilities in our county. Research tells us that good facilities allow for great learning. We take pride in the learning environments in our schools and all our classrooms are conducive for it. To see this project come together like that.”

Multiple times, people could be overheard asking where the new addition began, unable to tell where the old school ended and the new school began, and Taylor pointed out how impressive the attention to detail was.

“The folks who built this building were able to tie in the color scheme,” he said. “You really can’t tell the difference between something built 20 years ago and what was built today. We maintain our buildings, we take care of them, which is why the (original school) is in great shape but with the color scheme of the new building, it just came together extremely well.”

School board member Katie Addis attended the event with a few of her colleagues and afterward said she was impressed with the final product.

“They put in a lot of hard work and they really made it look like the other section of the building,” Addis said. “They did a wonderful job.”

Some people in the community praised the addition while it was under construction but also bemoaned the fact that it should have been in the original construction designs. The original school opened its doors in 1997.

Commissioner Joe Mitrecic, then president of the commissioners, lamented the cost of the project back in 2021, considering that it would have only cost around \$1 million had the addition been a part of the original school design, and the population demands of today weren’t exactly a surprise.

In 1997, when the school was built, a group of petitioners effectively put the additional square footage on ice.

“So, we can thank that group who petitioned us for adding \$10 million to the cost?” Mitrecic asked.

The new wing adds 12 classrooms, four science labs and prep rooms, restrooms, lockers and additional storage space, as well as doing away with nine portable classrooms.

Though the ribbon cutting took place on Tuesday, students and teachers have been using it since returning from winter break.

## OP kayak rack for paid users only

(June 1, 2023) Ocean Pines officials are reminding kayakers that racks at the Swim and Racquet Club are for paid users only.

Recreation and Parks Director Debbie Donahue said in a news release there are currently several kayaks in rack spaces that have not been rented out.

Donohue said that anyone who

had not rented a kayak rack, but was still using the space, was required to call the recreation department at 410-641-7052 or stop by the office fill out an application for a rental space before June 1. People who have kayaks in unrented spaces past June 1 must either remove them or pay \$100 to rent the space for the year.

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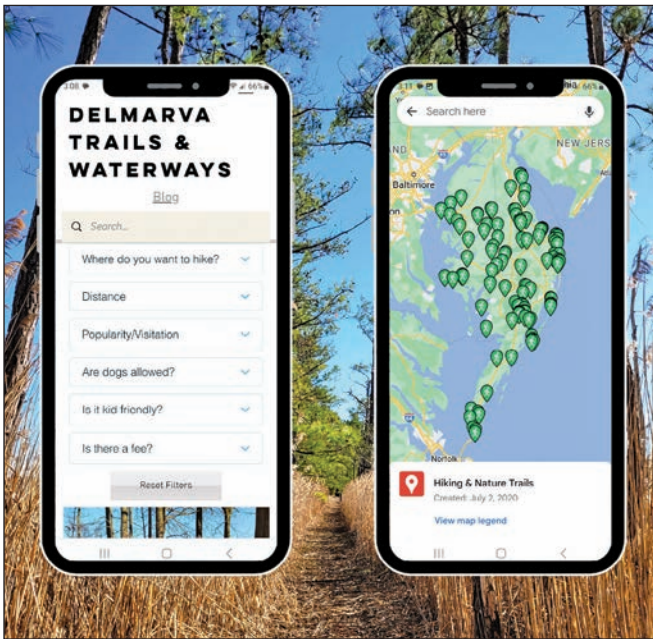


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Ocean Pines resident Laura Scharle created a new app and website to connect people with outdoor spaces across Delmarva.

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# Local resident created new app of trails and waterways

By Cindy Hoffman  
Staff Writer

(June 1, 2023) With this Saturday being National Trails Day, it's good to know that finding a trail is easier than ever because of Laura Scharle of Ocean Pines, who took her knowledge of this region's outdoor opportunities and turned it into a website.


The new site is called Delmarva Trails and Waterways <https://www.delmarva-trailsandwaterways.com>.

"It's a one-stop, searchable resource for all trails, beaches, piers, kayak launches, and bike paths across the peninsula," Scharle said.

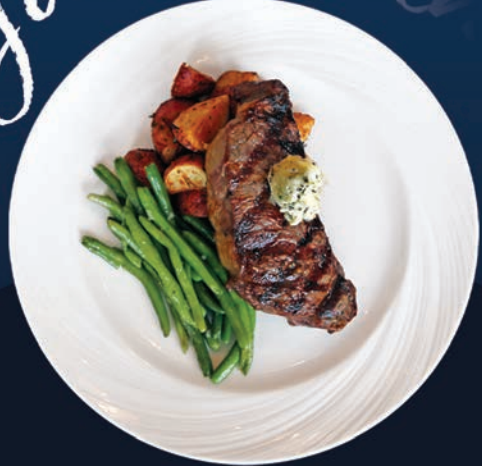
The site is mobile-friendly and easily searchable.

Finding good hiking trails is easy on this site, which provides information on distance, and whether it is kid- and dog-friendly. It also has information on fees, parking, restrooms, surface conditions  
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The trail along Route 90 in Ocean Pines is one of many trails across Delmarva featured on the new trail app by Ocean Pines resident Laura Scharle [www.delmarvatrailsandwaterways.com](http://www.delmarvatrailsandwaterways.com).

## Explore the many water and hiking trails throughout area

Continued from Page 11 and accessibility. Scharle also shares pictures of the trail and the surroundings.

The kayak launch section is searchable by whether a launch is a boat ramp or a soft launch, and the community walking path page delineates by trail surface, which is ideal for those looking for ADA-accessible paths. The blog section even has suggested itineraries to inspire people to get out and explore.

The bike options range from a short one-mile loop in Ocean Pines to a 10-plus mile trail at Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge. She even provides directions to the trail head.

Visitors to the site will also find some lesser-known beaches and piers to explore, including Public Landing Pier and Beach in Worcester County and the pier at Sunset Park in Ocean City.

The site also provides information on deer hunting seasons in Delaware, Maryland and Virginia.

As a former employee of Delaware's Division of Parks & Recreation, Scharle

saw the sharp increase in park visitation firsthand during the covid-19 pandemic.

"While it was great to see more people getting outdoors and enjoying nature, it put extra stress on park staff and we had limited resources to deal with the crowds," she said.

"I was determined to get the word out about lesser-known spots, but at the same time, I've been careful to weave a message of stewardship into the website and on social media."

Scharle encourages visitors to public lands to stay on designated trails, dispose of all waste appropriately, observe wildlife from a safe distance, and to respect parking lot capacities to avoid overcrowding.

Scharle will lead a group paddle through Ocean Pines to celebrate water trails on June 4. Anyone can attend.

"It's just a fun gathering to paddle with other locals. We did it last year and it was super fun," Scharle said.

Sign up through OPA Rec and Parks by calling 410-641-7052 or [rec@ocean-pines.org](mailto:rec@ocean-pines.org).

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# Intensified law enforcement efforts for impaired driving

(June 1, 2023) In an ongoing commitment to road safety and protecting the public, the Maryland State Police Berlin Barrack is launching a comprehensive initiative targeting impaired driving throughout the month of June.

According to a news release, the proactive campaign aims to curb the dangerous practice of driving under the influence.

Taking place every Saturday in June, this intensified law enforcement effort will see a heightened presence of troopers in Worcester County. Their primary focus will be to detect and apprehend impaired drivers through increased patrols and targeted enforcement activities.

Impaired driving continues to be a significant threat to public safety in Maryland, causing preventable accidents and tragic loss of life, the release

said. By adopting this aggressive approach, officials with the Maryland State Police Berlin Barrack want to send a clear message: driving under the influence will not be tolerated, and those who choose to disregard the law will face the consequences.

The release said members of the Maryland State Police Berlin Barrack are committed to ensuring that roads are safe for all residents and visitors. All drivers are strongly encouraged to take an active role in promoting road safety by reporting suspected impaired drivers and by making responsible choices.

Those who plan to consume alcohol or other substances that may impair driving abilities are encouraged to designate a sober driver, take a taxi or rideshare service, or use public transportation.

# OP Players cancel 'Love Letters'

(June 1, 2023) The Ocean Pines Players production of the Pulitzer-nominated play, "Love Letters," has been canceled after changing the dates and venue.

The group sent the notice last week but did not provide an explanation for

canceling the performances.

Ticket holders can visit [oceanpinesplayers.org/contact](http://oceanpinesplayers.org/contact) for refunds.

For more information, visit [oceanpinesplayers.org](http://oceanpinesplayers.org), [Facebook.com/oceanpinesplayers](https://www.facebook.com/oceanpinesplayers), or email [info@oceanpinesplayers.org](mailto:info@oceanpinesplayers.org).

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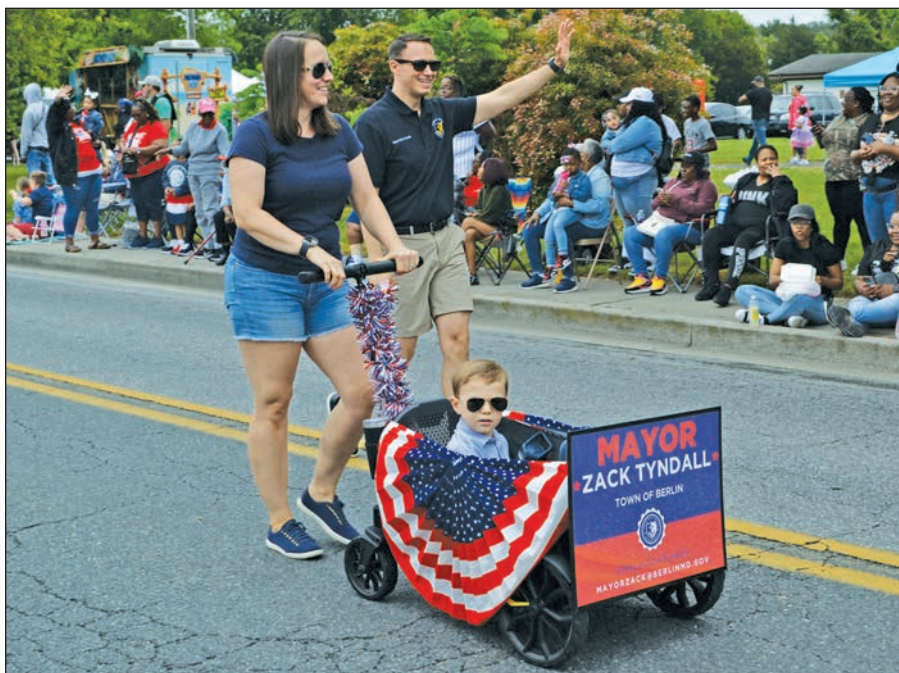
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# Memorial Day



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Residents gathered along the sidewalk of Henry Park in Berlin on Monday to see the Memorial Day Parade as cars traveled from Stephen Decatur Middle School carrying veterans, tributes to fallen soldiers and promoted community organizations. Pictured is Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall, his wife Chelsea and their son Charlie, 4, as the family marches along with the parade.



HUNTER HINE/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Some cars and floats in the Berlin Memorial Day parade carried veterans or tributes to locals who died in past conflicts. Pictured is William Whaley, a local who served in Korea.



CINDY HOFFMAN/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

American Ex-POW, Walter Webster, US Army Korea, 1949-53, presents the POW MIA wreath is presented Monday during the Ocean Pines' Memorial Day event. He is escorted by members of the First State Detachment, Marine Corps League.



CINDY HOFFMAN/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Members of the Joint Color Guard, American Legion Posts 123 and 166, FSD Marine Corps League, Vietnam Veterans of America present the colors Monday at the Ocean Pines' Memorial Day event.



CINDY HOFFMAN/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Hundreds of people converged on the Worcester Veterans Memorial Monday in Ocean Pines for a Memorial Day event.



# New leash on life for shelter dogs and cats

By **Cindy Hoffman**  
Staff Writer

(June 1, 2023) Gabby is an elderly dachshund who was brought to the Worcester County Humane Society by caring neighbors after her human companion passed away at 99 years old in Ocean Pines. The shelter's vet diagnosed the dog with pancreatitis and Cushing's disease. She is at a medical foster home until she recovers and then she will be eligible for adoption.

That's just one of the many dogs that have been helped by the Worcester County Humane Society on Eagles Nest Road in Berlin. The shelter has 92 cats and kittens and 29 dogs and puppies, as well as 73 cats and 80 dogs in foster. The shelter is currently at capacity for dogs.

Kaitlyn Fitzhugh has been the manager of the shelter since early December. When she arrived, the shelter had 80 more cats than it does today.

She credits the decrease with her focus on functioning as a managed intake shelter, which means it does not have to take every animal.

Her goal is to take highly adoptable animals. She works closely with Worcester County Animal Control and Ocean City. She takes dogs from animal control that she thinks have a good chance of getting adopted.

Since the shelter is no-kill, she wants to make sure she does not get animals that will end up staying, because those animals take up space that could be better used for multiple animals that she can move in and out to their forever homes.

Fitzhugh says that thanks to their relationship with the county's Animal Control Department, the county is doing less euthanasia.

"They do have a lot of great dogs. I make sure I know what is over there. We have built a good relationship," Fitzhugh said.

When she arrived, there were some dogs that had been at the shelter for a year or longer. Some had behavioral issues. She used local trainers to help.

"I want to set them up for success," said Fitzhugh.

One dog that had been at the shelter long term was sent to a boarding training center for a month and was adopted out when it came back.

Fitzhugh takes dogs and cats in by appointment only. She wants to be there to evaluate each animal that comes to the shelter.

"I take who I think I can help," she said. "I want to have a game plan for every dog before it walks in here."

Fitzhugh also refers people who bring their animals to the shelter to breed-specific rescues.

"They will take the animal no matter the situation. They are experts in those breeds," she said.

She believes the rescuers can work with these animals well because they know the breeds and temperament.

While she has not seen a boomerang effect after covid, she is seeing people who are struggling economically and cannot afford vet bills or food.

"We have a food pantry for the community so if someone is in a tight spot, no questions asked, they can come in here and we can give them some cat or dog food."

"Hopefully, with our clinic opening soon, they can continue with vaccines and annual needs.

"There is a shortage of veterinarians, so we are lucky to have two. We are keeping them busy with the animals we have here."

Fitzhugh said she hoped the clinic, which is at 9808 Stephen Decatur Highway, will open by the end of the summer because providing medical care for animals helps keep them in their homes.

The shelter also provides short-term care for animals whose families are having a housing crisis.

"We can put a dog into foster



CINDY HOFFMAN/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The volunteers and staff of the Worcester County Humane Society are taking care of 92 cats and 29 dogs at the shelter. An additional 73 cats and 80 dogs are in foster homes. Pictured in back, from left, are Amber Bailey, Olivia Cassandra, Jordan Ross holding Bambi, an 11-year-old chihuahua, Tiffany Dixon, and Marquis Collins. In front, from left, are Alyson Shannon, Kaitlyn Fitzhugh with Darla (2-year-old German Shepard mix) and Brianna Bradshaw.

care for 30 days to give someone time to get their situation together," Fitzhugh said.

She has one volunteer who fosters dogs instead of adopting. "She is an older woman who would adopt a dog if her family would take it."

The shelter runs on 12 staff, 10 caregivers and two part-time veterinarians.

One caregiver is Jordan Ross, who has been working at the shelter since December and drives an hour from Crisfield every day to work.

"This is my favorite place to be. I would not want to be anywhere else," said Ross, who cares for the cats.

"I try to make it as homey as possible. That way they have an easier time adjusting when they get a home. I want them to get used to other cats. Everyone gets along," Ross said.

In June, Fitzhugh is planning a training to teach staff how to pair certain dogs for playtime in the yard.

Volunteers also play a major role at the shelter by helping clean, do laundry, walk the dogs, cuddle the cats, provide help in the office, help with events, marketing and grant writing and driving animals to foster or vet appointments.

"We have amazing volunteers. They will do anything we ask them to. We would not be running without them," Ross said.

Tiffany Dixon has been volunteering for three days a week.

"It's hard work but it is well worth it," Dixon said.

"I love animals. My future is with animals."

Fitzhugh says the foster program is key to the shelter's success.

"Fosters, that is our biggest need. They are the reason we can save any life," she said.

"If they can provide us with cute videos and pictures and an adequate description of the animal in their home, we can get them adopted. We can set up meet and greets, and we can continue to save the animals and get them moving."

In situations where someone has trapped a mom and now, she is having kittens, the shelter will take them, but will need the person to house them as a foster. The shelter will start vaccines and promote them for adoption.

Right now, Fitzhugh is playing foster to a husky mom and her 10 pups.

"The husky mom was abandoned. The people were evicted because their house was being demolished. Someone came here with the mom, dad and 10 brand new puppies. They are a husky-lab mix. The dad has been adopted. The pups will be ready for adoption at the end of June."

"If someone wants to adopt a puppy, we don't adopt out until they are fixed and up to date on their vaccines. They will go into their adopted home as a foster. While in foster, we provide everything for them," Fitzhugh said.

That includes food, vaccines, and any other medical care.

All of these services cost money and the shelter runs on donations. Their volunteers also run a thrift store on Sunset Avenue, with all proceeds going to the shelter.

"The best day in the world is when we are out of business and there are not a bunch of animals waiting to come in here," Fitzhugh said.

Visit <https://worcestercountyhumane.org/> to see the animals up for adoption or to learn how you can help.



CINDY HOFFMAN/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Blitzen is large and in charge. You will find him relaxing in the lobby most days. While he has become the office mascot, he is also up for adoption.



# Opinion

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## Going public awkward but often gets results

Berlin Fire Company President Dave Fitzgerald echoed what many others have said before when he lamented having to explain the company's financial needs in public during a budget discussion with the town's mayor and council last week.

He told town officials the way such matters used to be handled — informally, behind closed doors with a few town officials — was considerably less awkward because he didn't have to be as guarded about what he said or how he said it.

By expressing his discomfort with the town's current open approach, Fitzgerald more or less repeated what has been said over the years by countless other officials, organization leaders and agency heads who would just as soon keep conversations involving their internal affairs off the record.

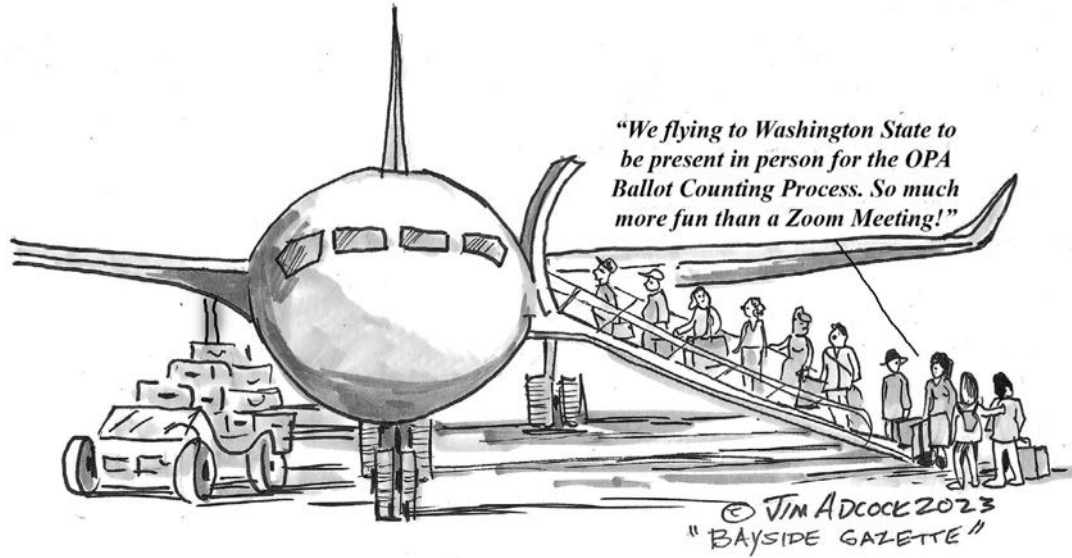
Like all those before him who said the same thing, Fitzgerald was not wrong — the old way of doing things was easier and less stressful on everyone involved. The requesting agency felt more comfortable about revealing certain information privately and officials worried less about being held accountable if their reasoning turned out to be faulty or decisions they made didn't work out as planned.

It's that accountability factor, however, that caused the pivot in the conduct of budget talks such as these. As uncomfortable as it might be, the best way to avoid misunderstandings when asking for taxpayers' money is to make that appeal in public and give taxpayers the opportunity to make their own assessments of the situation. It is their money, after all.

Otherwise, members of the public will come to their own conclusions, with no guarantee they will be accurate.

Given the cost of personnel, training and equipment, the town's current allocation to the fire company probably does fall far short of what it needs to make it through the year. That leaves the fire company only one choice if it is to receive something closer to the amount it requests: it must get the public on its side by making its case publicly.

That could be awkward and even embarrassing, but it's also the most direct and effective way to get the job done.



## Tickets on sale for Shine on Shore

### WYFS annual event to benefit local kids and families June 22

(June 1, 2023) Tickets are now on sale for Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services' annual fundraiser to benefit local children and families.

According to a news release, the event, the Shine on the Shore Luau, will be the first of its kind and will be taking the reins from its predecessor, the Pirate Party, which preceded the Luau for 12 years.

Shine on the Shore is set 4-7 p.m., Thursday, June 22, at Sunset Grille in West Ocean City, with a rain date of June 29.

The event promises to provide the same attractions that made its predecessor the kick-off event of the summer season, with some fun surprises and a light new atmosphere thrown in, the release said.

Admission tickets are \$35 and include a light fare buffet,

a voucher for a Hawaiian-inspired rum drink, live entertainment, games and more. Hawaiian- or beach-themed dress is encouraged but not required to enter. Tickets are available online, by phone, or in person at 124 N. Main St., Suite C. in Berlin.

The youth and family counseling service continues to use the event as the keystone of the organization's yearly fundraising, and all proceeds go to support programs that have a direct impact on the lives of Worcester County's most vulnerable children and families.

The programs include clinical mental health therapy regardless of a person's ability to pay; Worcester Connects youth mentoring; Worcester Navigation resource linkage; and youth enrichment groups including the Berlin Youth Club free summer camp. Donations will support all of the programs with operations, as well as provide funding for participants and money for therapy services for those who are unable to make payments due to financial hardships.

As always, the events put on by the service could not be possible without generous sponsorship from local businesses and individuals in the community, the release said. This year, supporters include the hosts of the event, Buddy Trala and the crew at the Sunset Grille, as well as sponsors Robert W. Nock, Taylor Bank, 28th Street Pit and Pub, Bergey & Company, Broad Bookkeeping Co., Cards Technology-ICS, Delmarva Power, the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines/Ocean City, Tyler & Company P.A., the Berlin Police Department, Eastern Shore Hauling LLC., the Ocean City Lions Club, and PKS & Company P.A..

Individuals who want to support the fundraiser as a late-term sponsor or donor are encouraged to contact the office directly at 410-641-4598. Anyone who wants to learn more and buy tickets can visit the event website at [bit.ly/shineluau](http://bit.ly/shineluau). The site offers tickets, answer frequently asked questions, provides directions, and more.

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For his 97th birthday on June 1, Morris Semiatin's son Ben will take him to visit the 100th restaurant they've visited together in the Ocean City area. On June 3, Ben is organizing a parade at Berlin Intermediate school in honor of Morris. Pictured are Ben and Morris in Morris' residence at Gull Creek Senior Living Home.

## Parade for local veteran at Berlin Intermediate June 3

By Hunter Hine  
Staff Writer

(June 1, 2023) Now age 97, Morris Semiatin still wears his Purple Heart medal on a chain around his neck.

He earned it in World War II after a hand grenade went off in his foxhole while fighting on Iwo Jima. There he served as a rocketeer in the 28th Regiment of the 5th Marine Division.

For the past few years, Morris' son Ben has put on several major celebrations for his father's birthday, and this year he has planned two events that stand to top the rest.

Morris' 97th birthday is today, and later he and Ben will attend dinner at a yet-to-be-revealed fine dining restaurant in downtown Ocean City. This will mark the 100th restaurant in the area where the two have dined since they started the tradition back in November 2020.

"They're going to have a big welcoming for us at the front with balloons and singing, and then we're going to have a big dinner. The mayor might be there," Ben said.

The name of the restaurant won't be announced until Ben posts the signature picture of his father eating, which commemorates all of their restaurant exploits on the 28,400 member Facebook group called Ocean City COOLEST! Ben documents all their shared meals on the page.

To follow it up, a parade honoring Morris will be held in the parking lot of Berlin Intermediate School on June 3. Participants begin lining up at 11 a.m. and start moving through the lot at 11:30 a.m.

Groups set to show out in the parade include the Color Guard, American Legion Post #166 riders, Hogs and Heroes and a special group of Marines from all across the East Coast who will come walk past Morris and salute him in uniform as he sits and watches the parade.

"There's a half circle in front of the school. Everyone's going to line up in

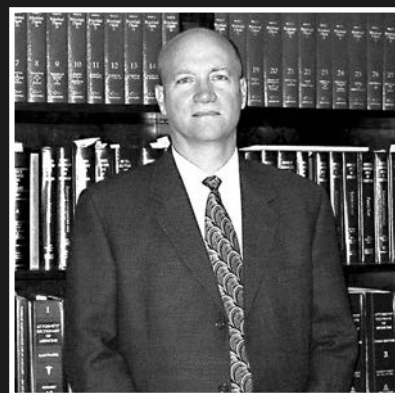
the half circle, then they're going to come out of the half circle going on Franklin Avenue for about 10 feet and then go into the parking lot, and then once they go to the parking lot they're going to go straight up the parking lot," Ben said. "He'll (Morris) be on the right-hand side sitting under one of the tents that the Marines will supply."

A group of resident's from Morris' See SEMIATINS' Page 21

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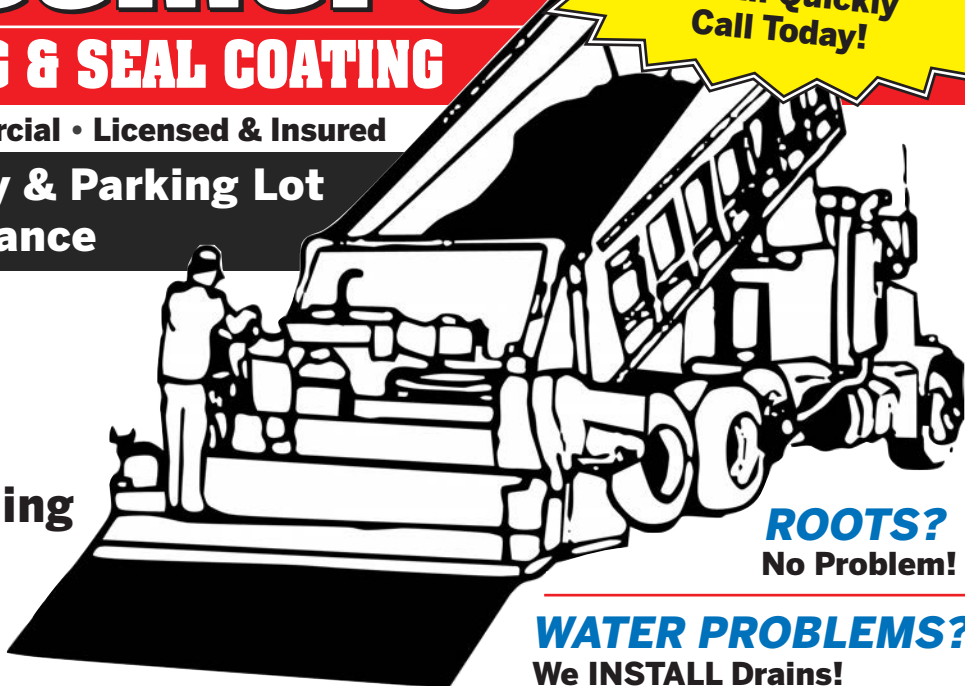
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Worcester Preparatory School Class of 2023 President Logan Ginnavan speaks to an audience of classmates, family members, friends and others at the Berlin private school's graduation ceremony on May 26.

## Worcester Prep Class of '23 graduates 42 seniors May 26

(June 1, 2023) A total of 42 Worcester Preparatory School seniors officially closed their last chapter of high school on May 26.

According to a news release, the graduating class included 12 "lifers,"

or students who have been attending the Berlin private school since pre-kindergarten.

Members of the Class of 2023 will attend 29 colleges and universities in the fall, with enrollments in 14 states



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# Prep students to attend 29 schools across 14 states

and Washington D.C. The higher education institutions include Clemson University, University of Georgia, University of Maryland, University of Pennsylvania, Rochester Institute of Technology, Texas A&M, the United States Air Force Academy, Wake Forest University, and William and Mary.

The release said the students collectively received more than \$6 million in scholarships, with several accepting local awards during the commencement on the Worcester Prep lawn last Friday.

The awards included two American Legion Scholarships to Rory Pugh and Cole Myers, and an Art League of Ocean City Scholarship to Cayden Wallace. The Ocean City Marlin Club awarded three scholarships to Anne Carter, Riley Moyer, and Kathy Zhang, while Franky Petolina Memorial Scholarships were awarded to Griffin Jones and Parker Tingle.

Sen. Mary Beth Carozza (R-38) was then graduation speaker and presented senior Olivia Mattingly with a Maryland Senatorial Scholarship. Del. Wayne Hartman (R-38) presented Mattingly with a Maryland House of Delegates Scholarship.

The senior class valedictorian was Christopher Todorov, who the release said is part of the Cum Laude Society, National Honor Society, French National Honor Society, Art National Honor Society, and International Thespian Society.

Anne Carter, who is a member of the Cum Laude Society, National Honor Society, and Spanish National Honor Society, was the Class of 2023 salutatorian.



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The 2023 graduating class of Worcester Preparatory School pose for a photo in front of the school at their graduation ceremony on May 26.



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Valedictorian Christopher Todorov receives a certificate from Worcester Preparatory Headmaster John McDonald during the graduation ceremony held last Friday at the Berlin school.

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# Cuisine

## Beurre blanc, sauce to happily perish for

(June 1, 2023) The banana palms are taller than I am, and as I write this, we are one day shy of June. This is unheard of, but we had an incredibly mild winter, so my little babies sprouted early and will be furnishing me with plenty of leaves to play with all season.



By Paul Suplee,  
MBA, CEC, PC-3

Be that as it may, can we please get a full stop to these cloudy, rainy, chilly, mucky days? Enough is enough and it's time for me to start complaining about how hot it is! Good lord, make up your mind. I've even had a few fires in the fireplace this spring, something that I don't remember ever doing. At least the house is warm and smells great.

And while the weather is chilly, I can slide this dish in one more time. Since I stay away from uber-buttery sauces when it's hot, I'll sneak a few more in before the weather finally breaks. And I'll start with sauce *beurre blanc*.

*Beurre blanc* is a sauce to die for, or more grammatically, the sauce for which one would happily perish. That doesn't roll off the tongue quite as nicely as our first rendition, so we'll stick with that instead. Sometimes I don't understand all our American colloquialisms, but I simply have to roll with it.

I should probably get back on track before I completely go off the rails.

As I work my way through the molding of young and old minds in the ways of the kitchen, I typically start with the Mother Sauces. These include *hollandaise*, *velouté*, *bechamel*, *espagnole* and *tomato*. After these ubiquitous sauces, I go to the cold sauces such as *mayonnaise* (students love when I call *hollandaise* "hot mayo. It just sits wrong with some) and emulsified dressings.

Then, it's off to the races with Latin salsas, Spanish, French and Italian sauces, and then some of the sauces of Asia. One could make a study of sauces and there is no end game in the study of them. Personally, I lean toward chopped herb & vinegar/citrus sauces such as *chimichurri* or *gremolata*, and I am restarting my potted herb garden so I can enjoy them all summer long.

But sometimes it serves me well to



go back to the classic sauces, if for nothing else than just to play around. *Hollandaise* is always fun to make, and while I enjoy a good eggs *Benedict* or a steak with a side of *bearnaise* (*hollandaise* with a shallot/tarragon reduction), that can be a bit heavy.

*Sauce beurre blanc* (white butter sauce) is equally as calorically dense, but for some reason it is bright and succulent. Putting this on seared salmon is honestly the best application I can think of. The sauce is light enough to serve with seafood, and at the same time rich and tangy enough to stand up to a high-oil fish such as salmon. Even if you skin the salmon, you can fry up the skin and make little 'bacon strips' as a garnish and the sauce will stand up to them as well.

So, go enjoy the season and the palms, sear the salmon, make the sauce and while it is a sauce to die for, don't be that dramatic. It's good, but it's not that good.

### Oh, that *Beurre Blanc*!

serves 4

½ c. Chardonnay or other dry white wine

Juice of 1 lemon  
3 ea. Medium, finely diced shallots (they will be strained out later)  
½ c. Heavy cream, 40% if possible  
½ Lb. Unsalted Irish butter, cut into 1" cubes.

Salt & Pepper, as needed  
4 5-ounce seared salmon filets  
*Braised Leeks* (Recipe follows)

- Place the wine, juice and shallots in a saucepan and bring to a low boil
- Reduce until it has a syrupy consistency, but be careful that it does not change color too terribly much. This could mean that it has burnt the sugars a little too much

- Add the cream and reduce again to thicken

- Pull off the heat (\*critical part of making this sauce) and add the cold butter cubes a few at a time, swirling until melted and incorporated in the sauce

- Season to taste and set aside. With the heavy cream as an addition, it will keep without breaking for a few hours. Use in one sitting, as it typically will break if cooled and reheated

- Serve with Seared salmon and braised leeks, and relish in one of the finest sauces you will ever experience

### Braised Leeks

serves 4

2 oz. Unsalted Irish butter  
1 bunch leeks, washed and cut into ¾" discs

3 cloves garlic, minced  
2 c. Vegetable or chicken stock  
S&P as needed

- Heat butter in a pan large enough to hold the leeks but small enough to allow the stock to come at least halfway up

- When the foaming subsides (which means that the water has cooked out of the butter), add the leeks and cook briskly for about 1-2 minutes, or until there is a little bit of color on them. You are not *sautéing* these, so just go for a little color

- Reduce the heat and put the stock on the leeks

- Bring the stock to a low simmer and cover the pot

- Cook for about 25 minutes, or until the leeks are tender

- Pull from the liquid and keep warm until service

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# Semiatins' hundredth restaurant visit tonight

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senior living home will also be bussed to the parade.

There may be a visit from a special well-known guest, but Ben can't release their name because the guest isn't sure whether or not they can make it.

All are welcome to come see the parade, and Ben encourages anyone attending to bring an American flag or a Marine flag to wave. He asked that people don't bring balloons so they are not lost and cause pollution.

Members of the Berlin Police Department are helping control traffic for the event.

"I'm fascinated with what's going on," Morris said through chuckles.

Morris grew up in Baltimore City and moved to Silver Spring with his family in 1951 where he worked as a commercial photographer taking pictures of White House visitors. His career spanned from 1958 to 1985, photographing all the presidential administrations during that period, Ben said.

Along the way, Morris made some notable friends, including Muhammad Ali, and appeared in photographs with the Kennedys, Lyndon B. Johnson and Star Trek lead William Shatner. He even took personal portraits of Ronald and Nancy Reagan.

Ben moved to Ocean City in 2016 for retirement, while Morris continued living alone at his house in Kensington, but Ben kept up with weekly visits.

"Every week was a 300-mile round trip which was pretty far to see him every week," Ben said.

As Morris grew older and required closer care, Ben decided to move him to Gull Creek Senior Living Community in Berlin in 2020, where he now resides.

On the first Thanksgiving of covid, Ben ordered two take-out turkey dinners from Denny's so he and Morris could share a socially-distant Thanksgiving meal. Ben sat and ate from the sidewalk while Morris sat and ate from his balcony.

"We were in the middle covid and he could not leave the retirement home. He was restricted to his room. It was getting really bad then, and I didn't want him to spend Thanksgiving by himself," Ben said "We've never been apart on Thanksgiving."

A passer-by took their picture, and they went viral online, Ben said.

As covid restrictions in the retirement home relaxed, Ben continued taking his father to different restaurants around town, and thus began the mission to try as many different places as they could.

"What I do every week is on our Facebook page, or Ocean City COOLEST, I post a picture of him eating the meal. Then I post a picture of the meals and then the menu and we put them on our page and people in town love it," Ben said. "They say they plan their entire week's vacation around our postings."

Since then Morris has become something of a local celebrity, recently being featured in a segment on WBOC's DelmarvaLife.

The first time Ben held a parade for his father, Morris still lived in Kensington. Ben organized for firetrucks and police cars to drive by Morris' house, and all the neighbors came out to watch.

The next year Ben had a parade drive by the retirement home, but covid restrictions kept participants low.

Last year Ben went to the Boardwalk and invited people to come see Morris, but only about 10 people showed up, Ben said.

"But this year they said there's no covid restrictions. Go crazy. Have all the spectators you want, all the groups you want, but make sure you get a big enough space that can accommodate it," Ben said.

Ben noticed that the Berlin Intermediate parking lot would serve as a perfect venue, and it's just across Route 113 from the senior home.

As for inviting groups to be in the parade, Ben sent out emails and phone calls, Google searching for every Marine Chapter up and down the East Coast.

With Morris having lived three years at Gull Creek, Ben is beginning to run out of funds to keep him there, so two months ago he started an Instagram for Morris with a Go Fund Me page linked

to it. He hopes to crowd source funding in order to continue housing Morris at Gull Creek.

"Please donate to keep this World War II veteran living comfortably in Gull Creek Senior Living home. If you can do it," Ben said.

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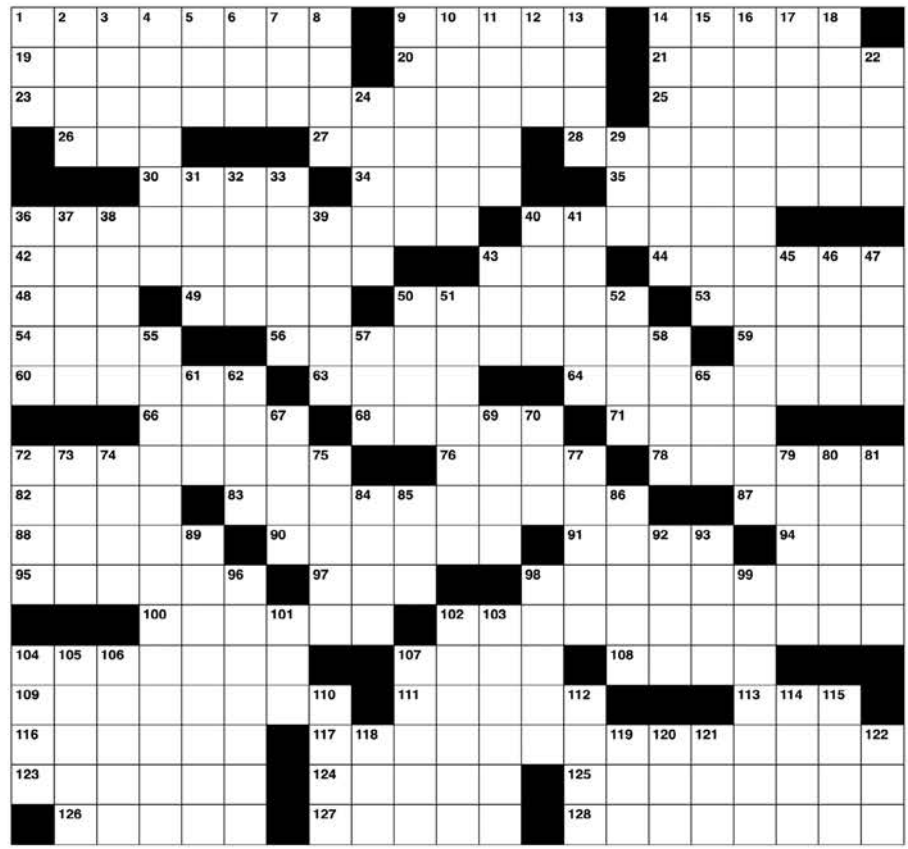
# Puzzles

## STITCHIN' TIME

BY ROBERT RYAN / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Robert Ryan, of London, is an economist for Britain's Competition and Markets Authority. He lives 10 minutes by foot from the 21-Across. This is his second crossword for The Times; his debut was in March. Having grown up on cryptics, Robert is fond of tricky clues. His favourite (as he would spell it) in this puzzle is 78-Across. "As long as the clues are fair, I find hard ones more satisfying as a solver." — W.S.

- ACROSS**
- 1 "It's not that simple"
  - 9 Kind of passage
  - 14 When Juliet drinks the potion
  - 19 Race held annually in early March
  - 20 Computer expert, for short
  - 21 Reading can be found on it
  - 23 Bigamy, legally speakin'?
  - 25 [I forgot the words ...]
  - 26 Eau so big?
  - 27 Stellar, as a pitching outing
  - 28 Pirate fodder, once
  - 30 Right hand
  - 34 Joel's smuggling partner on HBO's "The Last of Us"
  - 35 Creative types
  - 36 Where copy editors are workin'?
  - 40 Beefeater, e.g.
  - 42 Certain legal guardian
  - 43 Shade
  - 44 Pitch tents, say
  - 48 Auction unit
  - 49 Loads
  - 50 Heading on a balance sheet
  - 53 Classic Hasbro toy that debuted in 1964
  - 54 Lenovo competitor
  - 56 "Enjoyin' your meal?" or "I'll be servin' you today"?
- DOWN**
- 1 Sharp bark
  - 2 Product typically wrapped in paraffin wax
  - 3 Father
  - 4 Draw
  - 5 Grams in Britain?
  - 6 Beats Electronics co-founder, familiarly
  - 7 Winter Olympics powerhouse: Abbr.
  - 8 Wednesday eponym
  - 9 Specialty segments
  - 10 Liable to be lost
  - 11 Emits sparks, as a campfire
  - 12 Stick for a snowman, say
  - 13 Auto racing champion Sébastien
  - 14 Yet to be apprehended
  - 15 Some protest activity
  - 16 Bubbles featurin' comic-book dialogue?
- ACROSS**
- 59 Super Bowl LVI winners
  - 60 One can be empty or veiled
  - 63 Spirit
  - 64 Brussels administrative official, informally
  - 66 Oxford, e.g.
  - 68 "\_\_\_ is like a cat: It only comes to you if you ignore it": Gillian Flynn
  - 71 France before it was France
  - 72 Animal that resembles a raccoon more than a bear, despite its name
  - 76 Opposite of da
  - 78 Spell out in Spanish?
  - 82 Crumbly cake topping
  - 83 Reaction to the climax of a heartbreakin' movie?
  - 87 Equipment used to make "pizza slices" or "French fries"
  - 88 Church chorus
  - 90 Styled like Jimi Hendrix at Woodstock
  - 91 Sch. near the Getty Center
  - 94 Cooper's raw material
  - 95 OutKast, e.g.
  - 97 Gnaw (at)
  - 98 First-time offense, so to speak
  - 100 Concave bodily features
  - 102 Statute regulatin' surrogacy?
  - 104 Big \_\_\_
  - 107 2022 horror sci-fi film co-starring Daniel Kaluuya
- DOWN**
- 108 Item on a wish list
  - 109 Japanese fried pork cutlet
  - 111 World capital closest to "Null Island" (0°N, 0°E)
  - 113 Before, poetically
  - 116 Cause of warming tropical seas
  - 117 Financin' Broadway shows?
  - 123 Seize an opportunity
  - 124 "Snowy" bird
  - 125 All shook up
  - 126 Stood (with)
  - 127 Hiding spot for a 124-Across
  - 128 Fully
- ACROSS**
- 17 Products with screens ... or a homophone of a type of big screen
  - 18 South African grassland
  - 22 Mouthing off
  - 24 "Gotcha"
  - 29 Not of the cloth
  - 31 Big-box store with a labyrinthine layout
  - 32 Blackmail ammunition
  - 33 Furnish with an income
  - 36 B equivalent
  - 37 Booze
  - 38 Acid-alcohol compound
  - 39 Entertainers Carvey and Delany
  - 40 Fencing face-off
  - 41 Fix, as a bow
  - 43 Sister channel of QVC
  - 45 Cracked open
  - 46 N.Y.C. gallery
  - 47 Irritating sort
  - 50 \_\_\_ Gawande, best-selling author of "Being Mortal"
  - 51 What's found at the end of "Citizen Kane"?
  - 52 Comfy
  - 55 One tendin' to reply quickly?
  - 57 Android competitor
  - 58 Georgian and Edwardian, for two
  - 61 Comprehensive report?
  - 62 Shade
  - 65 French agreement
  - 67 "The Simpsons" teacher Krabappel
- DOWN**
- 69 Regarded suspiciously
  - 70 Cause of insomnia in a fairy tale
  - 72 Surf sound
  - 73 Grammy-nominated sister of Aretha
  - 74 Yawning
  - 75 Something a P.S.A. lacks
  - 77 "Preach!"
  - 79 Vans Old \_\_\_ (classic sneaker)
  - 80 Heroine of Disney's "The Princess and the Frog"
  - 81 Hastily hung, maybe
  - 84 401(k) alternatives
  - 85 Word with "at home" or "at all"
  - 86 Mess (up)
  - 89 Annual indie festival
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  - 96 Like all animals in the genus Equus, uniquely
  - 98 Sailor's rear
  - 99 Diplomatic agreement
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  - 103 Some cross-references in a research paper, informally
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  - 105 Preppy tops
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  - 107 Pearl button coating
  - 110 Very, informally
  - 112 Marginally
  - 114 Set of sheets?
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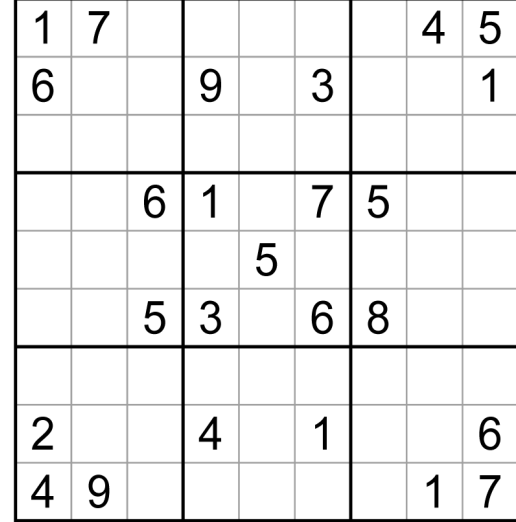
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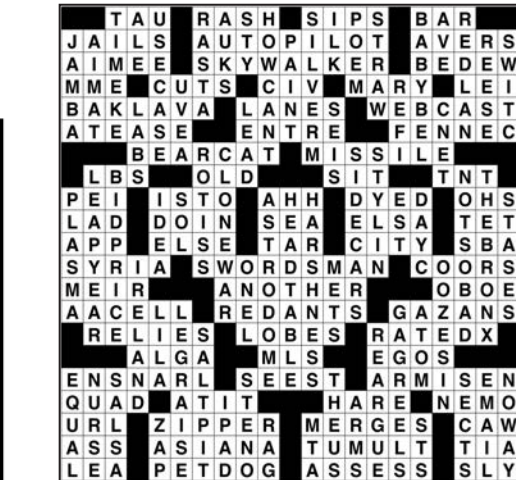
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**HARD - 88**

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



**Answers to last week's puzzles**

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





# Calendar

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## Thurs., June 1

### RAVENS BEACH BASH

June 1-3. Residence Inn by Marriott Ocean City, 300 Seabay Lane. Featuring Cheerleaders, mascot Poe, Baltimore Marching Ravens and Ravens Legends. Schedule of activities:

<https://www.baltimoreravens.com/fans/beach-bash/>. Text BEACH to 728367 for updates.

### 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 Rohlfig, 410-641-9726.

### PLAY TIME

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Join in for a variety of activities and toys. Play and socialize with other families. For ages 2-5 years. 410-632-3495, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### OUTDOOR STORY TIME: POOL PARTY

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Story time in the garden. Stick around after to use the sidewalk chalk. For ages 2-5 years. If inclement weather, the event will move indoors. 410-208-4014, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### MERRY MAKERS: DIY

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Diakonia donated flip-flops to the library. Get creative and use them to make a summer craft. All materials provided. 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)

### 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)

### BEACH SINGLE 55 PLUS

Thursdays - Harpoon Hanna's, 39064 Harpoon Road, Fenwick Island, DE, 4 p.m. Info: 302-436-9577.

## Fri., June 2

### PBR OCEAN CITY SECRETS CLASSIC

Hugh T. Cropper Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 6-8 p.m. Featuring pyro, music and an intense bull riding competition including some of the world's best riders and animal athletes.

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### STEAM SOCIAL

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 11 a.m. Join us for an hour of open-ended STEAM activities. Build, experiment and create with a variety of materials. Ages 5 years and older. 410-632-3495, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### FIRST FRIDAY ART OPENINGS

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 5-7 p.m. Meet the artists and enjoy free admission and complimentary beverages. Satellite galleries include the Coffee Beanery on 94th Street and the Princess Royale lobby, 91st Street. 410-524-9433

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### RAVENS PARADE

The Roost Parade runs Saturday from 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. beginning at 19th Street and moving north in the southern lanes of Baltimore Avenue until 26th Street.

### SEASIDE DANCE ACADEMY SPRING RECITAL

Ocean City Performing Arts Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. Show time are noon and 6:30 p.m. Doors open one hour before show time. Cost is \$15/\$10. Tickets: <https://ocmdperformingartscenter.com/upcoming-events/Seaside%20Dance%20Academy,>

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

### CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City, 1301 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Church rummage sale.

### THE PARKE GARAGE SALE

The Parke at Ocean Pines, 2 Arcadia Court, 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Parke residents are selling their treasures in their driveways. Maps available at the main entrance of the Parke, located off of Ocean Parkway at the south entrance. Rain date is June 4. 410-208-4994

### TINKER TIME: LOVE BUGS

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, create a love bug for someone special. 410-632-3495, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### STEM SATURDAYS

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Join in any time during the day to use your creativity and build using one of the STEM building kits. For all ages. 410-524-1818, [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 gather to share their writing projects. Structure includes critiques and appreciation, market leads and writing exercises. Drop ins welcome. 410-641-0650

### KIWANIS 2023 CAR SHOW

Veterans Memorial Park, Race Track Road, Ocean Pines, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Judged classes, trophies and awards. Food concessions provided. Registration is 9-11 a.m. Registration fee is \$15 in advance (KiwaniisOfOPOC.org) or \$20 day of show. Rain date is May 10.

### ASSATEAGUE ADVENTURES

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. A ranger-led adventure featuring crafts, puppets, stories and cool props from Assateague Island National Seashore. All children and their families are invited. 410-641-0650, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### 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.

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### NATIONAL CANCER SURVIVORS DAY CEREMONY

Healthway Drive Community Garden (across from Atlantic General Hospital), 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 2-3 p.m. All cancer survivors and their families are encouraged to attend. Featuring speaker Dr. Manoj Jain, radiation oncologist. Refreshments provided. RSVP: Jill, 410-629-6313.

### PINE TONES CHORUS TO PERFORM "SO HAPPY" TO BRING BACK THE 60'S

Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road, 3 p.m. Doors open at 2:30 p.m. and admission is \$20 at the door. Featuring music by Simon and Garfunkel, The Beach Boys and more. The chorus includes more than 40 local singers. Jenny Anderson, 443-655-5636

### 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., June 5

### FRIENDS OF THE OCEAN PINES LIBRARY: MEMBERSHIP MEETING & LOCAL AUTHOR PANEL

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road. Refreshments at 9:30 a.m., followed by an open membership meeting at 10 a.m. and ending with a discussion panel of local authors at 11 a.m. 410-208-4014, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### STORYTIME WITH THE OCEAN CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Stories, songs and games with the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company. Goodie bags and an opportunity to see a fire truck up close. [oceancity@worcestlibrary.org](mailto:oceancity@worcestlibrary.org), [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30 p.m. Discussion will focus on "Interpreter of Maladies" by Jhumpa Lahiri. The group is currently reading selections in Book 3 of Great Conversations. 410-208-4014, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### DIABETES EDUCATION

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 4-6 p.m. Discussion and education on the topic of diabetes, focusing on longterm complications, prevention, screening and foot/wound care. Alyce Marzola, [amarzola@atlanticgeneral.org](mailto:amarzola@atlanticgeneral.org)

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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, worcesterlibrary.org

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**DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP**

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 5-6 p.m. Discussion and education on the topic of diabetes. Darlene Jameson, 410-208-9761, djameson@atlanticgeneral.org

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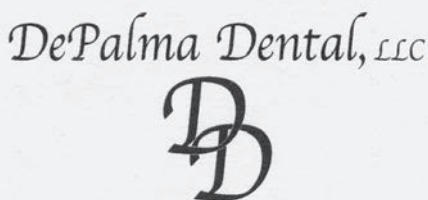
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