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It was standing room only at the Worcester County Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, with the vast majority of the crowd comprised of teachers, bus contractors and school staff who came to watch as the commissioners voted 5-2 to fund the school system at the legal minimum, dashing school officials' hopes to use a budget increase to raise salaries.

## County denies schools more money

Commissioners not swayed by crowd, as they vote 5-2 to spend no more than what system received last year

By Jack Chavez  
Staff Writer

(June 8, 2023) The Worcester County Public Schools budget is officially set, and it's exactly what the new commissioner majority has said for months what it could be — flat.

The Worcester County Commissioners passed the school budget on a 5-to-2 vote at roughly \$100.01 million in maintenance-of-effort funding and \$759,000 for the county's required share of

teacher pensions on Tuesday.

Commissioners Diana Purnell and Joe Mitrecic opposed the measure.

The approved framework is not a penny more than what the county is legally obligated to provide to its school system, meaning it is now on the board of education to determine how to come up with the roughly \$4.5 million it asked for to pay for staff and contractor salary increases, among other things.

At the core of the budget discussion was a quarrel over the accessibility of specific expenses in the school system's yearly budget.

While repeated assurances from both sides that the relationship is still healthy, or that everyone is cooperating as well as possible, they have ex-

changed many pointed words. One side harped on the unprecedented nature of the request — and making veiled implications that the county moved the goalposts by making its request late in the budget process — and the other reminded county residents and the board that it was asking for transparency in the use of taxpayer money, not private money.

"I have been against this motion since day one. It does not look at the future of our education system properly," Mitrecic said.

"We have state mandates coming down, the Blueprint for Maryland's future in four years. It'll be two years after this budget is over. It's almost

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Burley Oak Brewing Company Founder Brian Brushmiller pushes Dustin Horne along Main Street during the 2022 Berlin Bathtub Races. This year's races are set for 6:15 p.m. Friday, June 9.

# Annual Berlin Bath Tub Race brings quirky fun to Main St.

By **Cindy Hoffman**  
Staff Writer

(June 8, 2023) Splish splash, I was takin' a bath.

Sixteen teams will be rockin' and rollin' down Main Street for the 33rd annual Berlin Bathtub Races starting at 6 p.m. Friday.

"The whole event is off the wall this year," said Ryan Nellans, the executive director of the Berlin Chamber of Commerce. "We have 19 teams that want to race. That is not the final number, though. The roster is filled up, but there is always a chance we lose one or two."

Any extra teams beyond the 16 spots will be on standby in case someone cannot race. And all will participate in the parade, which starts at 6 pm, with races starting at 6:15 p.m.

Last year, Nellans was scrambling to get enough contestants. This year, he said it's like herding cats.

"They are coming out of the woodwork. We have a stellar lineup this year."

Returning favorites include Seaside Plumbing and Camp Coast. Ocean 98 radio won in 2022, but they are not competing this year.

"Camp Coast is trying to take their title back," Nellans said. "They are really feeling their oats."

The new trophy is the Turner Cup in honor of the late Jesse Turner, the Bathtub Races founder, its most successful entrant and whose Shoe Box shoe repair shop was a Main Street fixture for decades. Jeff Auxer of Jeff Auxer Designs in Berlin has donated the blown glass and steel trophy he designed specifically for the race.

"It's nice and overdue to recognize the event founder," Nellans said.

Main Street will be closed to traffic starting at 2 p.m. to set up the track. The tubs will be at the Welcome Center at 14th and Main Street between noon and 2 p.m. to register.

"The track is 100-foot sprint, drag race-style," Nellans said of the competition, which features a bathtub-inspired cart, its driver and a pusher.

Nellans also encouraged people to come out early to visit the stores and restaurants.

There will be a half-time hula hoop contest for kids, with prizes from Island Creamery. Spectators can purchase chances for the 50/50 rubber

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The Election Committee, chaired by Tom Piatti, provides guidance on campaigning to three of the four candidates for the OPA board of directors.

# OPA residents will get chance to ask questions at forum

By Cindy Hoffman  
Staff Writer

(June 8, 2023) Ocean Pines residents will have ample opportunity to be informed about the candidates and elections procedures during this season's board of directors election.

Ballots will be mailed out the week of July 11 and should be returned by Aug. 8 at 4 p.m. to be counted on Aug. 10.

Three seats will be filled via this summer's contest, which saw the third opening become available this week with the resignation of Director Frank Daly, who is moving out of the area.

The four candidates for the board, John Latham, Jerry Murphy, Elaine Brady and Jeff Heavner, received a questionnaire from the Election Committee this week. The results of the questionnaire will be delivered through the summer newsletter, which will be mailed in July to residents.

The questions being asked of the candidates are:

What do you think are the most significant issues facing the Association in the next two or three years and what solutions would you offer?

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Boards must make difficult decisions. How will you address differences of opinions between board members?

The Election Committee will hold a candidate forum on June 21 at 6 p.m. at the Golf Clubhouse. The forum will be recorded and available via Facebook and YouTube for those who cannot attend in person.

This year, the committee is giving residents the opportunity to ask questions of the candidates in two ways: in person at the forum or by email at elections@oceanpines.org.

Candidates will not be asked the same questions, giving people more  
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# Berlin Bath Tub Race on Friday

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duck raffle. If all the ducks are bought, the winner could receive \$1,500.

Delmarva Sports Network will be broadcasting LIVE from the Atlantic Hotel balcony.

Nellans said volunteers are still needed and they can sign up at [signupgenius.com/go/10coe4fa9aa2aa2f9c70-bathtub#/](https://signupgenius.com/go/10coe4fa9aa2aa2f9c70-bathtub#/)



Caleb Hunter, first class lineman for the town of Berlin, helps Councilman Jack Orris hang flags in honor of Pride Day on the Berlin Town Hall on June 1.

CINDY HOFFMAN/  
BAYSIDE GAZETTE

# Berlin celebrates first Pride Day with flags, proclamation

By Cindy Hoffman  
Staff Writer

(June 8, 2023) A little bit of rain did not dampen the spirits of the participants at the first Pride Day celebration in the town of Berlin last Thursday.

“I think this is a big step for Berlin. It means a lot for this community. It signifies more than anything what we stand for as a community and as a town,” Mayor Zack Tyndall said.

“We can all come together, regardless of what we believe or who we love and show that we are kind, and that Berlin is a safe place.”

Patty Gregorio, owner of Saltwater Media in Berlin with her wife, Stephanie Fowler, initiated the idea. They have lived in and operated their business in Berlin for 10 years.

“I had seen in years past, other towns had done pride celebrations,” Gregorio said.

So, she reached out to Councilmember Jack Orris and asked if there was any thought to doing a flag raising.

She received a response immediately, with a request for two flags, which Saltwater Media donated.

“Then the mayor went a step further with a proclamation and to have an event to do a flag raising. It really turned into more of an event than I thought it would be. It’s been wonderful,” Gregorio said.

“As a gay couple, this town has al-

ways embraced us and has always been a safe, fun, loving place for us to have a business and make friends. So, to see the pride flag fly on our Town Hall means that this town is accepting of us and all of the other people in this community,” Fowler said.

A crowd of about 30 joined in the celebration as Tyndall read the proclamation and then Councilmember Orris gingerly stepped into the lift of a town bucket truck, with the assistance of Caleb Hunter, First Class Lineman for the town of Berlin.

The crowd applauded as Orris hung the pride flag and then the progress pride flag.

The pride flag is the most well-known of the LGBT flags. Its six colors are symbolic: red equals life, orange symbolizes healing, yellow stands for sunlight, green for nature, indigo for serenity and violet represents the spirit of the LGBTQ people.

The progressive pride flag adds the transgender and people of color who are members of the LGBT community as well, said local writer Andrew Heller.

“Embracing our differences is what community is all about,” Council member Steve Green said.

“Our community is having a bit of a tough time right now, but to see the love, we appreciate it and thank you,” Fowler said.

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Carly Toulan, an environmental scientist with the Maryland Coastal Bays Program, monitors levels in the bay.

## Maryland Coastal Bays gives grants to local organizations

(June 8, 2023) The Maryland Coastal Bays Program recently announced recipients of the organization's 2023 Mini Grant and Research Grant program.

The funds support education, outreach, resiliency and research projects in Maryland's Coastal Bays region.

"The goal of the Mini Grant program is to invest in the health and resiliency of our local community by

giving diverse organizations access to funding for projects that will enhance communities and, overall, improve natural resources" Education Program Manager Chandler Joiner said in a news release

The mini grant awardees are:

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# EPA funds mini-grant program

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\$4,999 to support the installation and monitoring of five water level loggers throughout the Coastal Bays and tributaries.

- The Germantown School Community Heritage Center was awarded \$4,981.20 to support butterfly garden activities and native medicinal plant garden. The grant also supports the creation of a medicinal plant scavenger hunt and coloring book.

- The Freetown Education, Research, and Cultural Center was awarded \$4,977.88 to restore an historical African American cemetery and preserve the surrounding wooded area.

- Assateague Coastal Trust's Coast Kids program was awarded \$4,911 to fund eight summer camp scholarships, transportation for scholarship recipients and staff time for camp hours.

- Go Green OC was awarded

\$4,996.60 to buy equipment to support the expansion of operational capacity for the Ocean City composting program.

The scientific research funding was available to the Maryland Coastal Bays Program's partners to assist in responding to research needs identified in by the organization's Science and Technical Advisory Committee. The research grant was awarded to the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science to test the efficacy of a marsh soil microbial index as an early warning indicator of problems in marsh health due to prolonged flooding.

Maryland Coastal Bays Program Science Coordinator Roman Jesien said in the release that the grants came from the Environmental Protection Agency through Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding.

For more information, visit [md-coastalbays.org](http://md-coastalbays.org).

# Community embraces LGBTQ

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"It's becoming more apparent that there is a very vocal community that wants to treat us differently and not allow us to live freely for who we are and who we love," Fowler said.

"We are seeing the largest number of bills being pushed through to change laws to make it illegal."

The ACLU is currently tracking 491 bills targeting LGBTQ rights in states across the country.

"With a lot of the rhetoric and violence that has been happening to our community, it is so nice to see it being embraced right here. I think it is fantastic. People came out. I love that we have the progressive flag out as well. I think that really shows all the support," Heller said.

Heller, wearing the progressive flag on his T-shirt, said all marginalized communities are under attack. The flag represents all marginalized communities and symbolizes that we are all in this together.

"I know some people will see the

flag and be angry about it," Fowler said. "I don't see the flag as being exclusionary. I see the flag as being inclusive. There are all kinds of people that are members of this community."

"The LGBT community is about love, and embracing who you are, wherever you are and learning to love yourself and love other people," she said.

Ocean City is hosting its first Pride Parade on Saturday, June 24 from 10 a.m. to noon on the Boardwalk.

The parade route will start at South First Street, up the boardwalk, around the pier and to Second Street, then back down the boardwalk. There will be a photo wall plus tables with partner and sponsor goodies and refreshments. A Pride Prom will be hosted at the Buzzed Word that evening from 6-9 p.m.

Mickie Meinhardt, owner of the Buzzed Word will host the inaugural event. To learn about partnership opportunities for the parade or prom, email [info@thebuzzedword.com](mailto:info@thebuzzedword.com).

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From left, board candidates John Latham, Jeff Heavner and Elaine Brady, draw playing cards to determine the order of names on the ballot and who will speak first during the candidate forum on June 21.

# OPA candidates draw cards to determine order on ballot

By **Cindy Hoffman**  
Staff Writer

(June 8, 2023) Three out of four Ocean Pines Board of Directors candidates gathered around the table last Friday to determine who would be first on the ballot and first to answer questions at the upcoming candidate forum.

Elaine Brady, Jeff Heavner and John Latham drew from playing cards. Jerry Murphy was out of town for a graduation ceremony. Aces high and Latham drew it. That put the order at John Latham, Jerry Murphy, Elaine Brady and Jeff Heavner.

This summer's election is for three seats on the board, two of which will be made vacant when the terms of Doug Parks and Colette Horn expire. Parks and Horn could not seek reelection because of term limits. The third vacancy was created by the departure of Frank Daly, who resigned his director's post this week.

"The Board has acknowledged the resignation of Director Frank Daly, effective Tuesday, June 6. Frank and his

wife, Irene, have sold their house in Ocean Pines and are moving to Florida to be close to their family in that area. Given that Frank is no longer a homeowner in Ocean Pines, he, per our governing documents, is now ineligible to serve on the board," said Doug Parks, president of OPA.

Piatti said ballots would be mailed to homeowners the week of July 11 and are due back to Election Trust by Tuesday, Aug. 8 at 4 p.m. This is one day earlier than previously reported. He wants to provide a day to see if any ballots have been dropped off at the ballot box.

Important upcoming election dates are as follows:

Voter eligibility deadline – Wednesday, July 6.

Candidate Forum – Wednesday, June 21 at 6 p.m.

Ballots mailed – Week of July 11.

Ballot deadline – Tuesday, Aug. 8 by 4 p.m.

Ballots counted and vote totals announced – Thursday, Aug 10.

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(June 8, 2023) Worcester County Public Works Water and Wastewater Division will conduct smoke testing of the sanitary sewer system from June 13-16 between Maid at Arms Lane and Man O War Lane.

A news release said the the study will involve opening and entering manholes in the streets and public utility easements to locate breaks and defects in the sewer system. The smoke will also reveal where storm and other surface water enters the sewer system.

A special, non-toxic smoke will be used in the tests. It leaves no residuals or stains and has no effect on plant or animal life. The smoke is visible and has a distinctive, but not unpleasant, odor that should last only a few minutes, where there is adequate ventilation.

Because the plumbing appliances in homes and buildings are connected to the sanitary sewer system,

some smoke may enter these facilities in the following instances:

- Vents connected to a building's sewer pipes are inadequate, defective, or improperly installed.
- Traps under sinks, tubs, basins, showers and other drains are dry, defective, improperly installed or missing.
- Pipes, connections and seals of the wastewater drain system in and under buildings are damaged, defective, have plugs missing, or are improperly installed.

The smoke test can reveal the presence, if any, of sewer gas, which can be dangerous and a health risk to occupants.

If smoke enters your home or business, please contact a member of the smoke testing crew working in the area or call the county water and wastewater division at 410-641-5251, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

# Election Committee provides guidance for OPA residents

Continued from Page 4 opportunity to hear their views on different issues.

"We want the forum to be lively and engaging and get everyone to interact," said Election Committee member Tom Schwartz.

Once voting starts, Election Trust, the company hired to conduct the elections, will be alerting voters via email when the company has received their ballots.

Committee Chair Tom Piatti said that means residents should make sure their contact information is up to date before Wednesday, July 6, so they are sure to get their ballots and get confirmation their ballot has been received. Residents can do this online by going to the Ocean Pines website member login page at [https://ocean-](https://oceanpines.org/web/pages/login)

[pines.org/web/pages/login](https://oceanpines.org/web/pages/login).

For membership questions, contact [rmeyer@oceanpines.org](mailto:rmeyer@oceanpines.org).

This year, homeowners with more than one property will receive the same number of ballots as properties — if a homeowner has six Ocean Pines properties, that person will receive six ballots.

This is different from last year's elections, when a homeowner with multiple properties had to request additional ballots.

A hotline will be available for voters with questions from July 16- Aug. 6.

"We have yet to coordinate with Election Trust concerning who is directly responsible for the hotline and that contact info," Piatti said.

The information on the hotline will be included in the package mailed out

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Owner Yancey Carapico and Stephanie Painter, his “right-hand man,” work the lunch rush at Cap'n's Slice on Pitts Street on Monday. The to-go pizza place opened in late April.

## Cap'n's Slice offers authentic NYC-style to-go pizza in Berlin

By Jack Chavez  
Staff Writer

(June 8, 2023) Where can you find James Kirk, captain of the Starship Enterprise from the “Star Trek” franchise, Alexander Smollet, captain of the Hispaniola in the 1883 novel “Treasure Island,” and real-life U.S. Navy Capt. Samuel White under the same roof?

It's not on some local theater stage nor at an aquarium — the answer is actually The Cap'n's Slice Pizza on Pitts Street in Berlin.

The new restaurant, which opened on April 22, offers a New York City, by-the-slice concept to its patrons with authentic specialty pizzas named after captains from a variety of backgrounds — both fictional and real.

The small carryout establishment shares its space with Chris DiForte, who runs The Rusty Anchor, which offers sushi made to order.

“I worked at Brewmaster's Pub in Ocean City (24 years ago) and I used to keep boxes of Cap'n Crunch cereal in the kitchen,” owner Yancey Carapico recalled. “So when I would go to work each day, I would eat the Cap'n

Crunch. (DiForte, who owned Brewmasters) asked me to come in here to make pizza in this space. He used to always call me ‘The Cap'n’ for eating Cap'n Crunch 24 years ago every day. When I came up with the concept, I didn't want to stray too far from the name Rusty Anchor since it is a shared space. When I came up with it, I was spending a week in Costa Rica about six weeks ago. I was in my buddy's backyard in the jungle. I went down there with a blank notebook, came up with the name Cap'n Slice and it went from there.”

It felt fitting to name his creations after other “cap'n's”. During lunch on Monday, on top of the aforementioned captains, there were pizzas available named after Davy Jones from the Pirates of the Caribbean franchise, Capt. Merrill Stubing from “The Love Boat,” Steve Zissou from “The Life Aquatic” and U.S. Navy Capt. Michael Murray.

Carapico said that he gets many of his ingredients straight from Italy, including San Marzano tomatoes, olive oil, Sicilian sea salt and balsamic glaze. Also available are Italian bev-

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# Purnell urges everyone to make best of budget call

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like they hope this would go away by ignoring it. I don't think that will happen. The governor made it clear that it's atop his agenda."

Mitrecic said that the budget gives him concerns about the future of Worcester's children, adding that "irreparable damage" has already been done, thanks to this process.

Commissioner President Chip Bertino disagreed.

"I don't believe the relationship between the county commissioners and board of education is irreparably harmed. It's a good relationship. We just don't see eye-to-eye this time," he said. "I do believe moving forward that the efforts made this year will put us in a better (position) when it comes time to handle (issues like the Blueprint)."

"Moving forward, as difficult as

this process has been, I believe the relationship is just as strong as it has been. Like families, sometimes you have quarrels, situations where you don't see eye-to-eye. (But this is in the) best interest of not just our county but the board of education and taxpayers.

Commissioner Diana Purnell didn't come off her opposing vote but took the position afterward that the budget disagreement needs to be put in the rearview mirror.

"I guess it's going to be difficult for the board, for us, but I pray that we won't be in this position next year," she said. "We don't need to be. We have a hard road ahead of us. Get me there. I don't like the blame game."

"We can't change Annapolis but we do have the ability to stay of one accord in this county ... Let's make the best of this decision."

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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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Cap'n's Slice is located on Pitts Street in the same space as The Rusty Anchor, a to-go sushi service run by Cap'n's Slice owner Yancey Carapico's friend Chris DiForte.

## Cap'n's Slice open on Pitts St.

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erages and imported desserts such as cannolis and pistachio ricotta cakes.

"We're just going for that New York City, Italian slice shop vibe," Carapico said. "Carryout has anywhere from eight, 10, 12 varieties of pizza offered in our display case every day. People can come in any time and pick out a slice and we'll heat it up for them and send them on their way. They can also come in and order a whole, 18-inch pie, made fresh to order."

Stephanie Painter, Carapico's only employee besides himself, said that they've been hearing they're already among the top pizza offerings in the Ocean City-Berlin area.

"You can grab a slice (and go)," which I don't really think you can do anywhere else around here," Painter said. "It's a great atmosphere."

And it's a constantly changing menu, which Carapico said helps keep the ideas fresh and innovative.

"They don't want to eat the same thing all the time and I don't want to make the same thing all the time," he said. "I like to be creative and work

with different ingredients and combinations."

It's not exactly a new venture for Carapico, a Harford County native who has spent much of his life since the age of 12 on the Eastern Shore, save for a move to Tahoe in his twenties. For the last 15 years, he's lived all over the shore.

Directly before opening The Cap'n's Slice, Carapico owned an brick-oven pizza food truck in Chincoteague called Cosa. After selling that business, he came up with the idea for Cap'n's Slice.

He was already familiar with Berlin thanks to a few years working as a chef at The Atlantic Hotel.

"I always thought when I was in Chincoteague, the type of pizza I made would be appreciated in Berlin," Carapico said. "I love it here. I love the town, the people and I'm very happy to have a new business here."

"I've met about 947 brand-new people in the span of the past 35 days so I've been trying to keep all their names straight. But all of the other local, fellow business owners have been more than wonderful, generous in helping out in any possible way they can and it's been really nice, really special in getting to know all of them."

Carapico has been able to keep the labor costs low, employing only Painter, whom he described as "my work brother, my right-hand man." But acknowledged they'll likely need to hire someone else "very soon."

"I couldn't do it without her," Carapico said of Painter. "We use to work together at the Atlantic Hotel ... We got along great, worked well together and I always appreciated her work ethic. I knew when I was to open another pizza place again that she would be the first person I would tap to join me."

The Cap'n's Slice, located at 8 Pitts Street, is open Thursday to Monday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. or until it sells out. Updates are posted regularly on its Instagram @thecapnsslice and Facebook page, under The Cap'n's Slice. The phone number is 667-288-1039

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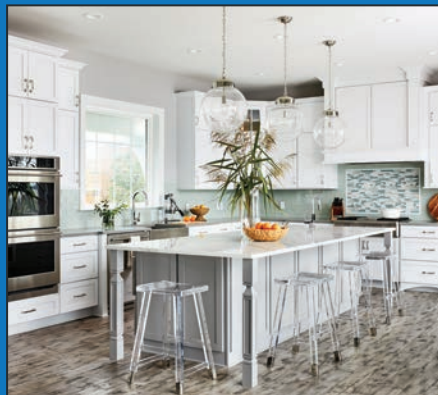
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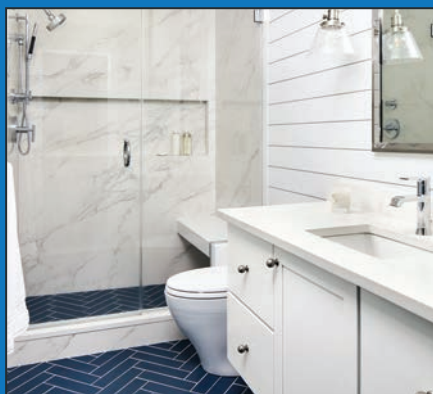
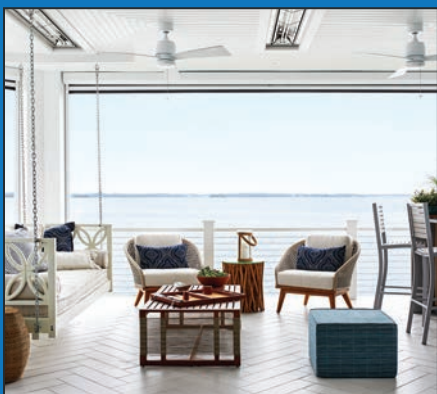
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An aerial shot shows the Stephen Decatur High School Class of 2023 grads and an audience of family, friends, staff and others at the school's Louis H. Taylor Stadium during the seniors' graduation ceremony May 31.

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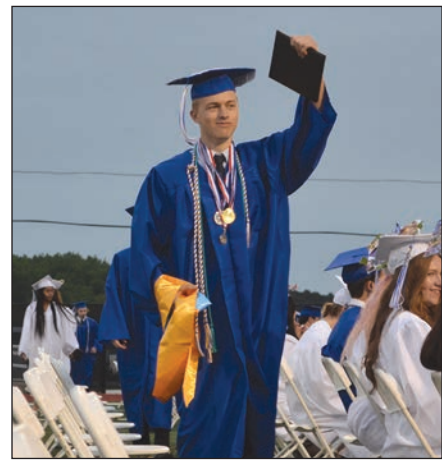
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Stephen Decatur High School held graduation ceremony for the Class of 2023 in Louis H. Taylor Stadium on May 31. Pictured are seniors walking to accept their diplomas and shake the hands of school administrators.



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Class of 2023 graduate James Weber returns to his seat with diploma in hand after walking the stage. He was the first to walk from the final row of seniors called to the stage.

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# SDHS Class of '23 breaks scholarship record

**By Hunter Hine**  
Staff Writer

(June 8, 2023) On the evening of May 31, families filled the audience at Stephen Decatur High School's Louis H. Taylor Stadium to watch seniors walk the stage and accept diplomas at the Class of 2023 graduation ceremony.

During a speech, Principal Thomas Sites announced that this graduating class broke a SDHS record by earning \$18 million in scholarships and grants.

"I've been waiting all week to make this announcement," Sites said.

Of the 363 students in the Class of 2023, 159 are going to four-year colleges or universities, 73 are going to two-year colleges and 9 are going to technical or trade schools. Also, 16 graduates are joining the military and 106 are entering the work-force.

In-state schools were shown favor among the graduating class, with 42 headed to nearby Salisbury University, 11 going to University of Maryland, College Park and another 11 moving on to Towson University.

The greatest plurality of students, 71, are taking their next educational steps at Wor-Wic Community College.

As people filed into bleachers and folding chairs before the ceremony

began, baby pictures of each senior played on two screens beside the stage. The montage featured interjecting video clips of students in Decatur hallways recalling their favorite parts of high school and teachers saying goodbye to the graduates.

To begin the ceremony, 2023 graduate Jessica Beck gave an invocation, asking for a moment of silence for senior Joshua Alton, who died Nov. 29, 2022, after a battle with cancer.

"We thank the Lord for equipping these graduates with numerous and diverse gifts," Beck said.

Following Beck, Senior Class President Stephen Wade gave the student address as rows of seniors sat facing him at the forefront of the stage.

The class dawned blue and white regalia, many with decorated graduation caps that bore DIY college emblems, flowers or poetic messages.

Wade praised the class as one of the best to walk the halls in recent years, and emphasized the old adage, "It's not the destination, it's the journey."

"Today would not mean anything without the journey it took to be here," Wade said.

"We are all united by one thing," Wade later said. "We are all Seahawks, and we'll always continue to be Seahawks."

Superintendent Louis Taylor, for

whom the stadium was named and an alumni of SDHS, told the students, "I do bleed blue."

Taylor highlighted the qualities of perseverance, courage and empathy, which he said is exemplified in the senior class.

"You have immeasurable opportunity before you, and as someone who has had his fair share of years to make my own mark on this world, I am so looking forward to see what you will do in the years to come," Taylor said.

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# Pro-soccer-involved alumni speaks to grads

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lor said.

Sites said he spoke as both a parent and a principal, since his son was part of the graduating class. Then he recognized students who earned cum laude, magna cum laude, summa cum laude, and recipients of the Governor's Top Five Percent Award, just before introducing the commencement speaker, SDHS alumni Dr. Stephen Fell.

Fell graduated in 2001 with academic and athletic accolades, played soccer at Towson and was later drafted by the Baltimore Blast, a professional soccer team. He went on to coach at the professional level and earned a doctorate in physical therapy in 2012.

Now he owns Performance Science & Rehab and works as the physical coach of the senior men's national soccer team, which brought him to

the recent World Cup in Qatar.

Fell spoke about the value of persevering through uncertainty and finding growth in failure. He emphasized to the students that life is hard, and the reality of that cannot be changed. But, he said, every person has control over how they view challenges and how they allow circumstances to affect them.

"Will is our internal power that can never be affected by the outside world. It is the stubbornness we develop to not succumb to unhealthy perceptions and actions," Fell said. "Where others give in, you continue. In fact, we need these challenges for the opportunity to build and reinforce it through life."

After a performance of Queen's "Don't Stop Me Now," and the school's "Alma Mater," from the

SDHS Chorus, Sites began the presentation of the diplomas.

Despite the request to hold cheers and applause until all the diplomas were handed out, many families succumbed to excitement and shouted praise from the crowd as they heard the name of their child, sibling or friend spoken into the microphone.

"May your lives be long, happy, healthy, productive," Sites said after all diplomas were handed out. "No matter where life will take you, may there always be a little bit of sand in your shoes and a little bit of Decatur in your hearts."

Sites told the students to turn their tassels. With a burst of fireworks from behind the stage, students threw their caps in the air, cheered, hugged each other and ran to their families.

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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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Bid documents are available from DiCarlo Precision Instruments, Inc., 2006 Northwood Drive, Salisbury, Maryland 21801 (410-749-0122). All inquiries shall be directed to Darl Kolar, P.E., Project Manager, EA Engineering, Science, and Technology, Inc., PBC at 410-641-5341.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BERLIN, MARYLAND, A MARYLAND MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, AMENDING CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE II ENTITLED BUSINESS LICENSES, SECTION 8-19 DEFINITIONS AND SECTION 8-22 LICENSE REQUIRED; FEE; TRANSFERABILITY AS SUBMITTED.

The Ordinance will be introduced for a first reading on Monday, May 22, 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.

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# Ocean Pines Marina opens new fuel dock

(June 8, 2023) The new fuel dock at the Ocean Pines Marina reopened Friday, May 26, after a complete replacement.

Dockmaster Ron Fisher said in a news release that the entire C-dock was replaced with an aluminum structure that includes a new gas dock building and new gas pumps.

The replacement was mandated by new state environmental regulations.

"It's been a process, because we wanted to be certain that we complied with all the new regulations as they pertain to the gas lines, electrical, everything," Fisher said in the release. "The piping that's going out there right now meets the new standards, so it's pretty much leak proof. The wiring is explosive-proof wiring when you get up close to the gas dock.

So, if there's any fumes from gas pumps, it won't ignite."

Fisher said new pedestals at each boat slip also meet state regulations.

"The other nice thing is they have hose hangers for the boaters as well," he said.

Fisher added that he expects to have a strong season at the marina.

"I think we'll be good," he said. "We finished staff training ... [Thursday] on the new fuel management system, which is very accurate, and it eliminates a lot of manual work."

He said they also added new fishing tackle at the marina shop, which is adjacent to the Yacht Club.

Ocean Pines General Manager John Viola said in the release that improving overall safety near the fuel lines was always his main concern.

"What they've done in terms of safety has been incredible, and we believe the new C-dock will also require less maintenance and have a longer useful life," Viola said. "I'm also very happy that the contractors and the team were able to get this done in time for Memorial Day weekend.

We're excited for a big season at the marina!"

The Ocean Pines Marina is open daily, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information on marina programs and events, visit [ocean-pines.org/web/pages/marinas-water-sports](http://ocean-pines.org/web/pages/marinas-water-sports).



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The Ocean Pines Marina fuel dock reopened May 26 after an extensive renovation.

## Assateague's annual youth fishing derby set for June 17

(June 8, 2023) Assateague State Park will be holding its annual Youth Fishing Derby from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, June 17.

According to a news release, the event is free for all and participants must be children under 16.

Participants will learn fishing techniques and try their hands at surf fishing alongside Assateague State Park employees.

The employees will instruct the young anglers in proper fishing meth-

ods for the surf.

Fishing equipment will be provided but is limited, so the release said participants should bring their own equipment if possible.

Those who want to take part in the event must register at the Nature Nook, next to the Day Use parking lot at the park. The release said prizes will be awarded to the winners.

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# Island Creamery in running for best ice cream in nation

By **Cindy Hoffman**  
Staff Writer

(June 8, 2023) Area residents know that Island Creamery has some of the best ice cream around, but now the nation will know it as well. The shop, with locations in Chincoteague, Berlin and Salisbury, has been nominated as one of the best ice cream shops in the country by USA Today.

Nominees were submitted by a panel of experts who submitted their choices to the editors of USA Today. That group narrowed the field to the final set of nominees for the Readers Choice Awards. Readers can vote once per day at <https://www.10best.com/awards/travel/best-ice-cream-shop-2023/island-creamery-virginia-and-maryland/>

"I did not even know. I got a text from someone who used to work for me saying congratulations," said Jen Sorrell, the manager of the Berlin and Salisbury stores about being nominated.

"I clicked on the link and I was shocked. Not much puts me at a loss for words, but this did."

Sorrell said Island Creamery is a real family business. Kelly and Robin Conklin opened their first shop in Chincoteague in 1975, where they live. Their son, and her fiancé, Drew oversees operations in Maryland. His brother and sister, Cole and Courtney, run production and the flagship shop in Chincoteague.

"Berlin was the first born child, which opened in 2017. A year later, we opened the Salisbury store," Sorrell said.

"Drew's family business is something that he could not let go of in his heart. When he asked me if I wanted

to be a part of this, I obliged. We want to carry it on for his parents and all the years they have put into the business," Sorrell said.

The Berlin store's best seller is Java Jolt, Sorrell said, adding "It's also Mayor Zack (Tyndall's) and his son Charlie's favorite."

Ryan Nellans, the executive director of the Berlin Chamber of Commerce is partial to Wallops Rocket Fuel.

"My favorite, forever and ever, is the birthday cake ice cream. I love cake, it reminds me of a funfetti cake. The homemade buttercream icing that we swirl into it sets it off," Sorrell said.

She added that the Cotton Candy Party is the most popular flavor for the younger crowd, because "It's chock full of sprinkles, and just fun."

What makes this ice cream so good?

"It sounds corny, but the only thing that I can figure, in the 10 years that I have worked with the family, is the love we put in it. The time and passion in the kitchen in Chincoteague is unmatched."

If Island Creamery wins the contest, Sorrell said she is going to cry.

"I just feel like all my staff and customers deserve this too. It's not just for me and my family. It's for anyone who has stepped into my shop."

New flavors coming this summer are cantaloupe, blueberry and peach. Summer flavors like Orange Cream and Key Lime Pie are already available. The creamery always has 32 flavors available in addition to dairy free and no sugar added flavors.

Fans may keep voting until noon, June 22. The winner will be announced July 7.



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Isy Kristick, Cooper Ludt and Maci Barron scoop up delicious flavors at Island Creamery on Main Street in Berlin.

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# Police chief resigns months after investigation of burglary

By **Cindy Hoffman**  
Staff Writer

(June 8, 2023) Ocean Pines Association General Manager John Viola released a statement Wednesday announcing the retirement of Police Chief Leo Ehrisman, who was placed on administrative leave in January.

“Chief Leo Ehrisman gave notice of his retirement today,” the statement said. “We thank him for his years of service to Ocean Pines and wish him well. A search to find his replacement is commencing immediately.”

Ehrisman was put on paid administrative leave Jan. 1 after county law enforcement authorities and members of the state’s attorney’s office began an investigation of a possible burglary at a department storage shed on Dec. 17.

According to a statement the Ocean Pines Association released at the time, Viola was notified on Dec. 31 of a burglary reported at the shed on Dec. 17. He, in turn, consulted with the Worcester County Sheriff’s Office and Office of the State’s Attorney to set up an independent investigation.

The effort resulted in putting



Police Chief Leo Ehrisman

Ehrisman on leave as of Jan. 1 and bringing in a commander from the sheriff’s office to oversee the department and “a complete audit and inventory of the contents of the storage shed and the property room.”

No further information has been released from the audit or inventory at this time.

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# Snapshots



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## KIWANIS CAR SHOW

(Above & below) Car enthusiasts enjoy the great variety of vehicles at the Kiwanis Car Show on Saturday in Ocean Pines



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## UNSTOPPABLE JOY GRANT

Unstoppable Joy recently received a community grant of \$750 from the Coastal Association of Realtors. The grant will help fund the self-care services and healing bags that Unstoppable Joy provides to cancer warriors and their caregivers. Pictured, from left, are Joni Martin Williamson, CAR Foundation committee chair; Susan Lloyd, Realtor; and Tonya Agostino, founder of Unstoppable Joy.



## BOOK SIGNING

The Worcester County Republican Central Committee hosted Lt. Col. Stuart Scheller at Ocean City Golf Club on April 29. Scheller signed his book, "Crisis of Command," and told his story of the failed pullout from Afghanistan. Pictured are Carl Smith, Dale Hall, Tom Babcock, Andrew Hobbs, Lt. Col. Scheller, Beth Rodier, Susan Ostrowski, Jana Hobbs and Richard Addis.

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# Snapshots



## GARDEN CLUB TEA

The Worcester County Garden Club enjoyed "Tea in the Garden" at member Jan King's home following its recent business meeting. A variety of teas, scones, sweets and savories were sampled while admiring the many flowers in bloom. SUBMITTED PHOTO/ BAYSIDE GAZETTE



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## CHARITY BEER FEST

Members of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City pose while working a charity beer stand during Springfest the first weekend of May in downtown Ocean City. A total of 11 shifts of members worked the stand, which raised money to help provide scholarships to local graduating high school seniors from Stephen Decatur, Snow Hill and Pocomoke high schools.



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## GUEST SPEAKER

From left, Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines-Ocean City President Bob Wolfing and Lindsay Richard, the community engagement director for Freeman Arts, pose during a recent Kiwanis Club meeting. Richard was the guest speaker at the meeting, where she shared stats and information about the Selbyville event venue.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

## MATH FUNDRAISER

The Stephen Decatur Mathematics Department had a fundraiser at Popeyes in West Ocean City on April 26. Owner Sal Hassanein presents a check to student Collin Bunting. Also pictured are teachers Tayah Redina, Amy Fenzel-Mergott, Mary Candeloro, and two Popeyes staff members.



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## OPTIMIST CLUB DONATION

Nicholas Cranford, executive director of Worcester County G.O.L.D., accepts a \$1,000 donation from Christina Dolomont-Brown, Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club president, on May 4.

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# Artist Huber inspired by stories of recovery

(June 8, 2023) For Worcester Preparatory School junior Izzy Huber, participation in a local art exhibit focused on those battling the stigma of addiction inspired her to create a program to help others.

In November, Worcester Prep hosted representatives from the Art League of Ocean City and "Stigma Highlighted: Portraits of Recovery," an art exhibit addressing negativity toward individuals battling addiction.

The "Stigma Highlighted: Portraits of Recovery" project was designed to use artwork and personal stories to challenge misconceptions and negativity toward individuals battling addiction.

The program is sponsored by the Giving Spirit Foundation, Worcester County Health Department, Worcester Goes Purple, Talbot Goes Purple and the

ALOC.

Local artists, including Huber, created portraits influenced by the stories of survivors from Worcester, Wicomico, Talbot and Somerset counties in various stages of recovery.

The artists personally met with the individuals, listened to their journeys, and interpreted them in hand-painted portraits. The artists also wrote accounts of their interactions with their subjects and

how it personally affected them.

At that time, Huber met with Brandon O'Brien, owner of Douglas K. Hamilton House for Recovery.

"His story inspired me in many ways, but one of the most striking things was his determination and ability to face his fears," Huber said. "Since beginning his

journey away from addiction, Brandon has flourished. It was a great honor meeting him, and seeing how his hard work paid off. I was able to visit his very own recovery house, which he opened to serve his community, in the same way, he was given help when he needed it

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Izzy Huber stands in front of her artwork of Brandon O'Brien exhibited during "Stigma Highlighted: Portraits of Recovery." Participation in the art exhibit focused on those battling the stigma of addiction inspired her to create a program to help others.

## Wor-Wic Community College announces Fall Deans List

(June 8, 2023) A total of 373 Wor-Wic Community College students have been recognized for their performance on the dean's list for the fall term.

Worcester County students who maintained a grade point average of 3.5 or higher while taking six or more credit hours during the fall term are:

**Berlin:** Kyra Arnold, Summer Banks, Lauren Bodolus, Rumina Bowers, Cash Cyburt, Sawyer Ellis-Gaal, Breanne Ferguson, Alexis Hudson, Jarrett Humphress, Juliana Jaeger, Mary Jenkins, Ellen Johnson, Amanda Jones, Amelia Kemp, Jessie Lupiwok, Mackenzie Martinez, Connor McWilliam, Lauren Melnick, Sean Mills, Jenna Olafsson, Katelyn Pizlo, Connor Plumley, Katherine Rimel, Arleni Rodriguez-Carpio, Emily Sandt, Sarah Stephan, Taylor Takacs, Stephen Wade, Lauren Ward and Grace Windon

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## Lack of transparency? Politics had role too

A cynical observer might say the Worcester County Commissioners' vote Tuesday to deny Worcester County Public Schools the additional funding the school board sought for the year ahead had less to do with transparency than it did with politics and the desire to establish more control over the school system.

It's hardly coincidental that public schools and public school teachers across the country are under attack by politicians who believe these institutions are responsible for producing young citizens who, for a variety of reasons, probably won't vote for them once they reach the age of majority.

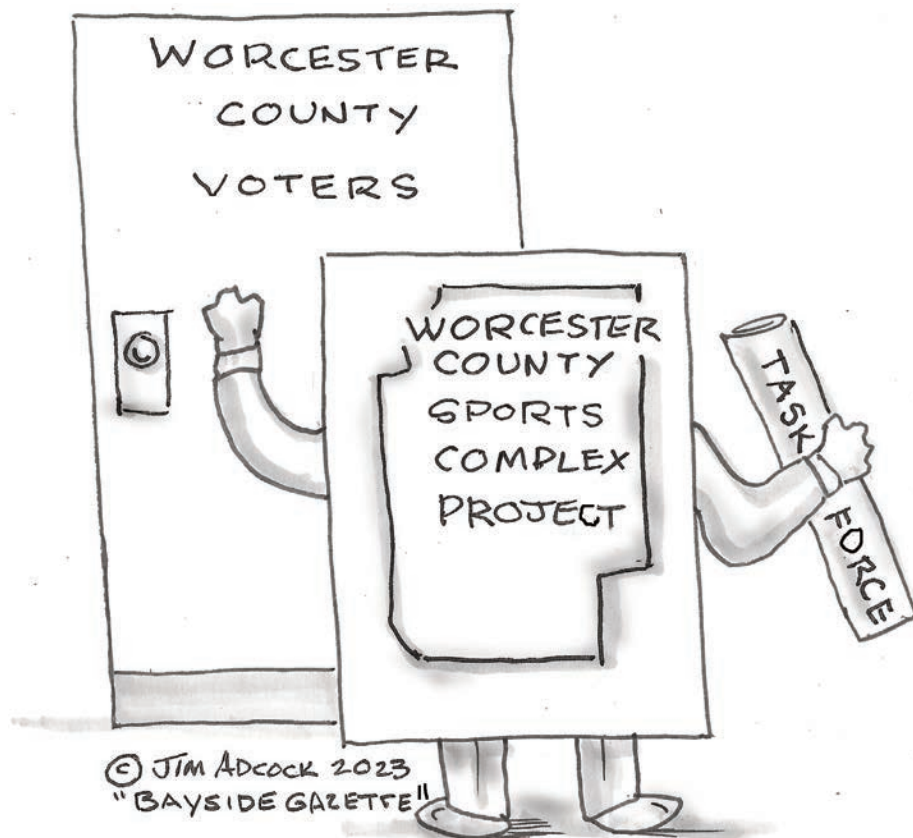
Knowing that makes doubtful the commissioner majority's constant assertion that the absence of transparency is the only reason for its refusal to fund the school budget as presented. More likely, this last-minute claim of transparency problems is being used as the justification for Tuesday's vote, rather than the cause.

Were the commissioners' desire to see all the numbers so urgent this year, they would have advised the board of education in January of this significant deviation from what had been standard budgetary practice for decades.

But no, they waited until the board presented its numbers and then feigned surprise over its lack of detail. That's difficult to accept considering that the kind of budget breakdown the commissioners received this year is the same as they received last year, the year before that and so on. Why they would expect something different after all this time is a puzzle in its own right.

Considering that virtually all government budgets contain some degree of questionable spending — the county government budget included — there's nothing wrong with being skeptical, critical or asking for more information. That should be expected or even required.

Still, it is difficult to buy into all the sincere reassurances that a lack of transparency was the only cause of this budgetary failure. A more jaundiced eye would find it equally challenging to feel certain that politics had nothing to do with it.



## Cancer care center gets accreditation

(June 8, 2023) The Commission on Cancer, a quality program of the American College of Surgeons, has granted three-year accreditation to the John H. "Jack" Burbage Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center at Atlantic General Hospital.

To earn voluntary CoC accreditation, a cancer program must meet 34 CoC quality care standards, be evaluated every three years through an extensive survey process, and maintain levels of excellence in the delivery of comprehensive patient-centered care.

Because it is a CoC-accredited cancer center, the Burbage Regional Cancer Care Center takes a multidisciplinary approach to treating cancer as a complex group of diseases that requires consultation among surgeons, medical and radiation oncologists, diagnostic radiologists, pathologists, and other cancer specialists. This multidisciplinary partnership results in improved patient care.

"Seeking cancer treatment locally is typically the best option for patients because it allows them to avoid the physical, emotional and fi-

ancial hardships that can come with long-distance travel to a cancer center. This re-accreditation shows that our community can trust the care we provide here at the Burbage Regional Cancer Care Center," center director Chanelle Lake said in a news release. "And, it's a testament to the good work that our dedicated staff do every day."

The Burbage Regional Cancer Care Center has held CoC accreditation since 2018.

The CoC Accreditation Program provides the framework for the Burbage Regional Cancer Care Center to continuously improve quality of patient care through various cancer-related programs that focus on the full spectrum of care including prevention, early diagnosis, cancer staging, optimal treatment, rehabilitation, life-long follow-up for recurrent disease, and end-of-life care.

When patients receive care at a CoC facility, they also have access to information on clinical trials and new treatments, genetic counseling, and patient centered services including psycho-social support, a patient

navigation process, and a survivorship care plan that documents the care each patient receives and seeks to improve cancer survivors' qualities of life.

Like all CoC-accredited facilities, the Burbage Regional Cancer Care Center maintains a cancer registry and contributes data to the National Cancer Data Base, a joint program of the CoC and American Cancer Society.

This nationwide oncology outcomes database is the largest clinical disease registry in the world. Data on all types of cancer are tracked and analyzed through the NCDB and used to explore trends in cancer care.

CoC-accredited cancer centers, in turn, have access to information derived from this type of data analysis, which is used to create national, regional and state benchmark reports.

These reports help CoC facilities with their quality improvement efforts.

CoC-accredited facilities diagnose and/or treat more than 70 percent of all newly diagnosed patients with cancer. When patients choose to seek care locally at a CoC-ac-

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# OPVFD: make addresses noticeable

(June 8, 2023) Members of the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department are reminding residents to make their address numbers visible for firefighters and other emergency responders. This is especially important during a fire or a medical emergency, when seconds count.

"It's important for firefighters to be able to quickly identify the address of a burning building," Lt. Joe Enste, OPVFD public information officer, said in a news release. "If the address numbers are not visible, it can delay our response and make it more difficult to put out the fire or save a life."

House numbers are also a requirement of Ocean Pines Association Architectural Review Committee guidelines.

"The street address house number shall be posted to be visible from the street," the guidelines state. "It may be displayed on the front of the house or on a sign in the front yard (note: the house number is not the same as the lot and section number and can be obtained from the CPI Department office). House numbers shall not be less than four (4) inches or no greater than eight (8) inches in height, a contrasting color, and visible from the street."

While there are several ways to make your address numbers visible, the fire department offers a fundraising opportunity to buy a reflective 911 address sign. Each sign is constructed of aluminum, with green and white reflective material and numbers that

measures 6 by 18 inches. Signs with mounting posts cost \$60 (which includes free installation) or \$48 for just the sign.

It is important to remember to not plant shrubs or trees that will block the view of your address numbers from the street.

"By making your address numbers visible, you can help ensure that emergency responders can get to your home quickly and safely," Enste said. "This could save your life or the life of a loved one."

Download an order form at [chiefcdn.chiefpoint.com/content/External/opvfd//pagefiles/RSP%20Order%20Form\\_20230523\\_130500.pdf](http://chiefcdn.chiefpoint.com/content/External/opvfd//pagefiles/RSP%20Order%20Form_20230523_130500.pdf) / or call 410-641-8272 for more information.

# Three-year accreditation for center

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credited cancer center, they are gaining access to comprehensive, state-of-the-art cancer care close to home.

The Burbage Regional Cancer Care Center, located on Atlantic General Hospital's campus in Berlin, provides one centrally-located, convenient facility for the care and treatment of in-

dividuals with cancer and blood disorders.

Along with medical oncology, chemotherapy infusion services and immunotherapy, the center offers the latest in radiation oncology treatment; PET/CT imaging; laboratory services; genetic counseling; community education and support facilities;

and telemedicine technology that allow patients and their physicians to consult with other cancer care professionals at the University of Maryland Greenebaum Cancer Center, preventing unnecessary travel for consultation and follow-up care for patients who may require more intensive cancer care services.



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**KIWANIS CLUB**  
Diakonia Thrift Store Coordinator Dawn Wise was the guest speaker at the Ocean Pines-Ocean City Kiwanis Club's April 26 weekly meeting. She is pictured with Kiwanis President Bob Wolfing. The store, which supports Diakonia shelter, is located on Route 611 and Sunset Ave. in West Ocean City.

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## Art can help in recovery efforts

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Once learning that art has a therapeutic effect on those who are healing, Huber reached out to Worcester Goes Purple President Debbie Smullen in hopes of developing a new program where recovering addicts could create powerful art.

Laura Jenkins of The Joan Jenkins Foundation, quickly jumped on board to help support and promote the new project, "The Art of Recovery."

The Art of Recovery will be a statewide project. Worcester Goes Purple will collect projects created by those in recovery from all Maryland counties and Baltimore City to be displayed in an exhibition held in September (Recovery

Month). A public auction will be held and all proceeds will benefit the recovery community.

"Worcester Goes Purple appreciates Izzy and her interest in the connection between art and recovery," Smullen said. "The goal of the Stigma Highlighted project was to educate the community about recovery and taking the stigma away. Izzy certainly rose to the occasion and has reached out to do more. Certainly, a student Worcester Preparatory School can be proud calling one of their own."

For more information visit [www.stigmahighlighted.com](http://www.stigmahighlighted.com), or contact Smullen at [wgpwarriors2021@gmail.com](mailto:wgpwarriors2021@gmail.com) or 410-870-5161.

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The Coastal Association of Realtors has awarded \$7,750 in grants to local charities through the Coastal Realtors Foundation during its latest round of funding. SUBMITTED PHOTO/ BAYSIDE GAZETTE

## Realtors award \$7,750 to 13 charities in tri-county area

(June 8, 2023) The Coastal Association of Realtors recently awarded \$7,750 in grants to local charities through the Coastal Realtors Foundation during its latest round of funding.

Since 2018 Coastal Realtors Foundation has given close to \$70,000 to local charities in Wicomico, Worcester, and Somerset counties.

The following 13 organizations received grants, the most the group has ever funded at one time: Asbury Child Development Center, Atlantic General Hospital JAG, Brooke Mulford Foundation, Coastal Hospice, Crisfield Smith Island Cultural Alliance, Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County, Rackliffe House Trust, Smith Island United, The Cricket Center, Unstoppable Joy Co., Wicomico Child Advocacy Center, Wicomico Grows Kindness, and Worcester County Humane Society.

The Coastal Realtors Foundation is a charitable fund held by the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore.

The association raises money for the fund through an annual charity golf tournament as well as other efforts throughout the year.

The fund is accessible to members of the Realtors association through an application process administered by the association and reviewed by a committee of members.

Grant recipients must be 501(c)3 organizations and must be in Somerset, Wicomico, or Worcester counties.

Grants are awarded three times a year, and the next deadline is June 15.

The Coastal Association of Realtors Foundation is currently raising money through a raffle for a new elec-

tric bicycle. All proceeds go to the foundation and are then given to local charities.

To buy raffle, tickets visit [car.betterworld.org/giveaways/riding-brand-pedego-electric-bik](http://car.betterworld.org/giveaways/riding-brand-pedego-electric-bik).

The Coastal Association of Realtors represents over 1,000 real estate professionals in Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester counties.

For more information on Coastal Realtors, visit [coastalrealtors.org](http://coastalrealtors.org).

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# Cuisine

## Stone crab claws give taste of the south

(June 8, 2023) The other day I was sitting on my couch wondering what the plan of action was. The sun was rising, summer aromas of cut grass and blooming flowers wafted through the air and then I put the brakes on for a moment.



By Paul Suplee,  
MBA, CEC, PC-3

Perhaps I'm aging more as time moves on, because I realize that I'm tired and I am ready to take a nap, despite the fact that I just rolled out of bed.

Alas, as I write this, I am a mere month exactly from being able to move into a senior community. Where does the time go? I digress.

I have always been an early riser and I have noticed lately that the spring in my step takes just a little more effort than in my youthful days. That's fine as I have absolutely nothing to complain about. I am fortunate enough to be here now and hopefully I'll be here for many years to come. Beggars can't be choosers, and I consider myself a beggar because I honestly don't know how I have lived this long with all of the stupid things I've done in my life, and every day down here is a true blessing.

As much as I will miss my backyard, it is time to downsize but I will stay here for probably another ten years or so. I have a deep appreciation for our little nugget of paradise, something that took me quite a few years to grasp. We moved out of Baltimore 24 years ago and never looked back, but it took me years to fully comprehend what we have at our disposal on The Shore. It is rather mind-boggling.

With that being said, is there anyone here who does not like to jump in the car and drive to the Outer Banks for a couple days or take an extended trip down to Georgia or Florida? It might just be me, but the thought of driving south always makes me grin. I have talked about moving to Florida someday, but then I think it will lose its allure. I think I'll just downsize here and find a small shack down there for the rare road trip or use Airbnbs when I travel. That would save a lot of money to boot.

When I do go south, I like to explore the waterfront and water-themed restaurants. There are so many up and down the coast, and as



the season hits, the crabbers and fishermen start hitting the stone crabs offshore.

You must keep your eyes open and follow them on social media to see what they have coming in. I religiously follow Skilligalee Seafood and Seaborn Seafood out of West Ocean City. Both are family owned businesses and they are rather adept at keeping their customers informed on what's coming in on the next boat.

When I saw that Seaborn had some stone crab claws, I jumped into action and got down there to not miss the opportunity. They don't always have them, so taking the opportunity will wake any old man up from a nap-like stupor.

These crab claws remind me of the Keys, of St. Augustine, of Jekyll Island and other sunny southern places I love to visit, my mind packed with beautiful food and drink memories, memories with friends and memories with family.

OK, now I'm awake.

### Stone Crab Claws

Serves 6

Around 1 lb. crab claws per person (they can help you at Seaborn)

2 c. Mustard Sauce (Recipe follows)  
2 c. Lemon Old Bay Butter (Recipe Follows)

- Set up a steamer like you would for blue crabs. You typically do not need to season these, as the meat is so sweet that it stands on its own

- Since you will be buying your claws pre-cooked, simply steam the claws for 3-7 minutes or until warmed all the way through. It all depends on how much steam force you can get out of your gear

- Remove and place on a platter and serve with the mustard sauce, lemon butter and butter wedges

- If you are a super-nice host, you will at least crack the main part of the claw, as these shells are considerably thicker than blue crabs

- Pick, dip and enjoy, all while enjoying the summer air or pretending that you are down in the Keys. That, I leave up to you

### Florida Mustard Sauce

makes about 2 cups

1 c. Duke's Mayonnaise (shame on you for using anything else)  
2 Tbsp. Agave sweetener  
¼ c. Ground horseradish  
¼ c. Yellow mustard

2 Tbsp. Dijon or spicy mustard  
1 Tbsp. Hank's hot sauce of your choice

- Combine all ingredients in a bowl and allow to sit in the icebox for at least six hours to allow the flavors to marry, or at least get to know each other

### Lemon- Old Bay Butter

makes about 1 cup

2 sticks whole butter

Juice of 1 lemon

Old Bay or other seafood seasoning, to taste

- I know I'm going to stir the pot a little bit by writing this, but I much prefer melted whole butter to clarified butter. The lemon will naturally meld with the water in the butter, so a little stir with a crab claw will bring it all together

- Melt the butter and add the lemon juice and seafood seasoning. Adjust to taste and keep warm for dipping

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# 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., June 8

### STORY TIME: OCEAN FRIENDS!

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. It's Oceans Week. Come celebrate with a fun story and craft. Get ready for a mess. For ages 2-5 years. 410-208-4014, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### PLAY TIME

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Enjoy 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)

### 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)

### TRIVIA WITH THE LIBRARY

Ocean City 50plus Center, 104 41st St., 2 p.m. Test your knowledge and win prizes. 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)

### RWWC MEET & GREET HAPPY HOUR

Ocean Pines Yacht Club, 1 Mumford Landing Road, 5-7 p.m. Come meet and socialize with other members and republicans. Bring a friend. All are welcome. Cash bar.

### TIDES & VINE BOOK CLUB: 'JUST MERCY' BY BRYAN STEVENSON

Tides & Vine, 106 W. Green St., Snow Hill, 6 p.m. Stop by the Snow Hill library to pick up your book anytime in May, then meet for an evening of books and wine. Must be 21 years old. Limit 14. 410-632-3495, [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 9

### ART SUPPLY SWAP

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 3-5 p.m. Visit the Art Supply Swap to trade in new to gently used supplies and get something

new to you. 410-641-0650, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### MARYLAND CRAB CAKE DINNER

Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin, 4-6 p.m. Cost is \$14 for single crab cake platter, \$24 for double crab cake platter and \$10 for crab cake sandwich only. Platters include green beans, baked potato and Cole slaw. Bake sale. Eat-in or carryout.

### DANCE ON THE SHORE FESTIVAL

Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., 5-7 p.m. Dance movie night, screening three original movies featuring SIE dancers. Accompanied by a cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres, live musicians and vendors. Free and open to the public. OCart.org

### JUNE FEATURED ARTISTS' RECEPTION

Worcester County Arts Council, 6 Jefferson St., Berlin, 5-7 p.m. Featuring Joanne Guilfoil, Rudelle Hall and Larry Wisniewski. Complimentary refreshments. Visit the gallery to view the exhibits and place a bid on the scholarship silent auction items.

## Sat., June 10

### OC AIR SHOW

14th Street & Atlantic Avenue, Ocean City. Gates open at 9 a.m. Featuring U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds. Tickets for Drop Zone, Flight Line Club Reserved Boxes, Flight Line Club, Sand Boxes, VIP Penthouse and VIP Skybox: <https://ocairshow.com>.

### 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)

### OCEAN PINES ANGLERS CLUB MEETING

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 9:30 a.m. Tom Ottenwaelder will give a presentation on marine surveys and advice on how to inspect and value a boat before purchase and when to call a professional. Fishing trip updates and more. All welcome. 410-641-7662

### DANCE ON THE SHORE FESTIVAL

Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th

St., 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Crafts & Composition class from 10 a.m. to noon, Flow Cardio class from 1-2:30 p.m., Global Water Dances from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Free and open to the public. OCart.org

### OUTDOOR CRAFTY SATURDAY: KINDNESS ROCK GARDEN

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. Use provided materials to create a kindness rock. Place in the library's garden or around the community. Dress for a mess. For ages 6 years and older. Inclement weather, moved indoors. 410-208-4014

### FAMILY LIBRARY DAY - RIGAMAJIG NEW!

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 10 a.m.-noon. Design, build and play with the new Rigamajig, a large building kit made up of wooden planks, ropes, pulleys, nuts and bolts that allow building 3-dimensionally. For all ages. 410-957-0878

### 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)

### SUMMER MUSIC @ FURNACE TOWN:

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Furnace Town Historic Site (Nassawango Iron Furnace), 3816 Old Furnace Road, Snow Hill, 5-8 p.m. Tickets Free-\$10. Get ready to groove this summer at Furnace Town! Join us as we showcase a lineup of talented musicians and artists from around the Shore. Enjoy live performances in a stunning outdoor venue. 410-632-2032

### UNSTOPPABLE JOY GALA

Wicomico Civic Center, Midway Room, 500 Glen Ave., Salisbury, 6-11 p.m. Black tie event featuring cocktail hour, silent auction, buffet dinner and performance by the Jimmy Charles Band. Several ticket packages to choose from: [www.unstoppablejoyco.org](http://www.unstoppablejoyco.org). Info: 410-422-6322.

### 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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### SUNDAES IN THE PARK & FIREWORKS

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Music by Jesse Garron "The Closest thing to the King," activities for children and fireworks. Ice cream and beverages for sale. Free event. Bring your picnic basket and beach chairs.

### BROADWAY'S ROCK OF AGES BAND®

'Roland E. Powell Convention Center - Ocean City Performing Arts Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 7 p.m. The Electrifying Band from the original Broadway smash hit. Tickets cost \$40 and \$35. <https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/8877091/broadways-rock-of-ages-band-ocean-city-oc-performing-arts-center>

### 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 12

### STORY TIME: JUNETEENTH

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

### WRITING FOR WELLNESS

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:30 p.m. Writing about stressful experiences like illness may boost health and psychological well-being. Group uses exercises to stimulate creative expression. 410-208-4014, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### SUMMER SUN CATCHERS

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 2 p.m. The beautiful sun catchers will brighten any window and are fun and easy to make. Materials provided. Registration required: 410-641-0650. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### SEASHELL PAINTING

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 3:30 p.m. All materials provided and registration required: 410-632-3495. For all ages. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)



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## T.O.P.S. OF BERLIN - GROUP #169

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

## DELMARVA WOMEN'S A CAPELLA CHORUS

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

## OVEREATER'S ANONYMOUS

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



## NURSE OF YEAR

Atlantic General Hospital Nurse of the Year Victoria Schmidt, third from left, poses with hospital staff. Schmidt, an RN who works in the emergency department, earned the nurse of the year award at a recent awards ceremony held to recognize members of the organization who go above and beyond to make a positive impact on the nursing profession. Whether it's providing exceptional care, comforting patient family members, assisting colleagues however possible and much more, the Atlantic General staff members who were recognized made contributions to the community that can be felt by every patient they serve.

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

## Tues., June 13

### STORY TIME: FAIRIES

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

### PLAY TIME

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 10:30 a.m.-noon. Join in for a variety of activities and toys. Play and socialize with other families. For ages 2-5 years. 410-957-0878, 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

### KID'S CARNIVAL AT FISH TALES

Fish Tales Bar and Grill, 2107 Herring Way, Ocean City, 12-3 p.m. Carnival games, face painting, inflatables, children's vendors, kid's crafts, pony rides, food and drinks. A commemorative T-shirts available for purchase. Vendors: 410-289-0990, india@ocfishtales.com.

### PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Neurology, 314 Franklin Ave., Suite 104, Berlin, 3:15-4 p.m. Discussions and mutual support, along with education on exercise, nutrition, coping techniques, medications and developments in treatment. Kay Kinnikin, 410-641-4765, kkinnikin@atlanticgeneral.org

### ZUMBA

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Join certified Zumba instructor Joyce Landsman for an hour of movement. These classes uplift and improve mood. Free event. Registration required: 410-524-1818. www.worcesterlibrary.org

### SONGWRITERS WORKSHOP

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 6 p.m. All genres welcome. Present works in progress or talk through composition issues with other songwriters. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

### ATLANTIC COAST SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION MEETING

American Legion Synepuxent Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 7 p.m. Eric Mihaly of "Keep Our Oceans, Oceans" will discuss the impact of offshore wind generation on our local environment. Food and refreshments available. The public is 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 Jehovah's Witnesses, 212 West St., Berlin, 7 p.m. 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.

## Wed., June 14

### BARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP

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### COMMUNITY ART KICKOFF

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 10 a.m. Visit your local library to register for Summer Reading and participate in a unique collaborative art project to earn your first badges for the summer. 410-957-0878

### 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 be from the Burble Funeral Home. New members welcome. Bob McCluskey, 410-250-0980

### COMMUNITY ART KICKOFF

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### POKENO AT THE 50PLUS CENTER

Snow Hill 50plus Center, 4767 Snow Hill Road, 11 a.m. Join in for a game of Poker, a combination of poker and keno, similar to bingo. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

### 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.kiwanisofopoc.org

### 8TH ANNUAL GOLD ON THE GREEN CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Ocean City Golf Club - Newport Bay Course, 11401 Country Club Drive,

Berlin, 12 p.m. Four-person teams enjoy lunch, 18 holes of golf with cart, gift bags, side games, a barbecue-style dinner, prizes, drink tickets, mulligans, souvenir team photos and more. Tickets: WorcesterGOLD.org.

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## ONGOING EVENTS

### BUS TRIP TO THE HIRSHHORN MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART IN WASHINGTON, DC

The Hirshhorn is featuring an installation exhibit by artist Yayoi Kusama entitled "One With Energy." Cost is \$75 for Art League of Ocean City members and \$85 for non-members. The bus will depart from Acme parking lot on 94th Street in Ocean City on June 14 at 8 a.m. and do a second pick-up at the Lowes parking lot in Lewes, Delaware. The bus will return at approximately 8 p.m. Registration: OCart.org, 410-524-9433.

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Saturday 9-11am	718 Mooring Rd, Unit B101, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condominium	\$425,000	Nancy Reither/ Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 11:30am-1:30pm	2-144th St. Unit 202, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$459,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 2:30-4:30pm	349 Walnut Hill Dr., Berlin	4BR/3.5BA	Residential	\$724,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 11am-1pm	126 Hingham Lane, Ocean Pines	4BR/3.5BA	Townhome	\$499,000	Power of 2/Hileman Real Estate
Friday 10am-1pm	4 Sundial Circle, Ocean Pines	4BR/3BA	Residential	\$569,000	Monica McNamara/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 11am-4pm	4 Sundial Circle, Ocean Pines	4BR/3BA	Residential	\$569,000	Monica McNamara/Coldwell Banker Realty
Sunday 10am-2pm	4 Sundial Circle, Ocean Pines	4BR/3BA	Residential	\$569,000	Monica McNamara/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 11am-2pm	9 Waters Edge Ct, Ocean Pines	3BR/2BA	Residential	\$675,000	Sonia Zaffiris/Hileman Real Estate
Sunday 11am-1pm	12402 Blueberry Rd, Whaleyville	3BR/2.5BA	Residential	\$635,900	Sonia Zaffiris/Hileman Real Estate

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