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## Messy election for Ocean Pines

Best laid plans didn't work, forcing association to delay ballot counting to Aug. 24

**By Cindy Hoffman**  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 10, 2023) After a troubled start, Election Trust, the Washington State company that the Election Committee entrusted with the 2023 Ocean Pines Association elections, has begun receiving and counting ballots.

Election Trust has counted 1,519 ballots as of Monday, which included 336 from the drop box, Election

Committee Chair Tom Piatti said.

That's a big difference from the goose egg Election Trust laid just a week before, when Piatti told the board of directors at an emergency meeting that he had yet to receive a vote count from the company.

"They are well aware of the predicament regarding late mail and are stepping up to expedite what they can," Piatti said.

The predicament is that Election Trust failed to mail out the ballots when they were supposed to, on the week of July 11, resulting in many residents getting them one and two weeks late.

As a result, the directors delayed all of the dates related to the elections and annual meeting by two weeks.

The new dates are:

- Due date for ballots to be delivered to Election Trust: Aug. 22.
- Count date: Aug. 24.
- Annual meeting Aug 26, 9 a.m. at the Club House Meeting Room.

Piatti said it takes five days for ballots to reach Washington State by mail. Consequently, residents are encouraged to use the ballot drop box at the Ocean Pines Police Station. Homeowners who live out of the area should mail ballots as soon as possible.

## Peck yanked off committee in 4-2 majority

**By Cindy Hoffman**  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 10, 2023) On June 17, the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors approved the appointment of Amy Peck to the Rec and Parks Committee. On Aug. 1, the board voted in an emergency session to remove her from the same committee.

The vote was 4-2, with directors Steve Jacobs and Colette Horn voting in opposition.

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Tim Robinson is the new chief of police in Ocean Pines.

# Ocean Pines welcomes new chief of police, Tim Robinson

By **Cindy Hoffman**  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 10, 2023) Tim Robinson started on Aug. 1 as Ocean Pines new chief of police and was introduced to residents that evening at the local law enforcement's First Night Out event in White Horse Park.

"I believe in being present and responsive to the citizens of this incredible community," Robinson said.

His plans include being highly visible around Ocean Pines so residents should not be surprised to see him at the Saturday Farmers Market and at the pools and festivals.

Robinson is no stranger to the Eastern Shore of Maryland, having moved to this part of the state in the 1980s to attend Salisbury University. He never left.

"The best move I ever made as an adult was moving to the Eastern Shore," he said.

Robinson's experience with law enforcement began early, since his father was a police officer in Prince George's County. Raised in Bowie, Maryland, Robinson was a seasonal

officer in Rehoboth in the early 1990s and then worked full time for the Delmar Police Department for a little more than three years.

He spent most of his career at the Wicomico County Sheriff's Office, where he was captain for the special operations bureau until the end of July, when he retired.

He looks at becoming chief of police in Ocean Pines as his second career.

His style, he explained, is service first, while protecting the community and maintaining a level of professionalism on par with any other police department.

One of his first initiatives is to roll out body cameras for Ocean Pines police officers. He also expects to update the department's policies and procedures.

A top priority, he said, will be to recruit new police officers and work to retain the officers already on the force.

"Every police department has the challenge of recruitment," Robinson

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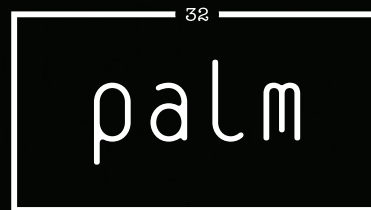


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# Facebook page announces new chief before OPA does

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Prior to the vote, association President Doug Parks emailed Peck to let her know that she was being removed from her position.

The issue that caused her quick dismissal is the "Breaking News" announcement on the Ocean Pines ROC (Residents Oversight Community) Facebook page on July 14 congratulating Tim Robinson for being selected as Ocean Pines' next chief of police. OP ROC, a corporate venture formed in December, is run by Peck and Sherrie Clifford.

The congratulatory message was posted seven days before Ocean Pines officially announced Robinson's hiring.

When questioned about the appointment on Facebook, Peck responded, "We have checked with multiple reliable sources and all verify the hire."

In a letter to Peck from attorney Bruce Bright, the association's legal counsel, Bright said, "...you initiated contact with Tim Robinson, perhaps identifying yourself with reference to your current committee membership

and/or your prior (appointed) board position, eliciting information from him regarding what has been and remains a non-public OPA personnel matter."

"Regarding my interaction with Tim Robinson," Peck replied, "I never asked him about this job, his starting date, nor did I ever call him. I have never used any position past or present to obtain information. My interaction with Chief Robinson was to send congratulations to him on this new position. This occurred on July 14."

In the letter, Bright also stated, "you have made statements that are factually inaccurate and/or are critical of the OPA Board, staff and /or contractors."

Horn took issue with what she called the speculative statements made by Bright and said this is a matter of free speech. She added that she considered Peck's dismissal to be completely improper.

Responding to her dismissal, Peck said, "I will continue my volunteer efforts outside of a committee role and will use my voice to inform residents and promote Ocean Pines."

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# Carozza named to Apprenticeship 2030 Commission

(Aug. 10, 2023) Sen. Mary Beth Carozza (R-38) has accepted an appointment made by Sen. Pres. Bill Ferguson to serve on the state's Apprenticeship 2030 Commission.



Mary Beth Carozza

According to a news release, the purpose of the commission, established by passage of Senate Bill 104 in the 2023 Maryland General Assembly Session, is to examine and make recommendations to reduce skill shortages in high-demand occupations and provide affordable training for career pathways for young people.

"I constantly hear about the shortage of skilled and trained employees, and this appointment will allow me to continue to work with local industry, students and community leaders with an apprenticeship focus to meet the needs of the employers while keeping our young talent right here on the Shore," Carozza said in the release.

Carozza has worked on the general priority with shore employers, local technology high schools, Wor-Wic Community College, and the Tri-County Council since she was elected in 2014.

Carozza said her work on the apprenticeship commission will be focused on expanding registered apprenticeships to 60,000 by 2030, and reaching the goal for 45 percent of high school graduates to complete the high school level of a registered apprenticeship.

Other Maryland senators appointed to the commission are Senate Pres. Pro Tem Malcolm Augustine (D-47), Senate Budget Committee Vice Chair Jim Rosapepe (D-21), and Sen. Arthur Ellis (D-28,).

Members of the commission will report findings and recommendations from to the governor and General Assembly by Dec. 1.

# Berlin's Historic Commission July meeting decisions

By Cindy Hoffman  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 10, 2023) The Berlin Historic Commission approved two requests on Wednesday.

Matt Powell requested and received approval for a playhouse with a platform and swing set at the historic Waverly home on South Main Street.

Ed Hammond requested permission to hang a sign to identify his office, which is above Baked at 4 Bay Street. It was approved if he placed it on the bead board.



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Xanthe Lewis, Paulette DeRosa-Matrona, Ara Kang, Seidon Shaffer, Cayden Wallace, Tina Nichols, and Sharon Sorrentino, pictured from left, pose together with scholarship checks from the Ocean Pines Children's Theater. King, Shaffer and Wallace all received money from the organization for summer theater camps and college.

# OP Children's Theater gives summer theater scholarships

(Aug. 10, 2023) The Ocean Pines Children's Theater recently awarded scholarships to students attending summer theater camps and college.

Ara Kang, who portrayed Te Fiti in "Disney's Moana, Jr.," will be attending Salisbury University Theatre Tech Summer Camp, and Seidon Shaffer, who portrayed the Left Claw in "Dis-

ney's Moana, Jr.," will be attending two weeks of Stephen Decatur High School's Summer Theatre Program. Cayden Wallace, who had many roles in the Ocean Pine's Children's Theater productions, will be attending Catholic University of America this fall majoring in musical theater and minoring in digital arts.

# Service first for Tim Robinson

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said. "There is less interest in a career in law enforcement. Thirty years ago, law enforcement was an extremely popular profession."

Back then, he said he was competing with hundreds of other applicants for jobs.

"Now we are lucky if we get 12 applicants. And that's not just Ocean Pines. Every department is faced with the same challenge. We are competing with every police department for the same dwindling pool of applicants," he said.

"My job is to make Ocean Pines an appealing place to work and stay. And I have the support of the leadership of Ocean Pines to make that happen."

Ocean Pines is considered a safe place to live, when it comes to crime. In 2023, the Southwest Journal ranked Ocean Pines the safest place to live in Maryland.

The biggest issue Robinson has heard about is speeding.

"Ocean Pines is not immune to

crime. We have had the occasional drug possession, heroin overdose and burglaries. Fortunately, the numbers are much less than other communities. Our officers do a great job of keeping this community safe."

When he is not on the job, Robinson find himself exploring U.S. history. He has a master's degree in colonial and American history from Salisbury University. He loves visiting historical sites and museums, watching historic documentaries and reading books about history. He is on the history faculty at Salisbury University.

He also loves meeting historical figures. His most favorite memory is meeting Babe Heffron, a member of the 101st Airborne division of the United States Army during World War II. Heffron was portrayed in the HBO miniseries "Band of Brothers." He ran into Heffron on the streets of Philadelphia while on a trip with the Boy Scouts.

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# DNR grants target improving water, habitat and climate

(Aug. 10, 2023) The Maryland Department of Natural Resources have announced the award of \$22.9 million from the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund to 24 ecological restoration projects encompassing 95 sites throughout the state.

According to a new release, the projects were selected to improve water quality and habitat in the Chesapeake Bay watershed while building local resilience to climate impacts.

In Worcester County, the money will be used for large-scale wetland restoration to improve water quality and climate resiliency in the Chesapeake Bay.

The restoration is on an 88-acre site that was previously a golf course and then in row-crop agriculture. The practices will include 49 acres of wetland re-establishment, 10 acres of wetland rehabilitation and 29 acres of upland buffer restoration.

The release said the state projects deploy best management practices including streamside tree buffer plantings, reforestation, stream restoration, stormwater management, and wetland creation. Grants

are made possible through the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund, which targets the most cost-efficient and effective non-point source pollution reduction projects.

The projects awarded funds during this round will benefit local waterways and the Chesapeake Bay by removing more than 33,756 pounds of nitrogen, 4,288 pounds of phosphorus and nearly 5,765 tons of sediment. In the water, the nutrient pollutants fuel algal blooms that discolor the water and remove dissolved oxygen necessary for species, such as fish and crabs.

Through improved connections across similar grant programs, department officials are working to support more comprehensive projects that also foster healthy ecosystems, build resiliency, or providing outdoor learning experiences.

The project details for Fiscal Year 2024 grants are listed on the Department of Natural Resources website, along with other programs accessible through the Grants Gateway application process. The department is currently soliciting applications for Fiscal Year 2025.

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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."

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# Father driven by daughter's death to educate on abuse

By **Cindy Hoffman**  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 10, 2023) Bill Mitchell is on a mission to make people aware of the warning signs of dating violence after his daughter, Kristin, was killed by her boyfriend just a few weeks after she graduated from college.

He has written a book, "When Dating Hurts" and hosts a podcast, where he talks with domestic violence counselors, law enforcement professionals, parents of victims and actual survivors of abuse, both women and men. He also travels for speaking engagements.



**Bill Mitchell**

"It's pushed me emotionally over the years, but whatever is helpful needs to be heard," Mitchell said.

Mitchell and his wife, Michele, live in Ellicott City and have a vacation home in Ocean Pines, a place they retreated to after burying their only daughter.

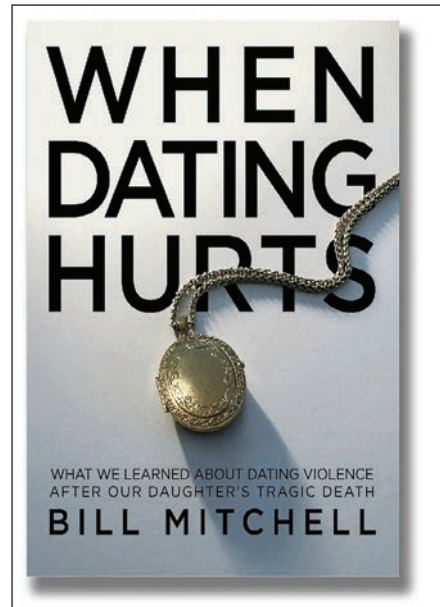


**Kristin Mitchell**

Mitchell has spent the last 17 years since Kristin's murder educating himself and sharing what he has learned on the warning signs of abusive relationships.

He said there is a template for an abuser that he wants everyone to know. The abuser starts out as a Prince Charming, he said. The victim feels like they are in a fairy tale romance, as she is treated with over-the-top gifts and courting gestures. He calls this the "Love Bomb."

Then comes isolation, as he wants the victim all to himself. At first this seems nice. But at some point, the



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**Bill Mitchell authored "When Dating Hurts" after his daughter was killed by her boyfriend just days after her college graduation. He is on a mission to educate people on dating and domestic violence.**

alone time turns to efforts to isolate the victim. He becomes jealous of the victim spending time with friends and family. He might interrupt her outings with constant texts and calls. He says he feels uncomfortable with her friends or parents. He also might try to talk the victim out of engaging in sports or other activities that don't involve him.

Threats of violence are next, Mitchell said. She does something that makes him angry. He acts out. The victim's goal is to get back to that fairy tale, so she is more cautious with him, trying not to upset him.

The next step is actual violence. Maybe he pushes the victim or slaps her. Then he apologizes. He makes excuses for his behavior and says it will never happen again. He goes over the top again and provides a romantic night out as an apology or buys her a nice gift. Now he has moved back to step one, the fairy tale romance.

The cycle will happen again and will become more dangerous until she gets out of the relationship, Mitchell said.

While Mitchell uses the pronouns "she/her," he said the victim and the abuser can be male or female. More often than not, however, it is male-on-female violence, he said.

According to his findings, 33 percent of women, that's one in three, suffer serious physical violence in an intimate partner relationship. Mitchell said this typically occurs between the ages of 16 and 24 years old, but it can happen at any age. He has heard stories from girls as young as 13 and women as old as 70.

"Even though you might think that something like this would never enter your life, if it does not touch you and your family, it will touch someone you

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# Mitchell IDs template of abuser

know and their family,” Mitchell said. He believes that parents can educate their children early if it is done gently. He has talked to domestic violence experts who have suggested the best way is to talk about the differences between a healthy and an unhealthy relationship.

Whether it is a romantic relationship or a friendship, there are key ingredients to a healthy relationship. In his book, Mitchell said healthy relationships “consist of respect, support, honesty and an overall sense of freedom of expression;” with open communication and shared decision making.

Signs of an unhealthy relationship include controlling and dominant behavior, extreme jealous, isolation, insulting comments and intrusive behavior such as checking the partner’s cell, email and texts without permission.

By educating both young boys and girls, Mitchell believes society can try to avoid creating abusers and teach people the signs of potential abusive relationships.

“If you play nicely in all your relationships, then you won’t turn into someone who wants to force their will on someone else,” Mitchell said.

He does not believe that being an abuser is learned behavior.

“You might be born as someone with a need for power and control. But you pick up techniques along the way, from family, friends and the media. Most people who become part of the cycle are on the receiving end of abuse. They learn that if you don’t want to be abused you have to become the abuser.”

If a friend or family member is in a potentially abusive situation, it is important to act, but with caution, he said, making it clear that a victim will probably not respond well to a direct approach.

While he and his wife had a very close relationship with Kristin, he thinks he would have had to approach it as a generalized conversation on what can happen to innocent people.

“She would listen to that and prob-

ably apply it. If we had been specific about a person she was dating, I am not so sure we would get the desired result.”

He does believe the most important thing someone can do to support a person in an abusive relationship is to get them to talk about it.

“Maybe she will talk herself into the reality of what is going on. Continue to be there. Try not to judge,” Mitchell said.

Anyone who is in an abusive relationship needs to be prepared for the worst. While the key is to break up with the abuser, that can be dangerous. He advises anyone in this situation or anyone advising someone to get professional coaching at this point.

Contact National Domestic Violence Hotline: 800 799 SAFE (7233)

Some life-saving tips include: Don’t break up in person. Get out of town and don’t tell your abuser where you are.

“Any personal contact puts you in danger,” he said.

Mitchell said his daughter told her mother that her relationship was not perfect. Michele also told Bill she thought it was winding down, so they were surprised to see him at her graduation.

Mitchell remembers his immediate impression of the boyfriend: “I would never want to tangle with this guy.”

Kristin graduated in the spring 2005. She had a sales associate position lined up with General Mills, a new apartment, and a company car. She was on track for a great start in her career and in life. But that life ended.

It’s been 18 years since Kristin’s death and Mitchell continues his crusade. This month he spoke to an audience of 2,000 people at the National Organization for Victim Assistance in New Orleans.

“I never wanted the memory of my daughter to fade away,” he said.

“When Dating Hurts” can be found on Amazon, and the “When Dating Hurts” podcast is on Spotify at <https://open.spotify.com/episode/oNgdKVwawIF6EHpSNMR7YF?si=b6bc1cad33764f1f>



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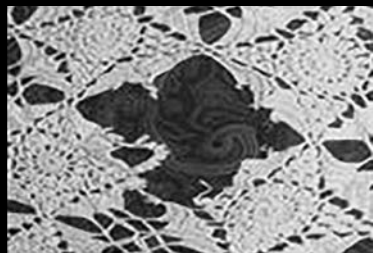
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 The Forgotten 50 Distillery opened on Friday, Aug. 4 in Berlin. Crowds enjoyed the specialty drinks and food on the menu.

## Forgotten 50 Distillery brings fine spirits and food to town

By Cindy Hoffman  
 Staff Writer

(Aug. 10, 2023) If you are looking for County Commissioner Eric Fiori, you might try the local bar.

That's right, Fiori has partnered with Cody Miller, the former distiller at Seacrets to open the Forgotten 50 Distillery on Old Ocean City Boulevard in Berlin. The distillery takes its name from its location, Fiori said.

The building that houses the operation was built in the 1940s as the Wright Plymouth dealership. Fiori purchases buildings to rent to small businesses. When his wife saw the building, she told him they had to preserve it.

Cody Miller, then the distiller at Seacrets, heard that Fiori purchased the building and reached out to him to see if he would be willing to turn it into a distillery.

They shook hands on it, leading Fiori to observe, "It was a good old fashioned Eastern Shore business deal."

Miller started home brewing beer out of his garage. In 2010, he started brewing across the street at Burley Oak to take his brewing skills to the next level.

But he made more money as a bar-back at Seacrets in Ocean City, where he worked for 17 years.

Seacrets started building its distillery and he asked management if he could get into that work. He said they made him the head of the distillery, without any experience under his belt.

He took classes to learn the craft, eventually taking Seacrets to a first-class distillery with 50 awards and 20 different flavors sold throughout the region.

"We would go through so much product, I could not really create anymore," Miller said. The production was on a finely tuned schedule, leaving him with less time to explore new ideas.

Partnering with Fiori was the answer to feeding his creative drive and getting back to small batches. He wanted to create boutique gin, rum, whiskey and other flavors.

Besides creating spirits for a craft cocktail bar, he plans to work with other establishments in town to create their own recipe and labeled spirits.

He expects to start small and make the best possible product.

To make the most of their craft spirits, they have brought on board Tim McCall, a Scotsman who has spent the past 23 years traveling the world where he learned many styles and influences in the craft cocktail universe before he settled in Berlin, with his wife (a Salisbury native), whom he met in New Zealand.

He said some of his cocktails take two to three days to make, such as his Mango Pudding Punch, which is infused with bread pudding.

He is teaching his techniques to his new staff, dedicating a day a week to training, not just in fine cocktail making

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# Craft cocktails, food hit Berlin

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but in wine and beer knowledge as well.

"I want them to understand what they are doing," McCall said.

"I want Berlin to be known for its intellectual drinking."

Miller said the distillery should be operating, producing spirits by September. Until then, they will be crafting with fine spirits, many of which are locally made, such as Lyon's Rum, out of St. Michaels.

While they will not initially host distillery tours formally, Fiori said that he can see them bringing various dinners through for spontaneous tours.

To compliment the fine cocktail fare, Miller and Fioni have brought in Jeff Phillips, of Phillips Crab House as their head chef.

Phillips is planning seasonal menus and pairings with various spirits.

Miller expects to host theme nights, pairing an agave spirit with a Latin inspired menu or a rum pairing with a South American/Caribbean style cuisine.

Fiori said their food will be farm to table fare. To illustrate this, he said this weekend, they ran out of tomatoes and corn so they ran to the Berlin farmers market to purchase more.

McCall considered this an eclectic place, that is more considerate and thoughtful with its food and beverages.

Fiori hopes to connect the Forgotten 50 and the other establishments with the rest of Berlin. He hopes to partner with Tracks and Yaks, the new railbike business that opened in Berlin. He also would love to see sidewalks on Old Ocean City Boulevard. He built a sidewalk in front of his establishment and hopes other businesses on the street follow suit.

"I would like to make this a secondary business district for Berlin, with sidewalks and Rails to Trails that link the entire town together."

As a county commissioner, he said there are efforts and funding initiatives from South Point on to make Worcester County a more bikeable region. He also hopes that any development at Heron Park will enhance the bike/walking concept.

# Entrepreneurial field hearing in Town of Berlin

(Aug. 10, 2023) For the first time in the 155 years of incorporation, the Town of Berlin will host a field hearing for the United States Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship later this month.

The committee is chaired by Maryland Sen. Ben Cardin and the hearing, set 1 p.m., Aug. 17, at Berlin Town Hall, will focus on Small Business Resiliency: Learning to Succeed in America's Dynamic Economy. The event include testimony from business owners and economic development professionals from the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

"I am honored that the Town of Berlin has been chosen to host the United States Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship's field hearing," Mayor Zach Tyn dall said in a news release. "Our town has a vibrant small business community, and I look forward to welcoming the committee members next month."

Attendees must register to attend at: forms.gle/Mbsrh5USHXJCy6kE9.



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Alyssa Maloof stands at a booth of locally grown honey at the Berlin Farmers Market.

# National Farmers Market Week celebrated Aug. 6-12

(Aug. 10, 2023) Worcester County Tourism and Economic Development and the Farmers Market Coalition partnered this week to highlight the defining role of local farmers markets during National Farmers Market Week.

The week began Sunday, Aug. 6 and runs through Saturday, Aug. 12. Patrons were encouraged to shop at

local farmers markets to find farm-to-table meats, produce, dairy, desserts, and more.

According to a news release, farmers markets are not only essential to local food systems, they increase access to nutritious food, support farmers, and create a hub for community connection.

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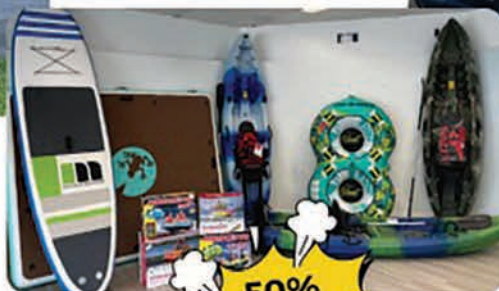
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# Markets provide food and crafts

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“Nothing tastes more flavorful than local produce, like fresh honey, free-range eggs, juicy beefsteak tomatoes and other fresh finds available at our local farmers markets,” Worcester County Tourism and Economic Development Business Development and Retention Specialist Michele Burke said in the release. “Supporting independent family farms also gives area residents and visitors a chance to meet and form connections with the people growing our food, and those connections often turn into priceless friendships.”

Farmers markets serve as gathering places, foster a sense of community, and often play a role in educating people on how to better grow, cook, and sustain farming.

Support family farms and discover a world of fresh produce at the following local markets:

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Ocean Pines Farmers and Artisans Market — 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Saturdays; next to the administration building

Ocean City Farmers Market — 8 a.m. to noon; Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays; Gold Coast Mall parking lot

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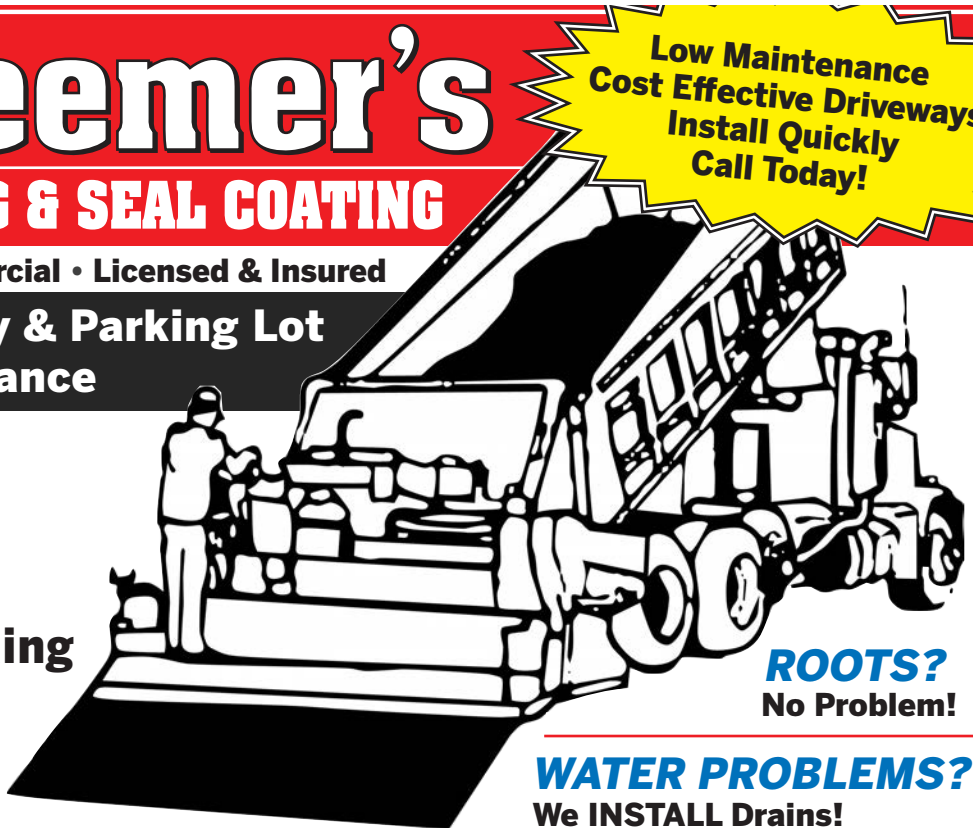
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# OP resident Vivian Mumford had 101st b-day last Friday

(Aug. 10, 2023) Ocean Pines resident Vivian Mumford celebrated a huge milestone last Friday, when she turned 101.

Mumford was born on Aug. 4, 1922, on a farm in a town called "Friendship" that today is known as Pittsville.

She said the farm grew various crops and had one cow and a few chickens. She remembers picking strawberries.

"I loved it because I didn't have to work on it!" she said.

Mumford went to high school in her hometown, where she was an honor student and crowned May queen her senior year. She earned a partial scholarship to attend college, but said the family at the time couldn't afford the rest of tuition.

"Instead, I worked at Woolworth's dime store. That was my first job," she said. "And then I worked at JCPenney's and Benjamin's. I worked all over the place."

Mumford did everything from running the jewelry counter, to serving as a buyer for a sporting department.

Her eyes lit up when asked about meeting her late husband, Jack.

"You know, we met in Ocean City, at the Pier Club," she said. "I was there



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**Ocean Pines resident Vivian Mumford smiles for a photo during her 101st birthday party at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club. She celebrated the milestone recently with family and friends.**

with some friends that I worked with, and I was dancing with another fella and he cut in. I found out later he worked in the dime store across from Woolworth's called McCrory's."

Jack was drafted into the Army during World War II. After basic training he returned home, and the couple were married.

Around 1942, he was discharged and went to work for the electric com-

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# Suspect sorry for damaging car wash flag

By Hunter Hine  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 10, 2023) The owners of Zoom Car Wash, a business off Route 50 near Walmart captured security camera footage of a man taking down their 24-by-32 foot American flag, and then writing on it in black marker.

At first, the incident appeared to be an act of mean-spirited vandalism that led to outrage in some quarters, but Zoom's owners later found that might not have been the case at all.

The incident happened between 10 p.m. and midnight on Aug. 4, when a man used his white Chevy Equinox to pull the flag down, and bent and damaged the 80-foot flagpole to which it was attached.

Owners Bruce Rogers and Charles Holland estimated the cost to remove and replace the flag pole at around \$30,000. It cost Zoom \$20,000 to install the original, and Holland assumed it would cost \$10,000 for removal, Holland said.

"When you see the video, it's unbelievable the amount of effort, but we know he was on the lot for two hours just being disruptive," Rogers said Monday.

On Tuesday, Holland said that they got in touch with the suspect who expressed remorse for the damages.

Owners had put the flag at half-mast that night because of expected high winds so the flag wouldn't tear or suffer damage. The man told Zoom's owners that he had intended to raise the flag, but accidentally

broke the pole in the process, Holland said.

The car wash's video footage shows the man taking a rope and a safety harness out of a small trailer located by the dumpster behind Zoom's main building. Using the two, he attached one end to his car and the other to a lock panel on the flagpole.

He drove the car away from the flagpole and broke open the panel, which contained a pulley system used to raise and lower the flag. The flagpole bent in the process, Holland said.

Then, the man hooked the line into the pulley system, drove away from it and broke it too, causing the flag to fall.

"It's one thing to go out here and damage our coin machine or our equipment, we expect a certain amount of vandalism because the world is what it is today, but this to me is unacceptable," Holland said Monday, before being in contact with the suspect. "I'm a veteran. I don't agree with it ... I don't like anything about it."

Holland served in the army from 1989-1997, he said.

Throughout Zoom's surveillance videos, the man is seen seemingly showing the rings on his knuckles to the security camera and praying - at one point bending up and down at the waist repeating the phrase, "Oh my Lord, oh my God."

Holland said the man was also filming himself with a separate camera.



A man tore down the American flag at Zoom Car Wash in Berlin on Friday night, then wrote on it. Pictured is the flag after the incident.

PHOTO COURTESY  
ZOOM CAR WASH

Most of the writing on the flag was unintelligible, except for a few words and phrases including "Every road has its thorns."

Holland said his staff found a credit card on site after the incident, which they assumed was stolen. They turned it over to Maryland State Police, who is continuing to investigate the incident.

While speaking to Zoom's owners earlier on Tuesday, the man said he left the card at the scene so that they could charge him for the damages, Holland said. He claimed to have confessed to State Police over the weekend after they called him in relation to finding the credit card, Holland said.

Maryland State Police said they could not confirm the suspect's alleged confession, and that charges are pending the outcome of the investigation.

Holland said Maryland State Police ran the car's Pennsylvania license

plates, which were from a 2000 Acura that had been salvaged and were not registered to the Chevy.

On Sunday morning, the owners posted about the incident on the Zoom Car Wash Facebook page, asking the community for leads on finding the suspect. This was before Holland and Rogers got in contact with the man.

The post got over 1,100 shares in one day, and as of Tuesday it has 1,300.

One man commented on that post offering to donate an American flag that was flown in combat in Afghanistan as a replacement, and Holland said they intend to accept the offer.

On Tuesday, Holland said members of the Berlin American Legion were coming to pick up the fallen and drawn-on flag to ceremonially burn and retire it. He also said someone was coming Tuesday to assess the flagpole's condition.

# Mumford born 1922, moved to OP in 2019

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pany, then called Eastern Shore Public Service. Today, it's Delmarva Power.

"He was a linesman when he first started, and he climbed poles," Mumford said. "He put those spikes on his legs and climbed up those poles - they don't do that now! They have a truck with a bucket."

The couple had four children: Susan, Jay, Cynthia and Mike. She said Mike is the youngest and was born on her 46th birthday. Susan is the oldest.

"I have four children and four grandchildren - and I might have four great-grandchildren," Mumford said, pausing to count them off by name.

The family lived on Truitt Street in Salisbury for 38 years, and later nearby on Beaglin Park Drive.

Jack suffered from Alzheimer's disease and passed away at Deer's Head Hospital in Salisbury in 2006.

Mumford, on doctor's orders not to drive any more, moved into the Gull Creek senior care facility in Berlin about eight years ago, at age 93.

Her daughter, Susan Blanton, often

"ran back and forth" from Ocean Pines to help care for her.

"I lived there for four-and-half years, and then Susan said, 'would it just be easier if you came and lived with me?'" Mumford said.

That was four years ago in 2019, when Mumford moved in with Blanton on Ivanhoe Court in Ocean Pines.

Blanton said it was good timing, with the pandemic coming a year later and cutting off access to senior centers.

She said her mom was strict growing up.

"You didn't mess with mother," she said.

Mumford added that she always stuck up for her.

"She was 7 months old before [her father] ever saw her," because of his service.

Mumford said her children helped out with small chores, like doing dishes and clearing the table, which Blanton said was not always appreciated.

"She didn't make us do too much around the house, because we couldn't do it to suit her," Blanton said with a

laugh. "But everyone always thought my mother was the nicest and the prettiest."

Now, Blanton is the caretaker for her mother - and lets her be when she can.

"She can still take care of herself," Blanton said. "She does her own laundry and makes the bed. She does let me cook, because she can't really remember recipes."

"She doesn't want me to turn the stove on, that's what it is!" Mumford added. "But she does the cooking and I eat it - whatever it is."

Mumford said she enjoys being in Ocean Pines with her daughter.

"I've got my own bedroom, and there's a sitting room and I read a lot," she said. "I've read the same books over and over again."

They also take frequent trips to the local library.

"I like books that were written back in the time when there were dukes and princes and things like that, like 'Gone with the Wind.' And I've read a lot of Nicholas Sparks books," Mumford said.

One Sparks series that she's read many times frustrates her to no end.

"He wrote these two books [in a series] and this guy was so much in love with this girl, and then she died. If you want to read a book about how somebody mourned, that will really hurt you," Mumford said. "I said I'd never read another one of his books. He killed that girl! But anyway, I have read many more of them."

The most recent, she said, was "The Last Song."

She's also read "With Every Breath I Take" by Celia Martin at least three times.

"Every time, you find something different," she said.

Mumford celebrated her birthday on Friday at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club with family and friends.

She said the milestone "just means I'm getting older."

Asked for words of wisdom on living to 101, Mumford said, "don't smoke, don't drink, but dance all you want."

"Just be yourself," she said. "And be honest."



# Snapshots



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## EAT 'EM UP

Kids compete in the cupcake eating contest at the 15th annual Berlin Peach Festival on Saturday.



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Chesapeake Farms serves up its famous peach ice cream at the Berlin Peach Festival on Saturday.



Harris Market brought 100 crates of peaches to sell at the Berlin Peach Festival on Saturday.

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## FARMING FEST

Tractors and other farm equipment lined the streets of Snow Hill during the Blessing of the Combines on Saturday.



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Crowds line the streets to check out the combines and other entertainment during the Blessing of the Combines Festival in Snow Hill on Saturday.



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Crews from the Snow Hill Volunteer Fire Company fight a house fire that broke out just before 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 2, at a two-story home in Snow Hill.  
CHRISTINE BROWN/  
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## No injuries reported in SH fire

(Aug. 10, 2023) Crews from several regional departments spent roughly two hours last Wednesday battling a Snow Hill house fire that derived from “improperly discarded smoking materials.”

According to a new release from the Worcester County Fire Marshal’s Office, the blaze broke out just before 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 2 inside a bedroom at 413 West Market St. in Snow Hill.

After arriving at the two-story home, firefighters saw flames showing on several sides, but were able to find and extinguish them quickly, and ensure everyone in the house had

safely evacuated.

Deputies from the fire marshal’s office conducted a scene examination. They determined the cause was accidental and the result of improper discarded smoking materials in bed.

The release said crews remained on scene for about two hours ensuring the fire was completely extinguished.

The Snow Hill Volunteer Fire Company was assisted by firefighters from Pocomoke, Stockton, Newark and Girdletree. The American Red Cross helped the occupants with displacement after the fire. No injuries were reported.

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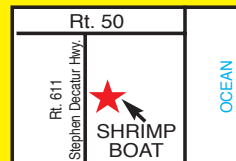
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# Opinion

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## Election work should stay closer to home

The decision to shift the management of this year's Ocean Pines Association election from a local business to a West Coast company has turned out to be a huge mistake, as the distance between Election Trust in Washington State and Ocean Pines has proven to be the problem that critics of the move feared it would be.

Election Trust, however, is not totally to blame. Also bearing some responsibility for the unacceptably slow pace of balloting is the U.S. Postal Service, which simply isn't as reliable as it once was.

Ever since the postal service shifted focus from delivering the mail in a timely fashion to becoming a break-even operation, the quality of service has suffered.

The stories of payments, invoices and letters seemingly lost in space for months at a time continue to be a topic of conversation. Communications returned to their senders as "undeliverable" because of sorting machine failures, rather than faulty addresses, also have become commonplace in some regions, including this one.

It's not the Postal Service's people who aren't doing the job, it's the system that dictates how the job is done that's not delivering as promised. And this is despite assertions in the service's periodic reports that the operation is getting better and is closing in on its goals.

Whether that's true is beside the point in the case of the board of directors election in Ocean Pines, where critics seem always ready to stir the pot at the slightest provocation.

Knowing that, as well as trusting the mail service to maintain a speedy connection between the association and a company so far removed from the action requires a leap of faith that nothing can or will go wrong.

Now that it has, the OPA needs to return to handling elections the old-fashioned way the next time around. At least if something untoward does happen, it won't take the better part of a week to make the adjustment.

## Chamber Music by the Sea 2023

New outdoor venues around region will host multiple events

(Aug. 10, 2023) The 2023 Chamber Music by the Sea festival, set Aug. 13-19, is changing things up in its eighth year.

The annual event will feature some of the world's most acclaimed young musicians playing in venues in both Berlin and Snow Hill. It will also welcome members of the public for a behind-the-scenes peek at how the musical magic is made.

Violinist Elena Urioste, the founder and artistic director of Chamber Music by the Sea, said in a news release that she is grateful for the support the festival has received through the years and is eager to keep audiences coming back for more.

"I wanted to reinvigorate things this year so that newcomers, as well as our friends who have been with us all along, will have something fresh and exciting to look forward to," she said.

New venues such as Berlin's iconic Atlantic Hotel and Snow Hill's Bishop's Stock gallery will join returning events at Temple Bat Yam and All Hallows Episcopal Church.

The summer festival will also include an open-air rehearsal on South Point that is open to the public, a free family concert at the Berlin library, and an informal outdoor performance on the

lawn of the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum.

The release said music for this year's performances ranges from masterpieces of familiar composers including Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Schubert and Florence Price. And no Chamber Music by the Sea festival would be complete without the trademark wit and charm of Tom Poster's new arrangements for the musicians.

Other festival favorites joining Urioste and Poster include violinists Grace Park and Melissa White, and cellists Guy Johnston and Brook Speltz. Violist Kyle Armbrust will also perform in his Chamber Music by the Sea debut.

Other artists include first prize laureates of the international Naumberg and Sphinx Competitions, BBC New Generation Artists, and recipients of awards from the Royal Philharmonic Society, Gramophone and BBC Music Magazine.

Under the sponsorship of the Worcester County Education Foundation, funded by the Paul M. Angell Family Foundation, and with continuing support from the Ocean City Lioness Club, Chamber Music by the Sea sponsors year-round arts initiatives in Worcester County public schools. The initiatives include festival ticket sales, such as live in-school programs and virtual visiting artists programs, which allow students to interact directly with ac-

claimed musicians in real-time virtual classroom sessions.

The 2023 festival schedule is as follows:

• **3 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 13** — Ticketed salon concert and reception at a private Snow Hill home (seating limited)

• **11 a.m., Monday, Aug. 14** — Open-air rehearsal on South Point

• **7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 15** — Ticketed salon concert and reception at Bishop's Stock Gallery, Snow Hill (seating limited)

• **7 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 16** — Ticketed concert and reception at Temple Bat Yam, Berlin

• **10:30 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 17** — Free family concert at the Berlin Public Library

• **Noon, Thursday, Aug. 17** — Student workshop (open to the public) at the Berlin Public Library

• **7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 17** — Ticketed concert at the Atlantic Hotel, Berlin

• **7 p.m., Friday, Aug. 18** — Ticketed concert at All Hallows Episcopal Church, Snow Hill

• **11 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 19** — Free open-air informal performance on the lawn of the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum, Berlin

More details, including ticket and artist information, as well as a full list of Chamber Music by the Sea's sponsors, can be found at [chambermusicbytheseaandweed.foundation](http://chambermusicbytheseaandweed.foundation).

## Worcester Arts Council's public exhibit

Three artists featured during August show diverse local talent

(Aug. 11, 2023) During the month of August, the Worcester County Arts Council will showcase the creative talents of three local artists.

Brigitte Bowden will display oil and acrylic work, Dee Brua will display pieces

made with watercolors, and Robert Johnson is displaying ceramic works.

The public exhibit reception will be held from 5-7 p.m., Friday, Aug. 11.

Members of the public are welcome to the featured artists and view their work in the exhibit. All artwork is available for sale and light refreshments will be offered.

Samples of artwork donated by the featured artists

is available for bids in the silent auction to benefit the council's arts scholarship program.

Exhibit on display until August 31, 2023.

To learn more about the featured artists, visit [worcestercountyartscouncil.org](http://worcestercountyartscouncil.org)

Along with the featured exhibit, artwork created by 30 local artists and gallery members will be on display and available for sale.

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The WPS pre-K class takes a break from the recent Q and U wedding reception to take a class photo. In the front row, from left, are Brendan Gerner, Enzo Fitzgerald, Leroy Johnson-Thompson, Grey Lindsey, Tuck Padgett, William Hall, Hannah Farr and Issac Gilliam. In the back, from the left, are pre-K Assistant Jean Mancini, Amalka Blaskova, Matias Escamilla-Aliullof, Mia Bunting, Paislynn Hutchins, Claire Coyle, Harper Hunt, Gunner Derrickson, Skylar Marsh, Megan Holloway, and pre-k teacher Kim Zaccagnini.

# WPS pre-k grammar celebration

(Aug.10, 2023) Worcester County Preparatory School teacher Kim Zaccagnini and assistant Jean Mancini recently celebrated the “marriage” of the letters Q and U with their pre-kindergarten students. The matrimonial event was held outside on school grounds, where Head of School John McDonald, and

Head of Lower School Sara Timmons officiated the ceremony. The first grade wedding band of Angie Bunting and Cheryl Marshall provided the entertainment. A casual reception immediately followed in the classroom. According to a news release, the “wedding” serves as an interactive grammar lesson. Students are re-

minded that Q and U work together to make words like quandary and quarrel but that U can stand alone for words like unity.

WPS pre-K “brides” line up to hear the “vows” of Q and U while their parents look on. Pictured, from the left, are Harper Hunt, Mia Bunting, Claire Coyle, Grey Lindsey, Skylar Marsh and Amalka Blaskova. SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE





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## Worcester arts council featuring student creations

(Aug. 10, 2023) The Worcester County Arts Council is featuring a selection of artwork created by elementary school students who participated in the summer arts camp program held in partnership with the Worcester County Public Schools.

“We are grateful for the partnership with Worcester County Public Schools that allows us to expand the outreach and diversity of this program by offering creative art experiences to 300 students in all Worcester County elementary schools,” Arts Council Executive Director Anna Mullis said in a news release.

The public is invited 5-7 p.m., Friday, Aug. 11, to attend a free reception celebrating the students’ creativity. The exhibit is on display until Aug. 31.

The Worcester County Arts Council thanks all amazing art teachers for their talents and dedication to inspiring creativity in our students.

The summer arts camp program is sponsored and supported by the Ocean City/Berlin Optimist Club.



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Pocomoke Elementary School students display artwork they created that will be part of a student display at the Worcester County Arts Council in Berlin.

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Saturday 10am-Noon	12514 Whispering Woods Dr., West OC	4BR/3BA	Residential	\$659,000	Kara Fields/BHHS/PenFedRealty

# Water damage, mold found inside Berlin Town Hall wall

(Aug. 10, 2023) According to a news release issued Wednesday, on Aug. 3, water damage and mold were discovered within the northern-facing wall of the Town Hall Council Chambers during routine maintenance.

Out of an abundance of caution, work was halted immediately to allow for further testing and evaluation of the area. After it was determined there were no safety and/or environmental risks present, town staff worked with external contractors to carry out necessary demolition and remediation of the area.

As work continues, the release said residents may notice several contractor vehicles parked at Town Hall during and after normal business hours.

Town staff will continue to work in-

side the building, and Town Hall will remain open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to allow residents to make payments on their utility bills.

Due to the location of the water damage, some public meetings have been postponed and rescheduled.

The board of zoning appeals and planning commission meetings, both set for Aug. 9, will now be held Aug. 23. The Mayor and Council meeting scheduled for Aug. 14 will now be Aug. 21.

Restoration work is scheduled for completion by Wednesday, Aug. 16. Visit [berlinmd.gov](http://berlinmd.gov) regarding any changes to meeting dates and times.

For questions or concerns, contact the Mayor's Office at 410-641-3858 or [MayorZack@berlinmd.gov](mailto:MayorZack@berlinmd.gov).

## Obituary

### BEVERLY DOROTHY RICE

Ocean Pines  
Beverly Dorothy Rice, 94, died on Sunday, Aug. 6, 2023, surrounded by her loving daughters. Beverly was born on Oct. 15, 1928, in Baltimore.

She was preceded in death by husband Robert "Bob" Rice and twin brother William Winder.

She is survived by daughters Suzanne Watson of Arnold, Maryland, and Deborah Hoke (Gregory) of Warner Robins, Georgia. She is also survived by two grandchildren, Danielle Martin (James) of Kathleen, Georgia, and Jennifer Smith (Brandon) of Bonaire, Georgia; and three great-grandchildren, Alexis George, Kylee George and Ellie Smith; as well as several nieces; nephews; and very special friends.

Beverly was a member of the Community Church of Ocean Pines. She enjoyed volunteering at the Shepherd's Nook. She was a former member of the Ladies of the Elks of Severna Park, the Red Hats, the Pine'er Craft Club and the Women's Club of Ocean Pines.

She loved swimming at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club and the Sports Core until the age of 91. She also enjoyed being part of the Drawbridge Divas, the Drawbridge Dinner Club and numerous lunch groups.

Beverly started her career with C&P Telephone Company. She later worked in Annapolis at The Barrister Inn and at the Income Tax Division of the Maryland Comptroller's Office.

After her husband, Bob, retired in 1986, they enjoyed spending time between Ocean Pines and Cape Coral, Florida.

A memorial service will be private for family at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Ocean Pines Fire Department at 911 Ocean Parkway, Berlin, Maryland 21811, or Hospice of the Chesapeake at 90 Rithie Hwy, Pasadena, Maryland 21122.

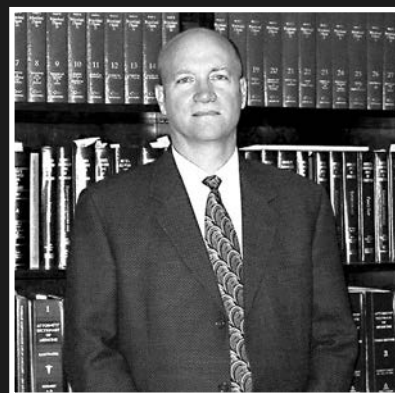


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# Cuisine

## Herbed hummus enhances raw veggies

(Reprint from Aug. 8, 2019) I sit in the hotel lobby in Florida watching the torrential downpour and listening to the crashing thunder as the windows all rattle.

This is a big storm, and they definitely had the forecast correct. All I can say is that I am glad that I am here for a convention, and not down here

with my children braving the onslaught that we all know and love as Disneyworld.

Oh, Disney, that magical place where every ride ends in a huge gift shop, the smell of waffle cones wafts through Main Street while being ubiquitously absent in the ice cream shop itself, and children give their parents a run for their money. A buddy of mine drove to the convention with his wife and three children, hit Disney for the first time ever, and it only took them four hours to run out of cash. It's all by design.

Walt Disney was speaking in the 1960s to a group of businessmen, and he noted (and I paraphrase), "Everything in this park is for sale except for the buildings and the sidewalks." He was a shrewd man.

Personally, I have never cared for Disneyworld, being a cynic and seeing it for what it is. But, truth be told, I have had many friends go as adults (sans children) and have had a tremendous time. Whether it's eating and drinking their way around Epcot or skipping the Dumbo ride in favor of the more exhilarating ones, they swear that it is a different park without the tykes.

Regardless, a trip to Disney is not on the docket this go-around. It is almost time to get back up north and jump into the White Marlin Open to win that big money. And if you haven't seen anything about the tournament this year, they hit a world record \$6.1 million in prize money with over 400 boats.

Even for the world's largest billfish tournament, that is a staggering amount. With any luck, our sponsored team will bring in a cold, hard \$2,000,000. I mean, someone has to win it.

So as my heads swims with these numbers, the reminisces of nightmarish Disney trips and this insane storm, I dip a piece of raw beet into an amazing herbed hummus. I love



hummus, and I cannot for the life of me tell you why I don't have it on the menu at the restaurant. Yet

It is incredibly easy to make and while I call it the perfect summertime dish, it is fantastic any time of year. But the best part of serving this in the summertime is grabbing some beautiful heirloom vegetables from a local farm such as Chesterfield Heirlooms to serve on the side.

Dipping a fresh, raw baby carrot in your homemade hummus is incredibly satisfying. Wheels of watermelon radish act as a dipping chip of sorts, and the earthy flavor of the raw root complements the rich hummus perfectly. It doesn't take a genius to know that it ends up being one of the healthiest dishes most of us will eat in any given week.

For me, I love how satiating it is, high in protein and minerals from the garbanzo beans. Top that with the bread and vegetables, it's a fairly well-rounded complement to your cooking arsenal.

And it is incredibly easy to make. This is one of those dishes that is pretty hard to screw up. In this recipe, adding the parsley and chives will add a tiny touch of water, so you

may have to play around with that if you find that it is messing up the consistency of the end product. Or, you could use the freeze dried ones that are now sold in the produce section. These aren't exactly my favorite, but they will work in a pinch. I'll let you decide which ones you want to use.

The monsoon is dying down now, and pretty soon it will be time to head back to some of the educational highlights. This year's lineup has been good so far, and there are some impressive speakers tomorrow.

And then it's back to the real world of Ocean City, and, of course, the teaching grind. Time does not stand still for anyone, does it? Oh summertime, I'm already counting down the days until next summer.

### Herbed Hummus

*makes about 1 quart*

1 15-ounce can garbanzo beans  
 Juice of 1 lemon  
 3 cloves oil-roasted garlic  
 2 Tbsp. olive oil from above garlic  
 1/4 c. Tahini  
 2 Tbsp. Fresh parsley  
 4 chives  
 Salt & Pepper, to taste

1. Place everything in the bowl of a food processor and blend until smooth, scraping with a rubber spatula

2. When ready, simply serve with raw vegetables, pita or naan bread

3. Top with any or all of the garnishes listed below. On a side note, I intentionally left cumin out, something that is common in many hummus recipes. I find that cumin is overused and for me it tends to get obnoxious, making everything taste like an Ortega taco kit. This is a personal preference, so please use it at your discretion

4. This is an absolutely amazing summertime dish. In fact, I'm not sure why I don't have it on the menu. Mayhap that will happen when I get back from Florida

### For garnish

Paprika  
 finely chopped roasted red peppers  
 Roasted garlic, minced or smashed  
 Olive oil to drizzle on top  
 fine lemon zest

*Paul Suplee is the owner of Boxcar40 in Pittsville and senior lecturer of culinary arts at UMES.*



# 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., Aug. 10

### WHITE MARLIN OPEN

Harbour Island Marina, 14th Street, bayside, Ocean City, 4-9 p.m. Watch the weigh-ins of the "World's Largest & Richest Billfish Tournament" in person from Harbour Island Marina. [whitemarlinopen.com](http://whitemarlinopen.com)

### MARLIN FEST

On the beach at the OC Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Beach party featuring a live stream of the White Marlin Open weigh-ins, live music, food and drinks, vendors, a variety of beach activities and WMO and Marlin Fest merchandise. [marlinfest.com](http://marlinfest.com), 410-289-9229

### OUR LOCAL CONNECTION

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Join the Maryland Coastal Bays Program to explore how the animals, plants and people are all connected through a hands-on activity. Get up close and personal with an EnviroScape. Ages 8+. 410-632-3495

### CHESS CLUB

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Come to the library and 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. Join the Ocean City library for off site trivia. Test your knowledge and win prizes. 410-524-1818, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

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### TIDES & VINE BOOK CLUB: 'GOOD OMENS' BY NEIL GAIMAN AND TERRY PRATCHETT

Tides & Vine, 106 W. Green St., Snow Hill, 6 p.m. Stop by the Snow Hill library to pick up a book, then meet for an evening of books and wine. Must be 21 years or older. Limit 14. 410-632-3495, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### SUNSET PARK PARTY NIGHTS

Sunset Park, 700 S. Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Free concert featuring Monkey Paw (variety). Beverages, including beer, are available for purchase. Bring your own seating. <https://ocdc.org>, 410-289-7739

### BEACH SINGLE 55 PLUS MEET AND GREET

Thursdays - Harpoon Hanna's, 39064 Harpoon Road, Fenwick Island, DE, 4-6 p.m. 302-436-9577, [BeachSingles.org](http://BeachSingles.org).

## Fri., Aug. 11

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### AUGUST FEATURED ARTISTS' RECEPTION

Worcester County Arts Council, 6 Jefferson St., Berlin, 5-7 p.m. Meet the three featured artists, enjoy the artwork created by students attending the 2023 Summer Arts Camp while enjoying complimentary refreshments. Bid on the scholarship silent auction items.

## Sat., Aug. 12

### THE ULTIMATE VEGAS VARIETY SHOW

Ocean City Performing Arts Center, Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Featuring the The Edwards Twins impersonating a variety of stars including Sonny & Cher, Billy Joel, Lady Gaga, Tom Jones and more. Tickets cost \$35-\$55. Tickets: <https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/6063313/the-ultimate-vegas-variety-show-ocean-city-oc-performing-arts-center>.

### TINKER TIME: NATURE JOURNALS

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Drop in anytime. Assemble your own nature journal. 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. Guest speaker will be Captain Bill Duncan, who has been plying Ocean City waters for more than 30 years. Also updates on fishing regulations and planned fishing trips. All welcome. 410-641-7662

### FAMILY LIBRARY DAY - BUILD IT

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 10 a.m.-noon. Join in for a variety of building games and materials including the new Rigmajig, a large building kit made up of wooden planks, ropes, pulleys, nuts and bolts. 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. All children and their families are invited. A different adventure each week. 410-641-0650

### CHILDREN'S CRAFTS IN THE COURTYARD

Art League of Ocean City - Courtyard, 502 94th St., 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Engage in hands-on activities from painting to paper crafts and beyond. In case of inclement weather, classes will be held inside. Held every Saturday until Labor Day. [artleagueofoceancity.org](http://artleagueofoceancity.org)

### COUNTRY GENTLEMEN TRIBUTE BAND

The Island Theater, 4074 Main St., Chincoteague, 6:30-9 p.m. Tickets \$20. Don't miss this live tribute to one of the most influential bands in bluegrass history. Come see and hear the sound that is The Country Gentlemen Tribute Band. 240-285-0055

### FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

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

## Sun., Aug. 13

### CHAMBER MUSIC BY THE SEA FESTIVAL

Ticketed salon concert and reception at a private Snow Hill home, 3 p.m. Music by Beethoven and more. Tickets: [www.wced.foundation/events](http://www.wced.foundation/events).

### SUNDAES IN THE PARK & FIREWORKS

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City. 7-9 p.m., Music by FIREKITE "Party Rock," activities for children and fireworks. Ice cream and beverages for sale. Free event. Bring your picnic bas-

ket and beach chairs.

### 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., Aug. 14

### RESERVATION DEADLINE FOR 14TH ANNUAL PATRIOT DAY FASHION SHOW AND LUNCHEON

Held Sept. 14 at the Ashore Resort and Beach Club, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Featuring fashions by Chico's of Ocean City. Plated luncheon cost is \$45. Reservations by Aug. 14: Jean Delcher, 410-746-1612.

### CREATE YOUR OWN CUSTOM MOUSE PAD

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Design and decorate our own mouse pad using fabric markers. (While supplies last.) For ages 10 years and older. 410-957-0878

### STORY TIME: ROBOTS

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Join in for a silly robot story time filled with stories, games and songs. For ages 2-5 years. 410-524-1818, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### CHAMBER MUSIC BY THE SEA FESTIVAL

Open-air rehearsal on South Point, 11 a.m. [www.wced.foundation/events](http://www.wced.foundation/events)

### 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)

### MONDAY MOVIE MATINEE: SUMMER READING EDITION

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30 p.m. Watch movies related to this year's summer reading theme. Snacks provided. For ages 6 years and older. 410-208-4014, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

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

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

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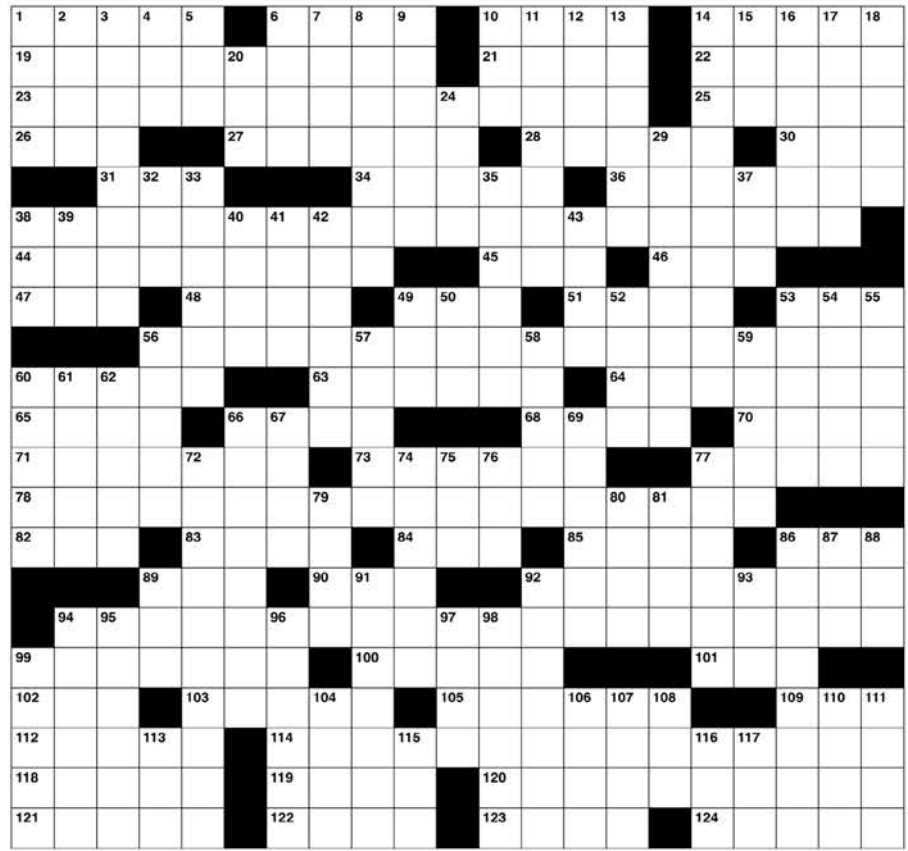
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# Puzzles

## DOING FRONT FLIPS BY JOHN KUGELMAN / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

John Kugelman is a software engineer and musician from Gainesville, Va. His father, who turns 80 this year, is a sounding board for John's puzzle ideas, and John finds that brainstorming with him is a great way to stay connected. "Every time I see him, we throw around all kinds of wordplay, just spitballing and letting our minds roam." This is John's first crossword for The Times. It grew out of 38-Across. — W.S.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Org. that sells "Speaking up for those who can't" T-shirts
  - 6 Bread or pasta, informally
  - 10 Rae of "Vengeance"
  - 14 Gives off
  - 19 Social movement that Teddy Roosevelt proclaimed "the most American thing in America"
  - 21 Boyfriend
  - 22 Christopher \_\_\_\_\_, director of "Oppenheimer" (2023)
  - 23 "Hugh Hefner was quite the media mogul. They called him ..."
  - 25 Leaf-wrapped Turkish dish
  - 26 Chargeable cars, for short
  - 27 Jerkface
  - 28 "Hands off!"
  - 30 Catch
  - 31 Key item
  - 34 Lauder in the cosmetics aisle
  - 36 Grabs a snack, say
  - 38 "I know they've had them on all day, but let the kids eat their candy. After all, a Ring Pop is a ..."
  - 44 "Mwa-ha-ha-ha" is one
  - 45 "General" with a spicy recipe
- DOWN**
- 46 De Armas who name-checked the New York Times crossword on "S.N.L."
  - 47 Slithering swimmer
  - 48 Raison d'\_\_\_\_\_
  - 49 One of a record 2,297 for Hank Aaron
  - 51 Bit of Old Norse
  - 53 Columbus sch.
  - 56 "Do you really trust these Bitcoiners? Beware ..."
  - 60 Suppressed, as a story
  - 63 Dreaded collectors
  - 64 Academic with funding, say
  - 65 Formation involving fibrin
  - 66 Jumbled mess
  - 68 "\_\_\_\_daisy!"
  - 70 Cherished
  - 71 Best
  - 73 Family nickname
  - 77 Publicly makes fun of, slangily, with "on"
  - 78 "That poor lion has a mighty toothache. Boy, ..."
  - 82 Boyo
  - 83 Soothsayer
  - 84 Counterpart of 76-Down
  - 85 Big Apple fashion inits.
  - 86 Sport-\_\_\_\_\_ (vehicle)
  - 89 Home to Masada National Park: Abbr.
  - 90 Lead-in to Pen
  - 92 Sliced into thin strips, as carrots
  - 94 "Enjoy your stay on our horse farm. Hope it's not too noisy. You can expect ..."
  - 99 One of five every seven
  - 100 Roman theater
  - 101 Half a giggle
  - 102 "Y" on a form
  - 103 "What \_\_\_\_\_" ("Bummer!")
  - 105 Rain checks?
  - 109 Kvass grain
  - 112 Story that goes over one's head?
  - 114 "Can you believe I sneaked into Buckingham Palace in a trunk and saw the king? I was a ..."
  - 118 What was exited during Brexit
  - 119 King who said, "How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is to have a thankless child!"
  - 120 Annual New Year's celebration in Pasadena
  - 121 \_\_\_\_\_ Haute, Ind.
  - 122 Titular Austen heroine
  - 123 Small tips, maybe
  - 124 Forest nymph
  - 10 "Nobody ever got fired for buying \_\_\_\_\_" (old business saying)
  - 11 With these, one can surely walk on water
  - 12 Learned
  - 13 \_\_\_\_\_-Hungarian Empire
  - 14 What might prompt nostalgia
  - 15 Pasture sound
  - 16 "Uh-huh, sure"
  - 17 Leaf-wrapped Mexican dish
  - 18 Catches
  - 20 Set, as a security system
  - 24 Himalayan sight ... or maybe not
  - 29 Start to see red
  - 32 The Magic, on scoreboards
  - 33 Kind of whale with two blowholes
  - 35 Whole
  - 37 Country with no official language
  - 38 Bitty
  - 39 Night before
  - 40 Restrain, as breath
  - 41 Wait in the shadows
  - 42 Expels
  - 43 Of two minds
  - 49 Kind of cat with short, curly fur
  - 50 Comic-book sound effect
  - 52 Fleece-lined boots
  - 53 Habitually
  - 54 Rare treat, maybe
  - 55 Employers
  - 56 Was accepted
  - 57 Faith that preaches religious unity
  - 58 Nunavut people
  - 59 Himalayan river
  - 60 Curmudgeon's countenance
  - 61 \_\_\_\_\_ Centauri
  - 62 Hauled
  - 66 Enjoy, as an article, even though it makes your blood boil
  - 67 Mont Blanc, par exemple
  - 69 Big name in chicken
  - 72 Didn't pick up what someone was putting down
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  - 75 U.S. intelligence org.
  - 76 Counterpart of 84-Across
  - 77 Least sweet, maybe
  - 79 Square's length squared
  - 80 Choctaw word for "people," as seen in a U.S. state name
  - 81 Kapoor of "Slumdog Millionaire"
  - 86 Happening
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  - 88 Ice-cream entrepreneur Joseph
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### HARD - 78

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

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### Answers to last week's puzzles

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HIGH	DOUBTS	LAURYN	
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# Calendar

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Bring your own selection to sing to audition for "The British Invasion."  
info@oceanpinesplayers.org

## OC BEACH DANCE PARTY

Caroline St. Stage, 2 N. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Free event held every Monday from July 10-Aug. 28. Grab your beach chair or blanket for an evening of interactive entertainment hosted by local DJs. For all ages.  
www.ococean.com, 410-250-0125

## FIREWORKS ALONG THE BOARDWALK

2 N. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 9:30 p.m. Dazzling spectacle of fireworks scheduled every Monday night from July 10-Aug. 28. www.ococean.com

## 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

## Tues., Aug. 15

### AAARGH! IT'S PIRATE DAY

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Dress like a pirate and be prepared to walk the plank. Fun activities and games. For ages 2-5 years. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

### OC KNITTING GROUP

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

### ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 12 p.m. Make your own sundae and celebrate another successful Summer Reading Program at the Berlin library. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

### END OF SUMMER ICE CREAM SOCIAL

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## 30TH ANNUAL TENT SERVICES

Richard Allen School, 316 S. Railroad Ave., Georgetown, 7 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to encourage individuals whose lives have been adversely affected by drugs or alcohol. Speaker will be Bishop Andre Alexander. Open to the public. 302-381-3711

## CHAMBER MUSIC BY THE SEA FESTIVAL

Bishop's Stock, 202 W. Green St., Snow Hill, 7 p.m. Ticketed salon concert and reception. Music by Schubert, Montgometry and more. Tickets: www.wced.foundation/events.

## 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

## 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., Aug. 16

### EASTERN SHORE SEWISTS

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10 a.m. Promoting the needle arts through sewing education, activities and textile crafts. For artisans of all skill levels. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

### SUMMER READING WRAP UP: ITALIAN ICE PARTY!

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Wrap up summer reading with fun songs, games and Italian ice. All ages welcome. 410-524-1818, www.worces-



CINDY HOFFMAN/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

## MILKING IT

Gabriel Mariner takes a turn at "milking a cow," while his mom Amanda watches at the Blessing of the Combines Festival on Saturday in Snow Hill.

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## BIARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP

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

## BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

John H. "Jack" Burbage, Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center, 9707 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 1-2 p.m. For survivors and current patients battling breast cancer. Women Supporting Women, 410-548-7880

## STROKE SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Neurology, 314 Franklin Ave., Berlin, 3-4 p.m. For stroke survivors, family and friends. 410-641-4765, bglime@atlanticgeneral.org

## SUMMER SEA GLASS ART

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 5 p.m. Learn to make a summer-themed sea glass art. Materials will be provided. Registration is required: 410-632-3495. www.worcesterlibrary.org

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Temple Bat Yam, 11036 Worcester Highway, Berlin, 7 p.m. Ticketed salon concert and reception. Music by Mendelssohn, Komgold and more. Tickets: www.wced.foundation/events.

## KIWANIS CLUB MEETING

*Wednesdays through Aug. 25* - Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 8 a.m. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. Third Wednes-

day meetings are offsite and will be updated monthly on the website and Facebook. Guests are welcome. www.kiwanisofopoc.org

## ONGOING EVENTS

### COMMUNITY BOOK SWAP

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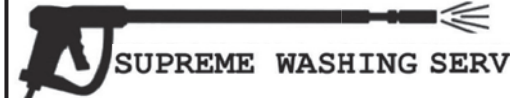
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