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## OP picks election provider

### Pittsburgh company will handle 2024 voting cycle

**By Tara Fischer**  
Staff Writer

(May 2, 2024) The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors has hired the Pittsburgh-based MK Election Services, a company that offers observable ballot counting, to handle the governing body's 2024 voting cycle.

The Elections Committee recommended the company's selection, which the OPA Board of Directors approved in a 6-1 vote at a special meeting on Wednesday, April 24. Director Steve Jacobs was the sole dissenting voice.

Elections Committee Chair Tom Piatti said MK Election Services was chosen for its dedication to precision, its East Coast location, and its offer of an observable count. The company's website promises "quick turnaround, detailed data and reports, and the highest degree of transparency."

The selected contractor allows residents to watch the ballot counting via Zoom. Questionable ballots and documents with incorrect markings are flagged, and the Elections Committee reviews whether they should be considered. This, along with additional processes, is viewable to all eligible voters.

The total cost of MK Election Services is \$26,335. President Rick Farr said that the OPA budget line for elections referendums is \$35,000. The YesElections company from New York, approximately \$6,000 less than the approved company, was also considered but did not offer viewable ballot tallying. Instead, the company provide a 10% nonprofit discount and a fixed election service pricing for three years. Most of the committee and board still opted for the trans-

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The long-awaited demolition of a portion of the old chicken processing plant at Heron Park is pictured this week. Crews from JNT Enterprises will be demolishing dilapidated structures on the properties and cleaning up other buildings, thanks to a strategic demolition grant the Town of Berlin received from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development.



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# Berlin's casino impact fund plan questioned

**Committee advises town not to depend on source to cover pension system**

**By Charlene Sharpe**  
Associate Editor

(May 2, 2024) The committee reviewing how local jurisdictions use casino revenues continues to question the Town of Berlin's spending plan.

The Local Development Council (LDC) had numerous questions regarding Berlin's plan to use its share of casino revenues to fund enrollment in the Law Enforcement Officers Pen-

sion System (LEOPS). While no one from Berlin was in attendance to answer questions, Mayor Zack Tyndall said that was because the town doesn't have a standing member on the committee and was not advised in advance that there would be any questions.

"The LDC is composed of members appointed by the county commissioners," Tyndall said. "The Town of Berlin does not have a standing member. There are other municipalities that have standing membership."

Last fall, town officials told the LDC that Berlin planned to use its

casino revenue to pay for LEOPS for its police officers. LDC officials said they didn't think the town should depend on casino impact grants as the sole source of funding for LEOPS. The LDC approved the town's fiscal year 2024-2026 casino revenue spending plan but made it clear that the town should work to decrease the Local Impact Grant (LIG) funding being used to pay for LEOPS over time.

When the LDC convened this month, members were surprised to find that the town had submitted the same information it submitted back in October outlining its plan to spend \$436,569 in LIG funds in fiscal year 2023, \$418,000 in 2024, \$420,000 in 2025 and \$420,000 in 2026 for LEOPS.

"They submitted the exact same thing," LDC member Matt Gordon said.

Cam Bunting, chair of the LDC, said she thought the town planned to decrease its reliance on LIG funding for LEOPS.

"That was our recommendation," LDC member Roxanne Rounds said.

The town did include a motion, a result of the last LDC meeting, showing a commitment to reduce the LEOPS funding derived from casino revenue beginning in 2027.

Berlin Fire Company President David Fitzgerald told the LDC the town was planning to use \$45,000 in LIG funds, or \$15,000 a year for three years, to support EMS apparatus replacement. He pointed out that

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# Location, precision given as reasons for firm's selection

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parency delivered by MK's observable count.

"The price is a little on the high side," OPA Board Vice President Dr. Stuart Lakernick said. "But people are always railing on us about making sure we are transparent. I think it is worth the investment."

Jacobs disagreed, arguing that only 25 people joined last year's observable count, hosted by the Washington State-based Election Trust.

"It seems like a lot of money if you divide 25 people by \$6,000," he said. "I don't get the sense that there is a great need for people to sit in front of a computer or go to a room to see somebody else go through the process of tabulating votes."

According to resident Sherrie Clifford, who spoke at the public comments segment of the April 24 meeting, the company awarded OPA's 2024 election service contract should "do it all," including print ballots, mail ballots, count ballots, and provide online voting. MK Elections, she said, does not, as they intend to outsource the printing of ballots to Allegheny Commercial and the mailing of ballots to RJW Hired Hands.

Clifford criticized Election Trust, last year's hired company, for using subcontractors as well and urged the board to reconsider the Berlin-based ACE Printing and Mailing.

The Ocean Pines citizen said that the local business "has been handling OPA's elections for many years without any issues or problems."

"When in 2023 the election process needed an emergency mailing, OPA turned to ACE Printing to bail them out of a serious situation," she continued.

Piatti argued that outsourcing part of the election process is normal, and as the association begins to encourage online voting, looking to different companies minimizes any complica-

tions.

The ballot deadline is Tuesday, Aug. 6. Due to delayed postal services, property owners ineligible to vote will be given an extra ten-day notice of the requirements to rectify their situation. The ballots will also be mailed 21 days earlier than last year, but the association maintains their preference of online voting.

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# Hartman outlines reasons to oppose internet gaming

Delegate says he expects to see measure to allow it back before legislature

**By Charlene Sharpe**  
Associate Editor

(May 2, 2024) While it didn't pass this year, officials discussed the negative impact an internet gaming bill could have in Worcester County if it is reconsidered at the state level next year.

Worcester County's Local Development Council, the committee that reviews how local jurisdictions use casino revenues, talked this week about how House Bill 1319, internet gaming authorization and implementation, would have hurt Ocean Downs Casino if it had passed. Del. Wayne Hartman said the bill or a version of it could come up again during next year's legislative session.

"There's no guarantee it isn't coming back," he said. "This state has a spending problem."

The Worcester County Commissioners in February wrote letters of opposition to HB 1319, citing the way the bill would threaten brick-and-mortar institutions like the casino, fuel gambling addictions and result in lost revenues locally. Hartman said that while it was obvious from the start the bill was going to pass in the House, he'd worked with others to ensure there were some amendments that made it less problematic. He pointed out that the House was primarily made up of Democrats but that Republicans did what they could.

"We make bad things better," he said.

One amendment made once the bill was introduced, for example, stip-

ulated that internet gaming be tied to a checking account, not a credit card.

"You could have had somebody literally gamble their house away in a drunken stupor," he said.

In this case, while he was pleased to get the bill amended it did not pass the Senate. With the state's need for more funding, however, he's worried the bill could be reintroduced next year. Hartman said he was concerned about how internet gaming would make gambling addictions worse and could potentially give children access to gambling. He said studies showed it would also result in job loss locally. And as for the casino revenues distributed via local impact grants to area municipalities, those would likely decrease. Local jurisdictions have used casino revenues to fund public safety initiatives and schools, among other projects.

"If we're losing money in brick-and-mortar casinos then we're losing money in what we're doing right now," he said at Wednesday's meeting.

Cam Bunting, chair of the council, agreed that what she'd reviewed regarding internet gaming in other states hadn't been positive. Kim Moses, the county's public information officer, said that Commissioner Diana Purnell had gone to Annapolis this spring, along with representatives from the casino, and testified against the bill.

"It was a united front that was presented," she said.

Hartman said there was definitely a chance internet gaming legislation could be pursued next year. As a member of the House Ways and Means Committee he expects to be able to keep a close eye on its progress.

# Town understands LEOPS issue

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the numbers shown in the town's multi-year plan didn't match the town's budget.

An LDC member asked how the town was paying for LEOPS if casino revenues fell short of projections.

"That's where a narrative would have explained that," LDC member Melanie Pursel said.

Others said they wanted to see how the town was planning to phase out LIG funding for LEOPS.

"That's something that definitely

has to be looked into," Bunting said.

When contacted after the meeting, Tyndall said it was difficult to address the LDC's questions when the town hadn't been asked to attend the meeting. He stressed that Berlin's officials were aware of the LDC concerns regarding phasing LIG funding out for LEOPS.

"The town understands we're on the hook for the cost of LEOPS," he said. "If the LIG amount drops we understand the Town of Berlin has to make that cost up."



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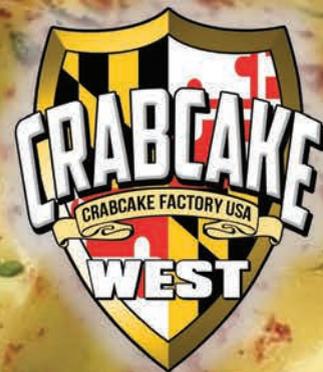
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# Treasure Chest announces transition plans

### Berlin Main Street mainstay operated by same family for nearly five decades

**By Charlene Sharpe**  
Associate Editor

(May 2, 2024) Shoppers will notice a new face behind the counter at one of Berlin's iconic downtown businesses.

The Treasure Chest, a staple on Main Street since 1977, welcomed Ashley Harrison this month. Harrison will be working with owner Terri Sexton to learn the ins and outs of the jewelry store to take it over as Sexton retires. While the store will eventually change hands, the pair stressed that there wasn't a specific date yet and that they'd be taking their time to ensure the transition went smoothly.

"It's going to be business as usual," Sexton said.

In 1977, Bill Freeman, Sexton's father, purchased The Treasure Chest from Tom and Doris Taylor. While the shop was initially giftware, Freeman gradually transitioned it toward jewelry. Sexton, who took it over in 2000, made fine jewelry the store's primary focus. The store has found success offering something for everyone, with a selection of quality diamond jewelry as well as unique pieces in sterling silver.

Harrison, a Berlin native and Stephen Decatur High School graduate, worked for a jeweler for several years while she lived in New York. After returning to the Eastern Shore, she approached Sexton around 2018 to express an interest in taking over the store. While it was something Sexton wanted to consider, the onset of the pandemic in 2020 derailed any discussions. Harrison eventually reached out to Sexton again.

"She contacted me again and I said when can you start," Sexton said.

On April 1, Harrison joined her behind the counter at The Treasure Chest. She's learning how Sexton handles the business and is expanding her knowledge of jewelry. Harrison plans to learn about diamond grading and become a gemologist.

She will have time, as Sexton plans to work a few more years.

"If we wait until 2027, it'll be the 50th year in my family and then I can pass the torch to the new family," Sexton said.

She added that during her time in Berlin she'd watched the town transform into the busy attraction it is now.

"I've been through so many changes in town," she said. "Right now I feel like we're at a high."

For her part, Harrison is looking forward to getting to know The Treas-



ure Chest's customers and spending her days as a jeweler.

"I love jewelry, I love the town, I also love the customers, and that The Treasure Chest has been an institu-

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**Ashley Harrison and Terri Sexton will be working together operating The Treasure Chest in Berlin with Sexton planning to retire in a few years.**

tion for so long," Harrison said. "I get to just be around jewelry all the time and make people happy with it."

Ivy Wells, the town's economic and community development director, said she was thrilled to see The Treasure Chest remain a part of the Main Street business scene.

"We're very happy that Ashley will preserve The Treasure Chest's legacy here in Berlin that Terri's family started all those years ago," Wells said.

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# Kiwanis Club launches its annual food drive

Organization now collecting non-perishable groceries for use by Diakonia shelter

**By Tara Fischer**  
Staff Writer

(May 2, 2024) The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines and Ocean City, a service organization dedicated to providing for the Worcester County community, will hold its annual food drive for the Diakonia Homeless and Housing Shelter throughout May.

The club will accept non-expired and non-perishable goods for the West Ocean City Shelter until the end of the month. Vehicles will be set up in the Ocean Pines Community Center parking lot every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon to collect the donations.

The Kiwanis Club is a “worldwide

service organization of men and women who share the challenge of community and world improvement,” their website reads. The group was founded in Detroit, Michigan, in 1915 but has grown significantly. There are more than 7,000 adult clubs and 8,300 youth clubs in 85 nations and locations.

In addition to the food drive, the organization gives back to the community in several ways throughout the year. They shop for four families every Christmas with Worcester G.O.L.D., create companion dolls for children and nursing home residents, and assist Diakonia with annual donations and weekly pickup and deliveries of donated food to their Food Pantry.

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines and Ocean City also raises funds for its initiatives. It hosts three com-

munity pancake breakfasts throughout the year, sells lottery calendar tickets at the Ocean Pines Farmers Market to provide scholarships to Worcester County high school seniors, and supports the OPA Parks and Recreation Department with a hot dog, burger, and beverage concession stand.

The service group hosts special events to foster community involvement. On May 8, they will host retired US Coast Guard Academy Commander Steve McGee as he “dives into the history, design, and operations of cruise ships built by the shipyard

over four decades.”

McGee now serves as the president of Chesapeake Shipbuilding Corp based in Salisbury. He is also the vice president of Engineering at American Cruise Lines.

The Ocean Pines and Ocean City chapter of the Kiwanis Club will accept donations for the Diakonia food drive throughout May. Goods can be dropped off at the shelter’s 12747 Old Bridge Road food pantry. Financial contributions can be made online or mailed to P.O. BOX 613, Ocean City, MD 21842.

## Sports betting shows increase

(April 18, 2024) While Maryland’s total sports wagering handle was up more than 39 percent this March from 2023, the amount contributed to the state was less, according to a recent report.

A news release from Maryland Lottery and Gaming said more than \$4.85 million in contributions were made to the state’s Blueprint for Maryland’s Future Fund, which supports public education programs, from a handle of over \$536.7 million last month.

The revenues came from Maryland’s 11 mobile and 13 retail sportsbooks, including one at Ocean Downs.

The release said sports wagering revenues contributed \$5.3 million to the state in March 2023, which was 8.6% less than contributions made in 2024. The handle, however, was a 39.1% increase from last year.

The release said that after paying prizes to players, sportsbook operators held \$45.1 million last month, or 8.4% of the handle, compared \$47.5 million, or 12.3%, last year.

Sports wagering data is tracked and reported based on the state’s fiscal

year, which runs from July 1 through June 30. During the first nine months of Fiscal Year 2024 — July 2023 through March 2024 — sports wagering contributed nearly \$42 million to the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future Fund.

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# Farmers market becoming destination stop in Berlin

When venue opens, visitors will discover 50 vendors with produce, seafood

**By Charlene Sharpe**  
Associate Editor

(May 2, 2024) A record 50 vendors will line the streets as the Berlin Farmers Market opens for the season this Sunday.

The market, which runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., returns to downtown Berlin Sunday, May 5. Vendors will be set up on Commerce Street, Pitts Street and Main Street.

"It's not just a farmers market it's a must visit destination," said Ivy Wells, the town's economic and community development director. "Every Sunday everyone gathers downtown. Everyone gets to catch up plus we're supporting our local farmers and watermen."

In its seventh year, the market is expected to feature popular vendors from years past as well as a number of new sellers. Several artists that live in Berlin will be selling their work at the market. Other new vendors include Berlin Bison Ranch, Forgotten 50 Distilling, Berlin Beer Co. and Burley Oak Brewery. Locally known Skilligallee Seafood is also joining the market in 2024.

In keeping with prior years, the market will feature live music, which is being funded through a grant from the Worcester County Arts Council.

For the kids, the market will offer a petting zoo every week as well as art projects thanks to a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council.

"It's all free," Wells said, adding that Colorful Encounters would be guiding the children's art projects. "The farmers market is always free parking. Leashed pets are welcome."

Wells noted shops open early on Sunday so visitors can come for the market and stay for the shopping. On South Main Street, in another new wrinkle for this year, Uptown Antiques will have its vendors set up in its front parking lot.

Wells stressed that what made the Berlin Farmers Market special was that the goods sold there were grown and made locally.

"We're a producers-only market," she said. "Everything at our market is made or cultivated by that farmer, that baker, that distiller. You won't find fruit with stickers on it at our farmers market."

The Berlin Farmers Market runs from May to September every Sunday, rain or shine. For more information visit [berlinmainstreet.com](http://berlinmainstreet.com).

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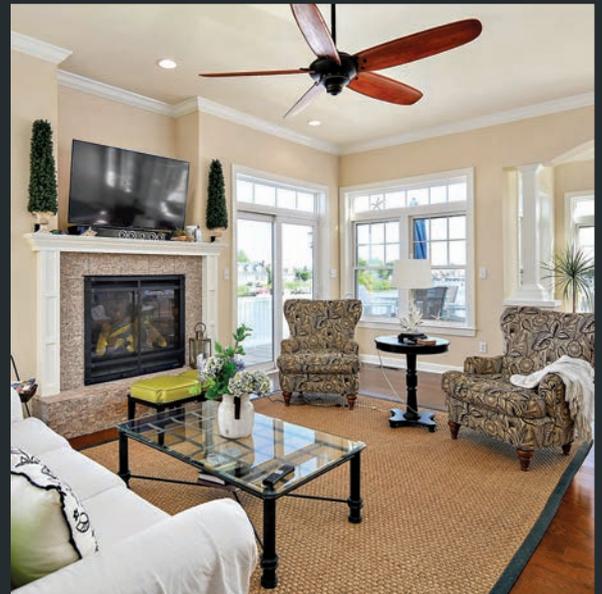


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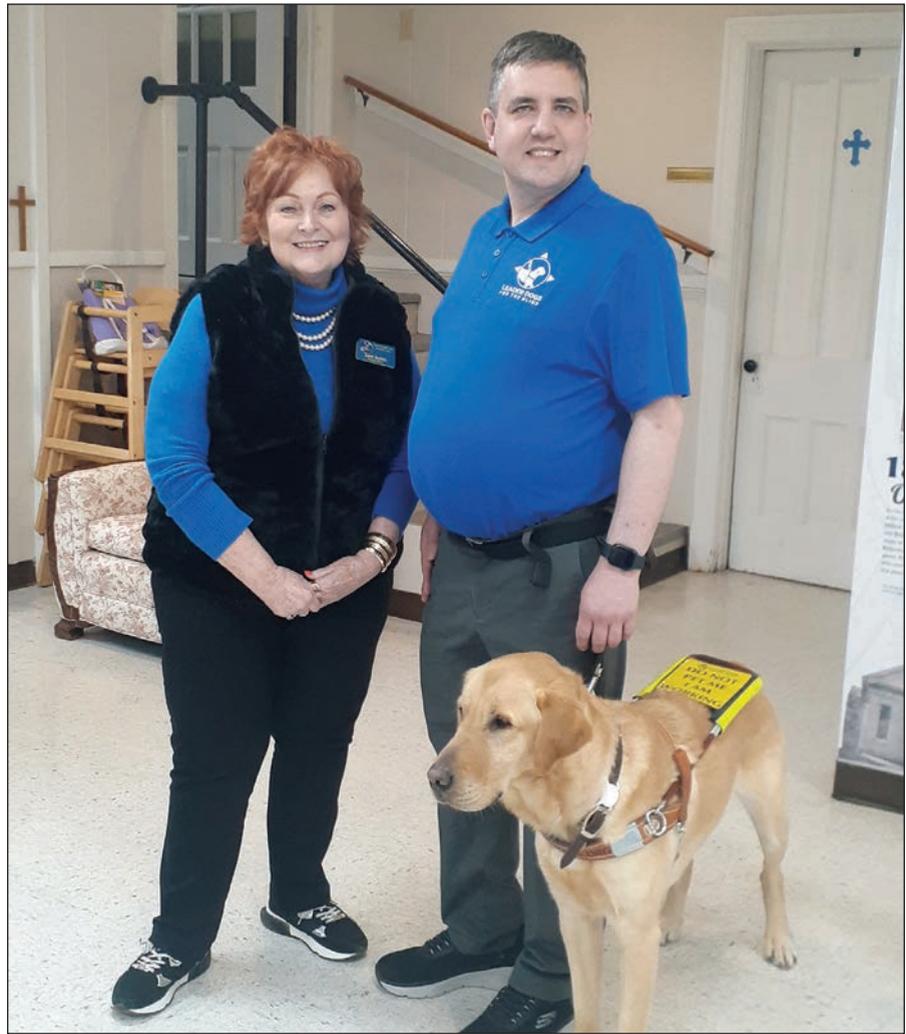


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# Berlin planning director passes after long illness

## Engelhart employed with town for over 10 years

By Charlene Sharpe  
Associate Editor

(May 2, 2024) Town officials announced the death of the town's planning director this week.

On Monday, the Town of Berlin shared the news that Dave Engelhart, the municipality's planning director, passed away over the weekend following an illness. Engelhart had been with the town since 2013.



Dave Engelhart

"He's impacted a lot of folks in Berlin," Mayor Zack Tyndall said. "He's going to be missed."

Engelhart, who lived in Snow Hill, was selected from a pool of about 50 applicants to serve as the town's planning director in 2013. He came to the town after several years in Virginia, where he worked as a real estate appraiser for Accomack County's Virginia Department of Assessments and also as zoning administrator for the Town of Onley.

In Berlin, Engelhart helmed the planning department. In that role, he interacted daily with local residents seeking permits for things like fences, business owners interested in installing new signs and developers looking to build in Berlin. Engelhart also served as the staff contact for the Berlin Planning Commission and the Berlin Historic District Commission.

"He's served as the point person for our planning department for over a decade," Tyndall said. "His work has been impactful throughout Berlin."

Matt Stoehr, chair of the planning commission, agreed.

"Dave's legacy will continue to live through each and every one of us as his work and success has been instrumental in the growth, development and maturation of our town," Stoehr said. "We are all truly blessed to have worked with a man of such great character. I will miss my conversations with him greatly."

According to Tyndall, a part-time employee, who recently retired from a planning position on the shore, was hired last week to assist temporarily in hopes of Engelhart's return. The individual will continue to serve the town, along with Engelhart's long-time permit coordinator Carolyn Duffy, while the town searches for a new planning director.

An obituary released Wednesday reported funeral services will be held Saturday, May 4 at 1 p.m. at Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore, Va. Interment will follow in Fairview Lawn Cemetery.

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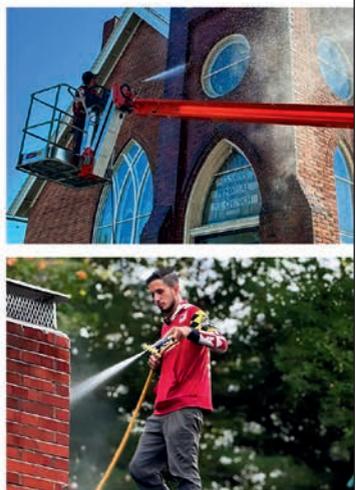
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Participants in a previous year's Maryland Coast Bike Festival are pictured leaving the West Ocean City start line.

# Bike month activities begin with festival's three rides

By Tara Fischer  
Staff Writer

(May 2, 2024) The Worcester County Bicycle and Pedestrian Coalition and other community groups are gearing up for Bike Month with organized bicycling rides scheduled throughout May as well as focusing on safety education.

The Maryland Coast Bike Festival has three rides around Assateague for cyclists to choose from at their Saturday, May 4 event. The Island Ride, with a tentative start time of 8 a.m., is 17 miles and begins and ends at Sunset Avenue. The longer rides, Surf and Turf, set to start at 7:30 a.m., and Half Century, scheduled to kick-off at 7 a.m., also begin at Sunset Avenue but cover more ground of Worcester County for a mileage of 34.4 and 50, respectively. After the rides, cyclists and their families are invited to stick around for live music, live demonstrations and clinics, bike shops and vendors, local food trucks, beer and refreshments and artists and merchants.

Buckingham Elementary School students will also get to partake in Bike

Month festivities. At the Bike to School event, set for May 30, the children and adult chaperones will meet at different locations before connecting on West Street to ride to school together. The group convening at the Berlin library should plan to arrive by 8:30 a.m., the Henry Mill Drive team will assemble at 8:30 a.m., and kids starting at Henry Park will gather at 8:15 a.m. The routes are scheduled to converge at 8:40 a.m. for the final stretch to BES.

BES music and movement teacher Colby Haines, the event's organizer, said the students will prepare for the ride by learning bicycle safety in their physical education class.

The Ocean Pines Spring Bike Ride is back for its fourth year on Saturday, May 11. The event, organized by the neighborhood's Recreation and Parks Department and the Worcester County Bicycle and Pedestrian Coalition, starts and ends at the Clubhouse Bar and Grille. The ride is scheduled to kick off at 3 p.m., and cyclists will be welcomed with a celebratory happy hour and a free drink ticket once they cross the finish line. Seven- and 14-

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# Bicycling activities planned in WOC, Berlin and Pines

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mile routes are offered based on preference.

The Ocean Pines bike ride specifies that participants must be 12 years or older and "experienced." The coalition's chair, Patti Stevens, explained that riders must be proficient and comfortable cycling on the road with traffic, as much of the route is on Ocean Parkway. The community's police and fire departments will monitor

intersections to maximize safety. For registration and additional information, contact ride coordinator Pam McGregor at 703-955-0745.

Stevens and the bike coalition urge participants to practice safety at these events and when embarking on solo rides. According to Zero Deaths Maryland, roughly 636 cyclists are injured every year in collisions with motor vehicles. "Of all crashes involving a bicyclist or pedal cyclist, over 80 percent resulted in an injury, more than twice the rate of drivers and passengers in all crashes statewide," the website reads.

Additionally, a pedestrian or bicyclist struck by a motorist going 40 miles per hour is eight times more likely to die than those hit at 20 mph.

Stevens urges drivers to maintain a safe distance—at least three feet per state law—from cyclists or walkers. Bikers can also increase protection by using hand signals to indicate when they intend to turn or stop.

"Always wear a helmet and bright and reflective clothing, like a vest, especially at night," the bike coalition chair advised cyclists. "Make sure the bike has lights in the front and back. The worst accidents involve those who ride bikes in black with no lights. That is dangerous for themselves and drivers."

The Worcester County Bicycle and Pedestrian Coalition was formed in 2020. Its mission is to facilitate planning, funding, and improving bike, walking, and rolling routes. While Bike

Month is full of festivities planned and supported by the group, the coalition meets with county and municipal governments, homeowner associations, and non-profits throughout the year to plan walking and biking events.

Stevens maintained that the group was integral in Berlin being awarded \$1.2 million by a federal grant to plan and design a Route 113 Crossing. Earlier this year, they also helped get pedestrian yield signs, sidewalks, and crosswalks in Ocean Pines.

"The coalition is pleased with the progress we're making and raising awareness of creating safe places for residents to bike and walk, and we look forward to continuing," Stevens said.

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A state grant helped the Town of Berlin hire an artist to bring these former ad signs back to their original state.  
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 BAYSIDE GAZETTE

# Berlin excited by ghost ad mural project on buildings

**By Charlene Sharpe**  
 Associate Editor

(May 3, 2024) Restoration of a historic advertising mural was recently completed on Pitts Street in Berlin.

Passersby over the last few weeks have likely caught sight of local artist Olga Deshields on a scissor lift alongside the red brick building at 11 Pitts St., carefully repainting the “ghost mural” on its side. The long-faded mural is being restored thanks to a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council.

“Restoring the faded ‘ghost mural’ advertisement is crucial as it revives a piece of our town’s history and preserves the story of our community for generations to come,” said Ivy Wells, the town’s economic and community development director.

Two years ago, John Holloway, a member of the Berlin Historic District Commission, brought up the idea of restoring the faded advertising murals after seeing the old mural for the G.M. Dryden General Merchandise store restored in Snow Hill.

Wells began exploring potential funding for the project and called for the community to share any old photos of the buildings before the murals faded.

With some photos of the Pitts Street building from 1959 eventually located, Deshields last week started restoring the American Sales Co. advertisements. Members of the historic commission said they were thrilled to see the project underway.

“The ghost sign on Pitts Street looks awesome,” commission member Brian Robertson said.

Holloway too said he was excited to see the completed murals. He said he was surprised that he didn’t remember the murals better, since the photos found depicting them were taken around Easter 1959. He said he’d been in town since 1965.

“That wouldn’t have faded when I was a kid,” Holloway said. “I just don’t remember it.”

The \$8,000 project is being funded with a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council.

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# Jazz, Blues, Wine and Brews Festival returns

'Full day of arts and music' on tap for Saturday with first band at 10:30 a.m.

**By Charlene Sharpe**  
Associate Editor

(May 2, 2024) Main Street will close Saturday as the 16th Annual Jazz and Blues, Wine and Brews Festival takes place in downtown Berlin.

The Berlin Jazz and Blues, Wine and Brews Festival is set for Saturday, May 4, from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. The popular festival will feature a variety of performers as well as opportunities to taste an array of locally made beverages.

"We're excited to host a lineup that reflects and celebrates the diversity of jazz and blues as foundations parts of American music," said Ryan Nellans, executive director of the Berlin Chamber of Commerce. "And we are also very proud to celebrate some real Maryland craftsmanship from the rapidly expanding world of craft beverages."

The day kicks off with a performance by the Salisbury University Jazz Ensemble from 10:30 a.m. to noon, followed by Lower Case Blues from noon to 1:30 p.m. Ronny Smith performs from 1:30 to 3 p.m. while the Tribe Band goes on stage at 3 p.m.



STEVE GREEN/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Attendees to last year's event in Berlin take in the sounds at the south stage in front of the Atlantic Hotel.

The festival will close with a performance by the Rodney Kelly Jazz

Experience, which wowed the Berlin audience last year.

"They're incredible," said Ivy Wells, the town's economic and community development director.

She added that the festival was one that people looked forward to every year.

"Jazz and Blues, Wine and Brews is a full day of arts and music in downtown Berlin, plus you get to taste local wine and beer and mead and dance all day," she said. "It's such a fun event."

Along with live music, the event will feature drinks from local vendors as well as food from local favorites such as the Street Kitchen and Kona

Ice. Attendees are encouraged to park at Stephen Decatur Park, as no shuttle will be offered this year. For more information on the event, visit the event page on Facebook or [berlinchamber.org](http://berlinchamber.org).

"Thank you to everyone who makes these events possible," Nellans said. "Our sponsors of course — Bradley Atlantic, Taylor Bank, WESM and Broad Bookkeeping — but also the small army of volunteers who keep the wheels turning. There's no tighter knit small business community than Berlin, and no better way to get involved than roll up your sleeves and jump in the mix."

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# Mary Mac Foundation seeking donations

(May 2, 2024) Each year, the Mary Mac Foundation supports hundreds of low-income and homeless children and their families, thanks to the generous donations of local people.

The foundation funds summer camp scholarships for education and recreation programs, including Camp Ocean Pines locally, and Camp St. Vincent in Baltimore and Camp Barnes in Delaware.

Mary Mac also supports food banks and shelters such as Diakonia in West Ocean City, the Cricket Cen-

ter and Cold Center in Ocean City, Mid Shore Meals in Cambridge, and the Bayside Shelter in Millsboro, Delaware.

The nonprofit is named for Mary McMullen (1948-2012), a former special education instructor at Severna Park High School and Ruth Eason School in Millersville. During the 1970s, she also helped establish the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department.

Tim McMullen said in a news release that the foundation's activities are inspired by his late wife,

Mary. "Many of us have found ourselves asking what Mary would do or say in certain situations," he said. "Her generosity and unconditional love for her students, family and community bound us together."

McMullen is also driven by his own experiences growing up and later teaching in Anne Arundel County.

"The first year I taught, I was in a school that had just been integrated and there were eight kids who got there every day at 7 o'clock in the morning - school started at 8 a.m. I

told one of my other teachers I was really impressed with these kids, but he said, 'Tim, they don't have heat at home,'" he said.

He added that it means a lot to put homeless kids on a bus going to St. Vincent for three meals a day, swim lessons, and lessons in English, math and science.

Along with education and summer recreation programs, McMullen said food banks and area shelters became an added focus during the pandemic.

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# Funding needed for programs

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“We realized how many local families were being impacted,” he said. “In one of our programs, every Friday, teachers will take backpacks and fill them with food that the kids can take home.

McMullen said the programs and food banks provide weekend food for children in need.

“For many, this may be the only food they have until they return to school,” he said. “We believe in providing opportunities for young people, so they can live a better life by

offering the resources they need.”

Tax-deductible donations may be made to the Mary Mac Foundation at [paypal.me/marymacfoundation](https://paypal.me/marymacfoundation) or by sending a check payable to the Mary Mac Foundation, 174 Nottingham Lane, Ocean Pines, MD 21811.

“We thank you for your continued support and ask that, if it is within your means to donate, please consider doing so. No amount is too small,” McMullen said.

For more information on the Mary Mac Foundation, visit [marymac.org](https://marymac.org).

# Ocean Pines Public Works extends hours for debris

(May 2, 2024) On Wednesday, May 1, the Ocean Pines Public Works yard extended its hours to 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday to Saturday, through June 1.

The extended schedule aims to provide residents with more convenient access to essential services, despite current staffing challenges. Residents must obtain stickers for the disposal of debris at the public

works yard. The stickers can be acquired free of charge at the Public Works Department Building at 1 Firehouse Lane in Ocean Pines. For more information about Ocean Pines’ yard debris policy, extended hours, or to obtain stickers, contact the Ocean Pines Public Works Department at 410-641-7425 or visit [oceanpines.org/web/pages/public-works](https://oceanpines.org/web/pages/public-works).



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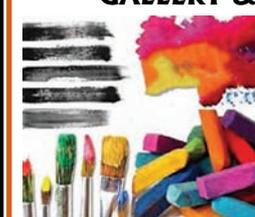
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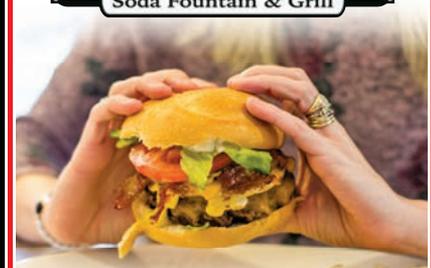


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# County school board honors students and winter athletes

Athletic Director: 'These are some of our best and brightest in the county'

By Tara Fischer  
Staff Writer

(May 2, 2024) The Worcester County Board of Education honored accomplished students, athletes and coaches from the system's three high schools at their Tuesday, April 16 open meeting at their central Newark office.

Coordinator of Instruction Jess McInerney recognized Stephen Decatur High School senior Abigail Vadella as Worcester County's nomination for the Maryland General Assembly Student Page Program.

The program is designed to expose students to government and politics in high school. According to McInerney, the young pages interact with state legislators, witness the chamber in session, and complete additional civic duties.

"Abigail excels in AP and advanced courses at Stephen Decatur High School, and she is a leader in multiple national honor societies across content areas," the instruction coordinator said.

Vadella, who worked in Congressman Andy Harris's office as the youngest United States Congressional intern, will attend the University of Pennsylvania to study philosophy, politics, and economics. McInerney said the high school senior is gearing up for a career in government.

Worcester County Public Schools Athletic Director Sam Slacum also attended the April 16 meeting to recognize Stephen Decatur High School, Pocomoke High School, and Snow Hill High School student-athletes.

"These students have excelled on the courts and in the pool this winter and have had some wonderful achievements," he said. "...All these athletes sustain high academic standards to maintain their eligibility. Most of them are looking to move on to college. These are some of our best and brightest in the county."

SDHS swim coach Kristina Watts honored individual Bayside Conference Champions Daniel Karcheuski, who excelled in the breaststroke race, and Chase Ponton, who was victorious in the backstroke event. Also recognized were Mason Castanares and Vincent Schicchi, who won two relays

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The Worcester County Board of Education recognized students, athletes and coaches including the Stephen Decatur High School Unified Strength and Conditioning team at their April 16 meeting.

# All-Bayside athletes, state championship teams feted

Continued from Page 22 along with the solo leaders.

The board commended Decatur's wrestlers, who won their fifth consecutive state title against Damascus High School 52-22 on Feb. 10. While the whole varsity team was present at the board of education meeting, individual champions Elijah Collick, Gavin Solito, and the first-ever girls' state title holder AJ Johnson were individually honored.

"This is a great accomplishment by these young men and women," head coach Josh August said.

The SDHS basketball team also attended the April 16 meeting. The board of education honored Bayside Player of the Year Davin Chandler and First Team All-Bayside South Athletes Careen Bolden and Brycen Coleman. Johnson was named the Bayside Conference Coach of the Year.

"We might not be state champions, but we are two-time regional champs," the head coach said, addressing the players. "None of this recognition would be possible with-

out you guys putting in the work and putting up with me. The coaches push you because we believe in you. Coaching the level of student-athletes at Decatur is a privilege."

The newly established SDHS Unified Strength and Conditioning team was also recognized by the board, along with coaches Lindsay Owens and Shannon Bone.

The competitors secured a state title on Feb. 21 at the Special Olympics Maryland 2024 Interscholastic Unified Sports Strength and Conditioning State Invitation.

PHS Assistant Principal Joseph Stigler and the swim coaches honored athletes, Gavin Grace and Samantha Lambertson. SHHS basketball coach Shawn Johnson commended player Jayden Hudson.

Track and field runners Logan Hurney and Allie Suarezapecheche were also recognized.

The next Worcester County Board of Education meeting is scheduled for May 21 in the Newark central office. An open session will convene at 12:30 p.m.

# Next Maryland Safe Boating Course scheduled for May 4

(May 2, 2024) The next Maryland Safe Boating Course is set from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., May 4, at the Ocean Pines Library.

The one-day, in-person course is for anyone who wants to learn the rules of navigation, knot tying, docking, basic maintenance, safety measures, and more.

The Maryland Boating Safety Education Act requires that anyone born after July 1, 1972, must possess a Maryland Basic Boating Safety Certificate to operate a boat in the state of Maryland. Attendees of the safe

boating course who pass the test at the end will receive a Maryland Boating Certificate, which is NASBLA approved and valid in all states.

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# Snapshots



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## SCIENCE FUN

Worcester Preparatory School's pre-kindergarten class recently conducted two experiments with eggs as the key ingredient. Students learned about the force behind gravity and celebrated the completion of their studies with an egg hunt in the library. [Above] Student Carter Nichols and pre-K teacher Kim Zaccagnini watch as a homemade parachute prepares for landing.



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## SCHOLARS AWARD

The Maryland Business Roundtable for Education recently announced that Stephen Decatur High School junior Isabel Mitchell, center, was one of the winners of The 24: Maryland's Emerging Scholars award. The award recognizes 24 high school students from across Maryland, each representing their school district, for outstanding achievements in compassion initiatives, leadership and academic success.



PHOTO COURTESY OCEAN CITY-BERLIN ROTARY CLUB

## ROTARY CLUB VISIT

Nancy Bradford and Steve Gragert from the Ocean City-Berlin Rotary Club recently visited Brittany Santoni's kindergarten class at Ocean City Elementary School to make Easter bunnies with the students.



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## GUEST SPEAKER

Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City President Bob Wolfing and guest speaker Laura Scharle pose for a photo at the club's April 3 meeting. Scharle is the founder of Delmarva Trails and Waterways, a website that highlights accessible trails and beaches for visitors of all abilities at [delmarvatrailsandwaterways.com](http://delmarvatrailsandwaterways.com).



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## CLUB DONATION

Worcester County Youth & Family Services staff recently attended a Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City meeting to discuss the duties of the Berlin nonprofit. Pictured, Kiwanis President Bob Wolfing presents a \$2,000 check to guest speakers Dr. Jennifer Leggour, a psychologist and executive director of WCYFS, and Kayla Figueroa, the director of WCYFS and the Worcester Connect mentoring program. Worcester County Youth & Family Services offers clinical mental health counseling, youth mentoring, resource navigation and youth programs to the community.



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## HABITAT FAIR

Worcester Prep's second grade students recently hosted a Habitat Fair for fellow lower school students, staff, and family. Attendees learned about the different places an animal makes a home, from the rainforest to the arctic and all the habitats in between. Second grader Jacques Hillion was happy to take a photo with his family and second grade teacher Abby Harrison during the fair.

# Snapshots



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## LITTER COLLECTION EFFORT

Members of the South Point Association, near Assateague, recently worked to pick up and remove litter along Route 611 south and throughout South Point. Over 20 bags of roadway trash was collected. R J Trottier, left, and Marcus Urioste sit on the back of a pickup filled with many bags of collected trash.



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## CHURCH DONATION

Representatives from Stevenson United Methodist Church of Berlin are pictured with items they donated to support TidalHealth Peninsula Regional and TidalHealth Nanticoke's Brooke's Toy Closet. The program provides new toys to children in the emergency department and pediatric units that the patients get to keep and take home upon discharge.



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## EARTH DAY OBSERVED

Showell Elementary kindergartners are pictured with Margaret Mudron of the Ocean City-Berlin Rotary Club. The students recently made Earth Day seed bombs with Mudron.



PHOTO COURTESY WORCESTER PREPARATORY SCHOOL

## ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

The Worcester Prep student winners of this year's Ocean City Elks Lodge #2645 Americanism Essay Contest are pictured. Pictured front row, from the left, are sixth grade winners Lea Jaoude, Vivi Grinestaff and Ronit Poddar. Back, from the left, are eighth grade winners Elena Gjoni, Ellie Phillips and Hayden Wagner, and seventh grade winners Kristie Carr, Elle Wilsey and Madison Andrews.



PHOTO COURTESY OCEAN CITY-BERLIN OPTIMIST CLUB

## SCHOOL DONATION

The Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club presented a check for \$3,000 to Berlin Intermediate School at the Junior Seahawks On The Move breakfast April 18. The breakfast honors sixth grade students who have made significant progress during this past school year. Pictured, from left, are Optimist members Sharon Sorrentino, Melva Middleton, Charlie Dorman, Charlie Smith, Christina Dolomount and Berlin Intermediate Principal Amy Gallagher.



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## KINDERGARTEN VISIT

Margaret Mudron from the Ocean City-Berlin Rotary Club recently visited Emily Shockley's kindergarten class at Showell Elementary to make Easter bunnies with the students.



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**CLUB WORKSHOP**  
Worcester County Garden Club members Joan Huntt, Jan Owens and Martha Bennett are pictured molding hypertufa planters during a recent workshop.

# Worcester County budget public hearing set for May 7

(May 2, 2024) The Worcester County Commissioners are hosting a public hearing May 7 on the requested Fiscal Year 2025 county operating budget and proposed real property tax rate of \$0.845 per \$100 of assessment.

The hearing will take place at 6 p.m., May 7, at the Worcester County Government Center in Snow Hill. The meeting will also be streamed live at [worcestercountymd.swagit.com/live](http://worcestercountymd.swagit.com/live).

Public testimony, either in-person the night of the hearing or written in advance, is welcome. Speakers may address the commissioners for up to two minutes.

Written comments may be sent by email to [wchearing@co.worcester.md.us](mailto:wchearing@co.worcester.md.us), or by mail to the County Commissioners' Office at Room, 1103 Government Center, One West Market Street, Snow Hill, Md. 21863. Written comments must be received on or before 4 p.m., May 6.

Commenters must include their full names and addresses to be included in the public record. Written comments received by the deadline will be read into the record by Worcester County staff during the public comment portion of the meeting.

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Staff with AC Plant and Turf put the finishing touches on an oak tree planted on April 26 in Pintail Park in Ocean Pines in celebration of Arbor Day.

## Oak tree planted in Pintail Park to observe Arbor Day

(May 2, 2024) Staff with AC Plant and Turf commemorated Arbor Day on April 26 by planting a tree in Pintail Park in Ocean Pines.

Arborist Terry Wooters said in a news release that the tree, a willow oak, is native to the area and can handle salt spray from the nearby canal.

"I wanted an oak tree, specifically, because they can root deeper and offer a lot of value to wildlife," he said. That includes more than 450 species of caterpillars.

He also said planting a younger tree will help it better establish a roots system.

"We often run into issues with large trees failing because they cannot establish roots. They take a lot more shock when planted," he said.

Wooters said the tree will eventually grow to roughly 30 feet tall.

"We're planting it here specifically so that, one day, it will offer some relief on the hottest afternoons for the fringe tree here and the serviceberry, which both prefer that," he said.

The releases said the nearby trees in the park were planted by the Ocean Pines Garden Club. Since 1991, the club members have annually participated in Arbor Day by planting a tree in memory of family and friends who passed away during the prior year.

AC Plant and Turf Marketing Director Joe Cooper said in the release that the planting the tree is the company's way of giving back – and commemorating an important holiday.

"We thought about planting a nice tree here in Pintail Park that will help the other trees," he said. "We just wanted to give back to the community that we're trying to grow in."

## Pines homeowners asked to update email addresses

(May 2, 2024) Ocean Pines homeowners are encouraged to update email addresses associated with their accounts.

Contact the Ocean Pines membership office at member@oceanpines.org and include first and last name and lot number in the email, along with the preferred email address. Homeowners should also include their member number, found on the back of their property cards.

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Otherwise, they have no grounds for complaint when they receive their tax bills or are belatedly dismayed by the over- or under-funding of a particular department or program.

That's why the public's presence at the May 7 hearing in Snow Hill on the Worcester County Commissioners' budget is not just a civic duty, it is essential to the community's well-being.

This is especially true for people who believe that the county's public school system can't endure another year of financial punishment by an our-way-or-the-highway commissioner majority.

The school system's \$109 million budget, not including payments on debt, is the biggest portion of the county's proposed \$270 million in expenditures, which is about \$10 million more than the commissioners expect in revenue.

How the commissioners make up for that variance is the critical consideration in next Tuesday's hearing, and why supporters of public education need to speak up.

To do that, they can attend in person — maybe, given the commissioners' decision to move the hearing from its usual venue in the high school to the much smaller commissioners' meeting room — or by following online.

Citizen comments and questions will be allowed either way. To find out how to view the livestream of the meeting, see the story on page 26.

Also remember that even though teachers deserved raises and the costs of operations and materials had been increasing rapidly, the commissioner majority last year limited the school system to the minimum funding state law allows.

So, stand up, or sit, and be heard on Tuesday, and don't let them do it again.

## Letters

### Bare minimum does not work in schools

Editor,

I am a teacher at Stephen Decatur Middle School. I currently live in Berlin, but I am not originally from this area. I moved here after college to live and teach in Worcester County because of the school system's prestigious reputation. Being new to the area, I did not know much about it, but I knew one thing — Worcester County was one of the best school systems on the Eastern Shore, if not all of Maryland. If I was going to move away from home, it was going to be to Worcester County.

For many years, I knew I made the right choice. I met people over the years who had also made the move from "across the bridge" as I had because of the county's reputation. Who wouldn't want to live at the beach and also receive a top-notch education? There is a reason Worcester is so desirable: smaller class sizes, updated curriculum, one-to-one technology, new and updated facilities, teachers who are excited and proud to come to work each day, and most importantly, successful students.

However, a budget funded at maintenance-of-effort diminishes all of that. Class sizes become larger as staff positions are cut to adjust to the cost of living. Curriculum resources and technology become outdated because new ones cannot be purchased. Facilities fall to the wayside. Teachers are forced to work second or even third jobs on nights and weekends to support their families, meaning that their time and energy are di-

vided, and students are not receiving the best education possible. Lastly, students are not as successful and fall behind their peers because programs such as after-school and summer academies are cut. These programs are invaluable to our students but were some of the first on the chopping block this past year.

Maintenance-of-effort is the bare minimum. Our students deserve more. Our teachers deserve more. Our community deserves more. The only way to keep Worcester at the top is to keep raising the standard.

I support my students. I support my fellow teachers. I support my community. I support a fully-funded WCPS budget. Do you?

*Meg Laurence  
Berlin*

### Where's proof on whale death claim?

Editor,

Last week, Ocean City's mayor sent out a social media post stating misinformation in strong opposition to the position of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). There are many in the offshore wind opposition community that don't believe in science. Since the mayor of Maryland's premiere resort city is echoing their beliefs, I believe it's important that Marylanders get the other side of the story.

For those that would like to read a science based analysis of this subject, I urge you to look at NOAA's website, especially the following: [fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/marine-life-distress/frequent-questions-offshore-wind-and-whales](http://fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/marine-life-distress/frequent-questions-offshore-wind-and-whales).

Here are a few excerpts:

Is U.S. offshore wind development linked to any whale deaths? We work with our partners to analyze and understand the causes of death when we are able, following the science and data. At this point, there is no scientific evidence that noise resulting from offshore wind site characterization surveys could potentially cause whale deaths.

Does NOAA Fisheries authorize the death of whales as it relates to offshore wind development? NOAA Fisheries does not anticipate and has not authorized—or proposed to authorize—death or serious injury of whales for any wind-related action.

Are whale strandings on the East Coast related to offshore wind development?

At this point, there is no scientific evidence that noise resulting from offshore wind site characterization surveys could potentially cause whale deaths. There are no known links between large whale deaths and ongoing offshore wind activities.

There's far more information on this and other topics at this website and others. If you are the mayor of Ocean City or others that only support an anti-Offshore Wind agenda, this is not the website for you. It will probably anger you because it doesn't tell the story you wish to hear. For people with that agenda, you might want to get your information from the mayor or council of Ocean City. They've already commissioned their own studies and publicly stated that if the study turns up evidence that doesn't fit their agenda, they won't release it to the public.

*Doug Miller  
Jessup*

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[Above] Volunteers with 21-plus years of service, pictured from left, are Lorena Christian (23 years), Kathleen Loetz (23 years), Nicholas Bartolomeo (22 years) and Jane Bartolomeo (24 years). [Right] AGH Auxiliary officers, from left, are Laura Rohe, president; Charleen Kuhblank, vice president; Jackie Choate, recording and corresponding secretary; and Richard Buccheri, treasurer.

# AGH Auxiliary gives donation and highlights key volunteers

(May 2, 2024) During their annual celebration on April 18, the Atlantic General Hospital Auxiliary presented a check for \$50,000 to the Atlantic General Hospital Foundation's annual appeal, and honored the continued dedication and volunteer service of their members.

Volunteers support AGH by donating their time and expertise in every aspect of the hospital and health system, as well as in the community, providing more than 30,000 collective hours of service to the hospital annually. From the mail room to the front lobby, and through the financial contributions provided by the Auxiliary Thrift Shop, these volunteers make an extraordinary impact on the day-to-day operations of Atlantic General Hospital and Health System.

Volunteers also serve on hospital teams and committees, providing crucial insight and community support to Atlantic General Hospital.

New Atlantic General Hospital Auxiliary officers were sworn in during the celebration. This includes President Laura Rohe, Vice President Charleen Kuhblank, Treasurer Richard Buccheri and Recording & Corresponding Secretary Jackie Choate.

"The AGH volunteers' passion and dedication to serving the Delmarva community is unwavering, and they are truly appreciated for everything they do. For this year's celebration, volunteers were recognized for their years of dedicated service to the organization," said Rohe.

**Volunteers recognized were:**

**One to 5 years:** Marian Ardinger, Mallie Barnett, Katelyn Bern, Eileen Betz, Richard Buccheri, Denise Buccheri, Vera Camillo, Bruce Campbell, Francis Carothers, Nancy Cartwright, Diane Cohee, Pat Cooke, Candida Daniele, Teri Denton, Debra Doyle, Pat Drazin, Corinne Eby, Diane Edwards, Ronald Engle, Cheryl Ferguson, Linda Finocchiaro, Gary Flater, Rebecca Flater, Gladys Gaynor, Mary Gernhardt, Margaret Hamilton, Rolfe Hokanson, Granvill Jones, Patricia Kearney, Deborah Kocher, Janice Kolesky, Sharron Lewis, Kimberly Littman, Lois May, Alec McCabe, Henrietta McCroskey, Pamela McGregor, Joan Mclaughlin, William Megary, Margaret Miller, William Miller, Kathleen Myers, Laura Orlando-Marra, Susan Piscitello, Martha Quinn, Laura Rohe, James Rosenberger, Emma Shelton, Mary

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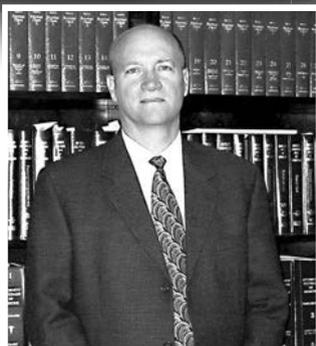
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## DAR recognizes winners of essay contest, Good Citizens

Students in grades fifth through eighth presented awards at recent luncheon

(May 2, 2024) The General Levin Winder Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution invited essay contest winners and DAR Good Citizens to an awards luncheon at Worcester Technical High School on April 15.

The American History essay contest was open to students in grades fifth through eighth and asked students to imagine it is 1897 and they are a newspaper reporter tasked with writing an article about John Phillip Sousa's new march, "Stars and Stripes Forever."

#### The winners were:

- **Grade 6** – first place Lea Jaoude; second Trey Deale
- **Grade 7** – first place Emerson Bofinger; tied for second, Liam McAllister and Ava Holland
- **Grade 8** – first place Hayden Wagner, second Kate Wanner.

All students attend Worcester Preparatory School except for Deale and Wanner, who attend Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School.

All first-place essays were forwarded for competition at the state level. It was announced that Jaoude has won the state and eastern division competitions for sixth grade. Her essay has now advanced to the national level. She will accept the state award during the Student Awards Luncheon at the Maryland DAR State Conference on May 18.

The Patriots of the American Revolution DAR High School essay contest asked students to select a figure from the era of the American Revolution (1773-83) and discuss how he or she influenced the course of the American Revolution, who he or she was, and his/her contribution to the founding of a new nation.

Haley Whitehead, who attends Stephen Decatur High School, was selected as the first-place winner and Gabriella Damouni, who attends Worcester Prep, came in second.

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

**The following seniors were recognized as DAR Good Citizens:** McKinley Ritchey, Pocomoke High School; Hayden Dinger-Tedder, Snow Hill High School; Deliyah Holland, Stephen Decatur High School; and Dylan McGovern, Worcester Preparatory School.

Regent Talley Hann presented each essay contest winner and DAR Good Citizen with certificates and monetary awards. Sen. Mary Beth Carozza also presented the winners certificates from her office in honor of their achievements.

The DAR is a women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education. For more information, visit [dar.org](http://dar.org).

## Auxiliary donates \$50,000, recognizes volunteer service

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Sherwood, George Shoben, Lara Spaid, Frances Sullivan, Nancy Sullivan, Arthur Thomas, Jason Todorov, Angeline Todorov, Peter Varghese, Gary Viener, Cordelia Whittington, Kathleen Willett, Judy Woods.

**6-10 years:** Carol Applegit, Christine Bauer, Amelia Bloodsworth, Julian Coates Jr., Joan Dempsey, Dorothy Duvall, Rob Eckenrode, Loretta Kletzli, Charleen Kuhblank, Fred Kuhblank, Eileen Leonhart, Jeanne Major, Carole Mankus, Jacklyn Mattson, Millie Miller, Joan Murphy, Gerald Niedentohl, Elizabeth Parkin, Eileen Patterson, Cynthia Roman, Karol Salafia, Nick Salafia, Joseph Sowinski, Mary Sparta, Deborah Staufenberg, Steven Stein, Audrey Wahl,

Ellen Yannuzzi.

**11-15 years:** Jean Beatty, Mina Engle, Elizabeth Hamilton, Nancy Jarvis, Barbara Lischak, Mary Jo Scarbath, Robert J. Schultz, Karen Schultz, Kathleen Tallman, Theresa Wallace, Susan Wilson.

**16-20 years:** Carolyn Beatty, Nancie Beste, Betty Bowers, Joyce Brittan, Mary Cetola, Jackie Choate, MaryAnn Frontera, Rita Landis, Eileen Martin, Joyce Melocik, Sandy Miller, Ellen Morvick, James Morvick, JoAnn Poremski, Tina Preziotti, Kathryn Reeves, Beth Riley, Kathy Schneider, Jackie Shockley, Carmen Sowinski, Jane Wolnik.

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# Craft club's 50th Anniversary celebrated in Ocean Pines

## Over five decades, crafters have donated \$185,000 to various local causes

(May 2, 2024) April 18 was a banner day for the Pine'eer Craft Club, as state, county and community leaders helped celebrate 50 years of club activity.

Chief among those, Club President Sharon Puser said Craft Club donations have benefited many community groups over the last five decades, with more than \$185,000 to date in total donations.

That includes more than \$35,000 for Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks, more than \$23,000 for Ocean Pines Police, and more than \$15,000 for the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department and EMS. Other donations went to Ocean Pines Public Works, the Neighborhood watch, the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation, the Ocean Pines Library, the Ocean Pines Garden Club, and others.

"Unfortunately, years of records were lost due to flooding, so that's the verifiable donation number - we know there is more," Puser said. "The money has gone toward critical needs that support a growing community, like playground equipment, masks for firemen, bike helmets for children, equipment for policemen, tables and chairs for the community centers, support for concerts in the park, and much more."

Maryland Sen. Mary Beth Carozza was a featured guest of the luncheon and presented Puser with a citation sponsored by herself and Del. Wayne Hartman offering special recognition for "the stunning handcrafted gifts" the club creates, and the good service it does for the Ocean Pines community and beyond.

Worcester County Commissioner President Chip Bertino was also present to read a proclamation to club members and guests by declaring it "Pine'eer Craft Club Day." Bertino celebrated the creativity and donations

that the club members have made to Worcester County in their 50 years of giving.

Worcester County Chamber of Commerce in Ocean Pines President Kerrie Bunting was also present to recognize the club. Bunting offered a special ribbon cutting to celebrate the occasion, and guests and club officers were invited to participate.

In addition to club members past and present, Ocean Pines Board of Directors Elaine Brady, John Latham and Monica Lankowski attended, along with General Manager John Viola and Police Chief Tim Robinson, Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation President Marie Gilmore,

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Worcester County Chamber of Commerce in Ocean Pines President Kerrie Bunting presents a certificate to Pine'eer Craft Club representatives.

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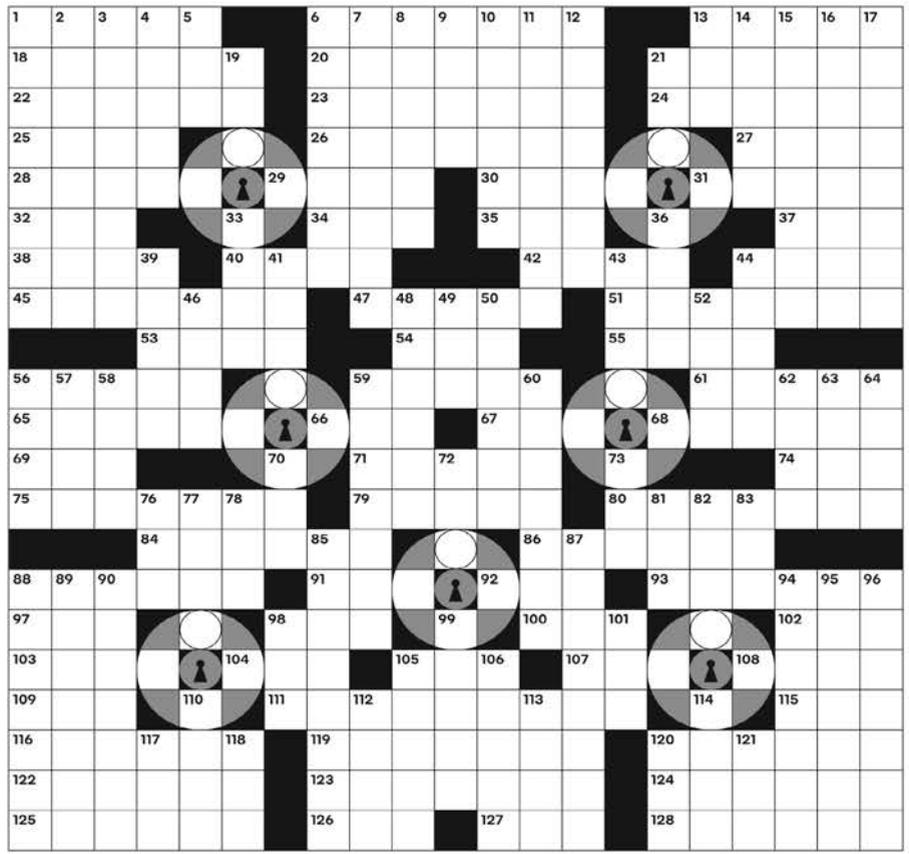
## GET CRACKING

BY MICHAEL SCHLOSSBERG / EDITED BY JOEL FAGLIANO

Michael Schlossberg, of Bend, Ore., is a doctor specializing in internal medicine. This is his 11th crossword for the paper, and his fifth Sunday.

**Note:** Standing between you and the score of a lifetime are the seven locks of this safe. After completing the puzzle, rotate each dial 90 degrees, 180 degrees or 270 degrees to the only other position that forms four valid crossword answers. The new letters in the 12 o'clock (circled) positions will spell out an appropriate exclamation.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Staff symbol
  - 6 Items on the backs of some Jeeps
  - 13 Test pilot's attire
  - 18 Bedridden
  - 20 Creditor, in legalese
  - 21 Champion boxer Errol \_\_\_ Jr.
  - 22 Once or twice
  - 23 Like Mary Shelley when she wrote "Frankenstein"
  - 24 Marketing expenditure
  - 25 Bearing
  - 26 Natural source of rubber
  - 27 County that's home to the White Cliffs of Dover
  - 28 Unimpressed
  - 29 Sheet under a tent
  - 30 Sharp pain
  - 31 Major vessel
  - 32 Chinese \_\_\_ (bonsai choice)
  - 34 Rhyme for "away" in "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas"
  - 35 Agent Deirdre Beaubien's org. in "Everything Everywhere All at Once"
  - 37 No. on a résumé
  - 38 Ewes' guys
  - 40 "Invisible hand" subj.
- DOWN**
- 42 Quattro e quattro
  - 44 President during the Mexican-American War
  - 45 Ice-cream shop employee, e.g.
  - 47 Shakespearean misanthrope
  - 51 Small Southwestern birds of prey
  - 53 "The Harlequin's Carnival" painter
  - 54 Nickname for a British relative
  - 55 Brouhahas
  - 56 Buds
  - 59 Ben who starred in Broadway's "Dear Evan Hansen"
  - 61 Role for Michelle Williams in "The Fabelmans"
  - 65 Wordle player's pride
  - 66 "Who, me?"
  - 67 Partner ship?
  - 68 Belief
  - 69 "\_\_\_ magic!"
  - 71 Title pig of kids' TV
  - 74 Schmear topper
  - 75 Annoying bot
  - 79 They have the Guinness distinction of Longest Running Fan Club for a Group
  - 80 Work like the devil?
  - 84 "Who, me?" response
  - 86 Pixy Stix containers
  - 88 Carpentry vise
  - 91 \_\_\_ service
  - 92 Percival of legend, for one
  - 93 Mystical Buddhist text
  - 97 Minecraft material
  - 98 Cooper's tool
  - 100 Folder flap
  - 102 End of a sports movie, often
  - 103 Advance
  - 104 Block (up)
  - 105 Some four-year degs.
  - 107 Letters that sound out a sentence
  - 108 First-rate
  - 109 Playful hit
  - 111 Speculative fiction subgenre that envisions a sustainable-energy future
  - 115 Limited number
  - 116 Bitter-tasting salad ingredient
  - 119 Fun facts
  - 120 Sophisticated
  - 122 Farm machine
  - 123 French form of "Stephen"
  - 124 Area 51 sighting
  - 125 "C'mon, you'll love it!"
  - 126 "And \_\_\_ .."
  - 127 Celebration in late January or early February
  - 128 Tweaks
- 8 Like beach towns in the winter**
- 9 Cannes subject**
- 10 Tennis great known as "the Punisher"**
- 11 Former name of the electron**
- 12 Ignore, as a shortcoming**
- 13 Application fig.**
- 14 Casio rival**
- 15 Shore hazard**
- 16 "That much is obvious"**
- 17 Speeches with an 18-minute limit**
- 19 Channel with on-air fund-raising**
- 21 Mole, e.g.**
- 33 Taunt**
- 36 Shout at an auction**
- 39 1916 battle site, with "the"**
- 41 Boast**
- 43 Blue-green**
- 44 Hypothesize**
- 46 City on the Arno**
- 48 Taking the place (of)**
- 49 "Here's looking at you, kid"?**
- 50 Like old audiobooks**
- 52 Why some app users check their notifications constantly, for short**
- 56 Several CBS dramas**
- 57 Link letters**
- 58 \_\_\_ Major**
- 59 Classroom surprise**
- 60 Passage of a planet across a star, e.g.**
- 62 Noted export of Portugal**
- 63 Common field-trip destinations**
- 64 "Need You Tonight" band, 1987**
- 70 Blubber**
- 72 Stew tidbit**
- 73 E.M.T.'s technique**
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- 90 Quadrennial occurrence**
- 94 District attorney turned Batman foe**
- 95 Ethylene gas, to tomatoes**
- 96 Key components**
- 98 Some batteries**
- 99 Ginormous**
- 101 \_\_\_ choy**
- 105 Throw in the towel**
- 106 Didn't save**
- 110 Appliance that may self-clean**
- 112 Renaissance instrument**
- 113 \_\_\_ Reader**
- 114 Kind of tradition**
- 117 N.Y.S.E. debut**
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Fill in the blank spaces in the grid so that every vertical column, every horizontal row and every 3 by 3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9, without repeating any. There is really only one solution to each puzzle.

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# Brick dedication for Bruce Moore June 18 at memorial

(May 2, 2024) Friends of Bruce Moore will host a brick dedication ceremony at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at 11 a.m., June 18, in Ocean Pines.

Moore, who passed away last June, served in the U.S. Army and retired from active duty with the rank of captain.

A Laurel, Delaware, native, Moore founded Moore, Warfield and Glick Realtors in 1981 and was a past president of the Ocean City Board of Realtors.

He was also a past president of the Ocean City Paramedics, past member of the Worcester Preparatory School Board of Trustees, board member of the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, served on the board of Ambassadors for Beebe Healthcare, and was a Meals on Wheels volunteer.

The ceremony will include a brief dedication and placing of the new

brick into the existing memorial.

The Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines each year draws thousands of people for Memorial Day and Veterans Day events, along with hundreds of local school-children for annual educational programs.

The Veterans Memorial broke ground on Veterans Day, 2004. The main part of the memorial is a large circle of brick pavers honoring U.S. Military men and women, surrounded by brick-wall monuments for each branch of the U.S. Armed Forces and flags for each branch flying in the air. Under each brick wall is sand from the beaches of Normandy.

“The bricks and pavers tell the story, Those are the veterans that local families wanted to honor,” Veterans Memorial Foundation President Marie Gilmore said in a news release. “Anyone can purchase a brick for \$75 and it’s inscribed with the name of someone who has served, or a paver for \$150, which allows four lines of information.”

Proceeds help support the memorial and its education and outreach programs.

For more information, visit [wocovets.org](http://wocovets.org).

# Club celebrated for long service

Continued from Page 31 and Recreation and Parks Director Debbie Donahue.

One special guest, 92-year-old Anne Turner, was president of the club in 1975. She brought a sweatshirt that she bought at the Artisan Gift Shop many years ago, claiming it was one of her favorites as she reminisced about the many friends she made.

Turner also offered the story behind the club’s name.

“Mary Fickle was the first president of the crafting group, and we used to have meetings in the campgrounds under the trees,” she said. “As one of the first clubs to form in Ocean Pines, and as she looked up through those pines at the blue sky above for inspiration, she decided to name the group the Pine’eer Craft Club.”

Other former members were invited to stand and share memories, and there were many smiles around the room.

The Craft Club is busily preparing for big fundraising events, including the August Craft Fair, Desserts in the Park, and the Holiday Craft Fair.

The August Craft Fair will be held on Aug. 3 in the Ocean Pines Community Center and White Horse Park. Those interested in becoming a vendor this year should contact Kelly Davis at [shoafpr@gmail.com](mailto:shoafpr@gmail.com) or call 609-351-2125 for more information.

The Pine’eer Craft Club always welcomes new members. For an information packet, email Sherry Waskey at [sherwaskey@gmail.com](mailto:sherwaskey@gmail.com) or attend meetings on the third Thursday of each month in the Ocean Pines Community Center.



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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., May 2

### SPRINGFEST

Hugh T. Cropper Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Four days full of tasty treats, lively music and awesome handmade crafts. [www.ococean.com/springfest/](http://www.ococean.com/springfest/)

### THE OLIVIA SHOW 'A TRIBUTE TO OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN'

Hugh T. Cropper Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 7 p.m. Takes place in the inlet parking lot as part of Springfest. Tickets: <https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/50096854/the-olivia-show-a-tribute-to-olivia-newtonjohn-ocean-city-oc-inlet-lot>.

### CPAP MASK FITTING

Atlantic General Hospital's Sleep Disorders Diagnostic Center, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin. A free mask fitting clinic for patients who are having trouble adjusting to their CPAP equipment. Appointment required: Robin Rohlfing, 410-641-9726.

### STORYTIME: CINCO DE MAYO

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Learn all about Hispanic culture and create a fun craft. For ages 2-5 years. 410-208-4014, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### CHESS CLUB

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

### DIY FASCINATORS

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. It's Derby time. Create headband fascinators and show off your expressive side with these festive hair pieces. 410-208-4014, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### ZUMBA

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 4:30-5:30 p.m. Join Zumba instructor Joyce Landsman for an hour of movement. These classes uplift and improve mood. Registration required for each class. 410-641-0650, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### BEACH SINGLE 55 PLUS MEET AND GREET

*Thursdays* - Nick's Kitchen + Bar, 14410 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City, 4-6 p.m. 215-385-4993, [BeachSingles.org](http://BeachSingles.org).

## Fri., May 3

### SPRINGFEST

Hugh T. Cropper Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 10 a.m.-8

p.m. Four days full of tasty treats, lively music and awesome handmade crafts. [www.ococean.com/springfest/](http://www.ococean.com/springfest/)

### LAUREN ALAINA AT SPRINGFEST

Hugh T. Cropper Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 7 p.m. Takes place in the inlet parking lot as part of Springfest. Tickets: <https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/88092359/lauren-alaina-ocean-city-oc-inlet-lot?country=US&language=en>.

### OC BRIDEFEST

Residence Inn by Marriott Ocean City, 300 Seabay Lane, 7-10 p.m. Wedding Expo & Bridal Game Show. Play games, win prizes. The 3-day event will be filmed and submitted to the Travel Channel. Cost is \$50. <https://ocbridefest.com>, 410-289-7699, [sean@ocbridefest.com](mailto:sean@ocbridefest.com)

### FREE BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING EVENT REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Atlantic General Women's Health, 12308 Ocean Gateway, Ocean City. Takes place May 11, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Intended for women ages 25-65 years and includes free exams and health education. Refreshments provided. Registration required: 410-629-6313 by May 3.

### MAHJONG CLUB

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. A fun morning of playing tile Mahjong. Feel free to bring your own tile set. 410-524-1818, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### HOMESCHOOL CAFE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:30 p.m. Come enjoy activities and refreshments and see what's brewing. For families. 410-208-4014, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### FIRST FRIDAY OPENING RECEPTION

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 5-7 p.m. Meet the artists, enjoy hors d'oeuvres and see the new exhibits by a variety of local artists. Free and open to the public. [artleagueofoceancity.org](http://artleagueofoceancity.org), 410-524-9433, [megan@artleagueofoceancity.org](mailto:megan@artleagueofoceancity.org)

## Sat., May 4

### SPRINGFEST

Hugh T. Cropper Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Four days full of tasty treats, lively music and awesome handmade crafts. [www.ococean.com/springfest/](http://www.ococean.com/springfest/)

### EVERCLEAR AT SPRINGFEST

Hugh T. Cropper Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 7 p.m.

Takes place in the inlet parking lot as part of Springfest. Tickets: <https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/70629048/everclear-ocean-city-oc-inlet-lot?country=US&language=en>.

### OC BRIDEFEST

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Wedding Expo & Bridal Game Show. Play games, win prizes. The 3-day event will be filmed and submitted to the Travel Channel. Cost is \$50. <https://ocbridefest.com>, 410-289-7699, [sean@ocbridefest.com](mailto:sean@ocbridefest.com)

### CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

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

### COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Powellville Volunteer Fire Co, 5085 Powellville Road, Pittsville, 7:30-11 a.m. Accepting sellers. Contact [jsatterfield@powellvillefire.com](mailto:jsatterfield@powellvillefire.com) if interested.

### 25TH ANNUAL NATIVE PLANT SALE

Assateague Coastal Trust, 10959 Worcester Highway, Berlin, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Featuring 40 species of native perennials, plus 27 varieties of herbs, heirloom tomatoes and peppers.

### MARYLAND SAFE BOATING COURSE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. A Safe Boating Certificate is required for all boat operators born after July 1, 1972 and is awarded after successful completion. Cost is \$20. Register: Barry Cohen, 410-935-4807, [CGAUXOC@gmail.com](mailto:CGAUXOC@gmail.com).

### BERLIN SPRING WALK

Stephen Decatur Park, Tripoli Street, Berlin, 9 a.m. Atlantic General representatives will be on-site to provide blood pressure screenings. Alyce Marzola, 410-641-9268, [amarzola@atlanticgeneral.org](mailto:amarzola@atlanticgeneral.org)

### SATURDAY WRITERS

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

### BOOK SIGNING WITH MARK MILLIKIN

Ocean City Life-Saving Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Book signing for Mark Millikin's newest book, "Baseball Fever in Baltimore," which covers the three-season span, 1969-1971. His book will be available for purchase at the museum. [www.ocmuseum.org/](http://www.ocmuseum.org/), 410-289-4991

### MID-ATLANTIC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Ocean City Performing Arts Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 7 p.m. Featuring Jerod Tate, Aaron Copland, Peter Boyer and Jeffrey Biegel. Cost is \$55. Tickets: <https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/36256181/mid-atlantic-symphony-ocean-city-oc-performing-arts-center>.

### GOOSEBUMPS THE MUSICAL

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 7-9 p.m. The Lower Shore Performing Arts Company returns. Cost is \$25. Tickets: <https://artleagueofoceancity.org/event/goosebumps-the-musical/>. 410-524-9433, [megan@artleagueofoceancity.org](mailto:megan@artleagueofoceancity.org).

### FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

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

## Sun., May 5

### SPRINGFEST

Hugh T. Cropper Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Four days full of tasty treats, lively music and awesome handmade crafts. [www.ococean.com/springfest/](http://www.ococean.com/springfest/)

### OC BRIDEFEST

Hilton Garden Inn Ocean City Ocean-front beach, 2800 Baltimore Ave., 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Wedding Expo & Bridal Game Show. Play games, win prizes. The 3-day event will be filmed and submitted to the Travel Channel. Cost is \$50. <https://ocbridefest.com>, 410-289-7699, [sean@ocbridefest.com](mailto:sean@ocbridefest.com)

### ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST

American Legion Synepuxent Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 8-11 a.m. Menu includes cream chipped beef and biscuits, French toast, eggs, potatoes, bacon, sausage, fruit, juice, coffee and tea. Cost is \$12.

### 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)

### GOOSEBUMPS THE MUSICAL

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 2-4 p.m. The Lower Shore Performing Arts Company returns. Cost is \$25. Tickets: <https://artleagueofoceancity.org/event/goosebumps-the-musical/>. 410-524-9433, [megan@artleagueofoceancity.org](mailto:megan@artleagueofoceancity.org).

### BERLIN FARMERS MARKET

*Sundays through Sept. 8* - Pitts Street, Commerce Street and Main Street, Berlin, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Featuring more than 35 farmers, food cultivators, bakers,

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distillers, seafood, meat, eggs and more. <https://berlinmainstreet.com/farmers-market/>

## Mon., May 6

### HYPERTENSION EDUCATION CLASS

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 10-11:30 a.m. Free informative, interactive and fun two-part session for those who have been diagnosed with hypertension (high blood pressure). Held May 6 and 13. Register: 410-641-7052, [rec@oceanpines.org](mailto:rec@oceanpines.org).

### PLAY TIME

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. A variety of activities and toys. Play and socialize with other families. For ages 0-5 years. 410-208-4014, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### STORY TIME: JUNGLE JAMBOREE

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Crafts, songs and stories. For ages 0-5 years. 410-524-1818, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION: 'TO ROOM NINETEEN' BY DORIS LESSING

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30 p.m. The group meets twice a month to discuss selections from the Great Books Foundation. Currently reading from Book 5 of the Great Conversations Anthology. 410-208-4014, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### WARHAMMER

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 4 p.m. Meet to play Warhammer. Use the library's armies or bring your own. Tutorials and demos available. Novice and veteran players welcome. For ages 12-18 years. 410-641-0650, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### MAKE YOUR OWN PIÑATA STEM

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 4:30 p.m. Create your own piñata using paper mache and your imagination. For ages 6-11 years. 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

### OVEREATER'S ANONYMOUS

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

### 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.

### BRIDGE

*Mondays* - Ocean City 50plus Center, 104 41st Street, Ocean City, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Reserve a spot: Tish, 410-804-3971. [www.Worcoa.org/oceancity](http://www.Worcoa.org/oceancity)

## Tues., May 7

### STORY TIME: 'SPRING'

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and finger plays. For ages 2-5 years. 410-641-0650, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### OC KNITTING GROUP

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Do you love to knit or crochet? Bring whatever project you happen to be working on. 410-524-1818, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### MASTER GARDENERS PLANT CLINIC

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 11 a.m. Master Gardener Ginny Rosenkranz talks about all thing plants. Bring your questions and feel free to show your plants as well. 410-208-4014, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### ANIME CLUB

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 4 p.m. Celebrate an appreciation for anime and manga. Monthly themes will include trivia games, Japanese snacks and arts and crafts. For ages 13-16 years. 410-524-1818, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### 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](http://www.jw.org)

### TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

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

### OC KNITTING CLUB

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

### ARGENTINE TANGO PRACTICE

*Tuesdays* - Experienced dancers and others interested in watching or learning

more are welcome, 7-9:30 p.m. No partner required. Info: [TangobytheBeach.com](mailto:TangobytheBeach.com).

### ZUMBA TONING TUESDAYS

*Tuesdays* - Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 5:30 p.m. Zumba with optional light weights. [zumbajoyceoc@gmail.com](mailto:zumbajoyceoc@gmail.com)

### WEIGHT MANAGEMENT AND WELLNESS GROUP

*Tuesdays* - Holy Trinity Cathedral, 11021 Worcester Highway, 2-2:45 p.m. Use the weight loss program/app/plan of your choice. Free and open to everyone. 410-641-4882, [www.htcanglican.org/activities](http://www.htcanglican.org/activities).

## Wed., May 8

### BARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP

Takes place the first and second Wednesdays of each month. For non-surgical patients. Atlantic General Bariatric Center, 410-641-9568

### ADULT CRAFT: FELT FLOWERS

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2 p.m. Make your own May flowers. Limit 30. First come first served. 410-524-1818, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### KIWANIS CLUB MEETING

*Wednesdays* - Ocean Pines Community Center, Assateague Room, 239 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](http://www.kiwanisofopoc.org)

## ONGOING EVENTS

### KIWANIS FOOD DRIVE FOR DIAKONIA

During the month of May, the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City will be collecting non-expired, non-perishable goods. Vehicles will be stationed in the Ocean Pines Community Center parking lot ever Wednesday morning from 9 a.m. to noon to accept donations.

### BALTIMORE ORIOLES VS. PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES BUS TRIP

Bus trip to Camden Yards on June 16. Pick up at Ocean Pines Community Center at 8:30 a.m. Game time at 1:35 p.m. Tickets cost \$120 per person and includes transportation, a seat in the picnic perch, (section 284) and all-you-can-eat Picnic Perch food. Tickets: 410-641-7052.

### TEEN STEAM STATION

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., during May. Each hands-on activity will focus on art, math, science, engineering or technology. Create jewelry using binary code, construct a flying glider, design your own city out of recycled material and more Challenges will change each week. For ages 11 years and older. 410-641-0650, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

## CubeSmart Self Storage marks official opening

(May 2, 2024) CubeSmart Self Storage, which operates more than 1,400 facilities nationwide, recently announced the grand opening of its first facility in Ocean City.

The company celebrated with a ribbon-cutting last November at the new facility at 117509 Ocean Gateway off of Route 50, followed by a three-month soft launch.

According to a news release, the self-storage facility offers 469 indoor units — 80,000 square feet of storage space across two expansive buildings. The 100% climate-controlled facility will offer customers free use of a moving truck and, for a limited time, a free month of storage.

Customers can choose from a wide range of options, from smaller 5-by-5-foot storage lockers to 10-by-30-foot spaces that are able to accommodate the contents of a large, multiroom house. Available drive-up units add convenience for residential or commercial customers storing large and heavy items.

The new location combines 24-hour access with advanced security measures, including automated gates and a network of surveillance cameras.

Local owner Spiro Buas selected CubeSmart to operate the facility because of its recognizable national brand and reputation for service.

"Our vision was to give the community something different: a state-of-the-art storage facility that takes the hassle out of moving," Buas said in the release. "Customers are already responding to conveniences like our complimentary moving truck and the CubeSmart mobile app, which offers gate access, autopay and more."

Buas added that, since a soft roll-out that began in last fall, CubeSmart has significantly outpaced its initial growth projections — a trend he expects to continue as the ongoing marketing program reaches consumers. He said plans to expand the facility are already under consideration.

Taylor Bank provided financing for the Cube Smart facility. Buas said that working with a locally based lending team that understood the market played a vital role in the success of the project. Storage Construction, a York, Pennsylvania, builder focused exclusively on the self-storage market, handled design and build-out of the facility.

For more details about Ocean City CubeSmart, including special introductory pricing, visit [OCstoreit.com](http://OCstoreit.com).

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