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YEAR IN PHOTOS

In keeping with our annual end-of-year tradition, the final issue of the Bayside Gazette will feature photos depicting many of the news and features that dominated Ocean Pines, Berlin and Worcester County in 2024.

The pages contain a mixture of

submitted, courtesy, file and staff-shot photos with descriptions reminding viewers why they ran in the first place.

Next week, for the first issue of 2025, we will return to our regular news coverage.

Happy new year!



JUST A DUSTING

Snow covers a large magnolia in Pintail Park in Ocean Pines during the first week of 2024.



BERLIN NEW YEAR

New Year's came early in Berlin. The streets were packed as the town did a ball drop and laser show at 6 p.m. for the kids and again at midnight on New Year's Eve.



BERLIN AWARD PRESENTED

The Berlin Chamber of Commerce held its Installation and Awards Dinner in January at the Berlin Fire Company. Along with the Berlin Award presentation, there were other chamber-specific awards presented during the evening. Nornie Bunting received the Berlin Award. Bunting, center, is pictured with, from left, Councilman Jay Knerr, Councilman Steve Green, Berlin Chamber President Mike Poole, Mayor Zack Tyndall and Councilman Jack Orris.



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STRATEGIC PLAN WORKSHOP

Residents turned out last Wednesday to discuss the strategic plan for the Town of Berlin. Concerns ranged from gentrification to taxes and sidewalks.



DECATUR GREAT HONORED

Stephen Decatur High School celebrated the outstanding scholastic, college and professional basketball career of Andre Foreman last Saturday. After starring as a Seahawk in high school, Foreman became the all-time leading scorer in Division III history while at Salisbury University, averaging 27 points and 12 rebounds a game and twice being named an All-American. After college, he had an 18-year professional career playing overseas.



WEST OC FIRE

The Worcester County Fire Marshal's Office investigated a commercial structure fire in early February in West Ocean City. According to a news release from the fire marshal's office, just after 5 a.m. Feb. 7, members of the Ocean City Fire Department were called to a structure fire at 9724 Stephen Decatur Highway (Route 611). Upon arrival, crews observed flames and smoke coming from a pole barn at the rear of the property. The building housed a recreational vehicle.

Life Line to offer health screenings in Ocean Pines

Community Center will host variety of tests on Jan. 8

(Dec. 26, 2024) Residents living in and around the Berlin area can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening.

Ocean Pines Community Center will host this community event on Jan. 8, 2025. The site is located at 235 Ocean Parkway in Berlin. Screenings can check for the level of plaque buildup in your arteries, related to risk for cardiovascular disease, stroke and overall vascular health; HDL and LDL cholesterol levels; Diabetes risk; kidney and thyroid function; and more.

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BARRACKS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The new 30,000-square-foot Maryland State Police Berlin barracks facility continued to take shape along Route 50. The project includes the phased demolition of the existing barracks while the one-story new facility moves forward. The new building will feature large, multipurpose classroom space with capacity for 36 individuals featuring private bunk spaces, processing and detainment spaces for adults and juveniles, a fitness room and expanded office and workrooms. The new facility will also feature a garage building with vehicle maintenance area and a dedicated communications workshop and equipment area. The job site is pictured in early February.



HAZMAT OPERATION

Emergency responders, some in protective hazmat suits, are pictured responding Feb. 2 to a chemical emergency at RICCA Chemical Company in Pocomoke City.

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CAMPERS DESTROYED

The charred remains of two campers that caught fire Feb. 6 on a property in Stockton are pictured. One individual died in the fire.



BOOKMARK WINNER

Berlin Intermediate School sixth-grade student Lorelei Donoway, joined by Superintendent Lou Taylor and Sherman the Shorebird, poses with her winning bookmark design depicting the Delmarva Shorebirds mascot.

YEAR IN PHOTOS



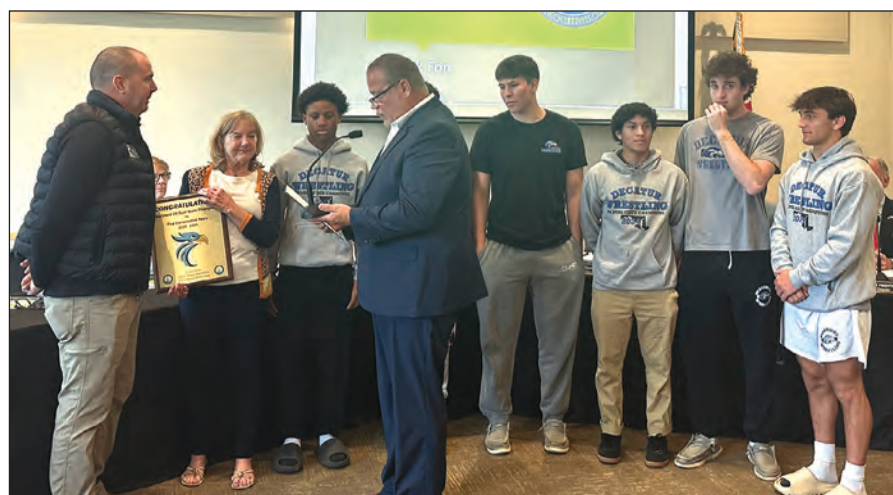
WAWA SITE PLAN PASSES COMMISSION

The Berlin Planning Commission voted 4-3 to approve a site plan for a Wawa at the intersection of Route 50 and North Main Street. In what was the commission's third meeting on the project in four months, the commission agreed to approve a Wawa site plan featuring an updated design that developers said incorporated elements of Berlin. Those in opposition to the site plan felt developers could have done more.



SPRING FUN

Berlin and Ocean Pines each held their own Easter activities last weekend. Above, one of the highlights of last Saturday's Berlin Spring Celebration was the annual bonnet parade on Main Street that attracted about 17 participants.



STATE CHAMPS

The Ocean Pines Board of Directors recognized the Stephen Decatur High School wrestling team for their fifth straight state championship title at their April 20 public meeting.



PELLINGER CELEBRATED

Conor Pelling's 11th birthday was celebrated in grand style in mid-March at Berlin Intermediate with a police escort from his Berlin home to school where he was greeted by the entire school's students and faculty.



SCHOOLS DEFENDED

The Worcester County Board of Education defended public safety in local schools after criticism from the Sheriff's Office and State's Attorney's Office in public videos posted on Facebook. "We don't know what has motivated law enforcement to publicly and aggressively defame our school system but I'm here to tell you we can't stand for it," Superintendent of Schools Lou Taylor said at a press conference March 1.

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COMMUNITY CENTER DREAMING

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BREAKING A TIE

During the March 25 meeting, the Berlin Mayor and Council deliberated over the best way to break a tie in an election. Pictured, from left, are Council Vice President Dean Burrell, Mayor Zack Tyndall and Councilman Jay Knerr.



OVERTURNED

The case against a local man accused in the hit-and-run death of Gavin Knupp will continue in Worcester County Circuit Court following an appellate court opinion in April. The Appellate Court of Maryland reversed a Worcester County Circuit Court ruling in the case against Tyler Mailloux, 23, of Berlin, who was charged last year in the 2022 death of 14-year-old Knupp. The opinion, issued by Judge Rosalyn Tang, argues the lower court had concurrent jurisdiction and erred in its ruling to dismiss charges against the defendant. A memorial was created in 2022 for Gavin Knupp near the site of the fatal collision.

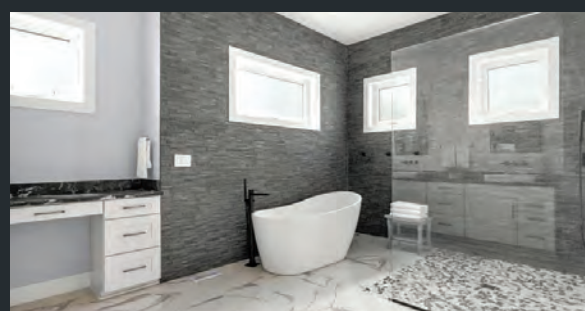
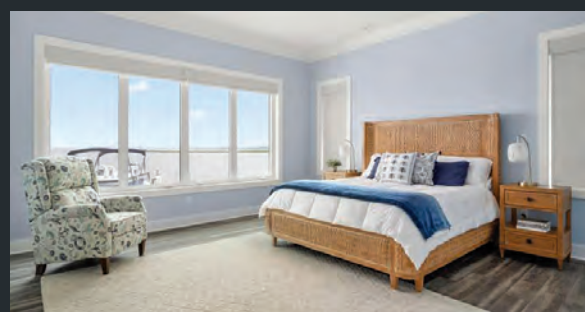
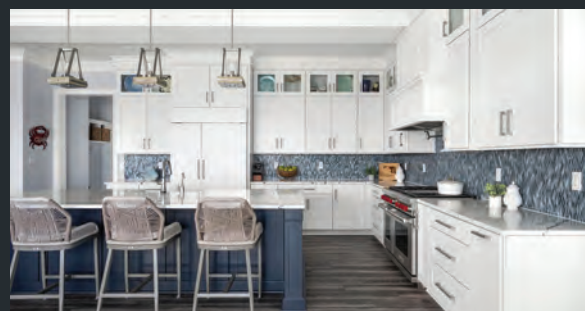
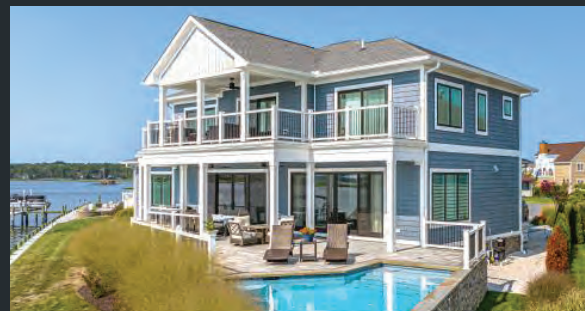


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HOWARD JOINS OPPD

After a 25-year career with the Ocean City Police Department, Freddie Howard was sworn into the Ocean Pines Police Department at the OPA Board of Directors meeting on April 20. President Rick Farr said that this ceremony is a new community tradition.



GOING, GOING ...

The long-awaited demolition of a portion of the old chicken processing plant at Heron Park is pictured May 2. Crews from JNT Enterprises demolished the middle of the structure and cleaned up a portion of the property thanks to a \$500,000 strategic development grant from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development.



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TREASURE CHEST TRANSITION

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



SPEED CAMERAS INSTALLED

A speed camera on Flower Street in Berlin was activated in early May. Three more were added.

YEAR IN PHOTOS



BATHTUB RACES PACK BERLIN

Mother Nature provided a perfect evening for the Berlin Chamber of Commerce's 34th Annual Berlin Bathtub Races in June. Thousands converged on the historic town's Main Street to see the team from Pohanka capture top honors.



TEACHER LAUDED

During a ceremony in early June long-time Decatur teacher JD Foell, center, was feted for his service to the school and community and especially the school's band program.



RAIN GARDEN CREATED

Berlin volunteers worked with town staff June 11 to create a rain garden at Burbage Park near the ping pong tables.

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LEGION DONATION

Representatives of American Legion Post #123 presented Berlin leadership with a donation of \$7,500 in July to fund replacement flag poles at the town's memorial plaza at the corner of Main and West streets.



DEMO EFFORTS

The demolition site at the former Tyson poultry processing plant is pictured in late July.



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Pictured, from left, in July are the Worcester County Arts Council's 2024 scholarship recipients, Chandler Smith, Jonah Ridgely, Aiden Clayton, Katie Gordon, Bella Resto, and Magnolia Harris-Blackburn



NEW VIOLA DEAL

Ocean Pines Association General Manager John Viola, pictured with then-Board President Rick Farr, signed a four-year contract extension with an option for a fifth year. The Board of Directors unanimously approved the decision on Monday, July 8. Viola has served as the community's general manager since April 2019. He was initially meant to temporarily fill the position following John Bailey's resignation. In June 2019, Viola signed a six-month agreement, which has been extended several times.

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TOP KIWANIANS RECOGNIZED

At the June 26 meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City, five members were recognized as Kiwanians of the Month for contributions made within the last several months. Pictured, from left, are President Bob Wolfing, and Kiwanis members Skip Flanagan, Doug Ege, Terri Ulman, Ron Kline and Lyle Dillon



STATE BOND FINANCING

Pictured during the recent official presentation of the \$3.6 million in bond financing for the Town of Berlin were DHCD Manager Charlie Day, Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall and Secretary Jake Day.

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GRAD SCHOLARSHIPS

Worshipful Master Doug Trimper, right, of Evergreen Lodge #153 in Berlin, presents 2024 Masonic Charities of Maryland scholarships to Daniel Karcheuski, left, and Matthew Beck, center, both recent graduates of Stephen Decatur High School.



FIELD OF FLAGS

Well over 100 flags were on display throughout May off Route 589 at the field located next to the Worcester County Veterans Memorial. Through the "Flags for Heroes" initiative, sponsored by the Worcester County Veterans Memorial and the Ocean City/Berlin Rotary Club, the flags were purchased by businesses and residents to recognize an individual with a lasting impact. The flags were sponsored for \$50 with proceeds going to local scholarships and charities.

YEAR IN PHOTOS



NEW BAY PLATE

An event was held last summer to celebrate the addition of coastal bays to the traditional "bay plate," which had previously only had the Chesapeake Bay watershed mentioned. Pictured, from left, are Jana Davis, executive director of the Chesapeake Bay Trust; Chrissy Nizer, administrator of the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration; Steve Tyler, current Maryland Coastal Bays Chair and former MCB Executive Director; Senator Mary Beth Carozza (R-District 38); and Kevin Smith, executive director of the Maryland Coastal Bays Program.



RUNAWAY BRIDE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED

In honor of the 25th anniversary of the Runaway Bride movie release, a fun run/walk was organized by Berlin resident Theresa Gardiner as a benefit for Worcester GOLD. More than 270 participants turned out to help raise about \$9,000. The start line is pictured in August.

TILGHMAN BOOK SIGNING

Part-time Ocean Pines resident Mary K. Tilghman, seated, signs a copy of her latest novel, "Step into the Sunlight," at the Greyhound indie bookstore in Berlin.



WINNERS TOASTING

Toasting to their election victories in August at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club are OPA Board members Jeff Heavner and Rick Farr.



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SMILES FOR CRUZERS

Eighty-year-old Lester Mason is pictured during his ride with Ocean City Cruzers Club President Ronnie Young in a 1929 Ford Roadster.



CLOSING DAY TRADITION

Dozens of dogs enjoyed the pool at Mumford's Landing in Ocean Pines on closing day last Saturday. The event helped raised funds for the Worcester County Humane Society.



WALSH SUPPORT

Carter Walsh, younger brother of Tyler, who was battling for his life in Shock Trauma in Baltimore after being hit by a biker on Coastal Highway in September, is pictured being passed around by members of the Decatur girls soccer team as well as attendees who rushed the field.



POP WARNER DONATION

Randy's Crew Board members Jim Hamlin and Dr. Danielle Jackson are pictured presenting a \$1,000 check to Kim Jackson and Tony Morris of Worcester County Pop Warner to pay registration fees for the kids to participate.

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FARMERS MARKET EXTENDED

Solid crowds were seen at the first Sunday of October at the Berlin Farmers Market, which was recently extended through October due to the popularity of the seasonal event.



MARLINS FOR MASON

Worcester Preparatory School announced that it has successfully raised over \$2,000 for Marlins for Mason through a special dress-down day held on Sept. 25. Students donned purple attire to show their support for local 5-year-old Mason Prather, who is bravely living with Dravet Syndrome, a severe form of epilepsy. The fundraising initiative, organized by senior student Jayden Scopp, aimed to raise awareness and support research for a cure for Dravet Syndrome. "It's inspiring to see our entire school community come together for such a vital cause," said Scopp. "We hope that our efforts can contribute to finding a cure for Mason and others affected by this condition." WPS Head of Upper School Carol Evans stands with the Prather family, Scopp and WPS Head of School Dr. John McDonald.



GHOST SIGN RESTORATION

The Town of Berlin's latest effort to bring back former signage and historic marketing through artistic restoration is pictured on Main Street.



DEPUTIES AWARDED

For their quick responses in saving the life of an 8-year-old girl over the summer, Acting Cpl. Noah King (left) and Cpl. Chris Parr (right) were named Employee of the Quarter by Worcester County Sheriff Matt Crisafulli (center).



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BEER VOLUNTEERS

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City was given the opportunity to man one of the four beer booths at the 2024 Sunfest to raise funds. Pictured are some of the volunteers manning one of the eleven shifts: Tim Hill, Ron Wildgust, Kiwanis Chair Bob Wolfing and Kathy Hill.



SUSTAINABLE ONCE AGAIN

Berlin Superintendent of Wastewater Meghan Pfaller is pictured with the Sustainable Maryland bronze recognition, which the town has achieved since 2012.



NEW GARDENS

Members of the Ocean Pines Garden Club are pictured in November creating a pollinator garden bed in the median along Ocean Gateway.



NEW GAZEBO UNVEILED

Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation Chair Marie Gilmore delivers remarks before the ribbon is cut by Ocean Pines officials at the new gazebo on the grounds in November.

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RECOGNIZED

Pictured, from left, with the state award Beach to Beach Heritage Area won in November are Nora Campbell, co-host; Secretary Rebecca Flora, Maryland Department of Planning; Lisa Challenger of Beach to Bay; Liz Fitzsimmons, Director, Maryland Office of Tourism; and Chris Riehl, Co-host.



CHANGE ALLOWED

The Fresh Cut Butcher Shop is pictured off Route 113 at Croppers Island Road. The shop owner was permitted by the County Commissioners in November to begin on-site processing, which he previously had to ship outside Maryland.

YEAR IN PHOTOS



HOW COOL

Dozens of ice sculptures lined Main Street during the Black Friday Ice Ice Berlin event which was highlighted by the annual tree lighting. Above, Zoe Salvatore, 5, of Scarsdale, N.Y., gets a close up look at the Bluey ice sculpture during the event.



VEHICLE INTO HOME

Berlin Fire Company and Berlin Police Department responded in early December to a residence on Germantown Road where a vehicle ran into it. Maryland State Police Aviation provided transportation for a person injured in the collision.



NEW K-9

K-9 Ardie is pictured with his handler, Deputy Sheriff First Class Kenji Hara. Ardie is trained to detect explosives and will be used to scan buildings such as schools and other public buildings.



CHURCH MOUSE CLOSES

An over 60-year-long tradition came to an end in Berlin on Dec. 21. St. Paul's Episcopal Church's beloved thrift shop, The Church Mouse, has closed. Pictured is long-time director Helen Wiley during the store's final days.

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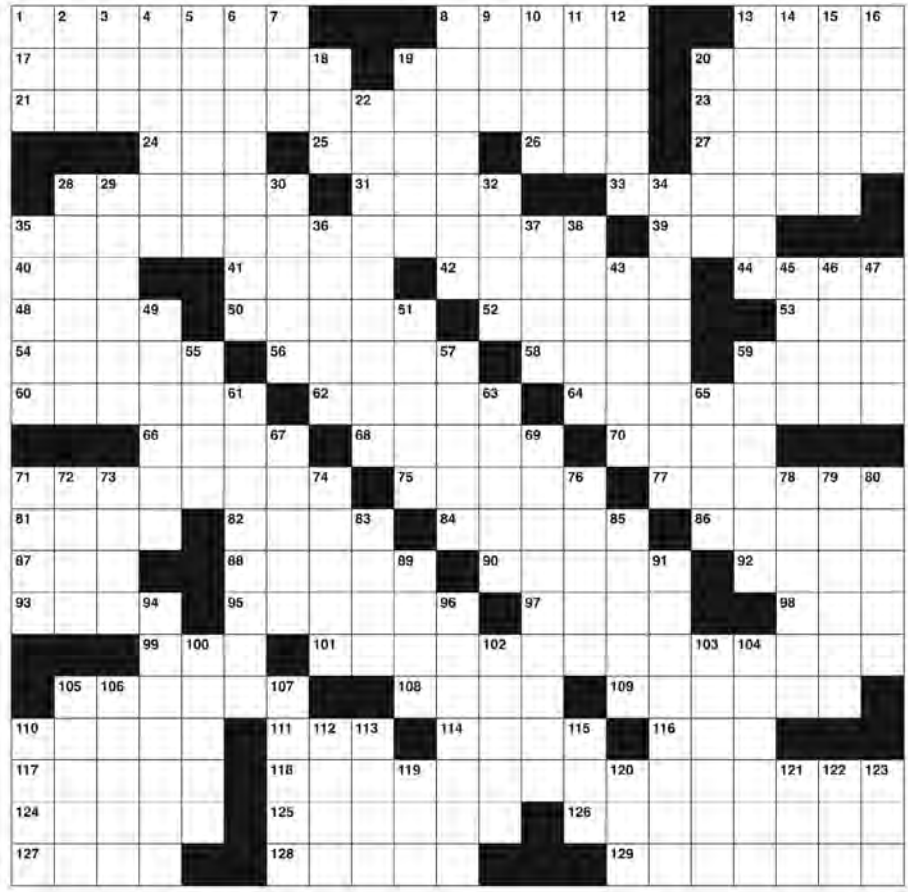
ART HEIST

BY DAVID KWONG / EDITED BY JOEL FAGLIANO

David Kwong is a magician and crossword constructor in Los Angeles. He was the head magic consultant on the 2013 heist film "Now You See Me" and has consulted on magic and puzzles for many other films and TV shows. He wrote his honors thesis at Harvard on the history of Eastern magicians and their impersonators. David's new children's book of magic tricks, "How to Fool Your Parents," is in bookstores everywhere.

Note: Ten paintings have been stolen by a master thief! To solve this caper, locate each stolen painting in the grid. Then identify the squares in the Across answers from which they've been taken. In their place, the thief has left behind 10 pieces of evidence — letters in the Downs. Read them from top to bottom to reveal a message.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Chess player's study
 - 8 Painting stolen from 71-Across
 - 13 Cashless deal
 - 17 Crunchy root vegetables
 - 19 Fertilizer compound
 - 20 Painting stolen from 64-Across
 - 21 Winter setting in New England
 - 23 Hunter on high
 - 24 Like the Beatles' "Yesterday," key-wise
 - 25 Plum variety often used in spirits
 - 26 ___ center
 - 27 Made eyes at
 - 28 Schedules
 - 31 Architectural annexes
 - 33 Bronx cheer
 - 35 Capital on the Rio de la Plata
 - 39 "Anchors Aweigh" grp.
 - 40 One step ___ time
 - 41 Oodles
 - 42 Downhill event
 - 44 Prefix with health
 - 48 Niçoise salad need
 - 50 Role for Jay Silverheels
 - 52 Charles de Gaulle's birthplace
 - 53 Neighborhood grocery stores
- DOWN**
- 1 Three, in Torino
 - 2 Letters associated with baseball and batteries
 - 3 Many '90s music purchases
 - 4 Painting stolen from 101-Across
 - 5 Enjoys as a hobby
 - 6 Gets irritated by
 - 7 Title for Manchin or Murkowski: Abbr.
 - 8 First cars made by Ford
 - 9 See 122-Down
 - 10 Hair removal brand
 - 11 Salinger's "For ___ With Love and Squalor"
 - 12 "Penn & Teller: Fool Us" airtel
- ACROSS**
- 54 Painting stolen from 21-Across
 - 56 Nobelist Bohr
 - 58 Evenhanded
 - 59 Customary practice
 - 60 Popeye's witchy foe in early comics
 - 62 Like a car's wheels
 - 64 Bar with hashish pipes
 - 66 Baseball great Hershey
 - 68 Solution strength, in chemistry
 - 70 Fat used in candlemaking
 - 71 Common scale range
 - 75 Champing at the bit
 - 77 Fog and haze generated for a theatrical production
 - 81 Flimsy, as an excuse
 - 82 Pillow cover
 - 84 Fastens, in a way
 - 86 Nose around
 - 87 Director DuVernay
 - 88 Crumple into a ball
 - 90 Informal speech
 - 92 Painting stolen from 33-Across
 - 93 Painting stolen from 105-Across
 - 95 Opened or closed like an eye, in film lingo
 - 97 No longer interested in
 - 98 Tour de France units: Abbr.
 - 99 Bout enders, for short
 - 101 Health professional focused on nutrition
 - 105 Household appliance that makes a hissing sound
- DOWN**
- 108 "Right now!"
 - 109 Connecticut coastal town near Stamford
 - 110 Has the gumption
 - 111 Actress Thurman
 - 114 Abbr. on a music score
 - 116 Member of la familia
 - 117 "Get ___!"
 - 118 Classic nursery rhyme
 - 124 Toronto team, for short
 - 125 Attacked by mosquitoes, say
 - 126 Claudius, vis-à-vis King Hamlet
 - 127 Land in the sea
 - 128 Iditarod entries
 - 129 Annual star-studded fashion event
- ACROSS**
- 13 Painting stolen from 35-Across
 - 14 "___ we're waiting ..."
 - 15 Cactuslike plants
 - 16 Duffer's obstacle
 - 18 '60s campus activist grp.
 - 19 "1984" drudge
 - 20 Eccentric types
 - 22 Certain emergency message
 - 28 Surgeon's stitch
 - 29 Actress Creel of "Saved by the Bell"
 - 30 Beauty spot?
 - 32 Place to keep plants
 - 34 Abundant
 - 35 Motel proprietor in "Psycho"
 - 36 Ancient Greek region for which part of the Mediterranean is named
 - 37 Innocent sort
 - 38 God of the Quran
 - 43 Hodgepodes
 - 45 Dark, in poesy
 - 46 Like some vowels and memories
 - 47 90° from norte
 - 49 On dry ground
 - 51 Basic skateboard trick
 - 55 Root in some speckled chips
 - 57 Adjust to, as a thermostat
 - 59 ___ Clan, iconic hip-hop group of the 1990s
 - 61 Catches on
 - 63 Painting stolen from 53-Across
 - 65 Some partners in lesbian couples
- DOWN**
- 67 Franz who composed "The Merry Widow"
 - 69 Mapped out again
 - 71 Deception
 - 72 Shankar at Woodstock
 - 73 Minnesota congresswoman Ilhan
 - 74 Acme's antonym
 - 76 Plunder, archaically
 - 78 Online tracker
 - 79 Old-fashioned trinket shop vendors
 - 80 Twitch
 - 83 Think aloud
 - 85 Bergen's dummy Mortimer
 - 89 Identifies
 - 91 "Half a truth is often a ___": Benjamin Franklin
 - 94 Painting stolen from 77-Across
 - 96 Abandons
 - 100 Places of refuge
 - 102 Xerox : copy machine :: ___ : kitchen wrap
 - 103 Most boring
 - 104 Lines at the theater?
 - 105 Corporate department
 - 106 Culmination of many a "Law & Order" episode
 - 107 Desensitizes
 - 110 Painting stolen from 118-Across
 - 112 It might be held during vacation
 - 113 Comedian Johnson of "Laugh-In"
 - 115 Big inits. in fuel additives
 - 119 From Jan. 1 until now
 - 120 Male turkey
 - 121 Actress de Armas of "Knives Out"
 - 122 With 9-Down, legendary Giant
 - 123 A nursing one has snaps



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

Answers to last week's puzzles

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

PUSHPOP MADAMA TOOFAR
ASYOUDO ORATOR ARCANA
COMPLIMENTSFORFISHING
PELE WISH CALL ONIT
ZAHN MES POKY TKO
ALOOPFOR THROWING SOAP
PONTIACS EAU STOLAF
STY NTH GRIFT LOCHTE
POSITIONFORJOCKEYS
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OORT LANA TOGO TREE
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SKATE PARK FUNDRAISING CONTINUES

We Heart Berlin, a nonprofit dedicated to promoting the creation of sustainable and healthy activities for town residents, continues to prioritize the building of a skate park to be enjoyed by kids and adults alike. According to We Heart Berlin founder Tony Weeg, the initiative is expected to see a 14,000 to 16,000-square-foot skate park adjacent to the space at Heron Park planned for Berlin's new public works facility. A bowl, quarter pipes, and a pump track, which helps skaters learn to transition seamlessly without losing momentum, are just a few elements likely to be created for the area. The fundraising effort is expected to kick into high gear in 2025.



CHAMPS AGAIN

Stephen Decatur senior Peyton Travers, who played tight end on offense and middle linebacker on defense, was brought to tears after the Seahawks captured their back-to-back state titles in early December in Annapolis.



ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

Nurse Professionals Home Care President Anita Logsdon Battista, right, and Nicole House-Blanc, clinical nurse specialist, organized donations for this year's Annual Food Drive for Sarah's Pantry in Ocean Pines.



COMMENDED

Senator Mary Beth Carozza presented five surviving police officers with state commendations during a Dec. 10 ceremony at the Pocomoke City headquarters of armor manufacturer Hardwire LLC. The officers recognized Hardwire for creating lifesaving technology.



OPEN HOUSES

Dec. 26 - Jan. 2



DAY/TIME	ADDRESS	BR/BA	STYLE	PRICE	AGENT/AGENCY
Fri-Mon 11am-4pm	Heron Harbour, 120th St., Bayside	1BR/2BR/3BR/4BR+	Condos, Towns & SF	-	Nanette Pavier/Holiday Real Estate
Mon-Fri 9am-4pm, Sat 11am-3pm	12346 Old Bridge Rd, West OC	3BR/2BA	Single Family	starting at \$239,750	Shelly Wilson/Salt Life Community
Mon-Fri 9am-4pm, Sat 11am-3pm	12346 Old Bridge Rd, West OC	2BR/1BA	Single Family	starting at \$179,900	Shelly Wilson/Salt Life Community
Friday 1-3pm	261 Charleston Rd., Ocean Pines	4BR/4.5BA	Single Family	\$849,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 11am-1pm	5401 Coastal Highway Unit 204, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$444,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 10am-1pm	107 Somerset St. Unit 301, Ocean City	3BR/2BA	Condo	\$725,000	Katie Landon/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 11am-1pm	9 46th St., Unit 6 Old Wharf Condos, Ocean City	1BR/1BA	Condo	\$295,995	Steve Green/Coastal Life Realty Group
Saturday 11am-1pm	142nd Street #213, Ocean City	1BR/1.5BA	Condo	\$374,900	Lauren Bunting/Keller Williams Realty
Saturday 11am-2pm	19 Liberty Street, Ocean Pines	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$389,900	Katie Landon/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday Noon-2pm	73 King Richard Road, Berlin	4BR/2.5BA	Single Family	\$749,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 1:30-3:30pm	202 S. Heron Dr. Unit 204C, Heron Harbour, OC	3BR/2BA	Condo	\$539,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 2-4pm	11603 Windward Drive Unit A, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$429,900	Katie Landon/Coldwell Banker Realty
Sunday Noon-2pm	261 Charleston Road, Ocean Pines	4BR/4.5BA	Single Family	\$849,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Sunday 10am-1pm	108 120th St. Unit 2027, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$339,900	Katie Landon/Coldwell Banker Realty
Sunday 1-3pm	73 King Richard Road, Berlin	4BR/2.5BA	Single Family	\$749,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Sunday Noon-2pm	9 46th St., Unit 6 Old Wharf Condos, Ocean City	1BR/1BA	Condo	\$295,995	Steve Green/Coastal Life Realty Group
Sunday 2-4pm	11603 Windward Drive Unit A, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$429,900	Katie Landon/Coldwell Banker Realty
Monday 1:30-3:30pm	11602 S. Hills Drive, Berlin	5BR/4.5BA	Single Family	\$1,849,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty

Happy New Year!





Coloring Contest Winners



Thank you to all the wonderful artists for participating in the Newspaper Coloring Contest.



Below are the winners.

Winner Ages 3-6

Winner Ages 7-11

Winner Ages 12 & Up



Jace Frantz
Age: 6



Maisie Gill
Age: 10



Dale Mary Tubbs
Age: 79



Calendar

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

Thurs., Dec. 26

CRAFTY CORNER

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Enjoy making some holiday crafts the day after Christmas. Ages 0-11 years. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

PLAY TIME

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Join in for a variety of activities and toys. Play and socialize with other families. For ages 0-5 years. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

LET'S TALK MOVIES

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2 p.m. Discuss timeless classics and newer box office hits. This month's topic is the holiday classic "A Christmas Story." 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

Fri., Dec. 27

SO GOOD! THE NEIL DIAMOND EXPERIENCE

Ocean City Performing Arts Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. 7 p.m. Featuring Robert Neary performing Neil Diamond's hits. Cost is \$35 and \$45. Tickets: <https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/92241053/so-good-the-neil-diamond-experience-ocean-city-oc-performing-arts-center>.

2ND ANNUAL OCMD CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. Featuring Switch Night with advanced and social switches. Eight games guaranteed. Sign up and pay on the Scoreholio app. Food and beverages will be credit card only. Additional events are cash only.

MAHJONG CLUB

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Join in for a fun morning of playing tile Mahjong. Feel free to bring your own tile set. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

ARTSY HOMESCHOOLERS

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 11 a.m. Every fourth Friday, come for an art project that includes everything from painting, writing, crafting and more. For ages 6-18 years. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

SCHOOL'S OUT SWITCH SESSION

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 2 p.m.

Come play Nintendo Switch on the big screen and hang out with other kids and tweens. For ages 6-18 years. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

KIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO

Fridays - Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway, behind St. Luke's Church. Doors open at 5 p.m., bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. Light snacks available before bingo and at intermission. 410-524-7994

Sat., Dec. 28

2ND ANNUAL OCMD CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. Featuring BYOP Doubles, four game round robin. Six games guaranteed. Sign up and pay on the Scoreholio app. Food and beverages will be credit card only. Additional events are cash only.

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET

Whaleysville United Methodist, 11716 Sheppards Crossing Road, Whaleysville, 7-10 a.m. Buffet includes pancakes, bacon, sausage, scrapple, scrambled eggs, chipped beef, hash brown potatoes, toast, fruit and assorted drinks. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

Saturdays - White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, 9 a.m. to noon. Shop for everything from fresh local produce to unique handmade artisan goods. Open to the public.

Sun., Dec. 29

2ND ANNUAL OCMD CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. Featuring singles, four game round robin into double elimination brackets. Sign up and pay on the Scoreholio app. Food and beverages will be credit card only. Additional events are cash only.

BERLIN FLEA MARKET

Sundays - Uptown Emporium Parking Lot, 13 S. Main St., Berlin, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Vendor opportunities available. Julie, 410-726-9012; Bill, 410-629-9656

SEWING FOR A CAUSE

Sundays - Buckingham Presbyterian Church, 20 S. Main St., Berlin, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Learn how to sew while making a difference. 410-641-0234

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MEETING

Sundays - Berlin Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, 212 West St., Berlin, 10 a.m. www.jw.org

Mon., Dec. 30

NOON YEARS COUNTDOWN

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 11 a.m.-noon. Countdown to 12 Noon and celebrate the coming year. Enjoy activities for all age groups throughout the whole library. Play games, make party hats and more. For families. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-524-1818

FIBER ARTS

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 2-6 p.m. Bring your own fiber art project (crochet, knitting, etc.) and join in for a casual meet up to work on projects. 410-957-0878, www.worcesterlibrary.org

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

John H. "Jack" Burbage, Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center, 9707 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 3-4 p.m. Those newly diagnosed, in treatment or in remission are welcomed. Friends and family members are encouraged to participate. 410-641-2626

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

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

DELMARVA WOMEN'S A CAPELLA CHORUS

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

OVEREATER'S ANONYMOUS

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

Tues., Dec. 31

NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS

Ocean City beach near Dorchester Street, 11 p.m. Welcome the New Year with fireworks at midnight in two locations, Downtown Ocean City and Northside Park. <https://www.ococean.com/event/new-years-eve-fireworks/1805/>

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Historic Downtown Berlin, 124 N. Main

St., 6 p.m. Family friendly event with music and fun and a ball drop at 6 p.m. Why, 6 p.m.? Because that's when it's midnight in Berlin, Germany! Many restaurants/bars in town to spend the rest of your evening.

HANUKKAH MENORAH LIGHTING

The Inn Berlin, 15 Harrison Ave., 5 p.m. Join in to light the menorah. There will be potato latkes, sufganiyot and dreidels. Outdoor event. www.berlinmainstreet.com

SENSORY STORY TIME

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and fingerplays. For ages 0-5 years. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

PLAY TIME

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 10:30 a.m. Join in for a variety of activities and toys. Play and socialize with other families. For ages 0-5 years. 410-957-0878, 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

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.

ZUMBA TONING TUESDAYS

Tuesdays - Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 5:30 p.m. Zumba with optional light weights. 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.

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Wed., Jan. 1

31ST ANNUAL PENGUIN SWIM

Princess Royale Oceanfront Resort, 9100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, Noon. Advance check-in held Dec. 31 from 2-4 p.m. Event day registration and check-in from 9-11:30 a.m. Advance online registration is recommended: <https://aghpenguinswim.org>. Cyber Swim: #OCPenguinSwim. 410-641-9858

ONGOING EVENTS

WINTER TRAIN GARDEN

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, December through Jan. 4. Visitors of all ages will delight in interacting with buttons that activate accessories and sounds. A scavenger hunt for young patrons will also be available. 410-524-1818

TEENY ART

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., during December. A themed craft program available in the teen section all month long. December Teeny Art is "Trees." For ages 12-18 years. 410-632-3495

WINTERFEST OF LIGHTS

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 5:30-9:30 p.m. Open Wednesday through Sunday, Nov. 21 through Dec. 22. Open daily Dec. 23-31. Cost is \$6 for adults and free to those 11 years and younger. Tour through thousands of sparkling lights and animated Christmas scenes. Pets welcome on Wednesdays. Scooter rentals (\$10/two hours) and wheel chairs available on site: Scooters-4-Rent.com, 302-280-6203. For more info: 410-289-2800, <https://www.ocean.com/winterfest/>. Weather cancellation hotline: 410-250-2124.

PRE-HOLIDAY SHOWING

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Oct. 1-Dec. 31. A pre-holiday showing of original art work. 410-208-4014

CREATIVITY CORNER

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., during January. Students engage in STEAM-related projects and crafts. For ages 12-18 years. 410-641-0650

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Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., during January. Drop by to complete the I Spy Library game and enter for a chance to win a puzzle prize. For ages 6-18 years. 410-957-0878

SCAVENGER HUNT: SNOWMAN HUNT

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, during January. Find the snowmen in the children's area to win a prize. For

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TEENY ARTS

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., during January. A themed craft program available in the teen section all month long. January's Teeny Art is "Pop Art." For ages 12-18 years. 410-632-3495

TEEN TIMESHARE

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, during January, 3 p.m. to close. Drop in and create a seasonal craft or study for a test in your own teen area. For ages 12-18 years. 410-208-4014

JANUARY INSPIRATION CHALLENGE

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., during January. Art, photography or poetry competition for all ages. Pieces will be displayed in the library for viewing and voting by age bracket. The theme is "Memories." Due by Jan. 29. 410-632-3495

QUEEN OF HEARTS

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Meets every month (except July and August) at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Membership is open to individuals of Italian descent and their spouses. www.sonsofitalyocceancity.com

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