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# First SDHS graduates plan 70th reunion

Students from Ocean City, Berlin joined to create one class at new Decatur High

**By Tara Fischer**  
Staff Writer

(May 8, 2025) Around 70 years ago, Ocean City and Berlin students left their respective schools to attend the new, combined Stephen Decatur High School, ending a contentious sports rivalry and kickstarting an institution that has since been home to the Decatur Seahawks.

To celebrate the anniversary, SDHS's first graduating group is getting back together next month.

On Wednesday, June 11, SDHS's

Class of 1955 will celebrate 70 years since graduation with a reunion at the Berlin Beer Company. The group will meet at the Broad Street establishment at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$28 and include crab dip, a luncheon buffet and a dessert.

The milestone reunion is open to the first students, now in their mid- to late 80s, who received SDHS diplomas. A group of women from the class of 1955, who meet for monthly lunches, has already started planning the event to get their peers back together.

Members of the first graduating class to spearhead the get-together include Joanne Jackson, Nancy Owens, Betsy Ludlam, Gloria Pruitt Nolan,

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## Leaf violations piling up as yards go more natural

Dead foliage represents nature to some, but seen as nuisance by others

**By Tara Fischer**  
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(May 8, 2025) Several Ocean Pines homeowners have recently received violations citing yard leaf accumulation as the winter season ends and spring commences.

The notices have created a stir among residents, many of whom claim the infraction letters are unfair and a disruption to maintaining the neighborhood's wooded beauty.

The conversation surrounding leaf violations began at a March Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors meeting. OPA resident Amy Peck spoke during the public comments portion of the gathering, arguing that the meeting packet was unnecessarily "filled with leaf violations."

"For proper drainage, the ditches need to be kept clean, but there is a question regarding leaf maintenance in yards," Peck said. "The primary objective of the ARC (Architectural Review Committee) guidelines remains

to 'preserve the natural beauty of Ocean Pines.' Please note the words natural beauty."

The homeowner continued, stating that Ocean Pines was not meant to imitate communities like Glen Riddle, a neighborhood that adheres to a more manicured and polished aesthetic.

"The majority of our Board of Directors have yards or condos with very few trees; however, for over half a century, Ocean Pines' wooded landscape has always been a defining feature, attracting residents who value its natural beauty and wildlife," Peck added. "Again, please note the words natural beauty and how that is the primary objective of the ARC guidelines."

The board chose to address the leaf discussion a month later at its April 26 meeting. Here, Kevin Middleton, a former ARC member, provided a presentation on leaf violations as described in the ARC guidelines. These standards were revised last year.

A press release issued in July 2024 upon the modified regulations said that the alterations were made to "enhance the community's aesthetic appeal, while ensuring that all property

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Gathering at the Berlin Beer Company to plan for their upcoming 75th high school reunion were Joanne Jackson, Helen Ellis Chamblin, Jane Bunting, Gloria Pruitt Nolan, Betsy Ludlam and Nancy Owens.

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# Unfunded state mandates putting strain on counties

## Worcester sees increases in local funding for pensions, assessment department

By **Brian Shane**  
Staff Writer

(May 8, 2025) Maryland lawmakers are delivering \$1.3 million in unfunded mandates to Worcester County, the result of efforts to balance the state’s budget by cost-sharing with counties.

For the new fiscal year, which starts July 1, county governments will be on the hook for two big expenses: a greater share of teacher pensions and increased carrying costs for the state’s Department Assessment and Taxation, or SDAT.

Other new state-to-local cost shifts, across all 23 counties and Baltimore City, will include \$4.8 million toward community college retirements and \$25 million for nonpublic placement of special-needs students. These costs are nominal to Worcester County, totaling less than \$30,000.

The moves come as state officials, including Gov. Wes Moore, worked feverishly during the Legislative Session to close a \$3 billion revenue shortfall and balance the budget, which is required annually by law.

For Worcester, the overall budget changes will add \$1,282,244 to county expenditures in fiscal 2026.

When it comes to funding for SDAT, the state and its 23 counties for years have shared costs equally in a 50-50 split. But this new budget upends that arrangement and will force counties to pay 90 percent of costs, leaving 10% to the state. It’s budgeted to add \$580,573 onto Worcester’s fiscal burden in 2026.

All in, the SDAT change represents a savings to the state of about \$21 million – a figure that “doesn’t move the needle much” toward its \$3 billion budget deficit, according to Worcester County Administrator Weston Young. He called the move “really short-sighted.”

“It’s another unfunded mandate,” Young said. “They need to find money to pay for their commitments. A 50-50 split is fair. They’re struggling to pay their own bills. They shouldn’t just dump things down on the counties.”

“We pay 90% of the salaries of employees we don’t control – that’s what it is,” Young added. “My bigger worry is, it sets a precedent. These things add up.”

Because income taxes are collected by the state, any county government that fails to pay a mandate will see its income tax revenue garnished by the state, Young noted.

The budget passed by lawmakers also shifts \$93 million in pro-rated

teacher pension costs onto the counties. Worcester’s share is \$672,312.

“A lot of the counties are maxed out on their income tax revenue, and they’re struggling to pay the mandates now,” Young said. “Then you throw in a larger share of the teacher pension increases, it’s insult to injury. It’s putting an additional strain on all county budgets. If they give mandates, they typically should give a funding source,” he said.

An earlier recommendation from the state’s Department of Legislative Services for this legislative session would have shifted 100% of teacher pensions onto counties, a proposal that did not succeed legislatively. Until 2012, the state paid 100% of teacher pensions.

“It’s not tightening the belt – it’s just shifting the budget,” said Kevin Kinnally, the legislative director for the Maryland Association of Counties, or MACo. “Marylanders are still going to pay for this.”

Kinnally said MACo was able to fend off other unfunded mandates, like proposed cuts to the Enterprise Zone economic development program, as well as proposed cuts to Program Open Space, which funds environmental and conservation easements.

The state budget also includes another mandate: counties must pay 50% of settlements for wrongly incarcerated individuals. For example, the state’s Board of Public Works could agree to pay a big-ticket settlement, and then force Worcester, or any county, to cough up half.

Kinnally added he was “particularly aggrieved” by the wrongful settlement initiative, not only because counties are not involved in the process, but it’s ultimately not a big cost savings for the state.

“We have no idea what these costs could or would be,” he said. “If someone is wrongly incarcerated, they deserve to be compensated, but there’s really no way to plan or budget for this. If you’re a small jurisdiction, that can be significant if you’re in the middle of a budget cycle. It’s puzzling. It felt kind of out of left field.”

The elephant in the room, Kinnally added, is how the federal government still may withhold as much as \$1 billion in federal disaster mitigation funds for Maryland – a move that could trigger a special legislative session, leading to more budget cuts and tax hikes.

He also anticipated that a new tax on IT and business services, which was projected to raise \$500 million in revenue, could be litigated and potentially repealed.

“Unfortunately,” Kinnally said of the state’s structural deficit, “I think they have flipped over every couch cushion.”

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# Leaf rules give nod to firesafety guidelines

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modifications comply with the highest standards to maintain property values.”

Middleton added that the recrafted guidelines aimed to “provide health, safety, and goodwill for the community” and used federal, state, and Worcester County requirements to provide clear instructions for property owners.

Compliance, Permit, and Inspections (CPI) violations have been issued to residents based on leaf accumulation to maintain welfare and avoid potential fire hazards.

“I am a homeowner here as well,” Middleton said. “...I have other properties, and this one’s [insurance] increased more than any other property. I called the insurance company to ask why, and they said it had to do with re-

placement costs for destruction ... They said fire ... We got fires within 100 miles in New Jersey. We have wildfires in Pennsylvania. Maryland is under an extreme drought situation and has been for over a year.”

The former ARC member noted that these violations have been issued in the spring because it is the busiest wildfire season in Maryland, along with autumn.

“You’re probably going to see these violations again in the fall,” Middleton said. “They are following the guidelines of the state.”

According to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forest Service, most Maryland wildfires are surface fires that burn fallen leaves, twigs, and debris on the ground.

Middleton said that leaves must be disposed of properly, especially now,

as the state is experiencing “unusually hot and dry conditions, or drought, that can turn a mild fire season into a serious problem.”

OPA Board of Directors President Stuart Lakernick echoed the former ARC member’s fire concerns.

“This is about fire hazard and keeping your home, so it doesn’t burn down,” he said.

Middleton noted that while leaf maintenance is about aesthetics and ensuring property owners keep a clean and tidy yard, it is also vital in protecting a house and its inhabitants.

Still, some residents disagreed with the idea that leaf accumulation violations are issued based on fire risks.

On April 29, Peck took to the community’s online forum to share a letter she sent to the OPA Board of Directors, further expressing her grievances with the leaf violations.

“It is disconcerting to note that the justification for the new guideline has shifted from a longstanding emphasis on community aesthetics to a purported focus on fire safety,” she wrote. “A review of previous Board meetings clearly indicates that fire safety was

never raised as a primary concern regarding leaf accumulation. For example, during the February 22, 2025 meeting...the discussions centered on properties maintaining a neat appearance...There was no mention of fire safety. Director Elaine Brady talked about ‘the mess lawns look like.’ Lakernick stated, ‘We were elected to make sure this place stays nice.’ Director Rick Farr stated ‘homeowners need to understand the requirements of beautification.’

The correspondence continued, noting that OPA has historically never mandated complete leaf removal, and that a decision in 2018 to permit fire pits contradicts the fire prevention concerns.

“While it is understandable that some Board members may view this issue from the perspective of urban maintenance as they live in condos or sunny clear lots, for over 50 years, the majority of Ocean Pines residents reside in woodland settings and deeply value the natural character and aesthetics of our environment as did the founders of Ocean Pines,” Peck’s note adds.

## Decatur class of '55 to convene

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Jane Disharoon Bunting, and Helen Ellis Chamblin. The committee of women met at the Berlin Beer Company on Friday, May 2, for their monthly meal and to discuss the 70-year celebration.

SDHS was founded in 1954. The school was constructed to combine students from two competing institutions: the island kids at Ocean City High School and the inland group from Buckingham High School in Berlin.

Ocean City High School, which was once at the city’s current town hall building, was moved to West Ocean City and today is Ocean City Elementary serving students in pre-k3 to fourth grade. Buckingham has also since operated exclusively through fourth grade.

“Ocean City and Berlin were competitors,” Bunting said. “At basketball, and all the sports ... We didn’t really want to go to school with Ocean City kids.”

However, the ladies assured they got used to the consolidated school and are now “fine” with the fact that northern Worcester County students have been classmates for the past 70 years.

The class of 1955’s influence on Decatur is everlasting. According to Chamblin, the first group, via committees, chose what has since been a longstanding tradition of the high school: the Seahawk mascot and the recognizable blue and white school colors. Chamblin said the seahawk was chosen to encapsulate the coastal aesthetic of the area.


SDHS was named after a United States Navy officer from the Maryland Eastern Shore who lived from 1779 to 1820.


Nolan said that when the new school was named Stephen Decatur, the students “had never heard of him.” The group is now more familiar with the namesake’s impact and the influential commands he held in the War of 1812.

The class of 1955 reminisced on their time at Decatur, which included a senior trip to New York City. The women added that while attending Buckingham, the students often left school to grab lunch at Rayne’s Reef, a Berlin staple founded in 1901. However, when they made the move to SDHS, the rules changed a little. Leaving the premises was disallowed, and if students drove to school, they were required to hand over their keys to the front office.


The first group to graduate from SDHS has held reunions over the years, some of which included taking a tour of the facility and planting a tree on its property. Additionally, Jackson, Owens, Ludlam, Nolan, Bunting and Chamblin get together for monthly lunches.

The 70-year reunion is set for June 11. Members of the class of 1955 who plan to attend must RSVP by June 1 by contacting Bunting at 410-641-1932 or janebunting19@gmail.com. The \$28 entrance fee must be paid in exact cash at the door. Furthermore, classmates who cannot attend may instead send a note to Bunting to be read to the reunion.





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# Pines keeps incumbent to operate summer election

By Tara Fischer  
Staff Writer

(May 8, 2025) The incumbent MK Election Services from Pittsburgh will handle the Ocean Pines Association’s 2025 Board of Directors Election, per a board vote at last week’s special meeting.

At a special board meeting on Friday, May 2, the OPA board chose MK Election Services, the vendor who conducted the community’s election last year, to oversee this year’s voting cycle. The selection follows a regular board meeting in April in which the OPA Elections Committee recommended Berlin-based ACE Printing and Mailing for the job. The board questioned that suggestion, and it ultimately failed to pass.

A requirement of the RFP (request for proposal) was that bidders must be able to handle a hybrid election. A few years ago, the community implemented an online voting option in addition to paper ballots.

At the April meeting, OPA Board of Directors Vice President Rick Farr asked Elections Committee Chair Steve Ransdell whether ACE had developed and tested the Ocean Pines-specific portal they had promised to offer internet ballot-casting. According to Ransdell, to his knowledge, the system had yet to be created.

The board also struggled to accept ACE, as the company did not offer references to past work similar to the hybrid requirements asked by OPA, claiming confidentiality concerns.

“I know in any business, references as far as performances are critical and important,” Farr said at last month’s board meeting. “Not being able to share references is a concern for me on that aspect of being able to show past performance. So, I will be brutally honest that that’s a red flag ... I understand confidentiality. However, regarding providing references of past performance, I think it’s very important for us to make this type of decision.”

Following the April meeting, the board planned to solicit answers to their questions from ACE to make a more informed decision. That intention was thrown out when ACE opted to remove itself from election service considerations. The company claimed that the questions posed at the board gathering, like client references and a completed online voting portal, were not included in the original RFP.

“After reviewing the video and transcript of your recent Board meeting discussion, we must express serious concerns regarding the evolving nature of the selection process and the apparent deviation from the requirements set forward in the original RFP,” the note reads. “...given the cumulative procedural irregularities, shifting requirements, confidentiality

breaches, and demonstrable bias exhibited during this process, ACE Printing & Mailing formally withdraws all consideration from this RFP and disassociates from any further involvement under OPA’s current, tainted framework. We categorically reject any continued participation in a procurement exercise that so plainly violates the fundamental standards of fairness, transparency, and professional ethics.”

The correspondence added that the “financial implications of the board’s actions cannot be ignored.” ACE’s bid was \$18,685, while MK Elections’ was \$31,539.

Per ACE’s self-elimination, OPA has chosen MK Election Services to handle the 2025 board election. The motion to authorize the election committee and legal counsel to negotiate the final terms of a written contract with MK was passed by the board last week. Board members Jeff Heavner, Elaine Brady, John Latham, Stuart Lakernick, and Farr voted yes. Monica Rakowski and Steve Jacobs abstained.

“I am disappointed that ACE was not willing to come back to us with answering some of the questions,” Brady said. “Everybody was on the fence about which way to go. There were certain questions we all had that I think were valid. I’m sorry that he did not, so we couldn’t consider him. But, it is what it is, and this is where we’re at.”

Latham, the liaison to the elections committee, said that ACE’s willingness to respond to the board’s inquiries may have changed the outcome.

“I was disappointed,” he said. “I thought they were not difficult questions that should have been answered by ACE. We fully suspected we would get those answers back. It did not seem that difficult ... we may have been making a different decision today.”

Jacobs argued that the election vendor selection was “a mess.” According to the board member, the committee did not do its part in receiving answers to essential questions. Additionally, the RFP should have been issued earlier to provide the board more time to select a contractor and the committee more time to submit a recommendation.

Farr, however, maintained that the situation is not in disorder. Instead, the board sought answers to questions that were not provided.

“I personally don’t think there’s a mess here. I mean, at all,” Farr said. “...I asked specific questions about the vendor. Very simple questions...I don’t believe this is a mess. It is my hope this whole election will run smoothly.”

This year, the board has three seats up for election: those belonging to Rakowski, Lakernick and Jacobs. The final day for candidates to submit campaign applications is Monday, May 12.



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# Grant unknowns delay soft shoreline project

Planned work will pause amid questions regarding fed's funding commitment

**By Tara Fischer**  
Staff Writer  
(May 8, 2025) The soft shoreline project at the Ocean Pines South Gate Pond has been postponed until next year as the status of federal grant funding remains uncertain.

At an Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors meeting on April 26, Linda Martin, senior director of administration, updated the community on a planned soft shoreline project to combat erosion, promote beautification, and preserve wildlife at the South Gate Pond. According to the official, the Maryland Coastal Bays Program, the environmental group collaborating with OPA on the endeavor, paused the initiative for now, hoping it will resume next year. Martin cited uncertainty surrounding federal grant funding as the reason for the delay.

While the project is up in the air, Martin provided some updates on where the work currently stands. MCBP provided \$150,000 in grants for the initiative's planning and design, and final concept drawings were received on Nov. 4. OPA also received

a final cost estimate of about \$500,000. That includes \$200,000 to \$250,000 for the submerged gravel wetland, \$100,000 for the fishing area, and \$100,000 to \$150,000 for landscaping. Martin added that the landscaping will also incorporate turtle-specific protection.

"The landscaping will include a turtle sanctuary or layout," she said. Community officials and its Environment and Natural Assets Committee have been working on the soft shoreline project for years. In February 2024, then ENAC chair Tim Peck said the endeavor was proposed and confirmed in January 2024, and discussions of a similar plan came before

the board of directors nearly two years before that. Last year, MCBP was to grow native vegetation around the pond, including grass and flowers, to combat erosion. The entire project is to cover 4,600 feet of shoreline. The first phase focuses on the area that faces Racetrack Road, where soil loss is most troublesome. The venture also aims to improve stormwater management and deter Canada geese from congregating near the pond. Peck noted last year that the birds typically avoid high-vegetation areas. "We saw this as doing some plantings to help stem erosion along cer-

tain parts of the South Gate Pond," OPA General Manager John Viola said of the project in 2024. "...This will also create a nice backdrop for the Veterans Memorial events." Once back underway, the soft shoreline plan intends to address the pond's multiple uses, including the park's enjoyment. Furthermore, access points will be made available so as not to disrupt the fishing crowd. Viola assured in early 2024 that the board and the Ocean Pines community have received the project well. "Who doesn't want a cleaner, more attractive South Gate Pond?" he said at the time.

## Gym floor replacement work soon

\$62K upgrade required after winter leak resulted in significant water damage

**By Tara Fischer**  
Staff Writer  
(May 8, 2025) The gym floor at the Ocean Pines Community Center inches toward replacement in an initiative to repair water damage from a

pipe that broke in February. At an Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors meeting on April 26, OPA Recreation and Parks Director Debbie Donahue updated the community on the project to repair the gym floor. Earlier this year, a pipe broke, causing a leak and water damage to the gym's hardwood surface. The covering is undergoing renovations. On April 21, OPA Public Works

began ripping up the floor to prepare for the new installation. Dynamic Sports Construction will install the upgraded floor at a cost of \$62,300. Donahue said the project will likely be completed in June. "We just have a few more things to do in the gym, and then they can come in and get started with the installation," the recreation director See PROJECT Page 9

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# Officials hopeful new bocce courts will open soon in OP

## Ocean Pines Yacht Club will offer synthetic courts; membership interest high

By Tara Fischer  
Staff Writer

(May 8, 2025) Two new bocce ball courts will be installed at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club next week for a total project cost of \$50,692, community officials said late last month.

Earlier this year, the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors approved a staff recommendation to allow an outside contractor, South-west Greens Delaware Valley, to construct two new bocce courts at the community's Yacht Club, where a similar play area used to sit.

Recreation & Parks Director Debbie Donahue hopes the project will be completed by Memorial Day, with play beginning in June. OPA Public Works began preparing the site for the new courts on April 18.

"They have done the demolition for the one court that was at the Yacht Club," Donahue said. "Now there are going to be two courts. They are going to be side by side, kind of end to end."

According to the recreation director, a league has been formed with around 88 members signed up and even more substitutes. She added that the rec and parks department intends to launch a fall bocce group in addition to the summer program.

"This is a new, exciting program that we are offering," Donahue said.

OPA General Manager John Viola noted that the new bocce league has outpaced platform tennis in terms of membership. The new bocce group boasts around 100 members, while platform tennis has 50 to 60. Still, while platform tennis is growing, Viola said to "put that into perspective."

At a March board meeting, Viola maintained that he expects the bocce initiative to yield a return on investment in under a decade.

"With memberships, a projection of 100 members...they will break even somewhere around the sixth year, the seventh year," he said.

That estimate could decrease when considering ancillary income from bocce members' food and beverage purchases, Viola added.

The bocce courts will be made of synthetic materials.

OPA officials considered synthetic and natural materials, but they settled on synthetic because it is less maintenance-intensive than the alternative option.

"The two courts we are proposing to build are synthetic," said Mike Galello, the Ocean Pines bocce ball club director, in March. "We are doing it right, so we have 10 years on this court before it even needs maintenance. That's the advantage of going synthetic versus natural. Natural, you need constant maintenance like you need to roll it. Synthetic is where we need to be."

The courts will be ready for play at the beginning of the summer season.

**'This is a new, exciting program that we are offering!'**  
Debbie Donahue

## Project likely wrapped in June

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said. "We are really excited about getting that floor in and not having any more of these types of issues."

Officials said in March that the broken pipe that created a need for an improved gym surface happened on a weekend and was not discovered until several days later.

"There has been some misunderstanding about what happened [to the gym floor]," Donahue said. "It wasn't coming from outside; it isn't a massive leak underneath the flooring; it was an O-ring in the piping that runs the water to the radiant heat. It was a minor thing that, once on the wall, could not be detected until, unfortunately, the water was on the floor."

Upon completion, the gym at the community center will see a DynaForce System, or a poured floor with padding underneath.

"DynaForce is a hybrid system of

multipurpose athletic flooring that provides support and durability for all athletes," Dynamic Sports Construction's website reads. "It merges the best attributes of sheet and poured systems to deliver truly amazing basketball court flooring... DynaForce is about superior performance, safety, and flexibility."

The vendor's website adds that the planned flooring is seamless and non-porous, which can thus improve durability and sanitation.

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# Committee formed to fill two county judge vacancies

Worcester District, Circuit courts each have openings with interviews next step

By **Brian Shane**  
Staff Writer

(May 2, 2025) Maryland Gov. Wes Moore has convened a nominating commission to fill two judicial vacancies on the Lower Shore.

“Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester County residents deserve diverse, talented, and knowledgeable representation on their Trial Courts Judicial Nominating Commission,” Moore said in an April 25 statement. “These appointees reflect our commitment to those principles, and I am grateful that each appointee has raised their hand to serve.”

The 13-member commission will be tasked with forwarding candidates to the governor to replace Worcester County District Court Judge Gerald Purnell and Worcester County Circuit Court Judge Peggy Kent.

Both candidates were historic for Worcester County: Purnell was the county’s first-ever African American judge, and Kent was the county’s first female judge to serve on the Circuit Court.

Purnell stepped down Aug. 31, and Kent reached the state’s mandatory judicial retirement age of 70 last month. Neither position has been filled, though Kent has been serving as a substitute on the circuit bench in retirement.

From here, the bench openings will be formally advertised, and the commission will hold open a 30-day application window. Candidates must complete a lengthy application.

Next, the commission will meet to interview all the applicants in person. Finalists would then be forwarded to the governor’s office to fill each appointment. The final decision falls to the Gov. Moore.

Members of this nominating commission, most of whom are practicing attorneys, all hail from the Lower Shore counties of Worcester, Wicomico, and Somerset.

Moore named Heather Stansbury, a veteran attorney with the Ocean City firm of Ayres, Jenkins, Gordy, and Almand, as the commission chairperson. She also served on past nominating commissions for governors Martin O’Malley and Larry Hogan.

Other commission members include Ashley Bosche, Lili Chi-Fang Tsai, Gorman Getty, Kendra Hayward, Roscoe Leslie, Carolyn Mathers, Kelly McFadden, Robert Mock Jr., Reena Patel, Christine Powell, Amy Taylor, and Megan Tawes.

Governors don’t name a nominating commission, which has a five-year-term, unless there’s a need for one. The last judge appointed to the bench in Worcester County was Cathi Coates, a former magistrate, in 2022 by Gov. Hogan. She replaced the retired Ocean City District Court Judge Danny Mumford.

Existing pool candidates carrying over from prior judicial searches include Worcester County attorneys Mike Farlow, David Gaskill, and Regan Smith, according to the Maryland Judiciary website.



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# TidalHealth, AGH formalize hospital merger

**By Brian Shane**  
Staff Writer

(May 8, 2025) After a short engagement, the Lower Shore’s two leading hospital systems have finalized their marriage.

The chief executive officers of Atlantic General Hospital (AGH) and TidalHealth signed a definitive agreement May 1 at the AGH campus in Berlin. The merger will bring the two health systems together under the umbrella of TidalHealth, and the combined company will employ about 6,000 people on Delmarva.

AGH President Don Owrey called the merger “an exciting new chapter for Atlantic General,” one that gives AGH access to the resources and capabilities of a larger healthcare network.

“This affiliation ensures that patients across Worcester and Sussex Counties continue to receive the personalized care they expect from their local hospital and providers, backed by the strength and added capability of TidalHealth,” Owrey said in a statement.

The partnership will strengthen the hospital’s ability to recruit and retain a high-quality workforce, and also will provide AGH capital funding to expand services, officials said.

TidalHealth CEO Steve Leonard in



**Pictured, from left, at the May 1 ceremonial signing of the merger paperwork were Doug Cook, AGH Board of Trustees chair; Don Owrey, president/CEO of AGH; Steve Leonard, CEO of TidalHealth; and Memo Diriker, TidalHealth Board chair.**

a statement said they’re proud to partner with a healthcare provider that has similar philosophies and beliefs.

“Together we will be working throughout the region to improve health and wellness across the continuum of care,” said Leonard. “We continue to look for partners on this journey and are excited about the opportunities to positively impact additional lives through the growth that will follow.”

For now, the public will see few front-facing changes; AGH will con-

tinue to be branded as Atlantic General. No job losses are anticipated on either side of the merger, officials have stated. Leonard has previously stated he plans to welcome all contracted AGH physicians into the TidalHealth family.

Behind the scenes, however, both sides will work on integrating clinical and business operations like IT, payroll, and converting AGH to a new electronic medical records system called Epic.

The AGH board will be integrated into the TidalHealth system, maintaining a degree of local governance, but TidalHealth will become the sole member of the AGH Corporation Board after the merger.

AGH and its affiliated services, medical practices, and outpatient facilities now joins the TidalHealth organization that already includes its flagship Salisbury hospital, Peninsula Regional. TidalHealth already has medical campuses in Ocean Pines and Millsboro, Delaware.

In the face of ongoing challenges like labor shortages and recruiting

difficulties, stagnant reimbursement, and the rigor of a state-mandated billing structure, the AGH Board of Trustees in 2024 decided to explore a partnership with another hospital system.

“It became more evident that AGH might benefit from being part of a larger system,” spokeswoman Toni Keiser said in December. “The Board believes the timing is appropriate to align with a like-minded organization who shares our commitment to keeping high quality care close to home.”

The merger process moved relatively quickly and both sides signed a letter of intent agreement Dec. 12 to launch their partnership process.

It’s the second major merger for the company in recent years. In 2020, the former Peninsula Regional health system absorbed both McCready Memorial Hospital in Crisfield and Nanticoke Memorial Hospital in Seaford, Delaware. The merged entity rebranded as TidalHealth.

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# Library branch celebrates volunteer of year

**By Tara Fischer**  
Staff Writer

(May 8, 2025) An Ocean Pines Library helper was named “Volunteer of the Year” last week for her dedication to maintaining a smoothly run facility. The awardee was honored at a luncheon with a proclamation from the Worcester County Commissioners.

On Wednesday, April 30, Vicki O’Mara, a member of the Friends of the Ocean Pines Library, a group whose mission is to assist the media center, was named the 2025 Volunteer of the Year. FOPL helps with shelving, publicity, patron communication, sorting and storing books, and programs like the annual book sale.

FOPL recognized O’Mara for her eight years as a library volunteer. According to the proclamation, read by Ocean Pines’ Worcester County Commissioner representative Chip Bertino, O’Mara helps with the yearly book sale, facility programs, and book shelving. The volunteer is also a member of the Worcester County Library Board of Trustees, which forms policy, advises the director, and approves the library’s budget.

“[O’Mara] is recognized for her reliability and willingness to always lend a helping hand,” said Bertino.

Ocean Pines Library Branch Man-

ager Harry Burkett added that in addition to O’Mara’s assistance in ensuring the book building operates well and remains organized and tidy, the volunteer never fails to brighten the day of the facility staff.

“She always brings us delicious desserts, especially on National Library Week,” he said. “I always take a picture because they are always so pretty during that week.”

According to James Meckley, president of the FOPL, O’Mara started as a volunteer not long after him, and “almost immediately,” he knew that her number of hours worked would rival his. While the awardee’s set schedule puts her at the branch for around four hours every Tuesday, she is often spotted in the media center more, picking up shifts when she can and engaging in programs when needed.

Meckley noted that O’Mara’s presence goes beyond reorganizing the James Patterson section.

“[O’Mara] has been much more than a volunteer here,” the FOPL president said. “...she has been a confidant...I tend to wear my heart on my sleeve, and she is always there to pick it up and put it back...She always finds something to do. She is always ready and willing to help...We can’t thank her enough.”



County Commissioner Chip Bertino recognized Vicki O’Mara with a county citation.  
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Additionally, O’Mara volunteers at the annual three-day book sale every July.

“If you come to the book sale, I don’t care when you come, she will be here,” Meckley said.

Volunteering at the library is a joy, O’Mara said, because of the community the job provides.

“The staff is wonderful,” she said. “I have always enjoyed being in libraries, so it’s just nice spending time in one. It’s a good place to be.”

The honoree also noted that the space is “very community-oriented.” Ocean Pines residents meet friends at the library, can take offered Spanish classes, partake in craft programs, and receive help with resumes and technology. O’Mara added that the children’s activities are “awesome.”

“The programs are wonderful for [the children],” she said. “It’s great to see parents bringing kids to libraries. The programs are incredibly well-attended.”

The library’s kid-friendly events include story times and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts,

and mathematics) programs for older children. In March, the facility’s youth director, Angie DiMarco, was named “Staff Member of the Year” by FOPL.

A volunteer has now been given a similar distinction.

“This is such an honor,” O’Mara said. “There are so many people, so many volunteers, who put so many hours into this library. I don’t feel like I do more than anyone else. This is an incredible volunteer group.”

O’Mara added that the book sale, which the FOPL organizes at the end of July each year, demonstrates the community’s appreciation for the Ocean Pines Library.

“There are around 120 volunteers who work at the book sale,” O’Mara said. “That says a lot about this community and what this library gives to it, that so many people come to help. There is so much involvement. The book sale is three days long, and there are a number of volunteers all the time at the book sale. It speaks to the community...they love their library.”



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Welcoming new Ocean Pines Police Officer Vicki Martin at a recent meeting were Police Chief Tim Robinson and OPA President Stuart Lakernick.

# Celebrated detective joins Ocean Pines as new officer

(May 8, 2025) The Ocean Pines Police Department recently welcomed its newest officer, Vicki Martin, during a swearing-in ceremony at the Ocean Pines Clubhouse.

Ocean Pines Association President Stuart Lakernick conducted the ceremony during a regular Board meeting.

“This is one of the great things that we’ve instituted here in Ocean Pines,” Lakernick said. “We, the Board, are delighted, and I have the honor of swearing in Officer Vicki Martin.”

Ocean Pines Police Chief Tim Robinson said Martin comes to Ocean Pines following a distinguished 27-year career with the Ocean City Police Department, which was followed by several additional years with the Worcester County Sheriff’s Office.

During her three-decade-plus career in law enforcement, Martin worked as a uniformed patrol officer before moving to criminal investigations in Ocean City where she spent most of her career, specializing in child abuse investigations. She developed a reputation as a capable and experienced investigator and was often called upon to handle high profile investigations throughout the region.

Following her retirement in 2013, Martin transferred to the Worcester County Sheriff’s Office as the detective assigned to the Worcester County Child Advocacy Center. During her

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## VISUAL ARTS CONTEST WINNERS

Worcester Prep's Lower School students recently won awards at this year's Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club Visual Arts Contest. Second grader Nicole Sebastian won first place in the "Up to Age 7" category, and fifth grader Tobi Blaska won first place in the "Age 8 to 11" category. They each received \$100 and will be entered into the Optimist International Visual Arts Contest. Second grader Elsie Booth received second place, and Caroline McCready received third, while kindergartners Laine Booth and first grader Milana Christensen both received Honorable Mentions in the "Up to Age 7" category. Fifth grader Aaralyn Lillquist received second place, and fourth grader Hannah Giardina received third in the "Age 8 to 11" category, with third grader Lilly McClure and fourth graders Adee Carmean and Emery Anthony receiving Honorable Mentions. All award winners received monetary prizes. Standing, from left, are Caroline McCready, Lilly McClure, Tobi Blaska, Adee Carmean, Aaralyn Lillquist, Emery Anthony, Nicole Sebastian, Hannah Giardina, Elsie Booth, Laine Booth and Milana Christensen. Standing behind are OC-Berlin Optimist Club President Christine Dolomount, left, and Visual Arts Chair Sharon Sorrentino, right, along with lower school art teacher Cathy Roman, second from right.



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## TOWN PROCLAMATION

On Monday, April 14, the Charm Girls of the Red Hat Society, Chapter # 74007, were presented a Proclamation by Mayor Zack Tyndall. The Proclamation declared April 25, 2005, as the 27th Anniversary of the Red Hat Society which is located in Fullerton, California. The Charm Girls, led by Ambassador/Queen Mable V Jarmon, will also celebrate their chapter's 17th Anniversary this year. Following the presentation, the Charm Girls celebrated in the ballroom of the Atlantic Hotel in Berlin. Pictured are Jarmon, Tyndall and Vice-Queen Brenda Dutton-Harding.



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## DIAKONIA SUPPORTED

The OC Lions continued their ongoing support of Diakonia with a recent donation. Diakonia provides shelter, food, clothing and program services for homeless men, women, families and veterans across the lower shore tri-county area. Pictured, from left, are OC Lions President Scott Stark, Diakonia Executive Director Ken Argot and Lion J.D. Quillin.



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## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Rotary Club of Snow Hill announced the 2025 scholarship recipients from Snow Hill High School at the April 23 Teachers of the Year banquet. Pictured, from left, are Lou Taylor, Worcester County Superintendent of Schools; Chloe Hoffer, recipient of a Larry Knudsen Service Scholarship; Mary Ann Rutzler, recipient of a Larry Knudsen Service Scholarship; Abby Gaskill, recipient of the Laurel Anderson Nursing Scholarship; and Diana Nolte, Snow Hill Rotary president. Anderson was a longtime Rotary Club member and nurse. Knudsen is fondly remembered as an advocate for children and a proponent of community service.



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## KIWANIAN RECOGNIZED

The latest Kiwanian of the month, Skip Flanagan, was selected by Kiwanis Club President Tom Southwell for her outstanding work of organizing the Kiwanis Bingo Night at the Casino on March 19. Pictured, from left, are Flanagan and Southwell.



# Principal details innovative program for school board

## Cedar Chapel teachers use Expanding Expression Tool to assist communication

By Tara Fischer  
Staff Writer

(May 8, 2025) Cedar Chapel Special School is strengthening kids' communication skills through an innovative program featuring a series of activities that improve students' ability to express themselves.

Last month, Belinda Gulyas, principal of CCSS in Snow Hill, explained to the Worcester County Board of Education the Expanding Expression Tool (EET) is a physical and visual reminder of different parts involved in explaining and expanding expression, strengthening a child's communication abilities. The program was adapted for CCSS to help kids with non-verbal or limited verbal communication.

"Expanding Expression Tool (EET) is a systematic and multisensory approach designed to enhance expressive language skills, particularly for individuals who struggle with organizing and expressing their thoughts," the presentation reads. "EET serves as a valuable tool for therapists, educators, and parents to support language development, stretch description details, and enhance communication skills."

EET originated from the general classroom, but Gulyas maintained that her team adapted it and added more pictures for students who require visual aids.

In EET, different colored or symbolized beads represent various parts of the expression. Kids are given an object prompt, like an apple, and use the beads to explain its components. Green, for example, designates the group or category in which an apple would be placed. Blue is the action bead. In the case of an apple, it gets eaten.

A white bead with an eyeball asks what the apple looks like, and a brown bead inquires what it is made from, like its stem and seeds. Additional colors, like a white bead, indicate where the object can be found.

In practice, students hold their beads and run through the visual re-

mindings to explain the aspects of the object or prompt. A teacher may also model the system to ensure the child completes each step of the EET system.

Gulyas added that modifications can be made via communication devices for nonverbal or limited verbal students.

The CCSS principal maintained that this system exists at other schools, including Buckingham Elementary School. During a BES walk-through, board member Katie Addis noted that she observed a student utilizing EET.

"[BES Principal Chrisina Welch] was escorting us around the building and one of the students did this and it was really neat because he held one bead, would go over it, then he'd pick up the next bead, and it was really neat to see how he used it to create the information around the [prompt]," Addis said.

Gulyas noted the advantages of EET in an educational environment because it "provides universal access to students everywhere," including special ed and general learners.

"You could see [the BES student] did have some challenges, and as he was going through it, it helped him, but I was thinking, 'wow, this would be great for kids to use in general to learn a wider vocabulary when it comes to writing,'" Addis added.

The board of education emphasized that the EET is beneficial to educating the students of WCPS.

"One of the most gratifying things in our lives is being able to express ourselves," Worcester County Board of Education President Todd Ferrante said. "... and this tool is allowing these young kids to express themselves. It's a great thing."

# Obituary

JOANNE JEWELL  
Berlin

Joanne Selby Jewell age 80, of Berlin, passed away Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was the daughter of the late Albert F. Johnson and Anna Mae (Selby) Johnson. She was the wife of Stephen Jewell. They are not long the days of wine and roses.



Joanne Jewell

In 1955 Joanne and her family lived in Palo Alto, California. Joanne's only wish was to have a baby sister, just like her best friend had. The day I was born her wish came true!

Then the family moved to Fort Ashby, West Virginia where Joanne discovered sock hops and dances at the fire station.

Then the family moved to Greenbelt, Maryland where Joanne discovered Steve... they got married and in the years to follow raised four boys. Steve retired from Giant Foods and

they both moved to Ocean City to live with our mom and take care of her as she got older.

My brother quoted a line from a book... "A little boy looks up at his grandfather and says... It must have been a long time since YOU were a baby... And the grandfather says "It was only yesterday..."

In addition to her husband Joanne is survived by her sons, David Jewell (Gracious), Michael Jewell, Douglas Jewell (Tina) and, Robert Jewell (Charlene), brother, John Johnson (Mary), sister, Mary Carol Johnson-Willis (Forrest), grandchildren Jeffery, Christopher, Stephen, Jesse, Sable, Nicolette,, Wayde, Caitlin and Ian, great-grandchildren Avaleigh, Olivia, Blake, Paisley, Kash and Walker.

Cremation followed Joanne's passing. A celebration of life will be announced at a later date. Arrangements are in the care of The Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin, Maryland. Condolences may be shared with the family via [www.burbagefuneralhome.com](http://www.burbagefuneralhome.com).

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# Opinion

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## Tidal Health, Atlantic put patient care first

Congratulations to the leadership at Tidal Health and Atlantic General Hospital for bringing the two institutions together after years of competing for the loyalty and support of the coastal population.

By formally merging last week, the hospitals' boards of directors and executives put an end to a relationship that, over the years, ran the gamut from hostile in the beginning, to stubbornly dismissive, to peaceful co-existence and finally to the realization that both hospitals offered something the other didn't have.

For Atlantic General, that something is quick access to care, which did not exist on the Maryland coast until the hospital opened 32 years ago this month after a long and politically fraught campaign.

Its creation also engendered other assets that any hospital would want: close ties to the communities it served, benefactors who believed in its mission, solid local medical practices and a committed staff.

Tidal Health, meanwhile, has all the advantages one would expect of a much larger institution: a thriving patient care network, more doctors and specialists, and the financial wherewithal to keep up with developments in the healthcare industry.

By combining these individual operations in the way they have, the boards of directors and management of these hospitals have not only preserved their identities as well as the attributes they both enjoy but have capitalized on them to deliver better and more complete medical care for the community.

The latter, after all, is what really counts, and it's good to see these providers acknowledge that serving the best interests of coastal area residents is and will continue to be the primary objective.

## County to hold health, wellness fair

Community health partners will be on location as vendors

(May 8, 2025) The public is welcome to join the Worcester County Recreation & Parks (WCRP) for the Coast Health & Wellness Fair Wednesday May 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Worcester County Recreation Center in Snow Hill. The health fair is free and open to the public.

In keeping with this year's theme, "Women's Health," onsite healthcare providers will offer screenings for breast cancer, bone density, blood pressure, body composition, A1C, and functional movement.

"We are thrilled to announce the upcoming Health Fair, a resource-filled event, dedicated to promot-

ing health and wellness in our community," said WCRP Program Manager Kyle Jarmon, who is heading up the event. "The fair will feature many health screenings, fitness demos, and much more all designed to inspire a healthier lifestyle."

Community health partners, including CareFirst, Worcester County Health Department, Atlantic General Hospital, and Tidal Health, will be on location, providing a one-stop shop for the screenings and services that visitors have come to expect, as well as a blood drive, which is being made possible by the Blood Bank of Delmarva.

To make this free event more accessible to those who need it most, attendees who take part in one or more of the health screenings will receive signed notes from the

providers.

"Whether you're looking to learn more about nutrition, exercise, or medical options, the Coast Health & Wellness Fair has something for everyone," Jarmon said.

In 2024, over 30 health and wellness industry professionals and exhibitors were onsite, providing valuable information and resources to hundreds of residents and visitors, and this year's fair will continue to build on this outstanding health and wellness industry foundation.

More information is available at [[worcesterrecandparks.org](http://worcesterrecandparks.org)][worcesterrecandparks.org](http://worcesterrecandparks.org), on social media at [@PlayMDsCoast](https://www.instagram.com/PlayMDsCoast), or by contacting Kyle Jarmon at 410-632-2144, ext. 2519 or [kjarmon@worcestermd.gov](mailto:kjarmon@worcestermd.gov).

## Shore luau benefit date announced

(May 8, 2025) Tickets are now on sale for the Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services (WYFCS) annual fundraiser to benefit the children and families of Worcester County. The event, the Shine on the Shore Luau, will be held Thursday, June 12 from 5-8 p.m. at Sunset Grille in West Ocean City, with a rain date of June 26.

Tickets can be purchased online, by phone, or in person at 124 N. Main St., Suite C., in Berlin. Admission tickets are priced at \$35 and include a light fare buffet, a drink voucher for your Hawaiian-inspired drink created by Teasers bar, live entertainment, paid games, and more. Competitions for Best Luau Attire, Limbo Champion, and Longest Hula Hoop are sure to see you cheering along, and the prizes this year are unlike any that have been offered before.

WYFCS continues to use this fundraiser as the keystone of their yearly fundraising, and all proceeds

go directly to the support of youth and family programs with a direct impact to the lives of Worcester County's most vulnerable residents.

An event press release said, "Our programs work to engage youth in health, structured social activities and provide both youth and adults with the skillsets they need to grow and thrive in a healthy, therapeutic way. Any donations received will support the youth enrichment programs we provide, including our Berlin Youth Club and free summer camp and our Worcester Connects mentor/mentee programs. A portion of donations also go towards providing therapeutic services and mental health therapy to families that are unable to make payments due to financial hardships."


As always, the events put on by WYFCS could not be possible without generous sponsorship from local businesses and individuals in the community.

This year, supporters include the hosts of the event, Buddy Trollo and the crew at

the lovely Sunset Grille & Marina, as well as our sponsors: Robert W. Nock, Taylor Bank, the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines/Ocean City, American Legion Post #166, Fully Promoted Ocean City, ABC Printers, Gregory Poulos Photography, Delmarva Power-Excelon Corp., Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club, Choptank Electric Trust, Ocean City Elks Club #2645, Tyler & Co., Tezla Group, D3 Corp., The Jesse Klump Memorial Fund, PKS & Co., Bergey & Co., and the Berlin Police Department. In addition, baskets made from donations of over 100 community partners are up for grabs during our paid games; full list of donors is available on [www.gowoyo.org](http://www.gowoyo.org).

Individuals wishing to support the fundraiser as a late-term sponsor or donor are encouraged to contact the office directly at 410-641-4598. Those wishing to learn more and to purchase tickets are encouraged to visit the event website at [bit.ly/shineluau25](http://bit.ly/shineluau25)

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# OP mixed bowling league celebrates new champions

(May 2, 2025) There was a nail-biting ending to the OP Mixed Bowling League's spring season.

On April 21, the championship roll-off was held at the Ocean Lanes Bowling Center. The competition was between the Monday Champions and the Tuesday Champions.

The Monday Champions were the Ospreys with team members Glenn Jacoby, Kathy Monaco, George Payne and Denise Stevens.

The Tuesday Champions were the Seagulls with team members Donny Spahn, Alan Wildt, Donna Wildt and Cathy Willis.

The Ospreys became the official league champions, winning the best two of three games.

The league will begin its next season in late September. A kickoff meeting will be held on Monday, Aug. 25, at 1 p.m. in the Ocean Pines Community Center. Current and prospective members are welcome to attend.

The league has been active for 25-plus years. This year there were 24 teams divided between Monday and Tuesday. The games start at 1 p.m. It is a mixed league with four people on each team. There's lots of fun to be had and friends to be made for anyone who would like to join. Interested individuals should contact Barbara Harman at 301-980-7798 for more information.

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The champions of the OP Mixed Bowling League was the Osprey team, consisting of from left, Glenn Jacoby, Denise Stevens, Kathy Monaco and George Payne.

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**MORGAN'S MESSAGE FUNDRAISER**

On Wednesday, April 9, Worcester Preparatory School (WPS) held bake sales during all grade lunches to collect donations to support Morgan's Message. Senior ambassador Emma Zajdel, supported by the girls' varsity lacrosse team, organized a bake sale held during all division lunches (from Pre-K to Grade 12). The proceeds went to Morgan's Message. Approximately \$580 was raised. Morgan's Message® is a 501(c)(3) organization that aims to eliminate mental health stigma within the student-athlete community and promote equitable treatment of physical and mental health in athletics. Pictured with Zajdel, center, are fellow senior teammates Naz Unal and Danielle Carr with a donation check.

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Jacob Reed is a director, writer and visual artist in Pasadena, Calif. He has directed numerous videos for "Jimmy Kimmel Live!," "Funny or Die" and "BuzzFeed." His thought-provoking short documentary, "Full Picture," appeared in more than a dozen film festivals around the country. This is his first Sunday crossword for The Times. — W.S.

ACROSS

1 "Don't mention it"

9 Like a lover's lips, perhaps

17 Sudden dose of reality, in slang

19 Emphatic words of denial

20 5508.461375/618

22 0-5.08718

23 Sheep's peep

24 How detectives might act

26 Ones providing help around the House

27 Poli \_\_\_\_

30 Attack, as a castle

31 Jazz singer Carmen

33 Food-centric broadcasts originating in South Korea

38 Computing company whose logo has remained largely the same since it was introduced by Paul Rand in 1962

39 Advance

40 Tough spot for a teen?

43 316008+5336338

45 32008-5317718714

47 Broke bread

48 Holder of valuable contributions, in brief

49 One of three on the Mayflower

50 Alan of "Marriage Story"

51 One of Chekhov's "Three Sisters"

52 Rapper Kid \_\_\_\_

54 Style of writing?

55 Renaissance locale of the early 20th century

57 607-376006

60 Longtime Japanese camera brand

61 Either of the two statues in front of the New York Public Library

62 Root word?

63 Riverbank material

64 Lucky lottery winner's cry

67 3045.1045108

73 Sleazeball

74 Shipshape

75 They're rising over time

76 Humorist Bombeck

77 When tripled, "You know what I'm sayin' ..."

78 \_\_\_\_ Tour (record-breaking music event of 2023-24)

79 Suffix with proverb

80 Shepherd's staff

81 57334-4614

84 7738.51773+51.345

87 It's in the bag!

88 Heart

89 \_\_\_\_ Tour (annual sporting series)

90 Like some marriages, seating and musical compositions

91 Like the weather around a lighthouse, maybe

93 Baseball features

95 "By the way ..."

96 \_\_\_\_ Moriarty, novelist who wrote "Big Little Lies"

98 Tolkien character who dies as "the Grey" and returns as "the White"

100 Some opinion pieces

105 How to read the "words" written on this puzzle's 108-Across

108 Device used to read the eight visual clues in this puzzle

111 Some large structures for pet owners

112 Head honcho

113 Gave a thumbs up

114 Goes to the mat?

DOWN

1 Government org. that investigates accidents

2 Spoken

3 What a whistler whistles

4 "\_\_\_\_ girl!"

5 "Nevertheless ..."

6 Jimmy Kimmel's network

7 [2 funny!]

8 [way 2 funny!!!!]

9 Down for the count, in brief

10 Italian diminutive suffix

11 Word whose letters are aptly found from left to right in "scion"

12 Bear's counterpart on Wall Street, once

13 Courtyards

14 Tough customer for a wedding planner

15 Debussy's "Clair de \_\_\_\_"

16 Brain tests, for short

18 Rolls

19 Bogus

21 Cannabis variety contrasted with indica

22 Bush Senior and Carter each had one

25 Headquarter?

28 "The Source" channel

29 Swiatek of women's tennis

31 \_\_\_\_ point

32 Six-pack component

33 PC platform of the 1980s

34 Of service

35 Hundred Acre Wood resident

36 One way to "play it"

37 Reached a base horizontally

39 Show that, uh, didn't win 43 of its 54 Emmy nominations

41 Page that points to other pages

42 Crew

44 Floral subject for van Gogh, Monet or O'Keeffe

45 Oodles of

46 Adult male deer

49 Gourmet mushroom type

52 One of the Marx Brothers

53 "Yikes!"

54 Lunacy

55 Word with Kitchen or Angels

56 Naysayer

58 Film excerpt

59 Bumpy jumpers

60 City where tourists take photos pretending to hold up its famous landmark

63 Name shouted in "A Streetcar Named Desire"

64 Boiling

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- 65 Periods of abstinence from TV, news, social platforms, etc.

66 Honest-to-goodness

67 Possible polling problem

68 Morales on the screen

69 Evita in "Evita"

70 Pitchfork feature

71 Chew the scenery

72 Tended to a Zen garden, in a way

73 Anatomical sac

74 Gait faster than a walk
- 78 Website with a "Personalized and Custom Jewelry" page

79 Line in old Apple ads

80 Some kindergarten art supplies

82 Goaded

83 Comedian Notaro

84 "Yikes!"

85 Junior and senior: Abbr.

86 Garment for one who's wearing a wire?
- 89 Half of a noted magic duo

92 In reserve for now

93 Old sayings

94 Adirondack chair part

96 Coming-of-age Pixar film of 2021

97 Beers that might punnily have "hop" in their names, for short

98 "Splendid!"

99 Steady stream
- 101 What a hot dog might do

102 List-ending abbr.

103 Cry after putting one's pencil down

104 Married mujeres: Abbr.

106 Sinus specialist, for short

107 POTUS 34

109 Subj. of a class with dummies in it

110 Purple yam in Philippine cuisine

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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# Calendar

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## Thurs., May 8

**150TH ANNIVERSARY HISTORIC WALKING TOUR - OCEAN CITY, MD**  
Ocean City Life-Saving Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., 2-4 p.m. Walk through time and learn about the women who started Ocean City. Happy Hour from 4-6 p.m. Register: <https://web.md-tourism.org/events/OceanCity%20150th%20Anniversary%20Walking%20Tour-1730/details>.

**STORY TIME: MOTHER'S DAY**  
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Celebrate all the special women in your life with songs, dancing and crafts. For ages 2-5 years. 410-208-4014, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

**STORY TIME 'ONE RED SOCK'**  
Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and rhymes. For ages 2-5 years. 410-632-3495, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

**BINGO**  
Worcester County Library - Ocean City

Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2 p.m. Join in for a lively game of Bingo and win fun prizes. 410-524-1818, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

**JEOPARDY AFTER HOURS: 60'S MUSIC**  
Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 5 p.m. Adult program to enjoy a night of trivia, music and light refreshments. 410-632-3495, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

## Fri., May 9

**ESA'S 2025 NORTHEAST REGIONAL SURFING CHAMPIONSHIP**  
28th St. Pit-N.-Pub, 2706 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 7 a.m.-6 p.m. More than 200 competitors of all ages and abilities will be putting on a show in Ocean City's waves. <https://surfesa.org>, 302-988-1953, [centralhq@surfesa.org](mailto:centralhq@surfesa.org)

**BABY TIME**  
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. A great opportunity for babies (0-2 years) and their caregivers to socialize, play, read and explore in the bright play space. 410-641-0650, [\[brary.org\]\(http://brary.org\)  
\*\*OC MAHJONG CLUB\*\*  
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Join in for a morning of playing tile Mahjong. Feel free to bring your own tile set. All adults are welcome. 410-524-1818, \[www.worcesterlibrary.org\]\(http://www.worcesterlibrary.org\)](http://www.worcesterli-</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

**HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT**  
Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 11 a.m. Join in for STREAM activities and socialize with other homeschool families. For ages 6-11 years. 410-632-3495, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

**SURVIVAL SPANISH: ESTAR**  
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1 p.m. Learn how to say some basic phrases in Spanish. 410-208-4014, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)


**BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB: 'FIONA AND JANE' BY JEAN CHEN HO**  
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Copies of the book are available at the library's circulation desk. 410-208-4014,

[www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)  
**MARYLAND CRAB CAKE DINNER**  
Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin, 4-6 p.m. Costs are \$10 per crab cake sandwich, platters with one crab cake sandwich are \$14 and platters with two crab cake sandwiches are \$24. Platters include green beans, baked potato and Cole slaw.


**KNIGHTS 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., May 10

**OCEAN PINES ANGLERS CLUB MEETING**  
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 9:30 a.m. Steve Doctor, MD DNR Fishery Biologist, will be discussing summer flounder, seabass and the bluefin tuna recreational fisheries and their biological monitoring processes. All welcome. Continued on Page 26




# OPEN HOUSES



May 8 - 15

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	12430 Old Bridge Rd., West OC	2BR/2BA	Single Family	from \$284,750	Shelly Wilson/Salt Life Community
Saturday 10am-Noon	102 Austin Circle, Berlin	4BR/3BA	Single Family	\$499,999	Sandy Dougan/BHHS PenFed Realty
Saturday 10am-4pm	12430 Old Bridge Rd, West OC	2BR/2BA	Single Family	from \$284,750	Shelly Wilson/Salt Life Community
Saturday 10:30-12:30pm	12505 Assawoman Drive #1N, Ocean City	2BR/1BA	Condo	\$275,000	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 10:30am-12:30pm	12301 Jamaica Avenue, Ocean City #C209	1BR/1B	Condo	\$309,900	Rosemarie Leonard/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 10:30am-12:30pm	74 Robin Hood Trail Ocean Pines	4BR/2.5BA	Single Family	\$430,000	Chantal Apple/Engel & Volkers Real Estate
Saturday 11am-1pm	406 15th Street #1, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$499,900	Lauren Bunting/Keller Williams Realty
Saturday 11am-1pm	199 Windjammer Rd, Ocean Pines	3BR/2.5BA	Single Family	\$499,900	Debbie Hileman/Hileman Real Estate
Saturday 11am-1pm	12808 Coastal Hwy #206, Ocean City	1BR/Unit	Efficiency	\$214,900	Power of 2 Team/ Hileman Real Estate
Saturday 11am-2pm	111 Central Parke E The Parke/Ocean Pines	4BR/3BA	Single Family	\$595,000	Debbie Bennington/BHHS PenFed Realty
Saturday 11am-2pm	9500 Coastal Highway 17J Ocean City	1BR/1.5BA	Condo	\$435,000	Kevin Heselbach/Engel & Volkers Real Estate
Saturday Noon-2pm	13031 Hayes Avenue Unit 8 Ocean City	3BR/2.5BA	Townhome	\$560,000	Elaine Davidson/REMAX Advantage Realty
Saturday 1-3pm	201 S. Heron Dr. Unit B22, Ocean City	2BR/2.5BA	Condo	\$499,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 2-5pm	9500 Coastal Highway 1J Ocean City	1BR/1.5BA	Condo	\$429,900	Kevin Heselbach/Engel & Volkers Real Estate
Saturday 1-3pm	201 S. Heron Drive Unit 9B, Ocean City	2BR/2.5BA	Condo	\$499,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Sunday 11am-2pm	2 Edgewood Rd Ocean Pines	4BR/2.5BA	Single Family	\$499,900	Kevin Heselbach/Engel & Volkers Real Estate
Sunday 11am-1pm	201 S. Heron Dr. Unit B22, Ocean City	2BR/2.5BA	Condo	\$499,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Sunday Noon-2pm	8500 Coastal Highway #805 Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$699,900	Rosemarie Leonard/Coldwell Banker Realty

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410-641-7662

**CRAFTY SATURDAY: MOTHER'S DAY**  
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. Join in for a variety of different crafts. For ages 0-18 years. 410-208-4014, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

**KICKSTART KINDERGARTEN**  
Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 401 Fifth St., 10:30 a.m. Special six-session series built to help preschoolers get ready for Kindergarten. Families receive a light snack and tips for continuing Kindergarten preparedness at home. 410-957-0878

**BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE**  
AlleyOops Midtown, 5509 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 1-3 p.m. Each team member is asked to raise \$100. Receive two games of bowling, appetizer buffet and event T-shirt. Happy hour drinks and other refreshments available. <https://shorebiglittle.org/events>, 410-543-2447

**OCEAN PINES COMMUNITY BIKE RIDE**  
Ocean Pines Golf Club - The Clubhouse Bar & Grille, 100 Clubhouse Drive, 3-6 p.m. Seven-mile and 14-mile options. For experienced riders ages 12 years and older. Helmets required. Free event.

Pre-registration: 410-641-7052. Happy hour social to follow.

**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., May 11**  
**MID ATLANTIC SYMPHONY - ROMANTIC TRIUMPH & CELEBRATION**  
OC Performing Arts Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 3 p.m. Experience a wide range of orchestral favorites. Cost is \$60. Tickets: <https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/90519476/mid-atlantic-symphony-romantic-triumph-celebration-ocean-city-oc-performing-arts-center>.

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

**Mon., May 12**  
**MEAN GIRLS**  
Ocean City Performing Arts Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 7 p.m. Direct from Broadway, Mean Girls is a hilarious hit musical. Tickets: <https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/55071080/mean-girls-ocean-city-oc-performing-arts-center>.

**STORY TIME: ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH**  
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)

**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)

**WRITING FOR WELLNESS**  
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:30 p.m. Writing about stressful experiences like

illness may boost health and psychological well-being. Group uses exercises to stimulate creative expression. 410-208-4014, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

**GENEALOGY RESEARCH**  
Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 3-6 p.m. Come tour the local history collection. If you need help finding your roots, contact the local history librarian at [history@worcesterlibrary.org](mailto:history@worcesterlibrary.org).

**TIE DYE SLIME**  
Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 4 p.m. Learn what slime is and make your own tie dye slime to take with you. For ages 6-11 years. 410-632-3495, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)


**LEGO MASTERS CHALLENGE**  
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 4:30 p.m. Join in for a Lego challenge event. All materials provided. 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

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Community Players' Theater, 5109 Nutters Cross Rd, Salisbury, May 16, 7:30 PM

American Legion, 30880 West Post Office Rd, Princess Anne, May 17, 2 PM

American Legion, 29511 Canvasback Dr, Easton, May 18, 2 PM

American Legion, 2308 Philadelphia Ave, Ocean City, May 24, 2 PM

American Legion, 1109 American Legion Rd, Salisbury, May 25, 2 PM

VFW, 115 Sandy Hill Rd, Cambridge, May 26, 2 PM

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**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., May 13

**STORY TIME: ALPHABET**  
Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 401 Fifth St., 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and crafts. For ages 0-5 years. 410-957-0878, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

**STORY TIME**  
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. A story time geared for ages 0-5 years featuring seasonal themes designed to support early literacy skills with stories, songs and fingerplays. 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)

**MOVIE MATINEE**  
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Come see a movie you might not have had a chance to see in the theaters. Light refreshments provided. 410-208-4014, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

**PARKINSON’S SUPPORT GROUP**  
Atlantic General Neurology at the Atlantic Health Center, 9714 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 3:15-4 p.m. Providing discussions and mutual support, along with education on exercise, nutrition, coping techniques, medications and developments in treatment. Kay Kinnikin, [kkinikin@atlanticgeneral.org](mailto:kkinikin@atlanticgeneral.org), 410-641-4765

**SONG CELEBRATION**  
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 6 p.m. Bring a song and share it with other players and writers. Originals encouraged. Listeners welcome. Hosted by Mikel Campbell. 410-641-0650, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

**BOOK CLUB: ‘THE CHELSEA GIRLS’ BY FIONA DAVIS**  
Tides & Vine, 106 W. Green St., Snow Hill, 6 p.m. Stop by the Snow Hill Library to pick up your book, then meet for a great discussion at Tides & Vine.

Must be at least 21 years of age. 410-632-3495, [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](http://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 14

**HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR**  
Worcester County Recreation Center, 6030 Public Landing Road, Snow Hill, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Focus on Women’s Health. Free screenings, more than 25 vendors and Delmarva Blood Bank will be holding a blood drive. Street Kitchen food truck will be available.

**BARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP**  
Meets the first and second Wednesday of each month. For non-surgical patients. Atlantic General Bariatric Center, 410-641-9568

**EASTERN SHORE SEWISTS**  
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10 a.m. Promoting the needle arts through sewing education, activities and textile crafts. For artisans of all skill levels. 410-641-0650, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

**BABY TIME**  
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. Songs, stories and giggles. For ages 0-2 years. 410-208-4014, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

**MERRY MAKERS: CORK TRIVETS**  
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 11 a.m. Use wine corks and creativity to design a trivet. Registration required: 410-208-4014. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

**BOOK CLUB: ‘JUST AS I AM’ BY CICELY TYSON**  
Snow Hill 50plus Center, 4767 Snow Hill Road, 11 a.m. Stop by the Snow Hill Library or the Snow Hill 50plus Center to pick up a book, then meet for a great discussion. 410-632-3495, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

**PASS THE RUM: THE RISE AND FALL OF PROHIBITION**  
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2 p.m. Hear colorful stories of rum runners, moonshiners, bathtub gin, intriguing personalities, complicated politics, organized crime, outgunned lawmen and the temperance movement. 410-524-1818

**CHAIR YOGA**  
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 2 p.m. Certified yoga instructor, Nicole Long, teaches this class that stretches and strengthens in a gentle manner. 410-641-0650, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

**STROKE SUPPORT GROUP**  
Atlantic General Neurology at the Atlantic Health Center, 9714 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 3:15-4 p.m. For stroke survivors, family and friends. 410-641-4765, [bglime@atlanticgeneral.org](mailto:bglime@atlanticgeneral.org)

**SUSHI CANDY FOR TEENS**  
Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 401 Fifth St., 4 p.m. Try your hand at sushi rolling using different types of candy, cereals and fruit leathers. For ages 12-18 years. 410-957-0878, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

**KICKSTART KINDERGARTEN**  
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 4:30 p.m. Special six-session series built to help preschoolers get ready for Kindergarten. Families receive a light snack and tips for continuing preparedness at home. For ages 3-5 years. 410-641-0650

**GREEN SCREEN 101**  
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 4:30 p.m. Learn about how to create green screens. BYO electronic device recommended. For ages 6-18 years. 410-208-4014, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

**TABLETOP ROLE PLAYING GAME**  
Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 5 p.m. Come play a selected role-playing game

for teens. Registration required: 410-632-3495. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

**KIWANIS BINGO AT STERLING TAVERN**  
The Sterling Tavern, 119 N. Main St., Berlin, 6-9 p.m. Bingo plus 50/50 drawings. Proceeds support Kiwanis Club’s Youth and Community Programs.

**TASTE OF FINER THINGS | COASTAL HOSPICE**  
Ashore Resort & Beach Club, 10100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 6-9 p.m. Tickets cost \$125/person and include an open bar, wine and food pairings, and live entertainment. Tickets: [www.coastalhospice.org/taste](http://www.coastalhospice.org/taste). Benefiting the Macky & Pam Stansell House of Coastal Hospice. 410-742-8732, Ext. 515

**KIWANIS CLUB MEETING**  
*Wednesdays* - Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 8 a.m. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. Last Wednesday of the month meetings are offsite and information can be found on the website and Facebook. [www.kiwanisofopoc.org](http://www.kiwanisofopoc.org).

## ONGOING EVENTS

**OCEAN CITY RESTAURANT WEEK**  
Restaurant Week features fixed-price menu options at participating restaurants throughout Ocean City, April 27 through May 11. <https://oceancityrestaurantweek.com>, 410-289-6733, [inquire@ocvisitor.com](mailto:inquire@ocvisitor.com)

**BUS TRIP TO CAMDEN YARDS**  
Baltimore Orioles vs. Washington Nationals, May 18. Pick up at 8:30 a.m. at Ocean Pines Community Center. Game time is 1:35 p.m. Cost is \$120 and includes transportation, seats in the picnic perch (Section 286) and all-you-can-eat food until the 7th inning. Tickets: Ocean Pines Recreation & Parks, 410-641-7052.

**NEW YORK CITY IN THE SPRING**  
Spend the day exploring the Big Apple on your own. Departing May 10 at 5:30 a.m. from the Ocean Pines Community Center. Time in New York City will be from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Reservations: 410-641-7052. Cost is \$85 for transportation only.

**BUS TRIP TO THE BARNES FOUNDATION IN PHILADELPHIA, PA**  
Departing from the Acme parking lot on 94th Street in Ocean City, May 15 at 8:30 a.m. Returning at approximately 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$95 for Art League of Ocean City members and \$115 for non-members. Tickets: <https://canvas.artleagueofoceancity.org/classes/2323>. 410-524-9433, [megan@artleagueofoceancity.org](mailto:megan@artleagueofoceancity.org)

**BEATLES MAYNIA**  
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., during May. Trivia, crafts and display celebrating The Beatles all month long. 410-632-3495



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