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Numerous activities were spotlighted at last Saturday's Ocean Pines Association Season Kickoff event including dancers demonstrating their skills.

Watermen say they don't want wind funds

Association tells US Wind it can keep its \$20 million

By Brian Shane

Staff Writer

(May 22, 2025) Watermen in Worcester County say they don't want a penny out of a proposed \$20 million relief package from an offshore wind farm developer.

"The (Department of Natural Resources) asked us for input, and we're not negotiating our livelihood. That's our life. We're not going to make an agreement to put ourselves out of business," said Jeanene Gwin, vice president of the Waterman's Association of Worcester County.

Watermen are rejecting the agreement inked last week between offshore wind developer US Wind and environmental officials in Maryland

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'Season kickoff' draws hundreds to OP

Event at veterans memorial showcases OPA amenities. neighborhoods and clubs

By Tara Fischer Staff Writer

(May 22, 2025) Ocean Pines' second annual season kickoff, held last Saturday, was considered a success despite key differences from last year,

including a location and date change.

The Ocean Pines Association's season kickoff, a festival where neighamenities, clubs, organizations, and local businesses are given an opportunity to showcase all they have to offer to Ocean Pines residents and visitors, was held on the morning of May 17.

Organizers confirmed that the event's second year was successful, pulling in hundreds of attendees in its mission to strengthen community involvement.

One notable difference between last week's kickoff and its inaugural year was a change in location. In 2024, the festival was held at White Horse Park.

This time around, however, vendors and attendees flocked to the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Park in Ocean Pines.

Communications Committee leader Linda Yurche co-chaired the event with Aquatics Advisory Committee head Gary Miller. Yurche said the location alteration was made to allow more vendor space, increasing the organizations residents could access. The modification proved successful.

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Hundreds of local residents line Flower Street for the annual Old-Fashioned Memorial Day Parade to remember those who served and enjoy the participants.



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Berlin to host Memorial Day parade, community events

Col. John Foreman set to serve as grand marshal, park to host dance contest

By Stewart Dobson

(May 22, 2025) A tradition that dates to the 1940s in the Flower Street community will see that flag raised again on Monday when the Old-Fashioned Memorial Day Parade takes the first steps in what will be an afternoon of celebration and remem-

At one time, the Memorial Day parade and its associated activities was almost like a combination Mardi Gras/homecoming, resident Greg Purnell recalled. Former residents and family members who had moved on would return each year for the event, which then, as now, focused on showing respect for deceased veterans and celebrating the promise of the future, he said.

The parade has seen a significant resurgence in recent years and routinely draws thousands of spectators to witness it and to take part in the post-parade activities.

With Col. John Foreman serving as this year's grand marshal, the parade is expected to feature some 30 units, as it begins at Stephen Decatur Middle School and marches down Flower Street to Henry Park. Floats, bands and marching units will compete for a cash prize as they pass by the judges' stand in front of Duncan-Showell Post 231 of the American Le-

That is also where many of the festivities and ceremonies will take place following the parade. In addition to food and craft vendors, Purnell said the afternoon will include music and line dancing in the street. A separate dance competition for the younger set will take place at Henry Park.

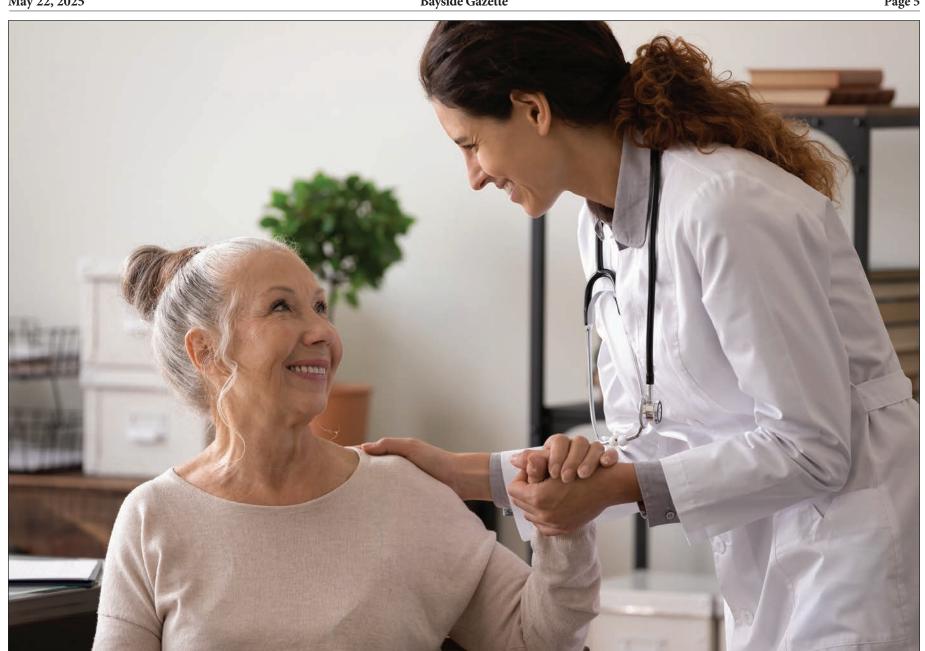
In addition to the celebratory aspect of Memorial Day, veterans who have since passed on will be remembered by post members who visit area cemeteries and place flags on the graves of departed veterans. A special church service recognizing those who served the country will take place at New Bethel United Methodist Church on Germantown Road beginning at 10 a.m.

Parking for spectators is available on the grass lot across from Henry

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Commercial fishing says no to US Wind funds

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and Delaware, one that aims to compensate the fishing community for negative effects of a proposed wind farm to be located about 11 miles off Ocean City's shoreline.

The memorandum of understanding (MOU) between US Wind, Maryland's Department of Natural Resources, as well as Delaware's Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, was finalized March 13. Maryland officials said it took a year to piece together the agreement.

According to the agreement, which is a public document, US Wind promises to create a \$20 million relief fund for fishermen whose businesses would be harmed not only by the 114-turbine wind farm, but also the accompanying operations and maintenance facility to be built in the West Ocean City commercial fishing harbor.

Millions would be set aside incrementally for each years-long phase of the project – construction, operations, and eventual decommissioning. The dollar amount goes "above and beyond what is required by" federal agencies, US Wind said in a May 14 statement.

"This proposal – one of the biggest investments in commercial fishing in the region – demonstrates our commitment to the fishing industry and the local community in which we'll operate," said US Wind CEO Jeffrey Grybowski.

Future fund functions

The \$20 million includes \$13.5 million in "direct support" to commercial and charter fishermen, including funds for fishermen keep offloading and icing their catch in West Ocean City. It also includes money earmarked for marketing local seafood and enough cash for 30 years of harbor maintenance like dredging and dock stabilization.

For commercial and head boat captains operating in grounds where the turbines are located, the fund would also provide \$1.1 million for upgrades to navigational equipment and safety training, as well as another \$5.4 million for a "claims-based compensation program" against revenue losses.

Fishermen would have to prove they fish in the federally leased wind farm region, and that their business sustained lost revenue as a result of the turbines being there, according to terms of the agreement.

However, Jeanene Gwin of the Waterman's Association says the baseline for what constitutes a loss hasn't even been arrived at yet, because an independent administrator overseeing wind farm projects from Maine to North Carolina hasn't been appointed yet.

"That oversight committee is the one that's supposed to come up with the criteria (for relief)," she said Monday. "They're supposed to meet, come back to us, ask us our opinion. This is supposed to be a three-year process. There hasn't been a criteria established for relief. It's just another bait and switch"

Fish house futures

Adding to the ongoing drama surrounding the project, US Wind in their statement also provided new information:

After securing an option to purchase two fish houses on prime locations in the West Ocean City commercial harbor for its future operation and maintenance facility, the company now says it'll only buy one parcel.

"By only developing one site instead of two and investing in grants for fishing service providers, the agreement will benefit and enhance commercial fishing services at the West Ocean City Harbor," the statement said.

US Wind failed to specify, however, which facility — either Martin's Fish House or Southern Connection Seafood; both owners reportedly have a multimillion-dollar options to sell from the company — would be spared. The company did not return a request for comment at press time.

An operations facility would be US

Wind's home base for turbine monitoring, maintenance planning and logistics, crew support, warehousing, and parking, as well as providing berthing areas for crew transfer vessels.

Such a facility would not house large component of wind turbines like blades or towers and would not berth deepdraft vessels in the West Ocean City harbor, the company's statement also said

If US Wind were to keep both facilities, then it would have to provide a total of \$28.3 million for fishermen instead of \$13.5 million, according to the MOLL.

OC opposition

The Town of Ocean City, meanwhile, is still engaged in a lawsuit against the U.S. Interior Department to block the wind farm from being developed.

Mayor Rick Meehan in a statement Monday said the MOU is US Wind's attempt to "buy their way around due process" on the backs of ratepayers.

"Typical of US Wind's approach to Ocean City's concerns, instead of making meaningful changes to their project to protect our local fisherman, US Wind simply throws money at a problem and hopes it will go away," Meehan said

Meehan also accused the federal See US WIND Page 7



Memorial Day

expires May 27, 2025

Worcester Prep graduate to speak on Memorial Day

(May 22, 2025) The largest Memorial Day ceremony in the region returns to the Worcester County Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines, on Monday, May 26, starting at 11 a.m.

The event each year draws thousands of people to the memorial grounds and features music, demonstrations, and public speakers honoring U.S. Military men and women who gave their lives in service.

"Memorial Day honors all who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our county," Veterans Memorial Foundation President Marie Gilmore said. "This year's ceremony, as those before it, will honor the brave men and women who served our country and lost their lives in doing so."

Gilmore said the keynote speaker this year will be retired U.S. Navy Lieutenant Commander Robert J. Rosales, a Naval Academy graduate who grew up in Seaford, Del. and attended then-Worcester Country School (now Worcester Prep).

The ceremony will also honor local Gold Star families. During World War I, families would fly flags or banners with a blue star for every immediate family member serving in combat. If one of them died, a gold star replaced the blue star.

Walter Webster, a member of the Maryland East Chapter of Ex-POWs, will place a wreath in honor of all current and former prisoners of war.

The program will also include patriotic music performed by Randy Lee Ashcraft, The Delmarva Chorus, Patrick Lehnerd a local performer and Seaside Christian Academy chorus.

The program is scheduled to run for one hour.

Public parking will be available at Veterans Memorial Park on Route 589 and Cathell Road in Ocean Pines. Limited seating will be available during the Memorial Day ceremony and guests are encouraged to bring chairs

In case of inclement weather, the Memorial Day ceremony will move to the Ocean Pines Community Center and be announced on the www.oceanpines.org and www.wocovets.org websites and on social media.

US Wind offers relief fund **MOU**

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government of fast-tracking the project without addressing its negative and long-lasting effects. The mayor made no mention of legislators from Maryland who also have backed the project, including Gov. Wes Moore.

"All of this to build a project that will be neither reliable, sustainable or economically feasible," he said. "If, God forbid, this project is built, the next generation of Marylanders will be looking at a wind farm burial ground off of our coast. We cannot let this happen."



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Berlin secures Main Street America designation, again

Town views recognition as confirmation of positive direction with initiatives

By Tara Fischer

Staff Writer

(May 22, 2025) Berlin has once again been designated as an accredited Main Street America program for 2025 due to the town's commitment to strengthening community enhancement efforts, the municipality announced last week.

The Town of Berlin Main Street and Arts and Entertainment District recently announced the distinction via a Facebook post. By being designated as an accredited Main Street American program, Berlin has a proven track record of planning and implementing initiatives aligned with the Main Street Approach.

According to Main Street America's website, the Main Street Approach prioritizes economic vitality, design, promotion, and organization to strengthen a commercial district and its economy.

The economic vitality piece of the method includes fostering financial tools to assist new and existing businesses. The design portion aims to enhance the physical aspects of a commercial district, promotion looks to showcase a downtown's unique characteristics, and organization can be reached by creating partnerships and community engagement.

Main Street America's partnerships with corporations and government entities that support local economies give Main Street leaders access to grants, educational services, and resource opportunities. community members, dedicated to leading the district's Main Street program,...dedicated a budget for the district's revitalization programming and the Main Street program's operations, and demonstrated support from the municipality for the Main Street program, which can include leadership participation, funding, inkind donations, and philosophical support," among other demands.

Main Street America's website shows 1,171 programs achieved designations this year. The online page also includes impact statistics, which reveal that in 2024, Main Street America groups across the United States reinvested \$7.65 billion locally, saw a net gain in jobs of 33,835, saw a net gain in businesses of 6,324, and saw 10,126 buildings be rehabilitated.

Berlin has taken advantage of its involvement with Main Street America. Earlier this year, the town was selected as a semifinalist for the 2025 Great American Main Street Award, an honor reserved for municipalities demonstrating innovative community transformation, engagement, and the creation of arts and culture scenes.

While Berlin was not chosen as a winner, it was deemed a finalist because of its thriving spirit and support of underrepresented business owners.

"Berlin Main Street's accomplishments include increasing business opportunities for minority- and women-owned businesses, championing preservation and adaptive reuse projects, and nurturing a volunteer base and board of directors that reflects the community's diversity—from age and heritage to perspectives and interests," the Main Street America's February press release announcing the semifinalists said.





Season kickoff draws hundreds

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Not only were more groups able to participate, 97 compared to 82 last year, but the memorial space provided ease of access that White Horse Park did not.

"We loved White Horse Park, but at the Veterans Memorial, we had an easier time getting vendors in and out, and people had room to set up with their vehicles nearby, which helped the vendors a lot," Yurche said. "Also, we had a big flat ground instead of trying to squeeze tables in between trees and things. It definitely was a good location."

The site change was also beneficial for attendees. Even though White Horse Park seemed to have more lanes and driving space, the veteran park provided guests with more parking options, like the library, the grass, and the lot next to Taylor Bank.

The Flags for Heroes, a bouquet of American Flags placed in preparation for Memorial Day, was also set up ahead of the event, adding a pleasant backdrop to the kickoff.

A downside to using the remembrance space, however, was the weather. According to the co-chair, when the winds picked up during the event, which was held on a particularly stormy weekend, the tents "took a beating" as the lack of trees provided zero sheltering, unlike the

wooded White Horse Park. Still, the Veterans Memorial's vast open space offered a view missing from last year's kickoff.

"I think it was the right move to move to [the Veterans Memorial]," Yurche said. "It looked beautiful, you could really see all these vendors in a way that was harder to do at White Horse Park."

This year was so successful that food vendors have already asked organizers about their plans for the 2026 event. Grateful Grub food truck, for instance, is looking to be involved moving forward. Yurche noted that the crew did well, bringing many customers to their refreshment truck.

The new pavilion at the Veterans Memorial, completed in November, housed picnic tables for attendees to eat lunch and relax in the shade between booth browsing. The co-chair said this was a valuable addition, as it formally introduced the new structure to the community.

"People have seen that pavilion going up; it's only been up for less than a year, and they've seen it going up, but many people haven't checked it out," she said. "It was such a beautiful day to sit at a picnic table at that pavilion, listen to music, and eat lunch. We thought that part turned out especially well."

Additionally, Yurche said two



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Among the many exhibitors at last Saturday's Season Kick Off event was the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department.

bands from Stephen Decatur High School, the marching band and a jazz ensemble, performed at the kickoff. The marching band opened the festival with the national anthem and a few other pieces, while the jazz ensemble played various tunes on stage.

"So many Ocean Pines kids go to Stephen Decatur, so it was cool to reinforce that connection between the school and the community," Yurche added.

The event was held a little later than its first year, which organizers hope to address next time. The kick-off occurred in late April in 2024, but in mid-May this year. The co-chair noted that her team ran into road-blocks regarding scheduling when planning the festival, like Easter, Springfest, and Mother's Day. Even in an attempt to avoid these festivities, last week's event still competed with the annual Bay Day held in Ocean Pines, which took place on Sunday, and Boardwalk Rock in Ocean City.

Moving forward, event planners hope to maintain an April date.

"I think I would go back to an April date if it works out in the calendar because there are so many other things going on," Yurche said. "You had Boardwalk Rock, there were a ton of other things going on in the area this weekend that we ended up competing with. I think we would probably go back to April, where we felt like we were the main attraction in town for

that day."

Yurche noted that the volunteers, sponsors, and the community's public works department made the kick-off a reality.

"Last year and this year, we had incredible sponsors," she said. "I mean, TidalHealth repeatedly steps up in our community to make things happen that otherwise wouldn't happen. The sponsors like TidalHealth, Atlantic General Hospital, Taylor Bank, and others stepped up."

Furthermore, the kickoff is primarily put on through volunteerism.

"This event, unlike some others in Ocean Pines, is 90% by volunteers," Yurche maintained. "All of us gave our time to make this event, and I feel like that's one of the things that makes it special. It's an official OPA event, but it's driven by volunteers who make it happen. I'm really proud of our volunteers and how hard they worked."

While organizers look forward to next year, they are soaking up the success of the second annual kickoff. Even the weekend's unpredictable weather did not deter OPA residents from flocking to the park to take in all their community has to offer.

"We believe there were hundreds of people," Yurche said. "All of our vendors seemed to be busy constantly. Given the wind, the rain earlier in the day, and the hot sun, we were surprised that it was constantly busy. I think it's safe to say there were hundreds [of guests]."



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Ocean Pines offering talent show tryouts

By Tara Fischer

Staff Writer

(May 22, 2025) Various events are coming to Ocean Pines this spring and summer, providing residents with a plethora of activities the whole family can enjoy.

Coming up this month are auditions for the Ocean Pines' Got Talent Show, sponsored by the Ocean Pines Association Recreation and Parks Department. The tryouts are set for Saturday, May 24, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center. All talents are encouraged. Organizers maintain that if required, auditioners are to come prepared with their musical selections. Each individual will be given three minutes.

OPA's rec and parks group encourages the community to stay active with their "Fitness Fusion" classes this spring

and summer. Residents are welcome to partake in the Ocean Pines Community Center exercise classes each Thursday from May 29 to July 3, July 10 to Aug. 14, and Aug. 21 to Sept. 25.

Ocean Pines residents can register for \$45, non-residents can join for \$55, and a drop-in fee of \$10 will be charged for those who do not sign up in advance but would still like to pop in occasionally.

The fitness classes will start at 4:30 p.m. and wrap up at 5:30 p.m. The class will include Pilates-like stretching, breathing techniques, simple barre movements, core mobility in the hips and thighs, and toning moves with optional light weights. Interested individuals can register at 410-641-7052.

Ocean Pines is also getting ready for their springtime traditions, including the annual Memorial Day celebration at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Park in Ocean Pines. The event is set for Monday, May 26 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Additionally, OPA is already looking forward to the busy summer season with a schedule full of neighborhood staples. For instance, the Fourth of July Carnival and Fireworks have already been plastered across OPA's social media, reminding citizens of the patriotic tradition.

The July 4 event will kick off at 4 p.m., and the fireworks will begin around 9:15 p.m. The festival, located at the Veterans Memorial Park, will fea-

ture carnival games, music, and food. Parking is available at the lot next to Taylor Bank and at the Ocean Pines Library. The event charges an admission fee of \$20.

Also on the Fourth of July is the July 4 Freedom 5k. The race will begin at 8 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial Park. Participants are required to pay \$30 for advanced sign-up or \$35 on the day of the race. Individuals looking to partake in the patriotic run can pre-register online at events.elitefeats.com/25oceanpines. All ages are welcome, and organizers encourage runners to dress in a United States-inspired outfit.

OP Board election deadline extended after low interest

By Tara Fischer

Staff Writer

(May 22, 2025) For residents who want to throw their hats into the ring for the summer Ocean Pines Association's Board of Directors election, the candidate filing date has been extended to mid-June, giving the applicant pool more time to grow.

As of May 16, this year's election has yielded only four candidates, said John Latham, OPA board secretary and election committee liaison. The neighborhood's governing bylaws dictate that a file deadline postponement must be granted if there are not at least two more applicants than open board seats. This year, there are three open seats and currently four candidates.

Residents considering involvement in OPA politics now have until Friday, June 20, to submit a candidate application. This deadline was pushed back from the original filing date of Monday, May 12. The idea is that initiating the extension may increase the number of board hopefuls and strengthen neighborhood involvement. The third Friday in June is the required amended cutoff.

"We are required to extend the candidate timeline until the third Friday in June if we are unsuccessful in soliciting two more candidates than open positions," Latham said. "...The general idea is to have more homeowners step up to help drive the strategic direction of our community."

Current candidates include the incumbents to the three open board seats: Stuart Lakernick, board president; Monica Rakowski, treasurer; Steve Jacobs, director; and an additional homeowner. Latham declined to disclose the name of the challenger at this point.

The board secretary recommends that those considering entering the race research the community's governing documents on OPA's website. Latham adds that understanding the demands of the position is also important. Each board member is assigned at least two

advisory committees as liaisons and miscellaneous responsibilities.

"The required time commitment can vary drastically," Latham noted.

The OPA Board of Directors is a seven-person body made up of community homeowners. According to the neighborhood's website, the team is responsible for policy setting and appointing a general manager to oversee the "executive management of the operations of the association. " The elected representatives serve three-year terms

Homeowner involvement is a cornerstone of Ocean Pines' success. Volunteerism permeates every aspect of the neighborhood, including the committees that aid departments like golf, racquet sports, aquatics, and the area's natural environment. Board membership is another way residents can help the community thrive.

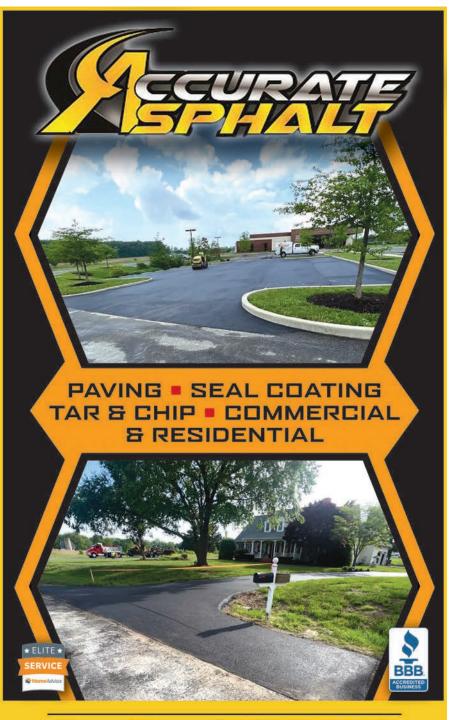
"Making sure Ocean Pines remains vibrant, safe, financially sound, and has increasing property values truly takes a village," Latham said. "Our general manager, OPA staff, Board of Directors, and all of the many committee volunteers are focused on making that happen."

Latham encourages all those interested in submitting their name for board consideration but adds that the role yields great responsibility.

"Serving on the OPA Board of Directors is a rewarding role, but many times you have to make hard decisions," he said. "Decisions should always be in the best interest of the entire community."

Candidates have until June 20 to add themselves to the pool of board hopefuls. Voting is set to take place later this summer.

The required forms for prospective candidates can be found on the OPA website. Forms can also be picked up at the Ocean Pines Administration Building at 239 Ocean Parkway. Questions or concerns can be directed to the OPA office via email at info@oceanpines.org or phone at 410-641-7717.



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Rural broadband effort continues in county

County director estimates 70% of rural homes now served by fiber optic cable

By Brian Shane

Staff Writer

(May 22, 2025) More and more rural homeowners are getting access to broadband Internet in Worcester County, officials say.

About 70% of rural homes now have fiber optic cable installed in order to connect to the Internet, according to Brian Jones, Worcester County's Information Technology Director.

Cedar Hall, Girdletree, and the Germantown community outside Berlin are the latest areas to get broadband Internet service, Jones told the Worcester County Commissioners at their May 6 meeting. Construction for service to Whaleyville is complete, he added, and service could go live by the end of summer.

Internet service providers (ISPs) like Talkie, Bay Country, and Simple Fiber are among the private companies contracting with residents to provide service. Those crew connect their own fiber lines off a main trunk line, a state-supplied fiber optic backbone, which runs up the middle of the county.

This doesn't apply to municipalities like Ocean City or Berlin, who have their own agreements with Comcast to provide Internet service. Comcast has been installing new fiber lines along Coastal Highway of late, according to Commissioner Joe Mitrecic (District 7) who represents the resort.

Jones said Choptank Electric Cooperative has its own fiber division that offers fiber-optic internet service, which launched in 2021. He said Choptank is still working toward connectivity for residents in the Public Landing, Taylor Landing, and Girdletree areas.

"A lot of those areas are already complete, and they are serving customers as well, so they're moving along pretty well," he said. "They're at least going to be served twice over we'll have two different ISPs in those areas. People that live in those areas

should be pretty happy because they have choices. They had nothing before.

Commissioner Caryn Abbott remarked that ISP Talkie is working feverishly in her Pocomoke City district.

"They've been moving at lightning

speed lately," she told Jones. "I mean, the last six months, they're everywhere. I know the people in Pocomoke are appreciative of that, so thank you."

Jones said the gaps between unserved broadband homes are stating to fill up. "I hope that, all of you, your calls would be doing down at this point, with complaining about Internet," he said. "As we get to the end, the good thing is, we're looking for properties to move forward with."

Other unserved areas could expect broadband internet access soon, Jones added, thanks to a potential "difficult to serve properties" grant from the state's Department of Housing and Community Development.

Unless there is a spur coming off a country road, or a telephone pole nearby, "the likelihood of them getting services is not great. They're probably going to be one of the last,' Jones said.

One hurdle to overcome, he mentioned, isn't a physical problem, but a policy one: for dozens of unserved customers living along Route 113, there isn't any county easement for crews to work inside. It's all state property - and the state wants to

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charge monthly or yearly fees for ISPs to get access.

Jones says he's been asking the state for those fees to be waived and has very recently reached out to state legislators for their help. It may come down to the commissioners sending a formal letter to

the state to grease the wheels, he said.

"They want us to get broadband services to the customers who don't have it. Well, drop the barriers, let us in, let us do it for no charge. At least get the conduit in the ground. That would take care of a lot of issues we have now," Jones said.

County Administrator Weston Young said Worcester has contributed about \$1 million of its own funding to installation projects. Other funding has mostly been sourced from state and federal grants, including federal pass-through money left over from COVID-19 relief, he said.



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Berlin parking lot plans continue to shape

By Tara Fischer

Staff Writer

(May 22, 2025) To alleviate a lack of suitable parking, particularly during crowded town events, the concept plan for a lot on the corner of West and Washington streets in Berlin went before the municipality's planning commission last week, where issues of overnight parking, traffic, lighting, bumpers, and the entrance and exit strategy were discussed.

The Town of Berlin has historically struggled to provide visitors and residents ample parking, especially during jam-packed events. In recent years, the town's popularity has resulted in chronic parking issues due to the demand exceeded current supply.

Earlier this year, to address the challenge, the Berlin Mayor and Council entered into a 10-year deal with William Esham, Jr., to lease a vacant 2.13-acre lot on the west side of West Street. The space will supply around 110 spots. The property's grass surface will remain during the lot's first year.

On Wednesday, May 14, Councilmembers Steve Green and Jay Knerr, joined by Jimmy Charles, public works director, and David Gaskill, the town attorney, presented the outlined lot to the planning commission. The municipality's mayor and council are the official applicants of the proposal.

No formal action was taken as the planning team was meant to simply review the concept. A type of border, like a fence or a rope, will be placed around the property, and no material is currently expected to be poured over the grass. As such, the parking lot initiative did not require a building permit, site plan approval or stormwater management. Suggestions and possible improvements will continue to be evaluated to the ensure the lot remains useful and practical

"I work a lot of events, and my thinking is, if we're parking 50, 60, 70 cars, that will help eliminate the parking issues that we have throughout town," Charles said.

The property will include signage to indicate the areas in which parking is permitted. In the site plan presented last week, the entrance will be set off West Street, while people will be asked to exit onto Washington Street. Signs will direct drivers in these directions. The hope is that the

lot will remedy a lack of parking in downtown Berlin.

"This is very much needed for town events," Knerr said. "People are driving in circles trying to find parking, parking where they shouldn't be parking. We're really hoping this will alleviate a lot of that, especially for the farmers market and all kinds of events. It's very much needed."

Green echoed Knerr's sentiment, adding that the parking shortage creates a nuisance during more congested days. The proposed lot aims to attract more business to the town and ease the stress many feel as they try to find a space to leave their cars.

"We have all seen the motorists with the parking panic, driving around ... sometimes blocking driveways unknowingly ... This is something that will help us with events, help our businesses, and also help our residents who feel the strain of our parking shortage in town," Green said. "We will now have a pin where we can say, 'Here's a pin, put that in your GPS.' Direct them right there to an open lot."

According to Knerr, the new lot will also help with challenges businesses face. In April, town residents brought forward an issue revealing that patrons of Tracks and Yaks, a railbike excursion company on Broad Street that lacks suitable parking, have taken to using spots designated for Berlin Beer Company.

"Every day, businesses like Berlin Beer Company and Tracks and Yacks can divert their customers to this parking lot on any given day, which will help that situation," Knerr said.

Officials are also hopeful that the new lot will increase revenue for downtown businesses, as additional parking will accommodate more visitors

The town will likely implement ParkMobile, a pay-to-park app, for the new lot. Knerr said the town can utilize the system at no cost. Steps have yet to be taken to enact the application, but the councilman said, "It's only a matter of time."

Members of the planning commission expressed concern that if the lot charged visitors to park, they may search for spots in neighborhoods, exacerbating congestion issues.

Knerr noted that when ParkMobile is rolled out, West Street and the rear side of Washington will likely be enforced as resident-only parking.

Furthermore, when the plan came before the Berlin Board of Zoning Appeals last month, Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall said that the amount and timing of the parking fee are unknown. However, users of the new lot will be charged eventually, as the town must pay the property owners for rent as well as making future improvements. The plan for this summer is for the lot to be grass.

"We are exploring the use of Park-





Planning Comm. reviews conceptual design

Mobile because we need to break even on the lease for the lot," Tyndall said in April. "We have used American Rescue Plan Act funds to cover year one and year two, but it's a 10-year lease, and we want a sustainable path forward. It's possible there would only be a fee during peak times."

The planning commission struggled to accept a one-way entrance and exit, arguing drivers should be able to enter and exit at both openings. The applicants assured that the plan is flexible and open to suggestions.

Still, Town Administrator Mary Bohlen noted that creating a one-way entrance and exit would have the advantage of limiting the size of the access points.

"Having the entrance and exit be one way only also significantly reduces the footprint of the entrance instead of having to have it wide enough so that passing vehicles have enough room," she said. "If you're going in one way and out the other, you don't have to have quite as wide of a [space]."

The town may also put up a sign that says "right turn" only at the lot's exit

"As you exit, we were looking to have the exit to the right," Charles said. "We would have two signs there, exit to the right ... we're just trying to get the majority of people to come out, make the right, head back around to Broad Street, and then they can disperse through that. We are trying to minimize traffic back into town by making suggestions."

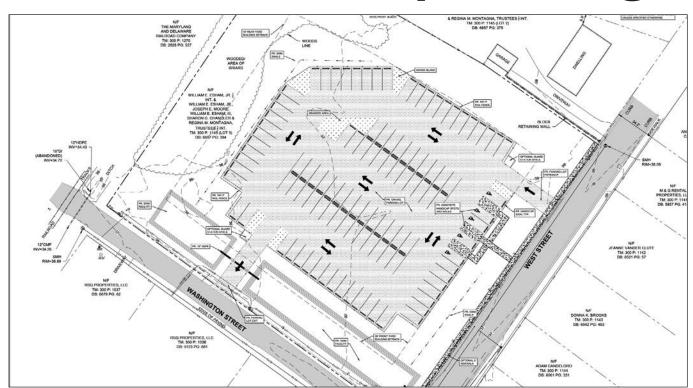
Charles added that LED lights will likely be placed on the poles facing the lot and will be app-activated. Staff could monitor the property and turn the illumination off as needed.

The issue of overnight parking was also mentioned at last week's meeting. Charles said the town could erect signs prohibiting vehicles from being left overnight, but staff added this could be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

One concern is that many Berlin events serve alcohol. If an individual leaves their car in the lot and takes an Uber home, the town would not want to penalize someone for making a responsible decision. Bohlen noted that, instead, specific regulations may be made to restrict things like RVs and sleeping in vehicles.

"We can have some signage out," Charles added. "We'll have no overnight parking, but if the police officer shows up, there's no one sleeping in the car, but if it's there, after two or three nights, then we have an issue, and we can address it. Or if we see it and it's a nuisance, we can address that."

A concrete or stone pad could be placed at the property's entrance. Members of the commission noted



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As currently planned, the entrance to the new parking lot in Berlin will be on West Street with the exit on Washington Street. For the initial summer, the lot will remain grass with parking bumpers and signage added to the lot.

that rain will saturate the space and lead to mud on Washington Street as the cars enter the lot. Charles said that some sort of remedy could be implemented.

The public works director added

that they are also looking at options for bumpers to control how visitors situate their cars to ensure the space's full capacity can be utilized.

While the proposal is not perfect, the planning commission and the ap-

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plicants agreed that the concept puts the town one step closer to its parking needs. The lot's positives and negatives will be considered and identified throughout its use and improvements will likely be made in the future.





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Agritourism winery gets special exception

By Brian Shane

Staff Writer

(May 22, 2025) A local entrepreneur is making plans to open a new agritourism operation and winery outside Berlin and Ocean City that could connect to his existing venue and events business.

Landowner Patrick Brady in an interview said being able to repurpose agzoned property into an agritourism destination is "a big push for Worcester County right now."

"I want to create an area where I can have a winery, I can possibly do a farm brewery and have a space where people can come and enjoy and relax. There's plenty of open space there. In that area there, there aren't some of these facilities and I think it would be a nice addition to the area," he said. ception from the Worcester County Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) on May 8 to host non-agricultural functions on the agriculturally zoned land. He hopes to launch in October after getting site plan approval from county planners.

The property on Worcester Highway, just north of Route 113, is the former site of Friends Forever Learning Center. Brady also got BZA approval to use the old daycare facility as part of his agritourism operation, though it's unclear what role the facility will play just yet.

Agritourism for the general public involves education, recreation, or farm operations, and can expand farmers' income sources. Features like corn mazes, petting farms and pony rides, hayrides and pumpkin patches, or even festivals are all various forms of agritourism.

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stand, for producing wine, for having farm animals on there, farm education, that type of stuff," he said. "It just opens up the ability of uses that I can use the property for."

Brady also said at the BZA meeting he's considering using the seven-acre lot, now a horse farm in conjunction with his existing adjacent property, a rental venue he calls Brooklyn Meadows. He also hosts an Airbnb property called Brooklyn Estate off Flower Street in Berlin. The properties are named for his daughter Brooklyn.

"It's gonna be a great family atmosphere where kids can enjoy, parents can bring the kids, you know, obviously me having a daughter, I wanted to go places where she felt comfortable as well. I want to create a place for adults to enjoy while the kids can run around and be safe."

Brady is also the owner of the Assateague Crab House and the Shrimp Boat, both located on Route 611 outside West Ocean City. He also has plans to open a pizzeria in the nearby Francis Scott Key motel.

Regional airport will offer Fla. service starting in Oct.

By Brian Shane

Staff Writer

(May 22, 2025) Low-cost carrier Breeze Airways has been announced as the new airline flying direct routes from the Lower Shore to Florida starting this fall.

The agreement between the Salisbury Regional Airport and Breeze, announced May 7, will provide nonstop flights to Orlando International Airport on Fridays and Mondays. Breeze is taking airfare reservations online now for service that starts Oct. 1.

Its business model prices tickets as low as \$59 before making available upgrades that may increase the fare, like extra legroom or having a carry-on bag. Breeze's fleet of brand-new Airbus A220-300 planes can seat about 150 passengers across three price-tiered cabin sections.

Airport officials and Breeze have been collaborating for nearly three years to bring the agreement to fruition, according to airport manager Tony Rudy.

"I'm excited that we finally landed this – excuse the pun," Rudy said. "I think it's going to be well-received, just by talking to people in the community. I think they're excited."

Rudy described the airline as upand-coming, having grown service to 70 markets since its founding in 2021. Breeze founder and CEO David Neeleman in a statement said adding Salisbury to its roster fits the airline's business model of targeting underserved markets.

While Orlando is one of the mostvisited destinations for its potential customers – with a catchment area defined by Cambridge to the west, Seaford to the north, and Chincoteague to the south – the Salisbury airport has been losing market share to nearby airports in Baltimore, Washington, and Philadelphia.

Rudy said the results of that study, based on federal transportation data, convinced airport officials to pursue direct flights to Florida themselves.

It started with what Rudy jokingly

called a "speed dating" event, where dozens of airline reps in booths meet with airport managers, not unlike like a job fair in a hotel ballroom. "You have, like, 12 minutes to make your pitch and have them ask questions. After that, you move on to the next one," he said.

One of the ways the Salisbury airport sweetened the deal for Breeze was by offering a hedge against early losses with a \$800,000 grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

It's called a comprehensive revenue guarantee: should Breeze lose money during its first two years of operation, then it would be allowed to dip into that cash on a monthly basis. Some of the money is also earmarked for marketing and start-up costs.

"Obviously, when they start off, it's a big risk, you know?" Rudy said. "They're not exactly sure how many tickets they're going to sell, how quickly, if the service is going to catch on. It's like – if you can offer this, we will come to your market. Maybe another market can't offer that, right? Everyone's competing kind of on the same playing field, so that's why we went after the grant for that."

More than \$217,000 in pledges from local businesses and governments supplemented the federal grant – including \$50,000 each from both Worcester and Wicomico counties, bringing the airline's safety net to more than \$1 million

In the near future, the Salisbury airport has a runway extension project slated for completion in summer 2026, as well as potential plans to expand its parking lot, which is a revenue generator.

Could even more airlines come to Salisbury? Rudy says his fingers are

"We're continuing to go to these air service forums and present our case, see if there's any other interest out there," he said. "We'd like to drum up more service. It might take a little while, wait and see how Breeze does and, you know, just build our base from there."



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West OC residents asking for county help with parking

Vehicles lined along streets raises safety concerns for emergency service access

By Brian Shane

Staff Writer

(May 22, 2025) Residents of two West Ocean City neighborhoods say unregulated street parking is chaotic and are seeking some relief from Worcester County officials to straighten it out as a matter of public safety.

"It seems physically impossible that the number of cars in the neighborhood were planned for," Sara Gorfinkel of The Landings at Bayside told the County Commissioners. "The lack of regulations and directives either from our HOA, our management company, and the county have really led to what feels like living and driv-

ing in the wild, wild west."

Gorfinkel was one of about a dozen people who spoke at the May 6 public hearing for residents of The Landings and the Snug Harbor Road community. The developer-built communities, next-door neighbors along Route 611 and flanked by Sinepuxent Bay, have roads so narrow that they become impassable if cars are parked on both sides of the street.

Charlie Crawford, homeowners' association president of the 310-home Landings neighborhood, called it a matter of public safety.

"If you go to our entrance, you only need to park on the street to say – 'wait a minute, how's somebody going to get here in a hurry with a firetruck?" he said.

But their parking problems aren't carbon copies. Roads in The Land-See CITIZENS Page 21

School system's financial officer recognized by state

(May 23, 2025) During its luncheon Monday, the Maryland Association of School Business Officials (MDASBO) recognized Worcester County Public Schools' Chief Financial Officer Vince Tolbert as its 2025 School Finance Official of the Year.

Tolbert has been Chief Finance Officer of Worcester County Public School for over 26 years. In this role, Tolbert oversees all aspects of the district's financial operations, including budget preparation, financial reporting, procurement, payroll, and resource allocation. He is responsible for managing a budget of over \$120 million, ensuring that federal, state, and local funding is utilized effectively to support the district's strategic goals and priorities.

Tolbert plays a pivotal role in aligning financial strategies with the district's mission and goals, including the implementation of Pillar 5 of the Blue-

print for Maryland's Future, which emphasizes governance and accountability. He is instrumental in ensuring compliance with state and federal regulations, leading the development of transparent financial reports, and fostering trust among stakeholders.

Under his leadership, Worcester County Public Schools has consistently maintained a strong financial position, and fiscal responsibility. Tolbert's approaches to resource management, including cost-saving initiatives and strategic investment in educational programs, have significantly enhanced the district's ability to meet student needs.

In addition to this week's recognition, both Tolbert and a member of his finance staff were provided complimentary attendance at MDASBO's three-day spring conference, where they participated in valuable professional learning opportunities.







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Residents of Snug Harbor Road, above left, and the adjacent community The Landings at Bayside, right, told county leaders that on-street parking has become a chaotic nuisance.

Citizens concerned about 'wild, wild west'

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ings have rolled curbs, while Snug Harbor Road – one of just two parallel streets in the enclave – is really just a massively long sheet of asphalt with no defined edges or curbing.

It's not an entirely new problem for county officials, who first heard last November from residents of both communities: folks in Snug harbor asked to ban on-street parking, and others in The Landings asked for restricted parking to one side of the street. Both those requests were approved by the commissioners.

It seemed like an open-and-shut case - until even more residents spoke up to say that the groups who spearheaded the no-parking efforts were not authorized representatives of the community at large. Others expressed general displeasure at the changes and said they were unaware the issue was being considered. County officials decided to offer a public hearing for residents to air their grievances.

"What happens if a pedestrian pops out from behind this car? Well, an accident, most likely," said Snug Harbor resident Bill Romeo. "It is a two-way street. It is not some extension of someone's garage or parking area. It is inherently dangerous."

Parking isn't the only problem: Snug Harbor Road has no fire hydrants, leaving firefighters with no other option than to connect with hydrants all the way over in The Landings. Neighbors saw this firsthand in 2018 and 2019 when two different houses on the street caught fire, according to Romeo.

Worcester County doesn't have a formal policy regarding the creation of no-parking areas, and so far, "no parking" signs have yet to be installed in either community.

Public Works Director Dallas Baker says anyone who wants to see rogue cars towed from on-street parking is out of luck, too, because the roadside would first need proper

signage to warn drivers. He did say his department is in the process of setting up a speed study on Snug Harbor Road.

Maybe we need more studies before we make a move here," said Commissioner Ted Elder, a comment that elicited an audible groan from the public hearing audience.

Fire Marshal Matt Owens said Snug Harbor Road, at 18 feet wide, is narrower than the minimum 20-foot fire lane width. It doesn't help, he added, that firetrucks are only getting larger and their turning radiuses more sweeping.

"If you park on both sides," Owens told the commissioners, "you're not going to get emergency equipment through.'

Not everyone was against the parking restrictions.

Snug Harbor resident Casev Mc-Grath said he doesn't have a problem with street parking. The real issue, he said, is that drivers disregard the 30 mph speed limit and wondered if speed bumps could be a solution.

"We never park on the street, but when we need it – holidays, et cetera - we don't want that capability taken from us, bottom line," he said. "It's one of those things that in my opinion has been a little bit of a waste of time. I don't think restricting it altogether is the answer."













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Decatur's marching band eyes trip for Hawaii parade

Group must raise \$130K by October for students to play in anniversary event

By Tara Fischer Staff Writer

(May 22, 2025) A trip to Hawaii and a performance commemorating the end of World War II is on the horizon for the Stephen Decatur High School marching band, if they can raise the \$130,000 required to go.

SDHS's marching band was invited to participate in the Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade in Honolulu on Dec. 7, 2025. The event commemorates the anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941 and celebrates the end of WWII, particularly this time around, as it marks 80 years since peace was established in 1945.

The Berlin-based performance group was the only high school band in Maryland to be invited to the ceremony this year. Jimmy McKenzie, Decatur's marching band director, said that a band from each state with a battleship of the same name in Pearl Harbor at the time of the invasion is asked to perform. The honor is passed around from year to year.

"[Decatur's] program has a long history of success," McKenzie noted of the school's invitation.

The parade will be chock-full of acts as it proceeds down Kalakaua Avenue in Waikiki. McKenzie said the Seahawks' musical choices would include pieces from their halftime show lineup entitled "American Voices." The director added that their performance would also showcase "Aloha 'Oe," a song composed by the last queen of Hawaii, and patriotic tunes like "America the Beautiful" and "We Shall Overcome." The origins of "We Shall Overcome" hold a local interest, as the melody is thought to have been inspired by "I'll Overcome Some Day," a hymn by the Berlin-born Charles Albert Tindley.

If they attend the parade, the Decatur group will also perform at the docks of the U.S.S. Missouri with the other participating bands. The battleship was where the Japanese Instrument of Surrender was signed on Sept. 2, 1945, effectively ending the war. This year's performance on the boat's docks will celebrate that day and honor all those who fought and gave their lives in the bloody years leading to eventual peace.

McKenzie said that SDHS received their invitation in October and has spent most of this year fundraising. Currently, the band is sitting at around \$30,000, but \$100,000 is still required to take the kids to Hawaii.

"In order to fully fund the marching band to go and not to have any of the weight be put onto our students' families, we would need to raise \$100,000 more," McKenzie said. "The total cost of the trip would be between \$130,000 and \$135,000.

This amount would cover costs like flights, hotels, bus transportation in Hawaii, and other necessities identified once the group arrives on the island. The money is due by Oct. 1, but the band director maintained they need to confirm their attendance as soon as possible to snag early deals and reservation spots.

The Seahawk musical team has organized fundraising initiatives this year to accumulate the necessary money. On June 2, for instance, community members are invited to a restaurant fundraiser at Chipotle, where part of the proceeds will go towards the school's efforts to send the band to Hawaii.

Still, while fundraisers help acquire some money, the band director maintained that direct donations will push the funding to where it needs to be.

Those who want to contribute may write a check to the SDHS Band Boosters and send it to Stephen Decatur High School. Individuals may also contact McKenzie at jrmckenzie@worcesterk12.org.

The parade is on Sunday, Dec. 7. The band will leave on the Thursday prior and return to Berlin the following Tuesday. McKenzie said that one day of the trip would include the procession, another the U.S.S. Missouri performance, and a separate day for a tour of Honolulu, with stops at places like the Polynesian Cultural Center and the Dole Plantation.

McKenzie is hopeful that his band will get to participate in the Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade and recognizes what a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity it would be for the young musicians.

"A lot of our students have not really gotten the opportunity to perform off the shore before," he said. "...

To represent not just our school but also the state, at a very large event, is a great opportunity for the students to actually get that performance opportunity and take pride in something far greater than any of us combined."

The marching band and color guard is looking at enrollment numbers of between 42 and 45 next year.

"As part of being enrolled in the marching band, we want to make sure that all of our students have an equitable chance to get out [to Hawaii]," Mckenzie said.

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Berlin Library branch opens updated exhibit

Silk artist Mitzi Ash's pieces on display thanks to Arts Council collaboration

By Tara Fischer

Staff Writer

(May 22, 2025) An updated exhibit, this time featuring silk paintings, has made its way to the Berlin Library Gallery through a collaboration with the Worcester County Arts Council.

The exhibit features the work of Mitzi Ash, a member of the WCAC, the Art League of Ocean City, the Rehoboth Art League, and Silk Painters International. Each of her pieces displayed in the Berlin Library is crafted on "luxurious white silk and colorrich dyes," the WCAC website reads. Her paintings feature various subjects, including flowers, leaves, bikes, and some inspired by Asian culture.

Ash has been creating silk designs for around 20 years. The artist said that she had never taken an art class in her early life, but this changed when she was employed at a college and was exposed to the school's art services.

"I had never taken an art course," the painter said. "It wasn't until I started working at a college that I always went down to the art department. So, I began taking art classes and have loved every second of it."

Ash got her start with silk while she was a career counselor. According to the artist, she attended a conference with the Mid-Atlantic Career Counseling Association once a year. During these meetings, organizers would arrange a special event, and one year, a silk painter provided a demonstration.

"Once [the silk painter] allowed me to try it, I was like, 'This is fun. I think I would like to do some color stuff," Ash said. "So, I came home and made four silk scarves. I took them to the Worcester County Arts Council, and all four sold. Now I'm 2,000 scarves later."

Currently, Ash sticks to her silk work. The painter notes that the medium is not as common as techniques like watercolors and believes that her pieces can introduce others in the area to a lesser-known but beautiful artistic method.

"One of the reasons why I chose silk painting is because when I came [to the Eastern Shore], there were so many water colorists," she said. "I wanted something different, and I knew that people are unaware of silk art. It's a practice all over the world... It's nice to bring a new medium that people don't know much about."

Painting on silk is a practice that originated in Asia, with unique techniques in places like Japan, China, and Vietnam. The method involves stretching the material to make painting directly on the fabric easier.

Ash notes that she uses dyes, diluting and mixing them to create different colors.

Ash's work at the Berlin library includes pieces on subjects like silk ties and flowers. Her favorite work, however, is a springtime-inspired painting depicting a bike.

"I love having this whole space and seeing so many of my paintings," she

Ash is originally from Kent Island and would spend the summers in Worcester County with her husband, but the couple moved to Ocean Pines when they were getting ready to retire.

The silk painter has incurred a plethora of artistic accomplishments. According to the WCAC website, she was a featured artist at the "Emerging Women" art show in Shepherdstown, West Virginia, in 2005 and received the 2012 VIA (Very Important Artist) Award at the Rehoboth Art League Fine Art Exhibition.

In 2016, Ash received first place for wearable art from the Rehoboth Art League. In 2017, the artist assembled an international exhibition of silk painting at the Ocean City Center for the Arts. The art group's website adds that in 2018, Ash's painting "I Have Been Waiting for Spring" earned an honorable mention in a juried show at the WCAC.



Silk painter Mitzi
Ash is pictured with
one of her pieces
currently on display
at the Berlin Library branch on
Harrison Avenue.

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More of Ash's work can be found throughout the area. The painter noted that three large paintings and 15 hand-painted scarves are currently at the Art League of Ocean City. The WCAC also has two large paintings and approximately 15 hand-painted scarves.

Ash intends to continue her silk work and showcase the medium to the Eastern Shore.

"Everybody needs art," she said.



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BAY DAY HELD

The 6th Annual Bay Day event, sponsored by the Ocean Pines Association and the Maryland Coastal Bays Program, was held last weekend at White Horse Park. Representatives from MCBP, OPA, and local environmental and service groups were on-site, hosting educational activities and booths to garner community support for continuing to improve and advocate for the health of the channels that shoulder Ocean Pines.

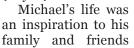
Obituaries

MICHAEL JAMES VANCE

Berlin

Michael James Vance, age 78, of Berlin, passed away peacefully with his family at his side on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin.

He was born in Baltimore and was the son of the late Lawrence William Vance and Agnes (Coyne) Vance.



who came to know him throughout his many endeavors. He overcame numerous difficulties in his childhood to establish two long-standing, successful businesses in the Baltimore area as the owner of Heritage Homes Real Estate and Heritage Kitchens. Before that, he worked at Norris Ford and Prudential Insurance. After retiring to the Eastern Shore, Michael and his beloved wife of 54 years, Renata, fulfilled a dream by buying a crop farm in Berlin, where "Grandy and Maw" lived happily with their chickens, dogs, and cats and regularly hosted fun-filled family Sunday gatherings and Thanksgivings.

Known for giving wise advice and offering help in any situation, Grandy was a devoted husband, father, and

grandfather. His family was always the first priority throughout his life. The love of God was evident in Michael's words and actions, and he consistently demonstrated courage and quiet strength during his yearslong battle with many serious health problems, including two open heart surgeries. Through it all, he and his loving wife Renata were inseparable. Even in the midst of overwhelming health odds, Michael never stopped smiling and reassuring his family and friends with his famous jokes and quirky sense of humor.

Michael had a strong faith in Jesus and was a member of St. John Neumann Roman Catholic Church in Berlin

Michael is survived by his wife, Renata Louise (Durra) Vance; four daughters, Lisa Michelle Wilson and husband Richard of Berlin, MD, Theresa Louise Helfrich and husband Adam of Croswell, MI, Emily Bridget Taylor and husband Aaron of Frederick, MD, and Renata Anne Lovitt of Pittsville, MD; a brother, Lawrence William Vance, Jr., of Glen Rock, PA; and nine grandchildren, Sean and Jack Wilson, Concetta and Emma Helfrich, Jonah and Alana Taylor, Mia and Renata Lynn Lovitt, and Olivia Vance Messinger.

In addition to his parents, Michael was preceded in death by his twin brothers, Anthony and Timothy Vance.

Michael was proud of his Irish heritage and planned his own funeral to include a tribute to his ancestry. A viewing will be held on Thursday, May 22, 2025, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Bishop-Hastings Funeral Home, 19 South Main St., Selbyville, DE.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, May 23, 2025, at St. John Neumann Roman Catholic Church, 11211 Beauchamp Rd., Berlin, Md. Burial will be in the Garden of the Pines Cemetery in Berlin.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that gifts in Michael's memory may be directed to support the research of Dr. Mary Armanios at the Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center. Please make checks payable to Johns Hopkins University. Gifts may be mailed with a memo indicating "this gift is in memory of Michael James Vance" to the Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center, 750 E. Pratt Street, Suite 1700, Baltimore, Md. 21202 or https://secure.jhu.edu/form/Kimmel.

Condolences may be sent by visiting www.bishophastingsfh.com.

VIRGINIA MOSLEY

Ocean Pines

It is with a profound sense of sadness that we say so long to Virginia Mosley (Monaco) who passed away on Monday, May 12 after a long struggle with dementia. Not goodbye, but so long.

Virginia was born to Joseph and

Dorothy Monaco on Feb. 27, 1945 in Washington, DC

Virginia was predeceased in death by her parents and her four sisters, Barbara Wargo, Dorothy Zagby, Thelma Scott and Joanne Garrison. She is survived by her loving husband, Carl Mosley of Ocean



Virginia Moslev

Pines, and her children, Katherine Walter, and Donald Walter. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Heather Willhide, Maxwell Gardner, Amanda (Christian) Cole, Brittany (Tyler) Briggs and Melanie Walter and 3 great-grandchildren, Ava, Nora and Sam.

Graduating from Northwestern High School in Hyattsville, Md. Virginia attended the University of Maryland before entering Government Service. Viginia served in the US Savings Bond Department before becoming a legal secretary in both private and government service, retiring from the Justice Department while working in the prosecutor's office at the US District Court in Greenbelt.

Carl and Virginia moved to Ocean Pines in 2000 from Howard County knowing that they wanted to live in the land of pleasant living. Traveling throughout the United States and Eu-

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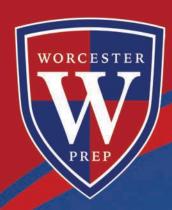
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rope gave them time to explore new vistas and cultures. An avid needlework craftsperson Virginia used her other talents to become a proud baker and hostess to the many family and friends gathering at holidays in her

A celebration of life will be held at The Church of Holy Spirit located at 10001 Coastal Highway on Saturday, May 31 with gathering at 10:30 a.m. and service at 11 a.m. Reception to follow. The Rt. Rev, Santosh Marray, the Eleventh Bishop of the Diocese of Easton will officiate.

In remembrance, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Church of the Holy Spirit in her name.

A special thank you goes out to all the staff at the Woodlands of Ocean Pines and Coastal Hospice who provided such wonderful care to Virginia and the family during this difficult time.

WILLIAM LEWIS MCCULLEY, JR.

Ocean Pines

William Lewis McCulley, Jr. "Bill", age 81, of Wilmington, DE passed away surrounded by his family on May 17th, 2025. Born in Wilmington, DE, he was the son of Jean (Johnston) and William Lewis McCulley, Sr. and proudly raised by his Aunt Reba and Uncle John Emering. Bill graduated from P.S. duPont High School and went on to serve his country in the United States Marine Corps

during the Vietnam War. Following his honorable discharge, he went on to work as an insurance agent for Nationwide in the Delmarva area for over 35 years.



Bill and his family W. McCulley enjoyed countless

summer vacations at Rehoboth Beach where they made fond memories. After his children were grown, he spent 20 years living in Ocean Pines, Maryland where he enjoyed golf during his retirement. Bill was actively involved in the Salesianum community while his sons were in school and enjoyed the Salesian community. He maintained close friendships with his Salesianum and P.S. duPont High School lunch friends up until his passing. He was also actively involved in the 70's as the Hickory Hills Civic Association HOA President.

In addition to his parents, Jean and William McCulley, and his aunt and uncle, Reba and John Emering, Bill was predeceased by his son, William Lewis McCulley, III, his daughter-inlaw, Cindy McCulley, and his grandchildren, William Ryan and Megan Kenna McCulley. Bill is survived by his wife of 60 years, Priscilla "Lynn" Mc-Culley; his son and daughter-in-law, Scott Lindsey and Ann McCulley; his daughter, Rebecca McCulley-Carbaugh; his grandchildren, Devin Scott McCulley (Alexandra), Spencer Cruise

Carbaugh, Alyssa Mae McCulley and Braden William McCulley; his sister, Eileen Marie Mazzatenta; and a host of nieces, nephews, and extended family.

A visitation will be held at the Mealey Funeral Home, 2509 Limestone Road Wilmington, DE 19808 on Tuesday June 3, 2025 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. with funeral services beginning at 11:30 A.M. Burial will follow at 1 P.M. at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to William "Biff" McCulley '83 Memorial Scholarship at Salesianum High School, 1801 N. Broom Street Wilmington, Del. 19802. Online condolences may be made to www.mealeyfuneralhomes.com.

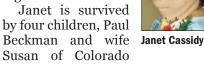
JANET O. CASSIDY

Ocean Pines

Janet O. Cassidy, age 92, of Ocean Pines, died Saturday, May 10, 2025 at Guiding Hands Assisted Living in Berlin. She was born in Plainfield, N.J. and was the daughter of the late Cedric Ostrom and Anna Elizabeth (Chickering) Ostrom.

She was a retired print operator for Bell Labs. Janet was a member of Taylorville Christian Church where she sang in the choir and a former member of Dunellen Methodist Church in NJ where she served as a superintendent and Sunday school teacher for many years. She was involved with the Fish Organization delivering meals, member

of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Red Hat Society. She also served in U.S. Air Force during the Korean War.





Springs, CO, Elaine Welsch and husband James of Broomfield, CO, Cynthia Simmons and husband David of North Bergen, NJ and Jennifer Stover and husband Bob of Berlin, MD, seven stepchildren, Edward Cassidy and spouse Felix of VA, Richard Cassidy and wife Rochelle of FL, Pam Cassidy of PA, Cindy Jane Cassidy of PA, Becky Wolfe of VA, Patti Swank and husband Bob of NJ and Michael Cassidy and wife Lisa of NJ; twentyeight grandchildren and many great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jennings B. Cassidy; two sons, Christopher Beckmann and Mark Beckmann; and two sisters, Virginia Wicks and Elizabeth Faulks.

A Graveside Service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 24, 2025 at Taylorville Church Cemetery, 11252 Adkins Road, Berlin, Md.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to Taylorville Christian Church, P.O. Box 456, Berlin, MD 21811.

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Snapshots



HARDWIRE VISIT

On Tuesday, April 8, a group of Upper School students from Worcester Prep visited Hardwire in Pocomoke City as part of the newly established WORX program. The WORX program aims to introduce students to a wide range of opportunities within the community and beyond. During their visit, students gained a comprehensive understanding of Hardwire's production of protective armor and systems utilized by the military, law enforcement, municipalities, private enterprises, consumers, and educational institutions. Pictured, front from left, are Max Griffin, Dexter Feldman, Max Lev, Danny Kirwan and Dillon Scopp; second row, Caleb Walston, Ben Holloway, Karrigan Russell-Wood, Jack Lynch, Beau Brittingham, Nathan Montague, Ryan Mann and Hardwire Chairman & **CEO George Tunis, and Hardwire President & Chief** Operating Officer Emily Tunis; and, back, Justin McGovern, Gavin Sutherland, WPS Athletic Trainer Drew Oxenrieder, Matt Armstrong, Nate Friedman, Chase Thompson, Mike DePalma, WPS Director of Student Life Megan Wallace, Aleksey Klimins, Hardwire Business & Pricing Manager J.P. Lacey, Lucas Nicastro, Gavin Mann and Michael Hall. Also pictured are Hardwire Ambassadors Bullet and Dozer, the dynamic dog duo.

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Worcester Preparatory School (WPS) proudly showed its support last month for Autism Awareness

Month by dressing in blue across all grade levels. In addition to the blue attire seen throughout campus, the Upper School Surf Club led a fundraising initiative to benefit Surfers Healing, a non-

profit foundation that enriches the lives of individuals with autism through surfing. The club col-

lected an impressive \$2,014 to support the organization's efforts. Above eight grade students

Madison Andrews, Kristie Carr, Vivian Spraul and Caroline Burbage wore blue in support of Autism

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SCHOOL DONATION

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Cato, Inc. marketing representative Gordon Abercrombie (WPS '13, Furman University '17, Clemson MBA '19) presented a \$500 ExxonMobil Educational Alliance program grant to Worcester Preparatory School (WPS). This year's grant will be applied toward the Middle School Science Department. ExxonMobil believes in investing in educational programs for the next generation to pursue studies and careers in fields involving math and science. Pictured, from left, are Abercrombie, Head of Middle School Jake Perry, and seventh graaders Anna French and Lillian Ha.

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ARBORETUM DEDICATED

AUTISM AWARENESS OBSERVED

Salisbury University alumna Glenda Chatham Clarke cuts the ribbon to dedicate the Glenda Chatham Clarke Arboretum on campus. Pictured, from left: Bob Clarke, Glenda Chatham Clarke, SU horticulturist Will Lowery, SU President Carolyn Ringer Lepre, and SU horticulture and grounds director Frank Bowen. Guests on hand included representatives from the Worcester County Garden Club, of which Clarke served as president for two years.



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DIAKONIA DONATION

Tim Price, an employee of Royal Plus Disaster Services, recently demonstrated the power of individual generosity by directing a \$5,000 donation — awarded at a recent Disaster Recovery Coalition of America event — to Diakonia, a nonprofit that has been a cornerstone of support in Maryland's Lower Shore for more than 50 years. His choice to uplift Diakonia reflects a deep commitment to strengthening his community and supporting those in crisis. Royal Plus Disaster Services plays a crucial role in disaster recovery, offering immediate response and expert restoration for families and businesses affected by fires, water damage, and storms.



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AGH secures broadband rebate from FCC

(May 22, 2025) Atlantic General Hospital (AGH) has received \$157,794 in reimbursement from a special fund administered through the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) that allows not-forprofit healthcare organizations serving rural areas to apply for a discount on eligible broadband internet services.

This rebate helps offset the costs AGH incurs to secure high-speed internet services through the Maryland Broadband Cooperative (MdBC). These services are essential for the fast and secure exchange of patient records — crucial for making timely, informed healthcare decisions.

Additionally, the rebate enables AGH to expand high-speed access to underserved areas, ensuring residents receive the quality care they deserve. To date, AGH has received nearly \$500,000 from the Rural Healthcare Fund, supporting continued reinvestment in vital IT infrastructure.

Telecommunications service providers across the U.S. – like those who are members of MdBC - pay into the fund to support rural health-



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Maryland Broadband Cooperative presents a reimbursement check for \$157,794 to Atlantic General Hospital as part of a federal program to offset high speed internet expenses for rural not-for-profit hospitals. Pictured, from left, are Megan Speake, MdBC impact analyst; Drew Van Dopp, MdBC president and CEO; Jonathan Bauer, AGH vice president of information services; Jeremey Sweeney, AGH IT manager; Don Owrey, AGH president and CEO; and Toni Keiser, AGH vice president of public relations.

care facilities in bringing world-class healthcare to their patients and families through increased connectivity.

Connecting communities world-class healthcare is a core part of our mission. This reimbursement reflects the essential role that broadband plays in ensuring healthcare providers like Atlantic General Hospital have the robust, reliable connections needed to deliver critical care and innovative telehealth services to their patients," said Drew Van Dopp, president & CEO of MdBC.

"The cost of providing safe, high quality care in the current environment only continues to increase. We cannot overstate the importance of the Rural Healthcare Fund, which helps make broadband internet service more affordable, ultimately reducing the cost of patient care," said Jonathan Bauer, AGH vice president of information services.

Atlantic General Hospital worked with Network Better, a network and telecommunications professional management company, to identify and successfully apply for the Rural Healthcare Fund dollars.

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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
Friday 11am-1pm	104 127th St #326 B, Ocean City	1BR/1BA	Condo	\$245,000	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Friday 1-3pm	201 S. Heron Dr. Unit B22, Ocean City	2BR/2.5BA	Condo	\$499,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Friday 2-4pm	13000 Marina View Lane #19, Ocean City	4BR/4BA	Townhome	\$1,599,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Friday 2-4pm	18 79th Street #403, Ocean City	3BR/2BA	Condo	\$634,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Friday 3-5pm	121 70th Street #8, Ocean City	3BR/2.5BA	Townhome	\$659,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 9-11am	104 127th St #326 B, Ocean City	1BR/1BA	Condo	\$245,000	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 10am-4pm	12430 Old Bridge Rd, West OC	2BR/2BA	Single Family	from \$284,750	Shelly Wilson/Salt Life Community
Saturday 10:30am-12:30	0pm 201 S. Heron Drive B22, Ocean City	2BR/2.5BA	Condo	\$499,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 11am-1pm	8500 Coastal Highway #805, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$699,900	Rosemarie Leonard/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 11am-1pm	9401 Fooks Road, Bishopville	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$599,900	Debbie Hileman/Hileman Real Estate
Saturday 11am-1pm	11431 Manklin Creek Unit #5, Ocean Pines	s 3BR/2BA	Condo	\$299,888	Eileen Bumba/Long & Foster Real Estate
Saturday 11am-1pm	406 15th Street #1, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$474,900	Lauren Bunting/Keller Williams Realty of Delmarva
Saturday 11am-2pm	8 60th St. #502 Meridian, Ocean City	3BR/3BA	Condo	\$874,900	Monica McNamara/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 11am-2pm	9500 Coastal Highway 1J, Ocean City	1BR/1.5BA	Condo	\$429,900	Kevin Heselbach/Engel & Volkers Real Estate
Saturday 11am-2pm	9500 Coastal Highway 17J, Ocean City	1BR/1.5BA	Condo	\$435,000	Kevin Heselbach/Engel & Volkers Real Estate
Saturday 11am-3pm	13000 Marina View Lane #19, Ocean City	4BR/4BA	Townhome	\$1,599,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 11:30am-3:30	pm 18 79th Street #403, Ocean City	3BR/2BA	Condo	\$634,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 1-3pm	121 70th Street #8, Ocean City	3BR/2.5BA	Townhome	\$659,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 1:30-3:30pm	711 Mooring Road #5, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$495,000	Eileen Bumba/Long & Foster Real Estate
Sunday 10am-Noon	13000 Marina View Lane #19, Ocean City	4BR/4BA	Townhome	\$1,599,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Sunday 10am-3pm	12430 Old Bridge Rd, West OC	2BR/2BA	Single Family	from \$284,750	Shelly Wilson/Salt Life Community
Sunday 11am-1pm	201 S. Heron Dr. Unit B22, Ocean City	2BR/2.5BA	Condo	\$499,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Sunday 1-3pm	18 79th Street #403 Ocean City	3BR/2BA	Condo	\$634,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty

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Opinion

Please send all letters and other editorial submissions to editor@baysidegazette.com by 5 p.m. Monday.

Memorial Day: first, a show of respect

There's Memorial Day and then there is Memorial Day. One marks the unofficial beginning of summer, mostly because the Uniform Holiday Act of 1968 led to the creation of the federally declared three-day holiday weekend in 1971.

The other Memorial Day, which since 1868 had been celebrated on May 30 before the act shifted it to the last Monday in May, is when we're supposed to commemorate the sacrifice of members of the military who gave everything in service to their country.

Notable in the sentence above is the passage, "when we're supposed to ..." because although it does introduce the reason for the observance, it also implies that this solemn purpose is often forgotten amidst all the pre-summer celebrations.

That's a shame, because this willingness of millions of men and women to serve in the armed forces, and put it all on the line if need be, is what allows us to enjoy the holiday however we choose.

This commitment by so many men and women to defend our way of life is the ultimate deterrent against those who would wish us harm, as its unspoken message is that some of us will go and not return, but none of us will go quietly no matter what.

That is the essence of the real Memorial Day, which will be celebrated Monday with remembrances, honors and respect in Berlin with its Old-Fashioned Memorial Day Parade, in Ocean Pines at the Worcester County Veterans War Memorial, and in Ocean City at American Legion Synepuxent Post 166.

These salutes to the casualties of war and conflict have little to do with Memorial Day, the season opener, beside occupying the same square on the calendar. That is, of course, unless we give it a few minutes of respectful appreciation as we fire up the grills, ice down the drinks and cheer the arrival of summer.

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Letters

Commissioners hurting community

Editor,

On Tuesday, May 13, the Worcester County Commissioners held a budget work session and for the third year in a row the Board of Education is fighting for funding. For the life of me I can't understand why the county cannot fund the public school system as requested.

The county is carrying a surplus of over a million dollars. The education budget request was completed as asked, with over 600 line items including a trend analysis. The percentage of the operating budget remains in line with what the Board of Education has historically received, approximately fifty percent. Our teachers and our community deserve a fully-funded budget.

As echoed by Commissioner Purnell's impassioned speech during the work session, teaching is an impactful profession that requires higher education and certifications. In my opinion, they deserve much more than the county could ever afford. According to the Economic Policy Institute, teachers receive approximately twenty-six percent less pay than similarly educated professionals. I don't blame any teachers' union that is fighting for better teacher pay.

The National Center for **Education Statistics reports** that 44 percent of teachers leave the profession within five years. Low wages compared to education level and long hours are cited as the top reasons. I'd rather my child be taught by as many experienced teachers as possible. That means retention is a must. Now is not the time to sit idle. It's time to understand the impact of these decisions and what the public school system truly offers this county, especially in today's socioeconomic climate.

I understand the commissioners are considering tax cuts. To be completely hon-

est, keep my tax cut. The amount will not move the needle for a lot of us. We also boast the lowest income tax rates in the state and third lowest property tax rates. Investing in the public education system is a better use of funds. A lot of families like ours require a dual income. That means the time our kids spend in school becomes vital.

For most families, expanded pre-K 3 and 4 programs can save \$12,000 per child per year in child care costs. In my experience, these programs are not babysitting services. Our sixyear-old, who participated in pre-K 4 last year, has started reading chapter books this year, in kindergarten. She goes to Buckingham, a Title I school. The teachers are amazing. We honestly do not pay them enough.

I'd also like to address comments made about test scores brought up by Commissioner Abbott. MCAP scores do not paint a full picture of the success of the school system. For many students, MCAP tests do not account for a large enough percentage of their final grade to motivate significant effort. Imagine if you know you're entering the workforce and are on a career-readiness path, building a specialization, are you going to care that much about an MCAP test?

Evaluating school success based on standard testing doesn't measure student growth or teacher effectiveness. It is more a barometer of poverty level.

Great schools build great communities, not test scores. Using MCAP scores to gauge the success of a school system is the equivalent of deciding a basketball game based on which team had more free throws. It's a small snapshot and doesn't include all the points scored. It also teaches kids to just shoot free throws.

It's been an exhausting three years as a parent. I believe we are undervaluing the community impacts of a great public education system. It's a shame we can't put more trust in the Board of Education when all the cards have been laid on the table. I hope for a budget reconsideration. In the meantime, our orange flag will be flying.

Brian Robertson Berlin

Officials have lost pulse of county

Editor,

After listening to the Tuesday County Commissioner Budget Work session, it sounds like the commissioners have lost their pulse on reality in our county.

Worcester County Sheriff Matt Crisafulli's budget request is influenced heavily by the need to pay deputies a salary that is comparable to what other local agencies are offering. Crisafulli voiced "If we don't address this now, we will have an exodus from the sheriff's office" and that he currently has knowledge of 4 deputies looking to transfer to a state agency.

Board of Education Superintendent Lou Taylor's budget request is also influenced heavily by the need to increase pay of teachers and all employees to salaries that are comparable to what other districts are offering. Oh, and there's that state Blueprint mandate of \$60,000 by fiscal year 2027 that must be met. BLT shared that the board did what was asked of them by some of the commissioners, to take away COLAS and negotiate a flat increase for employees.

Here are some samples that show how lost the commissioners are in their responses:

Madison Bunting (D6): "we've been very generous with the sheriff's department over the last 4-5 years" and voted to increase deputy pay only \$2,000

"I would like to see straight amount for every employee of the BOE ... of 2,000" and voted to increase

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Record will replace Wallace in admin post

(May 23, 2025) The Worcester County Board of Education has named Dr. Matthew Record as the school system's next Chief Safety and Academic (Secondary Education) Officer, effective July 1, 2025.

Following the announced appointment of Dr. Annette Wallace as the next Superintendent of Schools, the school system conducted a successful search for her replacement, leading to today's appointment of Record to the executive level role.

Record is a dedicated and accomplished educational leader with over two decades of experience spanning early childhood through high school education. Currently serving as the principal of Snow Hill Middle School, he has successfully led transformative initiatives that have significantly enhanced student achievement, campus safety, and school climate.

Record has held multiple principalships within Worcester County Public Schools, including at Snow Hill Elementary and Pocomoke Middle Schools, where he implemented innovative strategies to support highpoverty populations and improve ac-



Dr. Dooord

ademic performance. His leadership has been recognized at the state level, including being honored as the Maryland Middle School Principal of the Year in 2020.

Holding a Doctorate in Educational

Leadership from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, a Master's in School Leadership and a Bachelor's in Elementary Education, Record pairs academic rigor with practical experience. Throughout his career, he has contributed to largescale grant projects, led accreditation evaluations, and championed the arts, earning the Maryland School Administrator Music Educator of the Year award in 2019.

"We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Record to our leadership team," Superintendent of Schools Lou Taylor said. "His proven track record of elevating student achievement, fostering welcoming school environments, and leading with integrity makes him an

exceptional addition. His passion for educational excellence and his ability to inspire both staff and students will undoubtedly make a lasting impact on our school system community."

Additional administrative announcements, including Record's successor, are anticipated to occur next month

Legion Post in resort to host Community Players event

(May 23, 2025) The Community Players of Salisbury will present World War II: Heroes of the Eastern Shore on May 24 at 2 p.m. at the American Legion Post 166 located at 2308 Philadelphia Avenue in Ocean City.

The live production uses dramatic readings, narration, slides, and music to honor the local men and women who served at home and overseas during World War II.

"They sacrificed and answered their country's call, and these heroes must not be forgotten," said Matt Bogdan, director of the show. "Some fought the war on their homeland while others were sent to places thousands of miles away and, in most cases, thrust into the horror and trauma of war."

Bogdan recognizes over 50 men and women who served, including medics, airmen, those who fought at Iwo Jima and Normandy, and those who stayed home and were air wardens or served in the local militia. A band, known as the WW2's, will be playing live music, including songs from Glenn Miller.

Admission is free. Donations are accepted. Seating is limited, so reservations are encouraged. Call 443-235-3272 to reserve a seat for this show that honors our local heroes and is sponsored by Beach to Bay Heritage Area.

Letters

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BOE employee pay by only \$2,000

Ted Elder (D4): "we certainly need to pay our law enforcement what they need" but voted to increase deputy pay only \$2,000

Caryn Abbott (D1): "many employees [teachers] that make a lot more than I do after 39 years" and voted to increase BOE pay by only

Chip Bertino (D5): "so, it's the teacher's association that's not allowing starting salaries for teachers to go up, not the county" and voted to increase BOE pay by only \$2,000

Only two commissioners seem to understand the financial crisis of deputies and teachers:

Eric Fiori (D3): "a blanket cut to

what they're asking for is ridiculous" and voted against increasing BOE employee pay by only \$2,000

Diana Purnell (D2): "you did what we asked you to do" and voted against increasing BOE employee pay by only \$2,000

The preliminary vote in favor of adopting cuts to the proposed Sheriff budget and BOE budget was 4-2 with Abbott, Bunting, Elder, and Bertino voting in favor of cuts. Fiori and Purnell voted in favor of keeping the proposed budgets as is. Mitrecic was absent. The county has the money to cover all budget requests and still have a surplus of at least \$1.1 million. To quote Madison Bunting, "it's just basic math."

Megan Seyler Berlin





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Puzzles

POWER GRID BY BRENDAN EMMETT QUIGLEY / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Brendan Emmett Quigley is a full-time crossword constructor in Brookline, Mass. He creates a Sunday puzzle every other week for The Boston Globe and, since 2008, a couple puzzles a week for his blog, brendanemmettquigley.com. "A few weeks after I got married, I told my wife that I was going to be giving away puzzles on the site for free," he says. "That she didn't divorce me then and there was something of a miracle." — W.S.

ACROSS

- 1 Cartridge from the 1980s
- 10 Source of the words "galore" and 'smithereens"
- 15 "Nice!"
- 20 Drag-racing venue
- 21 Nature personified
- 23 "Pinky-swear?"
- 24 Step on a scale? 25 The Beatles' "White
- Album" has four of
- 26 Sphere of influence
- 28 1957 Isaac Asimov novel, with "The"
- 29 Command that might be represented by a curved arrow pointing left
- 30 Outer layer of the brain
- 32 Inveigle
- 33 Package drop-off sites: Abbr.
- 34 "Council," in Russian 35 "Flower Myth"
- painter Paul
- 36 Takes a bit off the top
- 40 Showed off on an instrument
- 41 Follow closely
- 42 Note-to-self medium, perhaps
- 43 Beers from Bremen, informally

Online subscriptions: Today's puzzle and more than 4,000 past puzzles, (\$39.95 a year).

- 46 Zingy flavor
- 47 Way off in the distance
- 48 Agreeable words
- 49 Defeated decisively
- 50 Fish that passes the "mirror test" of selfrecognition
- 52 Salon sound
- 53 Poker declaration
- 54 "I've Been Everywhere" singer in the Country Music Hall of Fame
- 55 Mass agreements
- 56 "Whoever did this has it coming!"
- 59 Lynn ____, Sup Bowl X M.V.P. , Super
- 60 At the end of the day
- 61 Recently 62 "Phooey!"
- 63 Right of way, say
- 64 Cornmeal dish at a
- trattoria _you!' 65 "I
- 66 Eternity
- 67 Partner of 74-Across
- 68 Acted diplomatically
- 69 Organ above the trachea
- 71 Comic Ali
- 72 Black out
- 73 Big name in the cleaning aisle
- 74 Partner of 67-Across
- 75 Embody something proudly _ Fring, "Breaking
- Bad" antagonist
- 79 Spots for lavalier mics 81 Hebrew greeting

- - 83 1999 Maeve Binchy novel
 - 86 Young salmon

82 Turn to pulp

- 87 Unit of magnetic flux density
- 88 Spirit with a citrus flavor
- 90 Head cheese
- 93 Minor crime
- 94 Adding up (to) 95 Joy on TV
- 96 Button on many appliances
- 97 "Network" co-star, 1976

DOWN

- 1 Invigorates
- 2 Home of the Italian soccer club Juventus
- 3 Fighting (with)
- 4 Fictional character who says "Here's to my love! O true apothecary! Thy drugs are quick'
- 5 Mechanism that controls a camera's aperture
- 6 Dashboard device, in brief
- 7 Tavern offering
- 8 High school reunion topic
- 9 Spent
- 10 Amalgamate
- 11 Uninteresting game, perhaps
- 12 Word with a commonly misapplied apostrophe

- 13 Climbed, as a rope
- 14 Greek goddess depicted holding torches and snakes
- 15 Person on a nominating committee, say
- 16 Goes nowhere in
- particular
- 17 Psyche's partner 18 Accusatory words
- 19 "Well_
- 22 Twice-distilled Turkish beverage
- 27 Item in a hedge
- 30 Lass
- 31 Semicircular? 32 With style
- 34 "Let's eat!"
- 35 School whose sports teams are known as the Golden Flashes
- 37 Traveling from place to place
- 38 Shopgirl in a Paris boutique
- 39 Freezes
- 40 Homo
- neanderthalensis
- 41 Strong urge
- 42 Cough up
- 43 Cake with a distinctive swirl
- 44 Casual and not meant to be taken seriously, as a remark
- 45 Spinal cord membranes
- 46 Shade akin to pumpkin
- 47 Court favor in a cringey fashion
- 50 Beasts with enormous 66 What provides the big 78 In need of a haircut, tusks
- 51 Shake up
- 52 Show warmth to
- 54 Like recording studio equipment
- 55 Plague
- 57 Take in
- 58 Archer's gift
- 63 Old curse word 64 Actor Pascal of
- "Gladiator II"
- picture? 68 Noon or 6 p.m., for
- some
- 70 Reality TV star Hadid
- 71 Something sown, per an idiom
- 72 Macho stereotype
- 74 Goes in and out
- 75 Word before knows or
- 76 Chess opening
- 77 Dime store?

- say 80 Limerick, e.g.
- 81 Tricked out with the latest technology,
- say 82 One-named Brazilian soccer star who is a six-time FIFA World
- Player of the Year 83 Body building?
- Crown Theater (downtown Chicago landmark)
- 85 Acting without thinking 86 Candy brand with a
- crown in its logo 87 See 89-Down
- 89 87-Down makeup
- 91 It may be rolled out in the backyard
- 92 Setting for Jacques-Louis David's painting "The Death

of Marat"



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HARD - 85

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

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

Answers to last week's puzzles



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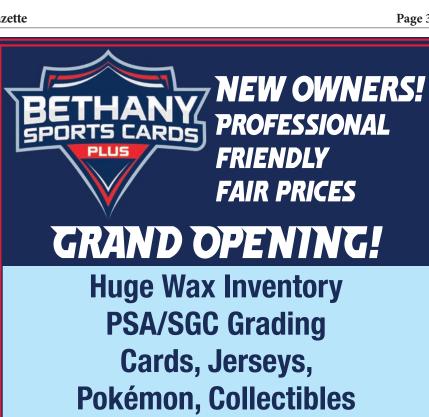




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SPRING CRUISERS

Berlin's Main Street and surrounding streets were closed last Saturday for the annual Berlin Spring Cruisers Car Show organized and sponsored by the Berlin Chamber of Commerce. The event concluded with multiple trophies awarded to the top vehicles.



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Calendar

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Thurs., May 22

STORY TIME 'BIG FAT HEN'

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

STORY TIME: MS. ANGIE'S FAVES

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Songs, dancing and crafts. For ages 2-5 years. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

BACK IN ACTION PHYSICAL THERAPTY FREE SEMINAR

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 11 a.m.-noon. "Pain is a normal part of aging ... or it is?" Join Dr. Sandra Kappes for this informative free seminar. Register: 410-641-7052. www.oceanpines.org

LET'S MAKE ... CITRUSY SERVERS

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 1 p.m. Painting serving trays for summertime barbecues. All material provided. Registration required: 410-641-0650. www.worcesterlibrary.org

CONCERT ON THE PATIO: JERRY LEE ADKINS

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Performing hits by Bob Dylan, Willie Nelson, Jimmy Buffett and many others. Also taking requests. In case of inclement, the event will be held indoors. 410-208-4014,

www.worcesterlibrary.org

ARTSCAPE: MUSIC AND ART

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 401 Fifth St., 5:30 p.m. Explore the benefits of combining music and art for mental health. For artists of all levels. Reservations required: 410-957-0878. www.worcesterlibrary.org

DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF WORCESTER COUNTY MEETING

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 6-8 p.m. Leila Weah, reporter with WMDT will be the speaker.

Fri., May 23

MILLION POUND MILESTONE: ONE BIG STEP FORWARD!

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 12:45-2 p.m. Go Green OC Campaign is celebrating one millionth pound of food waste composted. Come learn about the group's mission and pick some compost. https://www.gogreenwithoc.org, 443235-1890

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

ARTSY HOMESCHOOLERS

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 11 a.m. Every 4th Friday, join in for an art project that includes everything from painting, writing, crafting and more. Best for ages 6-11 years but all are welcome. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

SURVIVAL SPANISH: PRESENT TENSE PART 1

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

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., May 24

OCEAN PINES' GOT TALENT! AUDITIONS

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Come prepared with your music selection (if needed). Auditionees will be given three minutes to perform their talent. Open to the public. 410-641-7052

HUGE INDOOR YARD SALE

New Hope United Methodist Church, 7348 New Hope Road, Willards, 7 a.m.-3 p.m. One day only.

ANNUAL ARTISANS FAIR

Lord Baltimore Elementary School, 120 Atlantic Ave., Ocean View, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Exhibits both indoors and outdoors, showing a variety of fine arts. A Farmers Market will offer produce and specialty foods from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Raffles, bake sale and food trucks. 302-732-6336

KICKSTART KINDERGARTEN

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 401 Fifth St., 10:30 a.m. Sixsession series built to help preschoolers get ready for Kindergarten. Families receive a light snack and tips for continuing kindergarten preparedness at home. For ages 3-5 years. 410-957-0878

LIBRARY LEGO LEAGUE

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 1 p.m. Explore your imagination with LEGO bricks provided by the library. Creations will be displayed in the Berlin Library. For ages 6-11 years. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

VETERAN'S CELEBRATION PERFORMANCE AT AMERICAN LEGION IN OCEAN CITY

American Legion Synepuxent Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 2-5 p.m. The Community Players of Salisbury will present World War II: Heroes of the Eastern Shore. Featuring dramatic readings, narration, slides, and a World War II band. oceancityhappyme@aol.com

OCEAN PINES FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

Saturdays - White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Shop for everything from fresh local produce to unique handmade artisan goods. Also featuring family-friendly activities, music and unique shopping experiences. Open to the public, year round. 410-641-7052,

https://www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/farmers-artisans-market

Sun., May 25

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Ocean City Boardwalk Arch, 1 N. Division St., 1-2:15 p.m. Choir performance, flyover, U.S. Army Military 15-piece band, National Guard vehicle static display and keynote address from Maj. Gen. Janeen L. Birckhead. Wreaths remain on display through Monday.

HEROES DAY AT COASTAL WILDS

Coastal Wilds, 34215 Peppers Corner Road, Frankford, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Explore "Heroic Vehicles" and tour Coastal Wilds. Cost is \$25. Free to military, veterans and first responders. Tickets: https://book.singenuity.com/469/activity/details/2289/rates. 302-829-1549

BERLIN FARMERS MARKET

Sundays - Pitts Street, Commerce Street and Main Street, Berlin, May through October, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine. Producers only market featuring more than 50 farmers, food cultivators, bakers, distillers, seafood, meat and more. Also featuring a petting farm (9-11 a.m.), free kids art station and live music. The-BerlinFarmersMarket.com

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., May 26

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Veterans Memorial Park, Race Track Road, Ocean Pines, 11 a.m.-noon. Featuring patriotic music, demonstrations and public speakers honoring U.S. Military men and women who gave their lives in service. Limited seating available. www.wocovets.org

OLD FASHIONED MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Willam Edward Henry Park, 125 Flower St., Berlin, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Parade will stage at Stephen Decatur Middle School and run from Flower to Bay streets. Food vendors, music, craft vendors, activities for children and dance performances at Henry Park. 443-497-3242

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

John H. "Jack" Burbage, Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center, 9707 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 3-4 p.m. For those newly diagnosed, in treatment or in remission. Face challenges, celebrate victories and build strength from the group's shared journeys. Friends and family welcome. 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., May 27

SENSORY STORY TIME

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

PLAY TIME

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 401 Fifth St., 10:30 a.m. Come out and play with a variety of toys and socialize with other families. For ages 0-5 years. 410-957-0878, www.worcesterlibrary.org

Calendar

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

HOMESCHOOL HISTORY

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 12 p.m. Learn facts about different historical time periods through reading, writing and games. For ages 6-11 years. 410-524-1818, 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.

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.

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.

Wed., May 28

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 3-4 p.m. The goal of the group is to provide participants with hope for the future. Gail Mansell, 410-641-9725,

gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org

BARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the third and fourth Wednesday of each month. For surgical patients. Atlantic General Bariatric Center, 410-641-9568

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

COFFEE & CRAFTS: CD SUNCATCHERS

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Join in each month for a new crafts. All materials provided. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

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

KICKSTART KINDERGARTEN

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PAINT & SIP

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$27 and includes wine and crackers. Must be at least 18 years of age to participate. Register: 410-641-7052.

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.

ONGOING EVENTS

MAY INSPIRATION CHALLENGE

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., during May. Art, photography or poetry challenge for all ages. Pieces will be displayed in the library for viewing. The theme for May is "Music." Due by May 28. 410-632-3495

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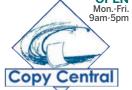
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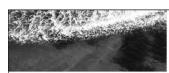
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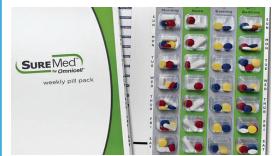






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