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A sapling from a 2,630-year-old bald cypress is pictured being planted at Berlin's Decatur Park by resident Lara Mulvaney, Mayor Zack Tyndall and Joan Maloof, who was recognized at the event for her lifelong dedication to trees through her Old-Growth Forest Network.

Cool sapling from ancient tree

Offspring of 2,600-year-old bald cyprus finds life anew as planting in Decatur Park

By Tara Fischer
 Staff Writer

(Oct. 23, 2025) A tree grown from seeds of an over 2,000-year-old bald cypress in North Carolina, the oldest of its kind in the Eastern United States, found its way to the Town of Berlin's Stephen Decatur Park earlier this week.

On Tuesday, Oct. 21, Berlin Mayor

Zack Tyndall, with help from environmental activists and professionals, planted a tree at Stephen Decatur Park as part of the "Keep Berlin Cool" initiative, led by the municipality's Horticultural Advisory Committee.

The sapling was grown from seeds of a tree from North Carolina's Black River Swamp. The tree is estimated to be about 2,630 years old.

The planting is part of a tree growth project, known as "Keep Berlin Cool." The initiative was the brainchild of Berlin resident Lara Mulvaney, who brought the idea to

the municipality's Horticultural Advisory Committee, a group charged with promoting sustainable landscaping in town.

Horticulture committee member Victoria Spice was present at Tuesday's tree-planting, where she provided some insight into Keep Berlin Cool. The environmentalist said that the project was made possible by a grant from the Maryland Coastal Bays Program. The organization awarded the team \$2,890 to plant 30 native trees at ten sites across Berlin.

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Town electric rates hike will secure supply

Current deals expire soon, new contracts would be for 2026/27, maybe longer

By Tara Fischer
 Staff Writer

(Oct. 17, 2025) Consumers in the Town of Berlin should expect their electric bills to increase early next year, after the Town Council last week approved a new energy contract to secure the municipality's power supply through the end of the decade.

Craig Kleinhenz, vice president of power supply planning from American Municipal Power (AMP), a non-profit energy agency that buys power on behalf of more than 130 municipal electric systems, was present at the Oct. 14 mayor and Town Council meeting.

He informed the governing body that two main electricity contracts expire at the end of 2025, requiring the town to lock in new agreements. These updated deals will result in higher costs.

To ensure that electricity continues to flow to the town's consumers, AMP recommended that the municipality approve a new "requirements deal," which will supply 52% of the municipality's energy needs at a cost of 7 cents per kilowatt hour (\$70 per megawatt hour), an increase from the current contract's fee of 3.5 cents per kilowatt hour (\$35 per megawatt hour). That existing agreement was purchased in 2020 and extends through the end of 2025.

Kleinhenz said that his team will have the authority to buy this updated deal through 2030, but the energy agency will commit only to 2026

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Ocean Pines planning Nov., Dec. activities

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Oct. 23, 2025) The Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department is gearing up to host new offerings this offseason for all age groups.

Advertised as “for new recruits and squires,” a Dungeons and Dragons club will be held for ages eight to 12. The meetings will take place each Tuesday in November, from Nov. 4 to Dec. 23, at the Ocean Pines Community Center. Residents can join for \$10. Non-residents can participate for \$15. Promotional materials maintain that dice will be provided.

Ocean Pines will also host Dungeons and Dragons clubs for participants a little older, as players from ages 13 to 17 can join the mythical group as well. Meetings for the teenagers will take place on Wednesdays from Nov. 5 to Dec. 10. Residents must pay \$15, while non-residents incur a cost of \$25. Similar to the group for the youngsters, members will meet at the Ocean Pines Community Center, and dice will be provided.

An adult Dungeons and Dragons will also be available this autumn in OP on Fridays in November, advertised as “for veterans and new adventurers.” Residents can pay \$25 to join, and non-residents will be charged \$30. The meetings will take place at

the community center in White Horse Park.

To continue the community’s lineup of spooky season-themed events, a Halloween BMX and Skate Jam is scheduled for this weekend, on Sunday, Oct. 26, at the Ocean Pines skate park at White Horse Park. The event is free to attend and will take place from noon to 5 p.m. The jam will include a BMX stunt show, an open ride, skate and BMX contests, costume competitions, food and refreshments, and prizes.

A “Hoopsters” basketball clinic will soon be underway for kids of all ages. According to the Ocean Pines Association’s Recreation and Parks Department website, the lessons will take place on Saturdays from Nov. 8 to Dec. 13. The advertisement says that participants will “learn the funda-

mentals of dribbling, passing, shooting, game strategy and rules. Each week will consist of skills and drills that progress into scrimmaged games.”

The clinic is for boys and girls ages 4 to 13. The lessons are scheduled as follows: ages four to six, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.; ages seven to nine, 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.; and ages 10 to 13, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. OP residents can sign their kids up for the program for \$45. Non-residents must pay \$55. To register, call rec and parks at 410-641-7052.

Coming up soon is the annual Pup of the Pines Photo Contest. Residents will have until Saturday, Oct. 25, to submit a picture of their dog for the chance for their pet to be the “Pup of the Pines” for the entire year.

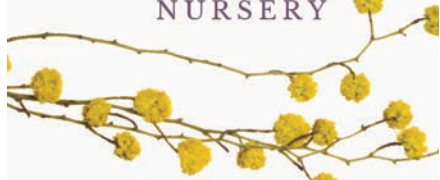
The rec and parks website says

that, “as a ‘Pup of the Pines’ photo contest winner, your pup will receive a free 2026 Ocean Pines Dog Park registration. They will also be the official face of the dog park for 2026 and will be featured in the Ocean Pines Activity Guide and other postings throughout the year.”

Residents who would like to submit their dogs for consideration can do so for a \$5 fee. Official entry forms will be available at the OPA Community Center, and the top eight pets will be on display at the Ocean Pines Halloween Fall Festival scheduled for Oct 25. Attendees at the event will be able to vote for their favorite. The winner will be announced at the Hometown Christmas Tree Lighting on Nov. 29.

More OPA Recreation and Parks events can be found on the community’s official website.

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Families invited to event with trucks and sweet treats

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families will be able to meet and chat with local police and fire crews, all while enjoying some sweet treats and dress-up fun.

“It’s simple, but kids absolutely love it,” Wells added.

Berlin’s Truck-N-Treat occasion is another in the town’s list of fall-themed festivities. The event comes a week after the annual and ultra-anticipated Oktoberfest that featured local brews, music, and German-inspired food.

Touch a Truck will also coincide with the last week of Berlin’s well-attended farmers’ market, which begins each year in May and extends through October. The final market before next spring is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 26, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Town residents and visitors will have one more chance to peruse the local goods before the offseason officially kicks in.

Aligned with the upcoming Halloween holiday, this week’s farmers’ market will feature a pet costume contest. A Facebook post from the Town of Berlin Main Street and Arts and Entertainment District encourages municipality citizens to bring their leashed animals dressed in their most creative get-ups for the chance to win prizes from Sweet Tater Treats.

Wells maintains that Berlin’s prioritization of community entertainment is what keeps the town thriving and residents engaged.

“It’s who we are,” she said. “Events like these keep our downtown alive, support local businesses, and the residents can easily walk into town for fun. We are focusing on family-friendly events because it’s important to spend time outside enjoying music, food, and each other.”

Marina in Ocean Pines to close for season on Nov. 9

(Oct. 23, 2025) The Ocean Pines Marina has announced extended hours as the 2025 season comes to a close.

The marina fuel dock will be open seven days a week, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., through Nov. 2. Additionally, the fuel dock will be open the following weekend, Nov. 7-9, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., before officially closing for the season on Nov. 9.

For updates on additional dates and hours, visit www.oceanpines.org. For questions or more information, contact Marina Manager Tony Tedeschi at 410-641-7717, ext. 7118.

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Cypress sapling joins park plants

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Spice said that her group’s vision is for these plants to “increase urban tree canopy to literally ‘Keep Berlin Cool’” and absorb stormwater runoff in town. “Our goal was really twofold,” she added. “It was not only to teach folks how to plant a tree properly, which can be tricky, but also how to maintain it and to have these really important, meaningful conversations around why native trees are so important, why native landscaping is so important in these urban spaces we have here.”

A specific collection of trees was selected for Stephen Decatur Park: the young sprouts of the thousands of years old bald cypress from North Carolina. The ancient plant’s donation was facilitated by Joan Maloof, a Berlin citizen and founder of the Old-Growth Forest



TARA FISCHER/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Pictured, from left, are Lara Mulvaney, Georgianna McElroy, Councilman Jay Knerr, Joan Maloof, Mayor Zack Tyndall, Council members Steve Green and Jack Orris and Victoria Spice.

Network, an organization that describes itself as “the only national network in the U.S. of protected, old-growth, native forests where people of all generations can experience biodiversity and the beauty of nature,” and whose goal is to “locate and designate at least one protected forest in every county in the United States that can sustain a native forest,” its website reads.

One of the trees of that bald cypress collection was saved to be planted in a ceremonial presentation by Maloof and Tyndall on Tuesday morning, surrounded by community members and a few Town Council representatives. That planting was in honor of Maloof for her efforts in securing the prehistoric seeds.

As part of the work with her organization, Maloof said that she had the opportunity to take a kayak trip into the Tree Sisters Swamp in North Carolina’s Black River with guide and outdoor explorer, Charles Robbins, who recognized that the trees there were special.

Maloof said that Robbins contacted scientists, “the best in the country,” and took them back to the swamp, who

then determined one of the trees was around 2,630 years old.

“That is the oldest tree in the Eastern US,” Maloof said. “Think about it, that’s BC that that tree was growing. That’s before Christ, that’s before Buddha, before Muhammad that tree was growing in that swamp in North Carolina.”

A few years later, Robbins returned to that location and discovered the old tree had a reachable branch with seeds. He collected the seeds, grew them, kept them potted, and then donated them to the Old Growth Forest Network.

For the past few months, Maloof has looked after the young plants and has now handed them over to the Keep Berlin Cool project. The trees will sprout up at Stephen Decatur Park, where town officials and local environmentalists hope they will remain for hundreds of years.

“These trees hopefully are going to outlive all of us here,” Maloof said.

More trees are planned to be set throughout town, Spice said, including eight private residences, Buckingham Presbyterian Church, Henry Park, and

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Partnership will use grant money to help Newport Bay

Maryland Coastal Bays Program plans significant projects for Berlin in future

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Oct. 17, 2025) The Maryland Coastal Bays Program has secured millions of dollars in state funding over the next five years to restore the Newport Bay watershed. This project will prioritize stream restoration, stormwater improvements, and community and educational engagement.

During a presentation at a Town of Berlin Mayor and Council meeting last week, MCBP Director Kevin Smith said that the funding was made possible by the Whole Watershed Act, a program that passed during the 2024 session of the Maryland General Assembly. The goal of the Whole Watershed endeavor is to tackle restoration work in five watersheds statewide.

MCBP applied on behalf of the Newport Bay watershed, citing declining water quality based on measurement data from nutrient levels, clam behavior, and other factors. That submission was approved. As part of the initiative, the coastal bays program will receive \$2 million per year, for five years, to be put towards projects that will improve the health of the waterway. Additionally, MCBP must also obtain a funding match on a 1:1 basis. Representatives said that they have a few things under their belt that should provide this money.

Smith added that the coastal bays program chose to focus attention on Newport Bay in part because of its proximity to the Town of Berlin and MCBP's positive working relationship with the municipality. The Newport Bay watershed includes Berlin, the western half of South Point, the village of Newark, and "extensive farms and forest to just south of Langmaid Road," cites the MCBP website.

"Over the years, we have had declining health in Newport Bay,"

Smith said. "There are a number of reasons for that. One is land use in the area and agriculture. The other thing is the stormwater management. Knowing that over the years, Berlin has worked to improve stormwater management and improve situations with flooding, we thought there would be an opportunity there to address those issues, which is why we chose the Newport Bay watershed."

One such project that MCBP is planning as part of the Newport Bay effort is a Hudson Branch stream restoration. Smith said that while they are at the beginning stages of this work, he and his team are hopeful that they will finish the design phase in the next few months so they can move onto permitting.

According to the MCBP director, the site is more of a ditch now, and "not really a stream" anymore.

Smith said that the goal of the Hudson Branch stream restoration is to return the area to a more natural coastal plain stream, which would allow water to be filtered and nutrients to be processed before flowing into Newport Bay, ultimately improving the shed's overall water quality.

A highlight of the Newport Bay project is community engagement. MCBP representatives said that their restoration work could be integrated into the environmental curriculum at Berlin's schools, and that they are looking for aid from farmers, businesspeople, and stormwater folks.

"We're really excited to get everyone together, working in the same direction," said Roman Jesein, MCBP's science coordinator.

The Berlin Town Council expressed excitement at the project and promised to be a partner during the multi-year restoration process.

"I got excited when you mentioned community involvement and education, like going into the schools," Councilwoman Shaneka Nichols said. "You couldn't get more involved than reaching out to a student body."



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County passes emergency solar legislation

By Brian Shane
Staff Writer

(Oct. 23, 2025) Posting a hefty de-commissioning bond ahead of solar farm approval is now the law in Worcester County, where officials made the change as emergency legislation.

Emergency Bill #25-04 adds de-commissioning bonds to the review process for major solar farm projects and legally establishes abandoned solar projects as a public nuisance. Solar developers of projects greater than 2 megawatts must post a bond at 125% of the project cost. They'll also have to provide detailed decommissioning and restoration plans.

Jennifer Keener, the county's director of Development Review & Permitting, brought the bill before the Worcester County Commissioners at the board's Oct. 7 meeting to be considered as emergency legislation.

It was the second time the commissioners took the bill up for an emergency vote. The first time they heard the bill, in mid-August, it resulted in vote being tabled because two commissioners, Jim Bunting and Caryn Abbott, were absent.

When the vote came up again Oct. 7, Bunting abstained, saying he hadn't been present to hear Keener's original pitch. The commissioners ended up

passing the bill in 6-0 vote. In Worcester County, any bill requires 6 of 7 commissioner votes to be enacted immediately as emergency legislation while an ordinary law takes effect 45 days after passage.

The issue came up over the summer. After the commissioners were briefed on a proposed 40-acre, 5-MW solar farm off Queponco Road – that's enough electricity to power 1,500 homes – they didn't like that planning for a solar farm's eventual decommissioning came at the end of the approval process, not the beginning.

Commissioners also said they didn't want to be surprised should a solar farm suddenly cease operations, leaving behind acres of junked metal, glass, and electronics.

Developers now must post bonds with both the state and the county. Initial bond estimates would be prepared by an independent engineer and re-evaluated every five years. The county's bond would not include the cost of salvage, which the state does require.

Solar farm owners must now notify the county not only when a facility is about to go dark, but also when it's been out of service for six months. A one-year deadline for decommissioning is now mandatory. Projects that end up abandoned would be deemed a nuisance under county law.

Keener said the latest draft of the bill had been slightly amended: before, it defined the principal purpose of ground-mounted solar systems as

providing electricity to the grid. That's been struck.

"Forget about how the power is generated, where it's going. It's the size that's being generated on site, just to keep it clean and simple," she told the commissioners.

Another tweak to the bill says developers must explain in detail what they'll do to restore the site to pre-development conditions, including a soil assessment, when a solar farm is decommissioned.

Ultimately, all solar farm applications go before the state's Public Service Commission for approval. State law says counties can offer feedback but cannot adopt zoning laws or other regulations that would get in the way of any solar farm development.

Carozza to seek another Sen. term

By Brian Shane
Staff Writer

Carozza has filed to run for reelection for a third term to the Maryland Senate to continue representing the Lower Eastern Shore.

Carozza, 64, has represented District 38 (Worcester, Wicomico, Somerset counties) in the Senate since 2018.

She is the only female Republican state senator in Annapolis.

In a statement Tuesday, she said her approach to public service focuses on partnerships, teamwork, and keeping constituent service as a top priority.

"I believe public service is a calling, and I am excited about renewing my

commitment to serving the people of District 38, the best senate district in the entire State of Maryland," she said in a statement this week. "It always comes back to the people that you represent and fight for in Annapolis."

Carozza said one of her top priorities is the ongoing fight against off-
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Fall Glow Walk announced for Nov. 14 through Berlin

Annual event organized as fun evening stroll beginning at Stephen Decatur Park

(Oct. 23, 2025) The public is invited to participate in the Fall Glow Walk in Berlin on Friday, Nov. 14.

The walk begins at Stephen Decatur Park and follows a scenic 4.5-mile route through downtown Berlin. Participants are encouraged to bring and wear glow-in-the-dark gear to light up the night — a limited supply of glow items will also be available at registration.

Enjoy an evening of health-focused fun. Representatives from the Worcester County Health Department and Atlantic General Health System will be on-site offering blood pressure checks, prediabetes screenings, health information, and free giveaways.

Admission is free. Register on Eventbrite by searching “Berlin Glow Walk” or contact Special Projects Administrator Kate Daub at kdaub@berlinmd.gov or 410-641-4002. Day-of registration opens at 5 p.m. at Stephen Decatur Park (130 Tripoli Street), and the walk begins promptly at 5:30 p.m.

This family-friendly event welcomes strollers and leashed dogs. All participants will receive a free raffle entry for a chance to win a Berlin Basket filled with local goodies.

Senator seeking re-election

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shore wind farms and the planned turbine project by developer US Wind, which would be built off the coast of Ocean City, starting at about 10 miles out and stretching eastward.

Earlier this month she was part of a roundtable discussion hosted by Rep. Andy Harris (R-1st) at West Ocean City’s Sunset Grille. She also called on the U.S. Interior Department earlier this year to shut down the US Wind project based on environmental impacts.

“We, as part of the Stop Offshore Wind movement, will not stop working until the project is completely dead,” she said in her statement.

Other stated priorities include fighting against excessive government spending and tax hikes, as well as “unequivocal” support for public safety workers. She also advocates for local control and parental involvement in education — and has opposed Maryland’s landmark Blueprint for Maryland’s Future legislation because of its high cost.

Carozza served one term in the Maryland House of Delegates from 2015-2019. She first ran for the state Senate in 2018 and won, defeating two-term incumbent Jim Mathias, a Democrat.

As a legislator, Carozza has been recognized for her public service by the National Federation of Independent Business, the Maryland Retailers Association, and the Maryland Chamber of Commerce.

Other accolades have come from the Maryland Farm Bureau and the Maryland Forestry Association. The Daily Record newspaper in 2019 named as one of the Top 100 Maryland Women.

Before serving as an elected official, Carozza held roles in federal government. She worked for former U.S. Sen. William Cohen (R-Maine) and two former members of Congress from Ohio, David Lee and now-governor Mike DeWine. She was also a former Department of Defense liaison to the House of Representatives.

Carozza is an Ocean City native and a graduate of Stephen Decatur High School. She earned a degree in political philosophy in 1983 from The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., according to online records.

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Local chefs compete in world championship

Roadie Joe’s fall just shy of reaching event final round, bringing home eighth place

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Oct. 23, 2025) Chefs from the Eastern Shore restaurant Roadie Joe’s represented Berlin last week at the World Food Championship in Indiana, where they competed against cooks from around the world and learned a few new techniques to bring back to Maryland.

Josh Morrison, the head chef of Roadie Joe’s Berlin, and Daniel Burke, the chef from Roadie Joe’s Salisbury, sparred off against roughly 20 other teams in the tournament’s general chef category at the World Food Championships (WFC), one of the largest-ever live cooking competitions that took place in Indianapolis, Indiana, Oct. 16-19.

The Roadie Joe’s pair’s stellar duck dish earned them eighth place, landing them less than a point away from moving to the final round, a feat that Morrison said is “awesome” for their first large-scale contest.

“Scoring eighth place in your first-ever serious competition is big, and now we get to learn from that,” Morrison added.

The two chefs and a few owners and representatives of Roadie Joe’s flew to Indianapolis last week to watch Morrison and his chosen teammate, Burke, prepare and present a dish live, in under an hour and a half.

The creation that landed the duo in the top half of competitors was a pink peppercorn crusted duck breast. Morrison said that to take it over the edge, the meal included miso roasted pumpkin seeds, fondant potatoes, a sweet, caramelized beet and fig glaze, with Eastern Shore pumpkin seeds and microgreens. To give it a local flair, pumpkin seeds were tossed in duck fat and Old Bay to top off the dish.

While Morrison and Burke were just shy of earning a spot in the final round for the chance to win thousands of dollars, tournament organizers did reach out after the first match, offering them the opportunity to go head-to-head in a “super qualifier” to secure a spot to compete in next year’s WFC. The Roadie Joe’s team was just one of a select few given the honor to vie for the ticket.

Morrison said that in the “super qualifier,” they prepared a pistachio and Old Bay crusted white fish over a “silky smooth” beet and taro root puree, Anaheim pear gastrique, and

apple fennel citrus slaw, topped with crispy prosciutto and microgreens.

Unfortunately, the Roadie Joe’s pair were not given a guaranteed spot for 2026’s event, but Morrison maintained that they are hopeful they can make it to other qualifier events that take place around the country, many in Maryland, throughout the year leading up to the multiday WFC in October.

“It was beautiful,” the Berlin chef said. “We were not a winner, but to create a dish in less than an hour and a half is awesome. It was really cool to be one of the ones to go in there and create a dish. It was a really fun experience. Hopefully we get to do it again.”

Part of what made the experience so worthwhile, Morrison noted, was having the opportunity to learn from

peers across the United States and the globe. Contestants were from places like California, Texas, Ohio, and Japan, among others. The Roadie Joe’s crew can now take things that they learned at the WFC back to the Berlin and Salisbury establishments.

One such skill, Morrison said, was shaping and cultivating puff pastry. Morrison added that his abilities do not typically fall within the baking side of culinary arts, but a general chef participant, whom he competed against, crafted pastry dough around a metal bowl to create a cool, presentation-forward effect. The Berlin professional said it was something new he witnessed that he can add to his repertoire.

Additionally, the general chef category winner, who was from Japan,

prepared a “phenomenal” Beef Wellington and demonstrated a few new techniques to Morrison and Burke.

Morrison added that the networking and educational aspects were the highlight of the competition.

“It was just so cool getting to meet people, getting to see how they go about doing things,” Morrison said. “We were surrounded by people who have been there five, six, seven, eight years and have competed so many times. There were some awesome people we got to know, and I exchanged information with some of them...We got to learn patience. We got to see how bakers do it, appreciate the artistry, and see how the barbecue chefs do it. It was amazing.”

The Roadie Joe’s chefs were given

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the opportunity to attend the contest after a qualifying event at the Berlin Farmers Market in August. During that preliminary match, local Berlin chefs, including Justine Zegna of Blacksmith Berlin, Toby Gilbert of Gilbert's Provisions, Yancey Carapico of The Cap'n's Slice, and Morrison of Roadie Joe's Bar and Grill, participated in a Guy's Grocery Games-style competition.

The victor of that challenge was promised a 'golden ticket,' or a guaranteed spot to attend last week's WFC. According to Roadie Joe's owner and executive chef, Jason Myers, technically, Zegna of Blacksmith Berlin was the winner of the farmers market occurrence. However, because she was unable to attend the Indiana tournament, the honor to represent the Eastern Shore was passed to Morrison. Morrison was allowed to bring a partner and chose Burke, Roadie Joe's Salisbury's head chef.

The Roadie Joe's team hopes to return to the WFC in the future, but for now, they will take what they learned back to the beloved Eastern Shore eateries.

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New medical care provider
approved for county's jail

Worcester commissioners
vote for change supported
by warden for efficiency

By Brian Shane
Staff Writer

(Oct. 24, 2025) The Worcester
County Jail plans to contract with a
new medical care provider that will
offer additional inmate services at a
lower cost, jail officials say.

Not only does new provider CFG
Health Systems offer a long list of
specialty care that outgoing provider
Wellpath did not, but CFG will pro-
vide services in-house that frequently
had required driving inmates to out-
side doctor appointments, according
to Warden Tim Mulligan.

"If we could centralize all this to
the jail, that would save us, big-time,
on personnel. That would save us in
gas getting to and from appoint-
ments," Mulligan told the county
commissioners at their Oct. 7 meet-
ing in Snow Hill. "Overall, I think it'd
be a really good move."

CFG will provide 24-hour medical
care and offers additional services
like wound care, podiatry, and dental
care – meaning inmates won't need
to leave the jail and be driven in
county vehicles to doctor and dentist
appointments, which Mulligan said
occurs nearly on a daily basis.

The new three-year contract will
be \$1,799,992 for its first year, with
consecutive 3.75% increases for years
two and three. From there, CFG of-
fers an option to extend the contract
year-to-year at an additional 1.75%
increase for years four and five.

CFG's contract is flat-rate and does
not include any pass-through costs.
However, if the jail's average daily

population exceeds 132 inmates, then
CFG reserves the right to charge a
higher daily rate of \$3.17 per inmate.

The commissioners approved this
change and the new contract unani-
mously.

Wellpath's year-to-year contract,
first inked in 2011, expired on June
30. The company had proposed a
contract renewal for fiscal year 2026
at rate of \$1,899,740. Its most recent
contract for fiscal year 2025 was
\$1,822,336.

Mulligan said CFG will onboard in
the next few weeks. To ease the tran-
sition period, Mulligan asked the
commissioners to extend Wellpath's
contract through Dec. 1, creating an
overlap period of about two months.

To extend the contract, Wellpath
will charge the jail \$22,855 a month
in management fees and another
\$129,006 per month in pass-through
costs.

In November 2024, the commis-
sioners approved an over-expendi-
ture of \$280,323 to cover the
increase in the Wellpath contract
from \$1,542,013 to \$1,822,336.

This overage was paid for using
revenue generated from the jail's con-
tract with the US Marshal's Office,
which pays the jail \$80,000 per
month to house detainees, Mulligan
said at the time.

Wellpath emerged from Chapter 11
bankruptcy proceedings last spring.
The Nashville-based company, which
provided healthcare to correctional
facilities in 39 states, filed for bank-
ruptcy last November with a reported
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The company had been the target
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Obituaries

ROSCOE NELSON JR.

Ocean City

Family and friends are sad to report that Roscoe Heath Nelson, Jr. of Ocean City, passed away on Sept. 29, 2025, at the Deer's Head Hospital Center, in Salisbury, after a lengthy illness. He was 79.

He was predeceased by his parents, Roscoe Heath Nelson, Sr. and Josephine Sobotka Nelson, as well as his brother, George Thomas Nelson, and sisters, Virginia Lee Parsons, and Dorothy Mae Timmons.

He is survived by his nephew, Travis Donaway (Brittanie) and a great-nephew, Coulter

Donaway, both of Snow Hill. Also, very dear to Roscoe were special friends Judy Whalan and Caitlin Whalan Jones.

Roscoe attended Stephen Decatur High School. While in junior high, Roscoe lost his left

arm in a hunting accident. However, that did not deter him from continuing to hunt. Roscoe was also an accomplished pitcher in the Ocean City slow-pitch softball leagues.

Roscoe attended Woodrow Wilson School of Drafting, and became a fine draftsman, providing plans for many local

construction projects.

After high school Roscoe held many different jobs that would all leave lasting effects on

the local community. Roscoe was a skilled carpenter, and he helped design hotels that still line the beach and boardwalk today.

In 1996, Roscoe leased the Alamo Motel on Route 50 in West Ocean City. The Alamo

was the first motel in the Ocean City area, and was built by the Harmon family. At the time Roscoe leased it, it had been closed for several years. But through hard work, Roscoe got it running, and became a successful hotelier. He eventually opened a bar and a barbecue restaurant, at Alamo. He advertised the restaurant by purchasing a Volkswagen "Beetle," painting it pink with a pig's snout, attaching pig's ears and parking it in front of the Alamo.

Roscoe operated the Alamo until illness forced his retirement. He will be remembered for always giving a helping hand, his quick wit, and giving everyone a smile and a wave from his "nub." Roscoe touched many lives and will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, November 16, 2025, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., at Sorriano's Coffee Shop, 306 South Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City.



R. Nelson Jr.

The family of Roscoe would like to extend sincere gratitude to the staff of Deer's Head Hospital in Salisbury for the care that Roscoe received over the past few years.

Donations can be made, in Roscoe's name to Worcester County Humane Society.

RICHARD HEARNE PARSONS

Salisbury

Richard Hearne Parsons, age 88 of Salisbury, MD passed away peacefully at home on October 12, 2025. He was born in Salisbury, MD to the late Frank and Ruth Hearne Parsons. Richard is lovingly remembered by his beloved wife, Carol Parsons; his daughters, Lisa Reed (Roger) and Elizabeth Whittington (Daniel Childers); his son, Doug Whittington (Carol Anne); and his sister, Shirley Parsons. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Benjamin Wattay, Jessica Wattay and Krista Drescher and great-grandson, Drake Stolba.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Terri Wattay and his brother, Frank Parsons (Barbara).

Richard had owned Parsons Amusements in Salisbury for many

years. He was an active member of his community, serving as a Past President of both the Ocean City and Salisbury Lions Clubs. He also contributed to the Wicomico Jaycees, the Wicomico Yacht Club, and the Marina Commission, where he devoted his time and talents to improving the lives of others and enhancing the beauty of his beloved Salisbury. He was also a member of Asbury United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers donations in his memory may be made to Wicomico County Humane Society at HSWC, 5130 Citation Drive, Salisbury, Md. 21804 or Wicomico High School Class of 1955 Scholarship Fund C/O Community Foundation of The Eastern Shore, 1324 Belmont Ave, Suite 401, Salisbury, Md. 21804.

A viewing will be held at Bethesda United Methodist Church on Saturday, Oct. 18, 2025, from noon to 2 p.m. where a service will begin at 2 p.m. Burial will be in Parsons Cemetery.

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



Richard Parsons

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Service group gearing up for yearly holiday charity drives

Ocean Pines Get Involved begins collecting food, toys, and presents for seniors

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Oct. 23, 2025) With Halloween just around the corner, the service group Ocean Pines Get Involved is gearing up for their holiday drives to give back to community members in need.

Esther Diller, a former Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors member, founded Ocean Pines Get Involved, which hosts charitable events throughout the year. This holiday season, the team will hold its annual Toys for Tots drive, a food drive

in collaboration with Diakonia, and, for the second year in a row, Senior Helping Hands, which aims to provide gifts to elderly folks who live alone.

These fundraisers have begun, or will begin, before the end of the month. Diller, whose husband is Stuart Lakernick, a current OPA board member, said that boxes for the food drive will be set up at the community's Administration Building at White Horse Park the weekend of Oct. 31.

The OP Get Involved representative said that the group is looking for non-perishable foods like dry goods and canned goods. All the food will be donated to Diakonia, to benefit families and individuals on the Eastern Shore struggling financially this winter.

Furthermore, Ocean Pines' Toys for Tots has already started. According to Diller, boxes to drop off the playthings are now at the community's Administration Building, the Yacht Club, and the Clubhouse. A local representative for the Toys for Tots effort will periodically visit the sites to empty the baskets to make room for more goodies. That program will run through mid-December. Diller added that toys must be new and can be intended for any age group, from little kids to teenagers.

Children won't be the only priority for Ocean Pines Get Involved this Christmas.

Returning is the Senior Helping Hands program, an initiative started last year to give presents to the Ocean Pines' elderly population who may not have much family nearby. Diller said this drive is one of her favorites.

"We focus on collecting names of seniors who are by themselves," she said. "They may have lost a loved one or have no family in the area. Last year, I believe we got 15 names, and went around delivering bags of presents to them. I realized last year that Christmas is always about the kids, but what about the seniors who have lost a significant other and are by themselves? It's really sad, and everyone kind of forgets about them. So, it's really wonderful to get to do this."

Gifts include large-print crossword puzzles, fuzzy socks, gloves and scarves, treats like candies and cookies, and reading glasses.

"We try to think of things they would use on a daily basis," Diller said.

The Ocean Pines Get Involved founder noted that last holiday season, Senior Helping Hands' inaugural

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year, she got to witness the impact a program like this can have on its beneficiaries. Diller said that she went to deliver a bag of gifts to an older OPA resident, who, when she opened the door and learned the nature of the visit, cried and said, “I didn’t think I would have anything to open this year.”

“I said, ‘Well, you do now,’” Diller added. “When she said that, I was stunned. She was so cute. I remember getting back in the car, and I said to my husband, ‘This is why we do this.’ She was just beaming. It was really lovely.”

Another man expressed his appreciation for the goodies but asked that they be given to someone who may need them more than he does. Diller said that the effort moved him so much that he will be involved in its organization this year.

Diller is now seeking information on seniors who can benefit from the project. Anyone who knows the names of older folks living in Ocean Pines and who will be alone this holiday season can email Diller at es-matt4@aol.com. In addition to a name, the nominated person’s address and any specific interests they may have should be included.

Ocean Pines Get Involved is hoping to grow Senior Helping Hands and kickstart some projects for other times of the year, not just Christmas.

Diller said that her group is also hoping to again host its coat drive in January, in collaboration with local shelters in Berlin. That initiative was skipped last year due to a lack of time, but it will likely be back up and running in early 2026. Diller said that the previous time the event was held, almost 200 winter jackets were donated.

More information on the coat drive will be available as the date ap-

proaches. Diller added that any donated jackets should be brand-new.

While some people may be struggling financially themselves this year, any size contribution to the holiday giving-back programs is helpful. Ocean Pines Get Involved hosts fundraisers throughout the year, and noticed during a recent summer food drive that it was harder than ever to collect items. Organizers maintain that any little bit helps, even if it’s just one can.

“One of the other problems that we’re dealing with, and we saw it with the summer food drive, is economically speaking, people are very tight right now with the cost of everything,” Diller said. “It’s very, very difficult for a lot of people... I think people are financially strapped, but we look at it this way: even if you can do a little bit, I don’t care if it’s one can of food or a pair of gloves for Seniors Helping Hands, everything is appreciated and matters.”

Ocean Pines Get Involved hopes that their efforts will encourage community members to help those less fortunate than them this season and come together in the spirit of giving.

“[These programs] bring the community together,” Diller said. “Ocean Pines has a reputation for its politics. By doing these drives, you show the other side of Ocean Pines that’s not political. You know, neighbor helping neighbor. I do believe it brings the community together, and it just gives you a good feeling.”

Diller added that OP Get Involved’s projects are successful every year, and during a previous food drive, they collected an impressive 1,000 pounds worth of goods.

“When we have done these drives, you have to give Ocean Pines a lot of credit,” she said. “We have done so well. Ocean Pines definitely gets involved. It’s really nice to see.”

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PARTNERS CLEAN BEACH

Earlier this month, community partners Ocean City Surf Club, Maryland Coastal Bays Program, Beach Heroes-OC, Assateague Coastal Trust, Surfrider Foundation-OC Chapter, The Green Team and the Town of Ocean City joined together for another big beach and street clean up in downtown Ocean City. Pictured are members and volunteers from each participating organization.



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NEW LIONS CLUB MEMBER

The Ocean City Lions welcome their newest member Barb McMillan, center, who was inducted by District 22-B Governor Beth Whitelock, right. OC Lions President Steve McMillan, left, joined the ceremony. To learn more about joining the Ocean City Lions, please email: oceancitylionsclub@gmail.com



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IMPROVEMENTS AT VETERANS MEMORIAL

Beginning in 2015, the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution encouraged all chapters to annually perform a meaningful service project in their community on or around October 11, the anniversary of DAR's founding in 1890. This year, General Levin Winder Chapter members cleaned the interpretive signs stationed along the "Patriots Pathway" at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial. Pictured, from left, are Carol Mongelli, Sharon Moak, Betty-Jane Cain and Pat Arata.



FIRE SAFETY

Worcester Preparatory School (WPS) recently hosted the Berlin Fire Company for a Fire Prevention Assembly to raise awareness of fire safety measures. WPS's Lower School attended the assembly, where the Berlin Fire Company highlighted the importance of establishing fire safety practices, such as having an escape plan with your family in case of an emergency. Students listened intently to the presentation and, following the assembly, were excited to meet Sparky the Fire Dog. Pictured are members of the kindergarten classes taking a break with Sparky.

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Settlement reached in civil suit against former worker

Company's bookkeeper falsified checks in excess of \$1.7M over many years

By Bethany Hooper
Associate Editor

(Oct. 23, 2025) A lawsuit against a former Resort Homes bookkeeper and her husband has concluded.

Last week, attorney Steve Rakow confirmed a civil suit against his clients, Tammy and Ron Barcus, had settled earlier this month. The news comes roughly a year after Resort Homes filed a lawsuit against the couple, accusing them of defrauding the business.

"The case settled," Rakow said in an email statement. "The terms are confidential."

Last October, Resort Homes filed a civil suit against Tammy Barcus, the company's bookkeeper, and her husband, Ron Barcus, the company's tile and marble subcontractor, alleging the couple defrauded the business out of \$1.5 million over the course of several years.

The suit claimed that Tammy Barcus wrote unauthorized payments – totaling more than \$200,000 per year – to Ron Barcus and concealed the transactions as payments to other companies. Resort Homes alleged Ron Barcus had then endorsed the falsified checks and deposited them into the couple's bank accounts.

After discovering accounting discrepancies last fall, the company notified Maryland State Police, which began an investigation. The lawsuit also reports Tammy Barcus had confessed to the fraudulent activity,

which was recorded by a state trooper.

Proceedings in the civil suit came to a standstill in February when it was discovered that federal prosecutors were considering criminal charges against Tammy Barcus. That criminal case reached its end late last month, when Tammy Barcus entered a guilty plea to wire fraud, aggravated identity theft and tax evasion in federal court.

According to the U.S. Attorney's Office, Tammy Barcus admitted to embezzling at least \$1.79 million and concealing the embezzlement from both her employer and the Internal Revenue Service. Rakow says her husband was not the target of any criminal investigation and that she had taken full responsibility for her actions against Resort Homes.

"From 2016 through 2024, Barcus used her position of trust to embezzle money by issuing more than 500 fraudulently authorized checks from the home builder's business bank account," a news release from the U.S. Attorney's Office reads. "Barcus forged the signature of one of the owners on the face of the business checks and then deposited the checks into bank accounts she controlled. She then used the money for her personal enrichment."

While Tammy Barcus awaits sentencing in the criminal matter, the two parties in the civil suit have reached a settlement, which was entered in Worcester County Circuit Court on Oct. 1. The consent judgement was entered in favor of Resort Homes, against Tammy Barcus, in the amount of \$1,760,370, according to court records.

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Opinion

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Symbol of endurance in one little planting

From Babylon to Berlin and from ancient King Nebuchadnezzar to the town’s horticultural advisory committee.

That’s the scope of the divide between the day a bald cypress seedling poked into the daylight in a southern swamp and Tuesday, when that great tree’s immediate offspring was returned to the earth in Stephen Decatur Park.

Two thousand six-hundred thirty years ago, give or take a century or two, is when researchers estimate this progenitor of the sapling planted Tuesday began life in what became the Black River Swamp in North Carolina.

Throughout the millennia since then, empires rose and fell, civilizations were founded, cataclysmic events occurred, great battles were won, lost and fought again, and the march of human achievement continued through the Dark Ages to the Renaissance to the Scientific Revolution to — being able to type “oldest bald cypress” into your internet browser and being rewarded with volumes of information.

This particular tree, for instance, isn’t just the oldest of its kind in the eastern United States, it is the fifth oldest tree species of *any* kind in the world, according to the Nature Conservancy, which protects it and other flora and fauna in North Carolina’s Black River Reserve.

That connection, brought about with the help of the Maryland Coastal Bays Program, the horticulture committee’s “Keep Berlin Cool” tree-planting campaign, Joan Maloof of Berlin and founder of the Old-Growth Forest Network and a host of others, is so much more than a nice little tree in the park.

It is a symbol of unfathomable endurance and resilience through the best and worst of times. Viewed for what it truly is, this little tree should be seen as nothing short of inspirational. And, as far as Keeping Berlin Cool, there’s nothing cooler than that.

BFC will hold open house on Sunday

Housing ceremony to allow public to view latest fleet addition

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Oct. 23, 2025) The Berlin Fire Company invites the public to an open house this weekend, where the crew will have new and old apparatuses on display and fire prevention material available.

A ceremony will also be held to retire an outdated engine and replace it with a much-needed upgrade.

David Fitzgerald, president of the Berlin Fire Company, said that the department will welcome town residents to its headquarters at 214 North Main Street from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 26. The fire group will have on display its antique engine, the 1924 Mack Engine 601; the newest engine, a 2025 Pierce Engine 6; and its old 1988 Mack Engine 607.

For the first time, the department will also hold a “housing ceremony” to retire its outdated apparatus. According to Fitzgerald, to officially let go of the 1988 engine and replace it with the 2025 engine that the BFC received just last month, one of the oldest living former chiefs will be present to help facilitate “pushing out” the outdated device, while another previous chief will simulate driving the new one into the department.

The fire president added that this type of ceremony will be the first-ever performed by the BFC, as it’s not a typical practice on the Eastern Shore. However, he noted that the tradition is popular in places like Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

A member of the Berlin department suggested hosting the housing ceremony, and the fellow firefighters thought it would be a good way to give the public a look at the new and expensive apparatus, which Fitzgerald said cost about \$977,000.

“That’s for the engine with no equipment, that’s just the engine,” he maintained.

The housing ceremony will kick off at noon.

“It’s an opportunity [for the public] to see what this apparatus costs,” Fitzgerald said.

“When they see us ask for donations, or they hear us asking for more government funds, whether that’s county or town taxpayer funds, that’s why we’re asking. These apparatuses are not cheap. We’re replacing something from 1988. That’s how long we’re keeping the apparatuses, which is much longer than we should. We want the public to see the difference between the new and the old, what the safety features are, and what technology has been brought up from 1988 to 2025.”

The fire president added that, since the company is mainly made up of volunteers, this open house is a

way to inform the public about the hard work their fellow citizens put into keeping the community safe.

“It also provides an opportunity to see what the volunteers do,” Fitzgerald said. “People don’t realize that with fire and rescue, the 55 volunteers that are giving their time, it saves the taxpayer money in that you don’t have to employ people for full-time fire crews.”

Also at the open house will be fire prevention materials, particularly prompting the public to regularly check that their smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are operating as they should. Members of the fire company will be on-site for any residents who may have questions.

Furthermore, Fitzgerald said that handouts appealing to children, such as coloring books, will be available for kids to take home so they can help inform their families about fire prevention and protection strategies.

Berlin residents are encouraged to make their way to the fire company’s open house this weekend. Organizers hope to welcome as many members of the public as possible.

“It looks like good weather, plus it’s the last week of the farmers market on Sunday, and usually our parking lot is full from farmers market participants, so we’re hoping between the farmers market and the ceremony, we’ll have a good turnout,” Fitzgerald said.

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Halloween Spooky Swim set for Sat.

(Oct. 23, 2025) Get spooky at the Sports Core Pool this Saturday, Oct. 25, for the annual Halloween Spooky Swim.

Come out from 5-8pm and enjoy Halloween crafts, games, and music. Food will

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Pictured are Susan Ostrowski, RWWC Literacy Chair; Harry Burkett, Ocean Pines, Branch Manager; Yvonne Babcock, RWWC member; and Liz Mumford, RWWC member.



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BY MICHAEL SCHLOSSBERG / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Michael Schlossberg is an internist in Bend, Ore. This is his 16th crossword for The Times. He says he got the idea for it when he heard one of his sons say 63-Across to another. "That's how I get my crossword ideas nowadays — osmosis. Sitting down and actually trying to think of an idea never seems to pay off." — W.S.

ACROSS
1 Common sight near the entrance of a mall
4 Words that might precede "Out, darned Spot!"
10 Gives some heat, say
14 Cry of frustration
18 Like
19 Blew out
21 Sound from a horn
22 Bull in a Chihuahua shop
23 Boast accompanying an evil laugh [120 sec.]
25 Low-pitched jazz instruments, for short
27 Angler's lure
28 Words on a juice carton
30 What many monks and yogis are
34 "Project Hail Mary" creatures, in brief
35 Director Rob
36 Lampshade-shaped candy piece
37 Rock band?
40 Tidbits
41 Licorice-flavored vegetables [32 oz.]
45 Faint
47 "Please. It's my ____"
48 Letter opener?
54 Young girl in Scotland

DOWN
1 Green or black African menace
2 Spider-Man, for one
3 Freak out
4 Good name for an apiarist?
5 Rucker ____ Rose
6 UPS competitor
7 Sends to Hades
8 Mishmash
9 Bloke
10 Religious title whose name comes from the Hebrew for "father"
11 Chews (out)
12 Classic car that shared its name with a planet, informally
13 Postdebate areas
14 Some old game consoles

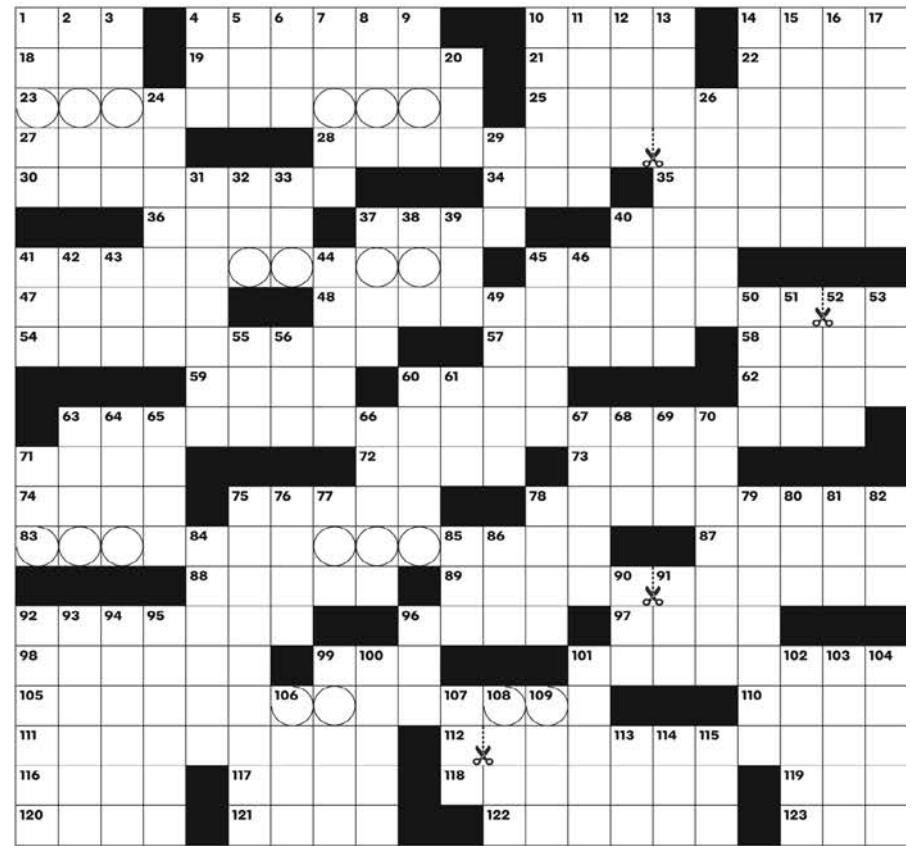
ACROSS
57 Rumspringas in Amish communities, e.g.
58 Greeting on Talk Like a Pirate Day
59 Word with straw or exit
60 Writer Silverstein
62 Like a certain cartoon coyote, you might say
63 Carpenter's adage illustrated four times in this puzzle
71 Song in a book of songs
72 Chance
73 Biohazard regulator, in brief
74 Platoon or battalion
75 "The Facts of Life" girl
78 Aerodynamic quality
83 Scientist who spent his last years under house arrest [8 qt.]
87 Plug, as water
88 Tech giant based in Santa Clara, Calif.
89 Observe the expected formalities
92 Nays
96 Job requirements for top research positions, in brief
97 Facility
98 Leveled
99 Put on
101 Buddhist riddles
105 Split something equally [24 in.]

DOWN
110 Creature that can leap more than 150 times its own body length (!)
111 Lamborghini, to some
112 Waving the white flag, so to speak
116 Citrus drinks
117 Rock's Nirvana, for one
118 When mating typically occurs
119 Org. that collaborates with MADD
120 Quirky sort
121 John, across the pond
122 "Uh, your point is ...?"
123 Sweets

ACROSS
15 ____ Gay, author of "Bad Feminist"
16 Fairy tale sibling
17 Doofuses, north of the border
20 Absolutely, in slang
24 Never-ending
26 CPR pressure points
29 Cycle at night?
31 Core-strengthening Pilates exercises
32 Badly
33 It's covered in kernels
37 ____ gin fizz
38 "Charlotte's Web" author's initials.
39 Wood found in restaurant furniture
40 Speck
41 Online shorthand meaning "Victory!"
42 Afore
43 Previously known as
44 Of help
45 "Turn that frown upside down!"
46 Clever sort
49 Big name in vacuum cleaners
50 [It's time for bed!]
51 Sharply dressed
52 Part
53 The Bronx Bombers, on scoreboards
55 Pittance
56 Camera type, for short
60 Barista's flourish
61 ____ Eminence
63 Mouthy bird?
64 Name found in "whole milk"
65 Prefix with matter

DOWN
66 One of many in the book of Job
67 Actor Firth
68 Employ
69 Hot French beverage
70 "Resolute" item in the Oval Office
71 Hold dear, perhaps
75 Men who marry later in life
76 Rafts
77 Ripen
78 Settings of many Patrick O'Brian novels
79 Recite
80 Moody music genre
81 Light up?
82 Worker with a handler
84 Easy-listening radio category
85 "More or less"
86 Business name abbr.
90 Poor grade
91 Took off
92 Man who might be installing a baby gate
93 Gild the lily, with "it"
94 Facade
95 Not distracted at work
96 Email attachment type
99 Body parts examined for arrhythmia
100 Big name in vacuum cleaners
101 Company that owns Words With Friends
102 A, in Ashkelon
103 "Totally cool!"
104 Old Scratch
106 Chow
107 Pretty cool stuff
108 Big Apple's bravest, in brief
109 Something a beach lifeguard monitors
113 Cry of frustration
114 Insta chats
115 Fair-hiring initials.

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HARD - 63

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.

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

Answers to last week's puzzles

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

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DAR VISITS MUSEUM
Members of the General Levin Winder Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recently enjoyed a field trip to the Teackle Mansion in Princess Anne. Docent Don Sigrist described the history, architectural style, and furnishings of this grandiose 200-year-old dwelling. After the tour, members lunched at Sugar Water Restaurant in the historic Washington Hotel. Pictured, from left, are Dianne Disharoon, Jane Bunting, Shirley Moran, Chris Nanna-Lieb, Betty-Jane Cain, Beth Sise, Carol Mongelli, Pat Arata and Sharon Moak.

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Friday 2-4pm	12971 Inlet Isle Lane, West Ocean City	5BR/5BA	Single Family	\$2,699,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
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Saturday 10:30am-12:30pm	104 125th Street #106, Ocean City	3BR/2.5BA	Condo	\$599,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 10:30am-12:30pm	12971 Inlet Isle Lane, West Ocean City	5BR/5BA	Single Family	\$2,699,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
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Sunday 11am-1pm	124 75th Street #103, Ocean City	3BR/2BA	Condo	\$799,000	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Sunday 11am-1pm	6305 Atlantic Ave #301, Ocean City	3BR/3.5BA	Condo	\$1,550,000	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Sunday 2-4pm	300 Broad Street, Berlin	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$475,000	Shawn Kotwica/Coldwell Banker Realty

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Hugh T. Cropper Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Music, arts and crafts, food, kid-friendly activities, tractor rides, craft beer, Halloween Beach Maze, Howl-O-Ween Pet Parade, Trunk or Treat and more. Free admission. www.ococean.com/sunfest/

STORY TIME: THE LITTLE OLD LADY WHO WASN'T AFRAID OF ANYTHING
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Everyone if afraid of something — except for this little old lady. Or is she? Let's see what gives her the willies. For ages 2-5 years. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

PLAY TIME
Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Join in for a variety of activities and toys. Play and socialize with other families. For ages 2-5 years. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

OC CHESS CLUB
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Enjoy a relaxing game of chess every Thursday at the library. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

MUSIC LEGENDS MOVIE
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. This film explores Wilson's success with the Beach Boys in the 1960s. Rated PG-13. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

CHAIR YOGA
Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 401 Fifth St., 2 p.m. This is an all-levels chair yoga program. Handouts with poses and stretches you can do at home will be provided. Registration required: 410-957-0878. www.worcesterlibrary.org

LOCALS WEEK - HONDO
Museum of Ocean City, 217 S. Baltimore Ave., 3:30-5 p.m. Join Al "Hondo" Handy as he talks about the history of OC Recreation & Parks and signs his release "Defying Expectations." Free admission for Delmarva locals to both museums (Oct. 20-26).

GHOSTS OF THE EASTERN SHORE WITH ANDY NUNEZ
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 4 p.m. A presentation on local ghost stores with writer Andy Nunez, author of the "Ghosts of the Eastern Shore" series. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

DRY PANTRY
Thursdays - St. Paul United Methodist

Church, 405 Flower Street, Berlin, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. For those in need of resources such as paper products, laundry products, baby items, and personal care items. Limits apply. 410-641-0270

Fri., Oct. 24

SUNFEST
Hugh T. Cropper Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Music, arts and crafts, food, kid-friendly activities, tractor rides, craft beer, Halloween Beach Maze, Howl-O-Ween Pet Parade, Trunk or Treat and more. Free admission. www.ococean.com/sunfest/

PUMPKINS IN THE PARK
Stephen Decatur Park - Nature Trail, Tripoli Street, Berlin, 7-9 p.m. Glow sticks provided. Flashlights encouraged. Family friendly. Proceeds benefit the Taylor House Museum.

5TH ANNUAL 2025 TRAIL OF HORRORS
White Horse Park Boat Ramp Trail, Ocean Pines, 7-10 p.m. Cost is \$8. (Actors and volunteers needed: Debbie Donahue, 410-641-7052, ddonahue@oceanpines.org) <https://www.oceanpines.org>

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

DISCOVERY DEN AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM
Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 3:30-4:30 p.m. Come enjoy a new topic every week. Week 4: Fun & Games. Best for elementary and middle school students, but all are welcome. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

FALL NIGHT AT THE GALLERY MONSTER MASH
Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 5-8 p.m. Kids, ages 6-13 years, enjoy light dinner, pumpkin decorating, mask making, slime making, dance party and costume parade. Tickets: <https://canvas.artleagueofocancity.org/classes/2637>.

LOCALS WEEK - FROM BANK TO MUSEUM: THE STORY OF AN OCEAN CITY LANDMARK
Museum of Ocean City, 217 S. Baltimore Ave., 5 p.m. Documentary follows the transformation of the 1910 building that now houses the Museum of Ocean City. Free admission for Delmarva locals to both museums (Oct. 20-26).

FUNDRAISER FOR THE 32ND ANNUAL AGH PENGUIN SWIM
Ocean Pines Yacht Club, 1 Mumfords Landing Road, 6-8 p.m. Enjoy cocktails & conversation with the OP Board of Direc-

tors, GM, & various department heads and staff. Happy hour prices on select food and drinks, 50/50 raffle. Ravens Roost 44 Penguin Swim Team

THE GHOULS GROVE: A HAUNTED GAME
Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 401 Fifth St., 6 p.m. Journey into the haunted grove for a spooky life-sized game. Game, crafts and activities. For families. Registration necessary: 410-957-0878. 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., Oct. 25

SUNFEST
Hugh T. Cropper Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Music, arts and crafts, food, kid-friendly activities, tractor rides, craft beer, Halloween Beach Maze, Howl-O-Ween Pet Parade, Trunk or Treat and more. Free admission. www.ococean.com/sunfest/

SUNFEST'S BICYCLE SHOW-N-SHINE & SWAP MEET
Sunfest Event Grounds, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Bring your vintage, modern, custom bikes to show and compete. Show, sell, trade bicycle products and parts. <https://oceancitymd.gov/oc/sunfest-bicycle-show-n-shine-and-swap-meet/>

HALLOWEEN BOWL BASH
Ocean Bowl Skate Park, Third Street, Ocean City, 2-6 p.m. Halloween Bowl Bash includes a best trick contest with prizes and music. Also prizes for best costumer. Must be 6 years and older. Register: <https://oceancitymd.gov/oc/departments/recreation-parks/>. 410-289-2695

BERLIN TOUCH A TRUCK N TREAT
Stephen Decatur Park, Tripoli Street, Berlin, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Learn about Berlin's trucks. Kids get to see fire trucks, garbage trucks, utility trucks and more. Dress in your best Halloween costume for treats. Free event. berlinmainstreet.com/touch-a-truck, 410-641-2770

HALLOWEEN/FALL FESTIVAL
White Horse Park, Ocean Pines, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Carnival games, costume contests, face painting. Food and refreshments for sale. https://www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/news_content?announcementId=2769∓backURL=%2Fblogs1&_jsf-BridgeRedirect=true, 410-642-7052

HALLOWEEN SPOOKY SWIM
Ocean Pines Sports Core Pool, 11144

Cathell Road, 5-8 p.m. Dress in your best costume for a chance to win. Halloween crafts, games, music and food for purchase. Cost is \$10 for residents, \$12 for non-residents, \$8 for swim members and \$3 for non-swimmers. 410-641-5255

5TH ANNUAL 2025 TRAIL OF HORRORS
White Horse Park Boat Ramp Trail, Ocean Pines, 7-10 p.m. Cost is \$8. (Actors and volunteers needed: Debbie Donahue, 410-641-7052, ddonahue@oceanpines.org) <https://www.oceanpines.org>, 410-641-7052

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

MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER
Ocean City Boardwalk, 801 S. Boardwalk, 8-11 a.m. Walk on the boardwalk to support breast cancer survivors and remember those we have lost. Funds raised benefit the American Cancer Society. https://secure.acsevents.org/site/STR?pg=entry&fr_id=110823

LOCALS WEEK - BOOK SIGNING
Ocean City Life-Saving Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Meet author Corinne Litzenberg, her books "Ben and the Brass Check: A Lewes Life-Saving Station Story" and "S is for Sea Glass" sold. Free admission for Delmarva locals to both museums (Oct. 20-26).

REIMAGING THE AMERICAN SONGBOOK
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1 p.m. Renowned jazz guitarist Abe Ovadia brings new life to classic jazz standards in a modern, captivating way. Explore the creative process behind jazz improvisation. 410-208-4014

HORROR FILM NIGHT
Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 7-9 p.m. Doors open 6:30 p.m., films start at 7 p.m. Join in for a night of horror presented by the Ocean City Film Festival. Free movie night. Viewer discretion advised. 410-524-9433

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>

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Sun., Oct. 26

SUNFEST

Hugh T. Cropper Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Music, arts and crafts, food, kid-friendly activities, tractor rides, craft beer, Halloween Beach Maze, Howl-O-Ween Pet Parade, Trunk or Treat and more. Free admission. www.ococean.com/sunfest/

SUNFEST YOGA ON THE BEACH

Ocean City Inlet, 807 S. Atlantic Ave., 8:30-9:30 a.m. Whether you're a seasonal yogi or just looking to stretch it out before a day of music, food and fun, this is your chance to connect, recharge and shine. Sign up: <https://www.ococean.com/sunfest/>. 410-289-2800

HALLOWEEN 'SPOOK OUT' PARTY

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 1-3 p.m. Featuring an inflatable corn maze, carnival games/prizes, festival photo spots, selfie stations and costume parade. Bring one full bag of individually wrapped candy per child. <https://oceancitymd.gov>, 410-250-0125

BACHMAN-TURNER OVERDRIVE - ROLL ON DOWN THE HIGHWAY 2025

Roland E. Powell Convention Center - Ocean City Performing Arts Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 7 p.m. Featuring Randy Bachman for a night of timeless hits. Tickets: <https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/98928760/bachmanturner-overdriveroll-on-down-the-highway-2025-tour-ocean-city-oc-performing-arts-center>.

HALLOWEEN BMX & SKATE JAM

Ocean Pines Skatepark, 239 Ocean Parkway, 12-5 p.m. BMX stunt show, open ride, skate & BMX contests, costume contests, prizes, food and refreshments and DJ NoDoubtNate. Free event.

FREE - OCFF HORROR NIGHT!

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 6-9 p.m. Doors open 6 p.m. for an hour of refreshments, followed by the film screening at 7 p.m. After the films, there will be a Q&A with filmmakers in addition to a Halloween costume contest. Viewer discretion.

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. TheBerlinFarmers-Market.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 Jeho-

vah's Witnesses, 212 West St., Berlin, 10 a.m. www.jw.org

Mon., Oct. 27

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB OF WORCESTER COUNTY MEETING

Worcester Technical High School, 6270 Worcester Highway, Newark, 10 a.m. Heather Mizeur, former Maryland State Delegate, will speak about WeAreOne Alliance, the non-profit she founded to "re-store faith in the heart of humanity, one connection at a time." <https://dwcmd.org>

STORY TIME: SPOOKTACULAR!

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

GAME DAY

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 4:30 p.m. Drop in to play games all afternoon. From Mario Kart to chess, challenge yourself. Light refreshments provided. For ages 6-11 years. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

THE DARK HISTORY OF PATTY CANNON

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 5:30 p.m. Historian Mike Dixon delves into the chilling history of Patty Cannon, one of the most notorious figures to prowl the Delmarva Peninsula in the early 1800s. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

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

Mondays - 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. Elissa, 410-641-8050; on social media; or delmarvachorus.org.

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., Oct. 28

STORY TIME: HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARADE

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 401 Fifth St., 10:30 a.m. Join in for Halloween stories and crafts. Come dressed in your favorite costume and parade

through the library while Trick or Treating. For ages 0-5 years. 410-957-0878. www.worcesterlibrary.org

SENSORY STORY TIME

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Story time geared for ages 0-5 years featuring seasonal themes designed to support early literacy skills with stories, songs and finger plays. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

BABY TIME

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Songs, rhymes and stories. Stay after to socialize with other families. For ages 0-2 years. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

OC KNITTING GROUP

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

DOCTOR MADDOCKTER'S HAUNTED LABORATORY

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 2-5:30 p.m. Walk the road to the mad doctor's lair; You'll see many things to give you a scare: A dinosaur here! An alien there! A zombie horde! Walk on by - if you dare! 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

FRANKENSTEAM: SPARK OF LIFE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 4:30 p.m. Build your own wiggly drawing machine while learning about motors and basic engineering. For ages 6-11 years. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

CROSS FARMS POP-UP FARMERS MARKET

Tuesdays - Flower Street Field across from Henry Park, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Accepting Maryland Department of Agriculture FMNP (WIC & Seniors) Checks and Maryland WIC Fruit & Vegetable Checks. Also offering a "Produce Bucks" program, which doubles purchases for eligible residents. <https://www.facebook.com/theberlinfarmersmarket>.

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., Oct. 29

MURDER MYSTERY

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Help solve an elaborate mystery. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

PUZZLE SWAP

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 1-7 p.m. Bring your gently used puzzles and leave with new-to-you puzzles. Don't have a puzzle to exchange but still want one? That's OK too. All puzzles must be complete in their original boxes. 410-641-0650

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FAMILY FUN NIGHTS

Wednesdays (through Aug. 20) - Ocean Pines Yacht Club Pool, 1 Mumford's Landing Road, 6-8 p.m. DJ, games and prizes. Food available for purchase. Admission is \$3 for OP swim members, \$5 for OP residents, \$7 for non-residents and free for non-swimmers. Cash only. 410-641-7052, oceanpines.org

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.

CASH BINGO

Wednesdays - Ocean City Elks Lodge 2645, 13708 Sinepuxent Ave. Door open at 5 p.m., bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. Food available before bingo and at intermission. Open to the public. 443-605-5028

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