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OPA board of directors ballots go out Mon.

Five candidates compete for one of three seats open on the seven-member body

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(June 18, 2026) Ocean Pines homeowners will have the opportunity to cast their votes for the community's board of directors beginning next week, as ballots for the Ocean Pines Association's annual election are slated to be distributed on Monday.

Five candidates are competing for three seats on the seven-member Ocean Pines Board of Directors. Incumbents Board President John Latham and Director Elaine Brady are seeking re-election. Director Patrick Lehnerd is running to retain the seat he was appointed to this spring following the early resignation of former Director Steve Jacobs.

Challengers Amy Peck and William "Bill" Pickett are also looking to break into the community's governing team.

According to the Ocean Pines Elec-

tions Committee, electronic and paper ballots are scheduled to be sent out to voting-eligible homeowners on Monfat. The completed forms must be submitted by noon Wednesday, Aug. 5.

Election results will be tabulated by the firm handling the neighborhood's voting process, MK Election Services, and the vote-counting will be open for public viewing. A link to observe the count will be made available as the voting deadline nears.

Candidates have said that communication, fiscal responsibility, infra-

structure planning, and community engagement are among their top priorities.

Lehnerd, who joined the board in March, cites more than four decades of engineering and leadership experience in the defense and space industry. During his career, he served in positions ranging from engineer and team lead to program manager and director.

Lehnerd said communication is one of the association's greatest challenges.

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RACING TUBS

The 36th Annual Bathtub Races were held on Main Street in Berlin last Friday night. Above, two of the competing teams are pictured during a heat on Main Street before hundreds in attendance. See page 20 for more photos.

Fire trucks will parade through town

Maryland firefighters hope relocating event to Berlin will boost participation

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(June 18, 2026) Firefighters from across the state will travel through the Town of Berlin this weekend as part of the annual Maryland State Firefighters Association Parade.

In a move that steers the event off its usual Ocean City route, the MSFA will host its annual firefighter parade in Berlin for the first time on Saturday.

The event, open to any department from Maryland that wishes to attend, will kick off at 2 p.m. Participants will proceed north on Main Street near Berlin Furniture and end at the Taylor House Museum.

The fire departments will stage

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“So much confusion, turmoil, and angst could be avoided if we just communicate properly,” he said.

If elected, Lehnerd said he would focus on improving communication between the board, association staff, and residents. He also highlighted road safety as a significant concern, pointing to the need for increased awareness among motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians.

Lehnerd described himself as a pragmatic and open-minded leader who listens to residents and works toward solutions rather than simply identifying problems.

Challenger Pickett brings more than 40 years of experience in operations, technology, and organizational management, including 26 years as a chief information officer for Maryland private schools. He also served 20 years in the U.S. Coast Guard and previously sat on the Maryland Education Enterprise Consortium Board of Directors.

Pickett said improving communication and organizational processes would be among his priorities if elected.

“Too often, information is scattered, hard to find, or inconsistent,” he said. “I want to help ensure that residents receive clear, accessible, and timely information, along with straightforward explanations of decisions and processes that reduce uncertainty.”

He also emphasized the importance of long-range planning, noting that Ocean Pines faces aging infrastructure and ongoing maintenance needs. Pickett said he would advocate for a disciplined approach to replacement and capital planning while also reviewing the association’s strategic plan to ensure board decisions, committee work, budgets, and operational goals are aligned.

Latham, the current board president, highlighted his experience serving as the group’s leader and previously as board secretary. He also serves as president of the Marina Village Condominium Association in Ocean Pines.

A U.S. Marine Corps veteran with a master’s degree in business, Latham said he has managed budgets ranging from \$50 million to \$2 billion and led organizations with as many as 125 employees.

Among his top priorities is maintaining Ocean Pines’ infrastructure while keeping assessments affordable.

“Our roads, drainage systems, bulkheads, and other community assets require ongoing investment,” Latham said. “I believe we need long-term planning that balances fiscal responsibility with protecting property values. Recent budget discussions have highlighted the growing need for infrastructure and reserve funding.”

He also pointed to public safety needs, including support for fire, emergency medical and police serv-

ices, as important issues facing the community. Additionally, Latham said he wants to continue improving transparency and communication between the board and residents.

Latham said his focus remains on protecting property values, maintaining amenities, and ensuring association funds are managed responsibly.

Brady, who has lived in Ocean Pines for 25 years, is seeking reelection to the board.

During her career in the newspaper industry, Brady served on several boards, including the Maryland-Delaware-D.C. Press Association and the United Way of the Eastern Shore.

If re-elected, Brady said she hopes to continue the board’s work of establishing policies and collaborating with General Manager John Viola on budgets that allow operations staff to maintain the community while pursuing initiatives requested by homeowners, when feasible.

Brady said she strives to listen to Ocean Pines citizens and work collaboratively with fellow directors and association leadership.

Peck is again an election challenger. The homeowner has a background in teaching and paralegal work.

Peck served on the OPA board from October 2021 to August 2022 after being appointed to carry out the remainder of a former member’s term, who had resigned. The board hopeful has run in the past, including in 2024 and 2025.

This time around, Peck is campaigning on a platform emphasizing fiscal responsibility, transparency, and resident involvement.

At an elections forum last weekend, she criticized what she described as unnecessary spending on projects such as a recent tiki bar expansion and electronic signage. She also expressed concerns about the elimination of volunteer advisory committees, which were axed last fall. The candidate maintained that the erasure of the committees has reduced opportunities for resident input.

Peck said she would support reinstating committees and expanding opportunities for public participation. She also called for greater transparency, citing concerns about the timing of board packet releases and decisions made through email votes.

If elected, Peck said at the forum last weekend that she would focus on asking questions, encouraging discussion, and representing residents who may feel overlooked, including young families, part-time homeowners, and residents on fixed incomes.

Homeowners who do not receive a ballot but believe they are eligible to vote are encouraged to contact the Elections Committee at elections@oceanpines.org. Residents deemed ineligible will receive notification.

The deadline to submit ballots is Aug. 5 at noon.



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Fiddler's Convention gets earlier Sept. dates

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(June 18, 2026) The Berlin mayor and Town Council last week approved a request from the Berlin Chamber of Commerce to change the dates of the 2026 Fiddlers Convention and to confirm plans for the return of the town's Jazz and Blues event in 2027.

The date change comes after the cancellation of the Maryland Folk Festival in Salisbury, which had prompted organizers initially to move the Fiddlers Convention to a later weekend in September.

Departing Chamber President Garrett Neville told council members the Fiddlers Convention was originally scheduled for Sept. 25-26, 2026, in an effort to avoid conflicting with the Maryland Folk Festival.

While the later September time slot coincided with the Oceans Calling music weekend in Ocean City, the chamber felt that given the nature of the Fiddler's Convention, it would be best not to occur on the same days as the similar folk festival.

"Since approval, [the Maryland Folk Festival] has been canceled," Neville said. "We're hoping to move it to Friday, Sept. 18 and Saturday, Sept. 19 in an effort to not conflict with Oceans Calling in Ocean City."

Under the approved change, Sept.

25-26 will now serve as the event's rain dates.

Councilman Steve Green voiced support for the adjustment.

"I was concerned about it conflicting with Oceans Calling," Green said.

The Maryland Folk Festival was recently canceled after organizers cited funding challenges. Salisbury officials have described the decision as a pause while they explore future programming for fall 2027.

Berlin Council members also ap-

proved a request related to the town's Jazz and Blues event, which organizers announced last year would take a one-year hiatus in 2026.

Neville said the event was postponed to provide a break for town staff and volunteers while allowing organizers additional time to secure entertainment and sponsorships.

"Jazz and Blues [is] postponed to 2027 to give a break to staff and bring it back in 2027," Neville said. "We're asking for approval of the date of Saturday,

May 15, [2027] in an effort to secure the best sponsorships."

The chamber's letter noted that plans to postpone the festival were first presented to town officials in October. To move forward with booking performers and sponsors in a timely matter, organizers requested official approval of May 15, 2027, as the event date, with May 22, 2027 designated as the rain date.

The council unanimously approved the revised Fiddlers Convention dates and the 2027 Jazz and Blues schedule.

Track workers reject Downs' offer

By Brian Shane
Staff Writer

(June 6, 2026) Workers at Ocean Downs have rejected the latest contract offer from owner Churchill Downs Inc., leaving the casino and its unionized workforce without a new labor agreement ahead of the summer season.

"You can't tell someone that you respect them and then ask them to work for a sub-living wage," said Tracy Lingo, president of Unite Here Local 7, the labor union representing about 100 workers at the casino.

When negotiations resume as expected this week, it'll be the 17th time

that both sides have met to hash out a new contract since September. Workers have been operating under a contract extension since October.

The bargaining unit voted down the company's latest proposal on May 15 and union officials say a strike remains possible if negotiations fail. Lingo noted that casino workers by law need gaming licenses, which could make replacing workers a challenge.

Local 7 says the company's best-and-final offer would raise starting wages for some workers to \$15.90 an hour, a rate they argue remains too low for many employees to support themselves on the

Lower Shore.

Lingo said 93% of workers represented by the union earn less than \$39,000 a year. She contrasted that with an Economic Policy Institute estimate that a one-earner household with one child on the Lower Shore needs \$67,000 to meet basic expenses.

Many of Ocean Downs' non-tipped, entry-level roles now pay \$15 an hour, while other workers in similar roles at Maryland's other five casinos are making more like \$18 to \$22 an hour, according to Lingo. She said most live and work here year-round.

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their equipment at Worcester Preparatory School and the Northern Worcester County Athletic Complex, with both locations opening at 10 a.m.

A shuttle service will be available from the staging areas to Downtown Berlin. Participating firefighters are invited to patronize local shops and restaurants before the event's afternoon start time.

According to MSFA Convention and Conference Chair Robbie Blackiston, the parade's venue switch from Ocean City to Berlin was made to bolster fire department involvement. While the procession invites every company from the State of Maryland, organizers have noticed a significant decline in attendees.

Blackiston said that the parade has dwindled over the last five years, with

a substantial drop-off last year. The event used to extend roughly four hours, but the 2025 event lasted only 55 minutes.

"With the difference in that, we had to find out what was going on," he said.

The parade has historically been held on a Wednesday in Ocean City. To get to the bottom of the decline in participation, the MSFA surveyed its members, who indicated they would like the event to be held on a weekend.

"Most of the membership would like to see the parade on a weekend due to not being able to take off work because of work constraints," Blackiston said. "Our lives have changed."

However, securing a Saturday timeslot in June in Ocean City proved to be challenging with the start of the resort's tourist season.

Alternative locations were considered, and in January, the Berlin Council voted to designate itself as the home of the MSFA parade in 2026.

"[We're] transitioning into a small-town event instead of a big city event type thing, so we're going to see if that helps us," Blackiston said. "We've been fortunate to work with Berlin this year."

In addition to firefighters, music and showmanship will be part of this year's MSFA procession. The Joseph A. Ferko String Band is set to parade with the state's first responders.

The Joseph A. Ferko String Band was founded by pharmacist Joseph A. Ferko in 1922 and is a staple of Philadelphia's annual Mummers Parade, the oldest continuously operating folk parade in the United States, dating back to 1901.

For parade spectators, parking will be available at Berlin Intermediate School, within walking distance of downtown, with an optional shuttle service. Local eateries and retail stores will be open before, during, and after the event.

Following the parade, the participating firefighters are invited to a reception at Ocean Downs Casino.

The post-procession gathering will kick off at 2:30 p.m. When each fire department completes the parade

route, they can head straight to the casino. The afterparty will feature music, food, beverages, and an award ceremony. The awards will be handed out at 6 p.m.

The Berlin parade and Ocean Downs event will kick off the MSFA's week-long convention, with activities scheduled through June 25 at the Ocean City convention center. The lineup of conference festivities will officially begin on Sunday, June 21, at 8 a.m.

Blackiston said while the parade has moved to Berlin this year, the convention itself will remain in Ocean City.

"We're still in OC for our convention at the convention center like always," he said. "We still have activities in town throughout the week. We still have a good connection with Ocean City...They still welcome us."

Event organizers are hopeful about this year's parade. While the MSFA has initiated an online preregistration model, any Maryland fire department will be welcomed regardless of if they signed up beforehand.

Additionally, a Touch-A-Truck event is slated for Saturday before the parade from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Touch-A-Truck will allow kids to see and learn more about the firefighting equipment.

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Downs, workers talks continue

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In a statement, Churchill Downs said it remains engaged in negotiations and looked forward to the next bargaining session this week. The company said it remains hopeful the two sides can reach "a mutually acceptable resolution."

The bargaining unit includes bartenders, slot attendants, cooks, cashiers, cleaning staff, banquet servers, and other hourly employees working throughout the casino. Managers are not part of the union.

Lingo said some union workers have pointed to nearby fast-food jobs advertising higher starting wages than the casino is offering for some licensed gaming-related positions.

Lingo also pointed to Churchill Downs' third-quarter earnings – which showed the Kentucky-based company reported record net revenue of \$683 million in October, up 9% from a year earlier – and she characterized the company's offer of a 3% raise as "insulting."

"Our members need to catch up, you know?" she said. "The problem is the wages are really below what it takes to have a living wage. That is not going to help us bridge that gap."

Touch-A-Truck event Saturday

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"I'm looking forward to the locals and everybody coming out and hopefully supporting the Maryland State Firefighter's Association with moving the event [to Berlin]," Blackiston said.

Berlin Fire Company President David Fitzgerald added that his team has provided support to the MSFA in terms of parade logistics and permitting.

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Berlin commission reviews proposed commercial work

Two projects reviewed for Old Ocean City Boulevard properties east of Rte. 113

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(June 18, 2026) The Berlin Planning Commission urged developers to incorporate aesthetic architectural enhancements and landscaping features into two proposed commercial projects along Old Ocean City Boulevard last week during reviews of concept plans.

The proposals, presented by site plan consultant Frank Lynch and developer representatives, involve contractor shop space at 10314 Old Ocean City Boulevard and a separate office building planned for 10330 Old Ocean City Boulevard.

Lynch said the project at 10314 Old Ocean City Blvd. would consist of three contractor shop units housed in a 40-by-50-foot building attached to an existing structure on the property. The development would also include a separate storage building at the rear of the site.

According to the applicant, the contractor shops would feature front-facing garage doors and smaller side access doors. Additionally, the space would be designed for small businesses rather than operations with significant customer traffic.

The planning commissioners voiced no objection to the concept. However, the body emphasized the importance of creating an attractive appearance along Old Ocean City Boulevard, as the town works to establish a cohesive commercial streetscape.

Lynch said the project would include a pedestrian sidewalk and landscaping along the front of the property and assured commissioners that the finished product would be visually appealing.

Commissioners, however, expressed concern about the proposed metal building design, particularly because one side of the structure would be highly visible from the roadway.

Discussion focused on how to improve the appearance of the building, including adding windows, using multiple colors or materials, incorporating cladding finish on portions of the façade, and possibly altering the roof design. The developer said he would be willing to make changes and said future submissions would include building elevations and renderings reflecting the commission's feedback.

Questions were also raised regarding the relationship between the proposed addition and an existing nonconforming structure on the site. Planning Commission Chair Matt Stoehr said attaching a new building

to the existing structure could require review by the Berlin Board of Zoning Appeals.

Lynch said the development team would research the issue and determine whether additional approvals would be necessary.

The commissioners also discussed screening, landscaping, and mechanical equipment placement. Because of limited space between the proposed building and a nearby insurance office, the planners maintained that large trees would not be practical. Instead, they suggested using smaller vegetation and shrubs to soften views of the structure.

Additional concerns involved vehicle accessibility around the contractor shop units. Commissioner Logan Hall asked whether contractors towing large trailers would have enough room to maneuver around the site safely. The developer responded that the intended tenants would likely be small contractors and that parking demand was expected to be limited.

The commission also reviewed a concept plan for 10330 Old Ocean City Blvd. by the same development team. Here, developers are proposing a new office building with parking located in front of the structure, a dumpster enclosure, and landscaped open space.

Discussion of this project focused on stormwater management and the long-term maintenance of proposed permeable pavement systems.

Hall asked what would happen if the group approved the design, and then in a few years if the site is sold, the future property owner failed to maintain the permeable pavement? That could create drainage issues for neighboring properties, he said.

The commission acknowledged the concern, noting that stormwater maintenance is constant challenge.

"It's been five years of this question we've been tossing back and forth," Stoehr said.

The developers added that maintenance requirements would be incorporated into the stormwater management plan.

The applicant said the future office building could house a variety of tenants, such as an insurance agency or real estate office, though no occupants have been secured at this stage. Marketing efforts are expected to begin around the preliminary approval phase.

Town staff advised the applicants to coordinate with the Maryland State Highway Administration, stormwater regulators, and the Berlin Fire Company early in the design process to avoid delays later in the review process.

No votes were taken on either proposal, as both reviews were presented to elicit the board's opinions.



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Full slate of summer events on tap within Ocean Pines

Weekly Concerts in the Park series kicks off June 25 and runs through Aug. 27

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(June 18, 2026) The Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department is offering activities from fitness classes and youth programs to free outdoor concerts this summer for residents and visitors.

One of the season's highlights is the return of the Concerts in the Park series at the White Horse Park Pavilion. The free community event will be held every Thursday from June 25 through Aug. 27 from 7 to 9 p.m. Attendees should bring lawn chairs and listen to live music. Food will be available for purchase and guests are welcome to bring their own beverages.

The concert lineup includes Nick Vox on June 25, The Flip Side Band on July 2, Colossal Fossil Sauce on July 9, Hurricane Kevin Cat 5 on July 16, Shoreline Grooves on July 23, Opposite Directions on July 30, Jada Lee on Aug. 6, String Buzzards on Aug. 13, Coastal Country on Aug. 20 and Clockwork Band on Aug. 27.

For children interested in art, the recreation team will host a Kids Paint Night on Wednesday, June 24, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The class is open to ages eight and older and costs \$22 per participant. All materials and instruction are included, and pre-registration is required.

Adults looking to stay active this summer can participate in several fitness programs at the Ocean Pines Community Center.

Body Blast, a full-body workout class taught by instructor Sadam Polo, will be offered Tuesdays from 6 to 6:45 p.m. in two sessions: June 23 through July 28 and Aug. 4 through Sept. 9.

Designed for adults ages 18 and older, the class targets the shoulders, back, core, and legs while incorpo-

rating cardiovascular exercise. Each session begins with stretching followed by a complete workout. Registration costs \$45 for Ocean Pines residents and \$50 for non-residents, while drop-in participants may attend for \$10 per class.

Line Dancing classes will also be available for adults ages 18 and older on Thursdays from 6 to 7 p.m. Sessions will run from June 25 through July 30 and again from Aug. 6 through Sept. 3. The cost is \$60 for residents and \$65 for non-residents.

Those interested in dance-based fitness can sign up for Zumba classes, scheduled for Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. from June 29 through Aug. 5 at the Ocean Pines Community Center. Participants may choose to attend one day per week for \$45 for residents and \$50 for non-residents, or both days for \$85 for residents and \$90 for non-residents. Drop-in is available for \$10.

Young anglers will have an opportunity to learn fishing skills during the OP Recreation Department's Fishing Camp, scheduled for July 23 to July 25 at the South Gate Pond.

The camp will run from 9:30 a.m. to noon each day and is open to children ages eight to 12. Enrollment is limited to 10 campers. Rods and bait will be provided, and participants are encouraged to bring water bottles, snacks, and sunscreen. Registration costs \$45 for Ocean Pines residents and \$55 for non-residents.

Additionally, Teach a Kid to Fish Day is scheduled for this weekend, on Saturday, June 20 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Kids ages four to 16 are eligible to participate. The Ocean Pines Anglers Club is hosting the event, which will be held at the South Gate Pond near the Sports Core Pool.

For information or to register for any of the programs, contact the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052.

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Sheriff explains importance of joining federal lawsuit

Crisafulli: ‘Our fear is that dangerous criminals could be released ...’ from prisons

By Brian Shane
Staff Writer

(June 18, 2026) Worcester County Sheriff Matt Crisafulli has joined 16 other Maryland sheriffs in a federal lawsuit seeking to block a new state law that limits cooperation between local jails and federal immigration authorities.

The lawsuit, filed May 26 in U.S. District Court for Maryland, was brought by Harford County Sheriff Jeffrey R. Gahler and a coalition of Maryland sheriffs. It names Gov. Wes Moore, Attorney General Anthony Brown, and the State of Maryland as defendants.

Plaintiffs are asking a federal judge to declare Maryland’s Community Trust Act unconstitutional and prevent the state from enforcing it. They argue the law unlawfully interferes with federal immigration enforcement.

Crisafulli said he joined the suit because he believes the law will reduce communication between local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies.

In a May 23 Facebook post announcing his participation in the lawsuit, Crisafulli said the legislation moves Maryland “further toward becoming a sanctuary state” and pledged to continue opposing policies he believes threaten public safety.

“It just creates potentially reduced cooperation and information sharing among state and federal partners,” Crisafulli told OC Today-Dispatch. “Our fear is that dangerous criminals could be released from different correctional facilities in the state.”

Passed by the Maryland General Assembly in the final hours of the 2026 legislative session, the law took effect May 22 without the governor’s signature.

The law states local deputies generally cannot notify ICE that an individual is in custody, transfer someone into federal immigration custody, or investigate a person’s immigration

status except under limited circumstances.

Supporters have said the measure is intended to build trust between immigrant communities and law enforcement while limiting participation in civil immigration enforcement.

The lawsuit argues that the state forces sheriffs into an “impossible and unconstitutional” position: if they follow state law and withhold information from ICE, they could be held personally liable for violating federal laws against harboring illegal aliens.

But if they follow federal law and cooperate with ICE, they face the possibility of civil lawsuits and financial penalties from the state.

Plaintiffs want the court to issue a temporary freeze, known as an injunction, to block the state from enforcing the law while their case plays out.

“We’re confident that we’re going to get some injunctive relief,” Crisafulli said.

This case follows a separate Maryland law enacted earlier this year that

prohibited local agencies from entering into new 287(g) agreements with ICE. Those agreements allow local law enforcement officers to perform certain federal immigration enforcement functions.

While Worcester County has never had a formal 287(g) agreement, Crisafulli said the county has historically cooperated with federal immigration authorities.

In an April interview, Crisafulli told OC Today-Dispatch that his deputies do not participate in immigration enforcement. He said he typically learns of ICE activity in Worcester County only after operations have already occurred.

Other sheriffs from the Eastern Shore named as plaintiffs include Mike Lewis of Wicomico County, Ronnie Howard of Somerset County, and Jimmy Phillips of Dorchester County. The sheriffs are represented by the Federation for American Immigration Reform, or FAIR.

The case, Gahler et al. v. Moore et al., remains pending in federal court.

‘It just creates potentially reduced cooperation and information sharing among state and federal partners!’
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Putting the Eastern Shore First.

Pines candidates discuss issues at forum

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(June 18, 2026) Candidates for the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors election had the opportunity to appeal to voters last Saturday at the association's questions-and-answers forum.

The five association homeowners who are vying for the three board seats up for election this year, responded to inquiries from the OPA Elections Committee, members of the community and each other.

These seats to be filled are currently held by Board President John Latham, Director Elaine Brady, and Director Patrick Lehnerd, who was appointed to the group in March after the early resignation of Director Steve Jacobs.

Latham, Brady, and Lehnerd are all seeking reelection to a three-year term. Additionally, residents Amy Peck and William "Bill" Pickett are hoping they will end up in two of those seats at the director's table instead.

Candidates Peck, Latham, Pickett, and Lehnerd attended the weekend's forum. While Brady is still campaigning for reelection, she was absent from the event due to a prior commitment that was unable to be rescheduled.

The Q&A was hosted by the community's elections committee and was organized into rounds. The first segment allowed the candidates to provide opening remarks. The campaigners then randomly selected and answered questions from the elections committee, followed by inquiries submitted by community members.

The board hopefuls were also given the opportunity to ask their contenders a question.

Opening comments

Peck's platform is fiscal responsibility and spending money on needs rather than wants. The challenger also expressed her support for reinstating the axed advisory committees.

These groups, consisting of homeowners who volunteered their time on topics such as marine activities, golf, aquatics, racquet sports, and environmental assets, were eliminated by a majority vote of the board last September.

Latham said his priorities are safety and security, beautification, infrastructure, and responsible budgeting.

"If reelected, I will continue using my board experience and business background of leadership, communication, and financial management to make sound decisions for our com-

munity," he said.

Pickett said that if elected, he would like to revise the Ocean Pines vision and mission statement, as well as the strategic plan, to serve as an effective guiding framework for the neighborhood. He added that he wants to emphasize safety, communication, and financial stability.

Lehnerd said effective establishing and maintaining communication remains one of OPA's biggest challenges. He urged residents to use the appropriate channels, like emailing info@oceanpines.org, rather than taking grievances to social media.

He also said he would like to see a revamp of the Ocean Pines website to provide easier access to important forms and documents.

Questions from the elections committee

Peck was asked what Ocean Pines can do to enhance the community's voice on larger issues within Worcester County. She responded that OPA should host more town halls on these matters, pointing to the wind farm issue in Ocean City and the proposed sports complex.

"I follow outside issues very closely... because they do impact us," she said. "And I have been very disappointed that we have not had more town halls about these important is-

ues. Whether it be wind farms, the board decided to join the lawsuit on its own without a town hall. Whether it be the sports facility, the public landing station...Route 90 expansion, which I have been following. 589, when is our bridge be replaced? All of these issues impact Ocean Pines, and I think the best way to get the message out is to get input."

The candidate added that giving homeowners who attend board meetings virtually a chance to speak during public comments would also help expand community feedback.

Latham was asked what characteristics of his personality would be detrimental to his being elected to the board. He responded that while some may view his tendency to make quick decisions negatively, it often lends itself to an effective governing team.

"What this board is doing, and I encourage as a president...is to make sure that we are making decisions and moving along. Not leaving them to sit," he said. "We gotta make the decision, or we move on. What I hear occasionally is that we don't have conversations... that is the furthest thing from the truth...making decisions, moving them forward, and planning are things this board is doing..."

He also said that the current board
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Candidate Amy Peck is pictured addressing forum attendees. Also pictured are candidates John Latham, Bill Pickett and Pat Lehnerd.

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Five candidates seek open seats

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of directors has conversations for weeks or months leading up to a decision, so while some issues seem to be resolved quickly, ample thought goes into the final verdict.

Pickett was asked about his ideas regarding potential improvements to Ocean Pines. The contestant said that while OPA has many great amenities and leadership, its organization could be improved.

“Looking at the website and looking for documentation in preparation for today, I saw a lot of patchy pieces

of good things,” he said. “I saw a strategic plan ... I saw mission and vision statements on our website that didn’t match the ones on the general manager’s website. It was close but wasn’t quite right.”

To conclude the first round of questions, Lehnerd was asked about his stance on the eliminated advisory committees. Lehnerd said that while the board voted to axe the volunteer teams before his tenure, he supports the decision.

He noted that work groups formed with a clear objective and end goal would be better suited for Ocean Pines.

“I’m not sure those committees were the best way to organize our community to make things happen,” he said. “Moving more toward a task force model that has a more focused objective with a defined lifetime...if you have a defined beginning and end, you’re more successful than if you’re out there spinning your wheels trying to find things to do.”

“So, I suspect that I would have voted to eliminate those advisory committees. I think the task force model is the way to go. As we execute those and study their effectiveness, we can adjust as appropriate.”

Questions from the community

Peck was asked whether she would have voted to join the lawsuit oppos-

ing offshore wind turbines along the Ocean City coast. In 2024, the OPA Board of Directors collaborated with Ocean City and a host of other organizations in litigation against the controversial project.

Peck said that if she had been on the board at that time, she would have abstained. The election challenger maintained that this decision stems from the OP community not being given a chance to share their thoughts on the issue before the governing body voted on it.

Latham was asked if he would support requiring a home buyer or builder to acknowledge that they have read and accepted the community’s policy regarding tree removal.

The incumbent said he would and added that there has been “a lot of misinformation” on the topic. A group of association members has stated that they believe there has been an increase in the clear-cutting of trees when new houses are constructed.

Latham maintained that having prospective builders review such policies could alleviate some of the conflict, as it would clear up what is required by Ocean Pines, what is mandated by Worcester County, and how these standards interact.

Pickett was asked whether he would support funding for a bike-

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and-pedestrian lane on Ocean Parkway. The challenger said while the street is not conducive to road sharing, integrating a new path would alter the character of Ocean Pines. He added that he would rather see OPA lower the speed limits to promote safety.

Lehnerd was asked what the best ways are for the board to solicit community feedback in the absence of advisory committees. He responded that "info@oceanpines.org is a fantastic place to address issues." He also urged residents to attend board meetings and share their ideas and complaints during the citizen comments section.

Questions from each other

Peck asked Latham how eliminating committees has made Ocean Pines a better place.

According to Latham, work groups tasked with aiding the general manager and his team with ongoing projects "is the right way." He said that the standing advisory committees were often looking for initiatives to tackle, which led to unrealistic ideas.

Additionally, Latham noted that the committees had become redundant as the community continues to build a strong operations team.

When it was his turn, Latham declined to ask any of his fellow board hopefuls a question.

Pickett asked Lehnerd how this task would be accomplished, since Ocean Pines has stopped aiding residents with ditch maintenance.

Lenherd argued that the responsibility of ditch clearing should fall to the homeowner.

"My position, radical it may be, is to take pride in your property and take care of it yourself," Lehnerd said. "And if you can't manage it, there are reasonably priced resources out there that can take care of it for you."

Lehnerd then asked Peck how she would integrate herself into the board if she were elected.

Peck responded that she plans to work collaboratively, ask questions, hear facts, and consider others' perspectives. She added that she plans to solicit resident input as part of her decision-making process.

"When you have a board that is constantly voting 7-0, or 6-1, that doesn't necessarily mean you have an effective board," she said. "When you're operating in an echo chamber, and you're eliminating outside voices, is that really what makes the best decisions? I don't believe so. I believe the seven board members are qualified, but they are not experts in everything. So, you need to hear from the community. One of our best features here in Ocean Pines is the vast amount of expertise that we have."

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Both sides reach agreement to dismiss Knupp civil case

Driver Mailloux completed sentence after receiving credits for good behavior

By Bethany Hooper
Associate Editor

(June 18, 2026) A civil suit filed by the family of Gavin Knupp, a 14-year-old killed in a hit-and-run accident in 2022, has been dismissed.

The case ended on June 6, nearly a year after Tiffany and Ray Knupp and their daughter, Summer Knupp, filed suit in Worcester County Circuit Court against Tyler Mailloux – the Berlin man who pleaded guilty to a traffic offense in Knupp’s death – his mother, Kearston Frey, his stepfather, Ralph DeAngelus, his employer, Matt Ortt Companies and the Ocean Pines Association, which had a working relationship with the company.

“We have no comment other than the case has been dismissed,” Neil Dubovsky, the Knupp family’s attorney, said in a statement last Friday.

On June 25, 2025, the Knupp family sought damages on 16 counts – which included negligence, wrongful death, negligent entrustment and intentional infliction of emotional distress – following Gavin Knupp’s death. The 40-age lawsuit detailed the events that occurred on the night of July 11, 2022, when Knupp was struck and killed by a motorist on Grays Corner Road, as well as the days that followed.

“This lawsuit is the next step in holding accountable all those responsible for Gavin’s death,” Dubovsky said last summer.

Specifically, the suit claimed Mailloux, as the driver of the black Mercedes involved in the accident, “made no attempts to stop and/or render aid to Gavin Knupp, failed to provide his insurance information to Gavin or Summer Knupp, never returned to the scene, and failed to report to emergency services that he had just struck a pedestrian.”

The suit also claimed that Mailloux, Frey and DeAngelus hid the Mercedes in a garage at their Berlin residence immediately following the hit-and-run. The court document alleges the vehicle had damage consistent with a collision involving a pedestrian, including a cracked windshield, a broken headlamp, and a shoeprint on the front, right bumper.

“In addition, even if it was unknown on the evening of the collision at issue that the object Defendant Mailloux struck was a human, this

would have been abundantly clear the following day,” the suit reads. “Knowing this, Defendants Mailloux, DeAngelus, and Frey continued to obstruct the ongoing police investigation into the collision, by among other things, continuing to hide the vehicle in the aforementioned garage.”

The lawsuit also alleged that Mailloux had consumed alcohol after finishing his shift at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club the night of the accident. The Yacht Club is owned by the Ocean Pines Association and was operated by Matt Ortt Companies during the time of the accident (it has since changed operators).

Both Frey and DeAngelus worked for Matt Ortt Companies – Frey as the general manager of the Ocean Pines Yacht Club, and DeAngelus as the managing partner. However, their business relationships with the company were reportedly terminated in the months that followed.

The lawsuit claimed the alleged wrongdoings by the defendants inflicted pain and suffering on the Knupps. The suit also details the emotional toll the accident had on Summer Knupp, who was present the night of the collision and performed CPR on her brother until emergency services arrived on scene.

In February 2025, Mailloux reached a deal with the Worcester County State’s Attorney’s Office in which he would plead guilty to leaving the scene of an accident where a driver “knew/reasonably knew accident must result in death and death occurred,” according to the Maryland Transportation Code. In return, the state’s attorney’s office agreed it would not prosecute the remaining 16 traffic charges against him.

The following month, a Worcester County Circuit Court judge sentenced Mailloux to 10 years, with all but 18 months suspended, and three years of supervised probation upon his release.

Mailloux, who had been incarcerated at the Worcester County Jail since February 2025, completed his sentence in January, months earlier than his initial release date. At the time, Mailloux’s attorney, George Psoras, said his client had earned enough diminution credits for an earlier release, and would begin his three years of supervised probation.

“The short story is he completed his sentence and he did receive diminution credits,” Psoras said. “You get diminution credits for good behavior and work performed while you are incarcerated ... It’s statutory.”

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Agencies present concerns over bus driver controversy

By Brian Shane
Staff Writer

(June 18, 2026) Worcester County's sheriff and state's attorney say they were not given the chance to immediately investigate reports that a school bus driver had been drinking before transporting elementary school students.

Law enforcement and school officials revealed last week that school personnel allowed the driver on April 24 to complete the route and did not notify law enforcement until the following day, eliminating the opportunity for a standard drunken-driving investigation.

"This was an epic fail in judgment," State's Attorney Kristin Heiser told OC Today-Dispatch. "You would think something as black-and-white as a DUI with a bunch of elementary school children would be something you phone in."

Superintendent Annette Wallace, Sheriff Matt Crisafulli, and Heiser in a June 4 joint statement all said they were unaware of the incident until after it was over. School authorities initially reported the matter to the state's attorney, who told the sheriff April 25.

Authorities learned of the situation as a result of a witness reporting the alcohol consumption to a driver trainer with the school district.

As a result, the driver trainer met the driver at his next stop at Showell Elementary School, where the trainer assessed the driver, consulted with a supervisor and a school system administrator, and determined the driver was not under the influence of alcohol. The driver was then allowed to get back on the road, the joint statement said.

The identity of the school system administrator involved in the decision chain will not be disclosed because it's a personnel issue, WCPS spokeswoman Carrie Sters said.

According to the Worcester County Bureau of Investigation, surveillance footage obtained from Ocean Downs Casino shows the bus driver and his wife, who served as his bus aide, being served and consuming two apple martinis between 10:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Their identities are being withheld.

Sters said the driver had already completed a morning route for Berlin Intermediate School carrying 19 students before he and his wife went to the casino.

Police said in-bus video camera footage showed the driver starting the bus at 2:09 p.m. with his wife on board. Between 2:21 p.m. and 3 p.m., he picked up 14 children from three different schools and dropped them all off by 3:34 p.m.

At 3:52 p.m. he pulled up to Showell Elementary in an empty bus. Po-

lice said video shows a school system employee, identified as a driver trainer, boarding the bus and confronting the driver.

The trainer asks the driver if he was at the casino and if he consumed alcohol, to which the driver said yes. The trainer makes it clear that an assessment is being conducted as to his level of impairment.

The footage goes on to show the driver trainer mentioning that the situation could have been worse and the driver could have been kicked off the bus, according to police.

By 4 p.m., video shows 31 Showell students boarding the bus. The driver makes his stops until the last two students exit the vehicle at 4:33 p.m.,

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Bus driver process mishandled

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police said.

The driver was then taken by a school system administrator to Salisbury, police said, where he submitted to two breath tests for alcohol. Police declined to name the administrator.

Test results showed a blood-alcohol concentration of .08% and .089%. Police said the tests occurred at 5:19 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. A BAC .08 or greater is cause for a charge of driving under the influence, while a driver with a BAC of .07 can be charged with driving while impaired. The state's legal limit for commercially licensed drivers is .04%.

However, detectives later determined that the breath test results would not be usable as evidence because the test instrument was calibrated with expired equipment, and the testing contractor invalidated test results by swabbing the driver's cheek first, according to authorities.

Both Crisafulli and Heiser said not being informed until the next day prevented investigators from conducting their own field sobriety tests, chemical testing, witness interviews, and other standard investigative steps that would have been usable in court.

The sheriff told OC Today-Dispatch he doesn't know why school resource deputies assigned to Showell were not called to the scene as it unfolded, saying how it was handled "destroyed any potential for DUI charges."

"Fundamentally, it should have been, in our opinion, the first thought to cross their mind. OK, we potentially have an impaired school bus driver. They should have immediately put that on us," he said. "I just, I don't understand why."

Heiser said she reached the same conclusion after reviewing the investigation.

"They should have just called the sheriff's office immediately - you wanna know how fast deputies would have showed up?" Heiser said. "The first person who saw him drinking

just should have called the police."

As a result, no traffic or criminal charges will be brought by the state's attorney due to a lack of sufficient evidence.

"This was not acceptable," Heiser told OC Today-Dispatch. "Their failure to report it in a timely manner keeps me from holding people accountable, and I would have liked to do that. It's just bizarre. There's literally no explanation for it."

In the joint statement, the Worcester County Board of Education and the superintendent "strongly condemn" the driver's actions, saying they are "equally disappointed by staff actions and decisions that occurred immediately following the initial report."

Four days after the incident, Wallace sent a letter to affected families informing them that the driver had consumed alcohol before completing his routes and that a replacement driver had been assigned.

The April 28 letter, which Sterrs provided to OC Today-Dispatch, did not disclose that school personnel had received a report about the drinking before the second route and allowed the driver to continue transporting students.

Moving forward, the school district's transportation department was provided with specific directives to ensure that proper reporting protocols are adhered to when fielding reports of this nature, Sterrs said.

The driver's bus contract, which began July 1, 2025, was terminated immediately after the incident, and a substitute driver took over the route the following Monday. The school district has 67 active bus contracts, Sterrs said.

The state's attorney said she believes Wallace acted swiftly after the fact.

"To her credit, when the superintendent heard about this, she was shocked and horrified like we were. If she'd heard about it, I think she'd have made a better decision," Heiser said.

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Opinion

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Return incumbents to board of directors

With ballots on the verge of going out for this summer's Ocean Pines Association's Board of Directors election, property owners should recognize that this is not just a matter of five people competing for one of the three open seats for the term ahead.

Not only is that an oversimplification of the situation, but it also obscures what is at stake besides deciding who will join or be returned to association leadership for a three-year term.

In addition to voting on the candidates for director, voters also will be weighing in on how they feel the association's affairs are being overseen.

In other words, this election is also a referendum on how the association is being run by the General Manager John Viola and his staff. He is allowed to operate the way he does because of the good relationship he has with the current board of directors.

There is no disputing the fact that good things have happened as a result: the Ocean Pines Association has been turned into a financially vigorous enterprise, run by a staff that remains responsive to residents' needs, and is governed by a business-minded board of directors that knows when to listen.

Given these circumstances, we see no compelling reason for change. We support the return of the incumbents, John Latham, Elaine Brady and Patrick Lehnerd, to office.

When ballots arrive next Monday, Ocean Pines voters will have 44 days to decide whether the maintaining the stability of the current course of operations and finance outweighs the risk of pursuing untested alternatives.

As it is, the association's financial performance and the steady improvement of community amenities because of the working relationship between the board and Viola make it difficult to argue that shaking things up will somehow be helpful in maintaining, much less to improving, the community's well-being.

Letter

Slow down and just pay attention

Editor:

As a resident of Ocean Pines who lives on a side street — in the past two weeks there have been four preventable driving-related fatalities in my neighborhood.

Two squirrels, a young rabbit and today a large red-

headed woodpecker have crossed paths with residents driving at excessive speeds. The echo of the woodpecker's tapping had been heard up in the pine trees since early May. The woods are now silent.

Wildlife co-exists with us. They don't deserve to die because drivers are looking at their cell phones or rushing to get a Big Mac for lunch.

These needless victims could easily have been dogs, cats, or even small children.

Message to speeders: Slow down and watch where you're going. You don't own the streets; you share them with other living things. And McDonald's has plenty of Big Macs so there's no need to speed.

*Pat Rounds
Ocean Pines*



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ANNUAL AWARDS PRESENTED

The annual Worcester Preparatory School (WPS) Academic Convocation ceremony was held on Tuesday, May 19, recognizing students for outstanding academic achievement across all subject areas, as well as exemplary service to the school community. The ceremony celebrated the hard work, dedication, and accomplishments of WPS Middle and Upper School students throughout the academic year. The evening's most prestigious Academic Convocation honors were awarded to four exceptional students. The Best All-Round Student awards were selected through a written vote by WPS faculty and staff.

The following students received top honors:

- Head of School Highest Academic Average Award, Grades 9-11: Gavin Mann, Grade 11
- Best All-Round Student, Grades 9-11: Gavin Mann, Grade 11
- Head of School Highest Academic Average Award, Grades 6-8: Serena Jaoude, Grade 7
- Best All-Round Student, Grades 6-8: Tejal Pillai, Grade 7

Top, Mann is pictured with his certificate of Highest Academic Average Award and Best All-Round Student Grades 9-11 and his parents, Michael and Michelle Mann and Head of Upper School Carol Evans.

Above left, seventh grader Serena Jaoude accepts the Head of School Highest Academic Award for Grades 6-8 from Head of School Dr. Betsy Hornung, back, and Head of Middle School Jake Perry.

Above right, seventh grader Tejal Pillai accepts the Best All-Round Student Award for Grades 6-8 from Perry.



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RWWC HOST CANDIDATES FORUM

The Republican Women of Worcester County (RWWC) and the Worcester County Republican Central Committee (WCRCC) hosted a candidate forum event on May 21 at 6 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Library. Mike Bradley, host of The Talk of Delmarva WGMD 92.7 and 98.5 FM, was the emcee. There were 27 candidates and 100 guests at the event. Pictured are volunteers from the event. To learn more about RWWC, visit www.gopwomenofworchester.org/home.

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The Ocean City Lady Knights Auxiliary presented a donation of \$7,100 to the Joseph House, representing the proceeds raised through its successful "Bingo With A Heart" Fundraiser held at the end of April. Pictured, from left, are Bernadette Sohn, President, Ocean City Lady Knights Auxiliary; Kimberly Bean, Recording Secretary and Event Chairwoman; Sister Virginia Peckham, Joseph House; and Donna Kiniry, Corresponding Secretary, Ocean City Lady Knights Auxiliary.



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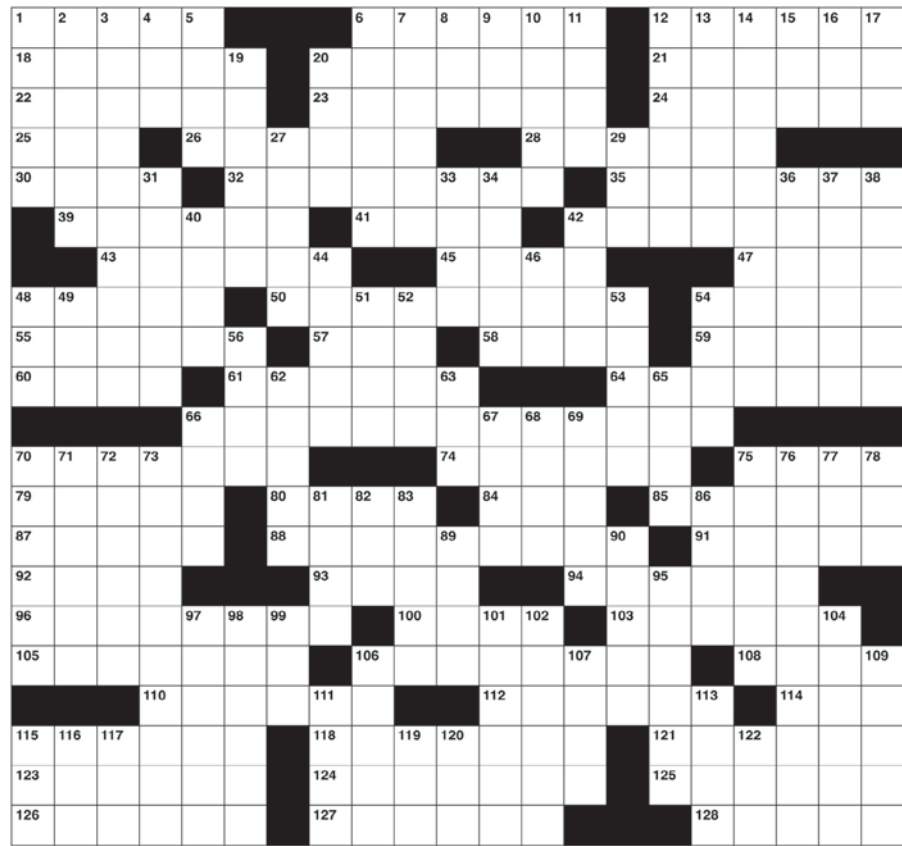
Puzzles

SPLIT SECONDS

BY ADAM WAGNER AND SIMEON SEIGEL / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Adam Wagner, of Oakland, Calif., is a creative lead at Patreon, a monetization platform for content creators. Simeon Seigel, of Brooklyn, is a partner at an architecture and design firm in New York City. They're frequent Times crossword contributors but first-time collaborators. Adam writes: "I reached out to Simeon because I just had to meet this mysterious constructor who kept scooping my theme ideas." Turns out the feeling was mutual! They reviewed thousands of potential theme answers for this puzzle. — W.S.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Stiff
 - 6 ___ Waller-Bridge, star and creator of TV's "Fleabag"
 - 12 Ball pit?
 - 18 Loves to pieces
 - 20 Excoriates
 - 21 Drink following a shot
 - 22, 23 & 24 Airport announcement / Requirement to practice, perhaps
 - 25 Breakthrough cry
 - 26 North African fortress, in one spelling
 - 28 America's largest labor union, familiarly
 - 30, 32 & 35 "Now, here's the thing ..." / Some board game surfaces
 - 39 Long instrumental piece
 - 41 Former alliance of France, Italy, Japan, the U.S., the U.K. and West Germany
 - 42 Snuggle
 - 43 Slugger's tally
 - 45 Letters aptly missing from ___ ightl_
 - 47 Website for finding professional services
 - 48, 50 & 54 Serious props / Had an evening meal
 - 55 Free of bumps
 - 57 "Not exactly ..."
 - 58 Philippe's head
- DOWN**
- 112 Chest beaters?
 - 114 Business address abbr.
 - 115, 118 & 121 Didn't quite fit in, say / Not as frequently
 - 123 Upper-crusters
 - 124 What wristwatch straps are designed to accommodate
 - 125 Homes characterized by half-timbered walls
 - 126 Fine, if not great
 - 127 Flexibility
 - 128 Not in vogue
- ACROSS**
- 59 Bit of "Great British Baking Show" fare
 - 60 Some animation files
 - 61 Eighth Avenue express line in N.Y.C.
 - 64 Did some housekeeping
 - 66 Amount that "ain't bad," so to speak ... or what to make with six sets of answers in this puzzle?
 - 70 Creative evaluation of a sort
 - 74 Some eels
 - 75 Manufacturer's gross product?
 - 79 Worries
 - 80 Bevy : quails :: mob : ___
 - 84 Relieve (of)
 - 85 Feature of an intersection that forces a turn
 - 87, 88 & 91 Syntax-reversing rhetorical device / Small, peelable citrus fruits
 - 92 Taylor Swift's ___ Tour
 - 93 Out of the ordinary
 - 94 Resident of the so-called "Nation of Poets"
 - 96 Early Google algorithm for determining the importance of websites
 - 100 Performs a simple operation
 - 103 "Why you little ...!"
 - 105, 106 & 108 "No need to hurry" / Like some security measures
 - 110 Enter hurriedly
- DOWN**
- 1 Pieces of Indian music
 - 2 Tubers from the Gem State
 - 3 Laid eyes on but good
 - 4 Country whose flag is known as "an tridhathach" ("the tricolor"): Abbr.
 - 5 Deal with it!
 - 6 Type of Thai red curry
 - 7 Lofty pitches
 - 8 Corrida cry
 - 9 Class for immigrants, in brief
 - 10 Tries to rile, as on social media
 - 11 Leave one's mark, say
 - 12 Scratch-and-sniff samples
 - 13 "How interesting!"
 - 14 Classic film said to be the most quotable movie of all time
 - 15 Wildcats of the Big 12 Conf.
 - 16 Sonnet adverb ... or suffix?
- ACROSS**
- 17 Green Day drummer ___ Cool
 - 19 Soda brand named for a volcano
 - 20 Broccoli ___
 - 27 Facts and figures
 - 29 Suffix with Brooklyn
 - 31 Phrases preceding lyrics
 - 33 Basic school subj.
 - 34 Like about 88 percent of the U.A.E.'s residents
 - 36 Musician who said "Reality leaves a lot to the imagination"
 - 37 The eldest Levy of "Schitt's Creek"
 - 38 Like many cathedrals
 - 40 Help in a pinch?
 - 42 Ural demurrals
 - 44 Vice president Agnew
 - 46 This is the way: Abbr.
 - 48 Seasoning that imparts umami flavor, for short
 - 49 "___ dreaming?"
 - 51 Red-haired hunter in Genesis
 - 52 Record of money owed
 - 53 Condemn
 - 54 Response of comprehension
 - 56 Hems and ___
 - 62 Object of spiritual significance
 - 63 Award opportunity, in brief
 - 65 Out of fear that
 - 66 Thomas Hardy's titular Miss Durbeyfield
 - 67 Swinger's warning
 - 68 Shorten
 - 69 Underworld boss?
- DOWN**
- 70 Confirm, as a friend request
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 - 101 National flower of Mexico
 - 102 One of the Seven Dwarfs
 - 104 Dessert, to Brits
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 - 107 Subdue by stunning
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 - 115 Brought together
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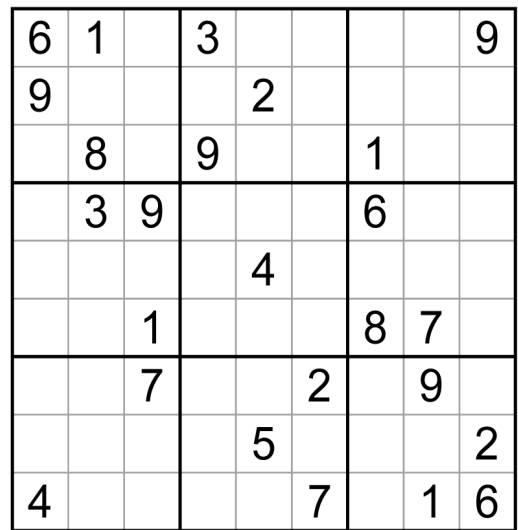
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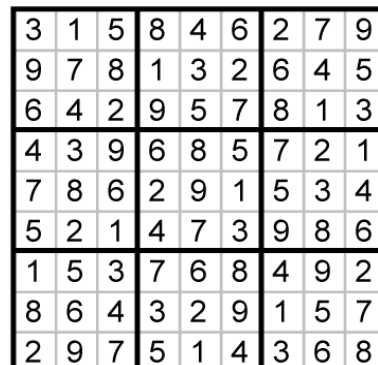
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HARD - 29

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.



Answers to last week's puzzles



Racquet Center offering classes

(June 16, 2026) The weather is heating up, and so is the action at the Ocean Pines Racquet Center.

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Bill Gilroy's Beginner Tennis classes will be offered June 16-18 and June 29-July 2 at the Ocean Pines Racquet Center. Classes begin at 9 a.m.

To register for either of these clinics, call 410-641-7228.

The Boys and Girls Outdoor Singles Tournament will take place July 11 & 12. This tournament is for ages 14 and under and is \$75 per player. Players will be scheduled for at least two matches but no more than four matches. Draws for the matches will be compass draws or round robins depending on the number of players in each event. Scoring will be based off 2 out of 3 short sets (sets to 4, tiebreak at 4-4) with a 7 point tiebreak in lieu of a third set. No ad Scoring will be permitted.



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Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm	12430 Old Bridge Rd., West OC	2BR/2BA	Single Family	from \$284,750	Shelly Wilson/Salt Life Community
Friday 10am-3pm	109 Sanibel Court Unit A, Ocean City	3BR/3.5BA	Townhome	\$799,900	Mary McCracken/Mary McCracken Realty
Friday 2-4pm	6201 Atlantic Ave., #806, Ocean City	4BR/3BA	Condo	\$1,778,000	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 10am-Noon	12021 River Run Lane, Berlin	5BR/3.5BA	Single Family	\$1,259,000	Sandra Dougan/ BHHS PenFed Realty
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Calendar

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Thurs., June 18

OCEAN CITY TOURISM POP UP AT HARPOON HANNA'S

Harpoon Hanna's, 39064 Harpoon Road, Fenwick Island, 1-4 p.m. Stop by and grab a photo with OC photo ops, win smile swag and more. Be sure to download the app to play games and win swag at the event. <https://www.ococean.com>

STORYTELLING ON THE LAWN

Calvin B. Taylor House, 208 N. Main St., Berlin, 10 a.m. Featuring "Maybe Something Beautiful." Free event. Bring a chair.

LOSS OF A LOVED ONE @ SNOW HILL 50PLUS CENTER - COASTAL HOSPICE

Snow Hill 50plus Center, 4767 Snow Hill Road, 9:30-10:30 a.m. 6-Week Support Group held June 18, 25, July 16, 23, 30 and August 6. To register, contact Rachel Gulley, Bereavement Counselor at Coastal Hospice, 443-359-4768, rgulley@coastalhospice.org.

STORY TIME: SUMMER

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Crafts, songs and stories. For ages 2-5 years. 410-208-4014

PLAY TIME

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Join in for a variety of activities and toys. Play and socialize with other families. For ages 0-5 years. 410-632-5622, worcesterialibrary.org

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

Pocomoke City 50plus Center, 400 Walnut St., 11 a.m. Hosted by the Worcester County Health Department. The group meets the third Thursday of each month. 410-632-1100, ext. 1113

LET'S MAKE ... BYO CRAFTS

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 2 p.m. Bring your own current craft project and work alongside other adult crafters. Share ideas, skills and supplies. A unique assortment of supplies will be provided at each meeting. 410-641-0650

MD 250 EVENT: THE HENRY HOTEL: HISTORY, PROGRESS, FUTURE

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 4 p.m. Join in for a short film and talk on the history, progress and future of the Henry Hotel. 410-524-1818

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

FIT & FABULOUS

Thursdays - Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 4:30 p.m. Zumba with optional light weights. zum-bajoyceoc@gmail.com

Fri., June 19

FIRST RESPONDERS DAY AT TRIMPER RIDES

Trimper Rides of Ocean City, 700 S. Atlantic Ave., 3-5 p.m. Meet local first responders and explore emergency vehicles. Offering four-hour wristbands for \$25 for all first responders throughout the day. Show work ID at Guest Services. 410-289-8617

PE.P CLUB

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 5-7 p.m. Come design and create yourself a baseball hat for summer. A variety of iron-on patches available. Materials, instruction and light refreshments provided. 410-641-7052, 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 are welcome. 410-524-1818, worcesterialibrary.org

CAMP REHOBOTH CHORUS - I HEAR AMERICA SINGING

Epworth United Methodist Church, 19285 Holland Glade Road, Rehoboth Beach, 7-5 p.m., June 19-21. Tickets \$30. CAMP Rehoboth Chorus celebrates America's 250th anniversary! 302-227-5620

Sat., June 20

2026 OC SURF FEST

Castle in the Sand Hotel, 3701 Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 8 a.m. Surfing, demonstrations, games, David Fey Memorial Expression Surf Session, OCSC Awards Ceremony and OC Surf Fest After Party. Registration and schedule of events: <https://ocsurfclub.org>. 443-366-5885

ANNUAL MARYLAND STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION PARADE

Historic Downtown Berlin, 2 p.m. Participants will proceed north on Main Street near Berlin Furniture and end at the Taylor House Museum. Open to all Maryland Firefighters. The Joseph A. Ferko String Band is set to parade with the state's first responders. Parking will be available at Berlin Intermediate School with shuttle services. All Maryland fire departments are welcomed re-

gardless of if they signed up beforehand. An afterparty, beginning at 2:30 p.m., will feature music, food, beverages, and an award ceremony at 6 p.m. All participants are welcome. The Touch-A-Truck event is held before the parade from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

TOUCH-A-TRUCK

Parking Lot beside The Sterling Tavern, 119 N. Main St., Berlin, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sponsored by the Maryland State Firefighters Association.

KIDS FISHING DERBY

Oceanic Fishing Pier, 710 S. Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Bring your pole and bait. Trophies and prizes awarded. For ages 6-16 years. Sponsored by Atlantic Coast Sportfishing Association. Jerry Leuters, 240-427-8929

TEACH A KID TO FISH DAY

South Gate Pond, Ocean Pines, 9-10:30 a.m. For kids 4-16 years old. Free event. OP Anglers Club, DNR and other groups will offer fishing tips, general fishing info and safety. Bring rods, insect repellent and sunscreen. Bait and water provided. 410-208-1575

IN JOY HOMEMADE GOODS MARKET

Berlin First Baptist Church, 613 Williams St., 9-11 a.m. Benefiting FFIND (Finding Friends & Individuals w/Needs & Disabilities). Supporting all individuals of all abilities to build an inclusive community.

LOWER SHORE CASA'S JOUSTING FOR JUSTICE JAM!

Sturgis Park Garden, 200 River St., Snow Hill, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Largest canoe jousting event on the shore! Compete or watch as teams of 3 go head to head on the river to see who gets knocked off of their platform! There will be food, games, music. Win the trophy! 410-749-0632

FRIED & BAKED CHICKEN/BBQ RIBS TO GO.

Calvary United Methodist Church, 8607 Ironshire Station Road, Berlin, 10:30 a.m. Chicken platters cost \$15 and BBQ ribs platters, \$16. Platters come with two side and a roll. Cake, cornbread, soda, water, etc. for sale.

FREE KIDS CRAFT SATURDAYS

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Featuring "Welcome Summer Sun Hanger." Guided crafts led by friendly instructors. All supplies provided. Jessica Bauer, development@artleagueofoceancity.org, 410-524-9433

CLAY-A-PALOOZA - POTTERY WORKSHOP WITH CORI BEARDSLEY

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St.,

12-4 p.m. Hands-on instruction with a featured ceramic artist. Cost is \$205 for ALOC members and \$245 for non-members. Register: <https://canvas.artleague-fofoceancity.org/classes/3061>.

MERMAID SWIM

Ocean Pines Sports Core Pool, 11144 Cathell Road, 2-4 p.m. Must be at least 10 years or older, be an experienced swimmer and able to swim in deep area. Cost is \$25 for swim members, \$30 for residents and \$35 for non-residents. Registration: 410-641-5255.

OC FILM FEST - JUNE FILM NIGHT

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 7-8 p.m. A specially curated selection of local documentaries. Doors open at 7 p.m. screening at 7:15 p.m. Following the film, there will be a Q&A with attending filmmakers. Advanced registration preferred.

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., June 21

OC CRUZERS CAR SHOW

Somerset Plaza, Somerset Street, Ocean City, 3-6 p.m. Join the OC Cruzers Car Club for a free, family friendly car show. Each show will feature classic cars, custom rides and hot rods. Also, live music or a DJ. <https://www.ocdc.org>

2026 OC SURF FEST - WARD KOVACS MEMORIAL PADDLE-OUT

Castle in the Sand Hotel, 3701 Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 6 p.m. Open to all. <https://ocsurfclub.org>, 443-366-5885

SUNDAES IN THE PARK WITH FIREWORKS

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Featuring "The Sixties Live: 60's Music." Activities and entertainment for kids, ice cream (available for purchase) and fireworks. <https://www.ococean.com/events/>

BERLIN FARMERS MARKET

Sundays (May-October) - Pitts, Commerce and Main streets, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine. Producers only market, petting farm (9-11 a.m.), live music. www.TheBerlinFarmersMarket.com

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MEETING

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

Calendar

SEWING SEEDS OF LOVE

Sundays - Buckingham Presbyterian Church, 20 S. Main St., Berlin, 10-11 a.m. Youth of all ages learn how to sew while making a difference. 410-641-0234

Mon., June 22

STORY TIME: BEACH DAY

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, worcesterlibrary.org

TOPS OF BERLIN - GROUP #169

TidalHealth Atlantic, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 5-6:30 p.m. Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) is an educational group that promotes weight loss and a healthy lifestyle. <https://www.tops.org/home>

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. If you plan to visit, please Contact: Director: Ludwig692@outlook.com, 410-641-6876 or Membership Coordinator: ocelissa@yahoo.com, 410-641-8050.

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., June 23

IAFF LOCAL 4269 OCEAN CITY CHAPTER ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Hooters of the Boardwalk, 501 Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 12-3 p.m. Silent auction, games, fun for the family and shirts for sale. Meet local firefighters and Fire Dog Max. <https://www.ocmdfire.com>

MINI MAKERS ART MORNING

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 401 Fifth St., 10:30 a.m. Toddlers, preschoolers and big kids can explore, create and imagine with a variety of art supplies. Dress for a mess. For ages 2-5 years. 410-957-0878, worcesterlibrary.org

OC KNITTING GROUP

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

STORY TIME

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Story time featuring seasonal themes

designed to support early literacy skills with stories, songs and finger plays. For ages 0-5 years. 410-641-0650, <https://worcesterlibrary.org>

SUMMER READING KICKOFF PARTY FEATURING ADVENTURES IN RHYTHM

Sturgis Park Garden, 200 River St., Snow Hill, 10:30 a.m. Enjoy hands-on activities and "unearth stories" through music and history during an interactive percussion concert with Steve Cyphers (Mr. Steve). For families. 410-632-5622, worcesterlibrary.org

MASTER GARDENERS PLANT CLINIC

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1-4 p.m. Bring any questions you have and feel free to show your plants as well. 410-208-4014, worcesterlibrary.org

BEACH HEROES-OC

Tuesdays - Volunteer beach clean-up group meets from 9-10 a.m., year-round. Trash bags, grabbers 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

ARGENTINE TANGO PRACTICE

Tuesdays - Lewes Senior Center, 32083 Janice Rd. Lewes, DE, 7-9 p.m. Experienced dancers and others interested in watching or learning more are welcome. No partner required. Info: TangobytheBeach.com.

ZUMBA TONING TUESDAYS

Tuesdays - Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 5:15 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., June 24

MOVIES ON THE BEACH

Carousel Oceanfront Hotel & Condos, 11700 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 8:30 p.m. Featured movie is "Elio." Free movies on the beach every Wednesday, June 3-Aug. 12. Bring blankets, chairs and snacks. Movie lineup:

<https://www.ococean.com/things-to-do/free-family-fun/>.

KIDS PAINT NIGHT

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 5:30-6:30 p.m. All materials and instruction provided. For ages 8 years and older. Cost is \$22 per painter. Pre-registration required: 410-641-7052.

FAMILY FUN NIGHTS

Ocean Pines Yacht Club Pool, 1 Mumfords Landing Road, 6-8 p.m. DJ, games and prizes. Cost is \$5 per swimmer at the gate. Food available for purchase. 410-641-7052, oceanpines.org

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THE EASTERN SHORE IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 2 p.m. Melissa Reid, from the Taylor House Museum, talks about the colonial settlement of Trappe located south east of Berlin. 410-641-0650, worcesterlibrary.org

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GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

TidalHealth Atlantic, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 3-4:30 p.m. The group meets the fourth Wednesday of each month. 410-629-6848, lora.pangratz@tidalhealth.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. Open to the public. 443-605-5028

ZUMBA PLUS!!

Wednesdays - Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 4:30 p.m. Zumba with optional light weights. zumbajoyceoc@gmail.com

ONGOING EVENTS

POLISH AMERICAN CLUB OF DELMARVA

Meets the second Wednesday of each month (except July and August) at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 2-4 p.m. A social organization of men and women of Polish or Slavic descent.

OCEAN CITY-BERLIN ROTARY CLUB

Meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 6 p.m. ocberlinrotary@gmail.com

MARYLAND FIREFIGHTER 50/50 FUNDRAISER

Drawings are held every Thursday at 8 p.m. Ticket sales open Thursdays at 8:05 p.m. and close the following Thursday at 7:59 p.m. One winner takes home 50% of the total jackpot and the remainder supports the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department. Tickets: <https://md.5050raffle.org/give/md-fire/50-50-raffles/md5050/charities/ocean-pines>

DINOSAUR DIORAMA CONTEST

Throughout June, pick up a kit from any Worcester County library branch (while supplies last), or make one at home using your own materials. All dioramas must be submitted by the end of day June 22 for display and voting. Dioramas should be no larger than a shoe box. Age divisions include 6-11 years and 12-18 years. 410-632-5622

LAMBEOSAURUS LOOSE IN THE LIBRARY

Pocomoke library, 401 5th Street, Unit 100, Pocomoke City (temporary location), throughout June. Can you find the lambeosaurus loose in the library and answer the question he has for you? Answer correctly and be entered into the prize drawing. Different hiding places and questions each week. For families. 410-957-0878

TAKE AND MAKE: PERLER BEADS

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, throughout June. Stop by the library to grab a special monthly take-home craft while supplies last. For families. 410-524-1818

MD 250 EVENT OC READS: 'A MERCY' BY TONI MORRISON

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, June 1-30. Pick up a copy of this month's read, then come in before the end of the month to share your impressions and enter the drawing to win free books. 410-524-1818

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Stroll down Main Street in Berlin and visit the shops where Ike fell in love with Maggie. Visit the Atlantic Hotel where many of the scenes were filmed. Map of filming locations: <https://berlinmainstreet.com/Runaway-Bride-Walking-Tour.pdf>

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