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Superintendent of Schools Annette Wallace talks to students taking part in Skilled Trades Camp at Worcester Technical High School.

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OP voters still have time left to cast ballot

Board of directors election will wrap up in two weeks

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(July 23, 2026) Time is running out for Ocean Pines Association homeowners to help shape the community's leadership team as the deadline to cast ballots for the OPA Board of Directors election draws near.

The makeup of the Ocean Pines Board of Directors will be decided in a mere two weeks. Residents intending to make their voices heard have until noon on Aug. 5 to vote for who they wish to see on the neighborhood's governing body.

This year, five candidates are campaigning for the three seats on the seven-person board. Incumbents are Board President John Latham and Director Elaine Brady, who are seeking re-election. Director Patrick Lehnerd is running to retain the seat he was appointed to this spring following the resignation of former Director Steve Jacobs.

Additionally, residents Amy Peck and William "Bill" Pickett are hoping to secure a seat as this year's election challengers.

The three candidates voted in next month will each serve a three-year term.

Latham, the current board president, has served as the board secretary and is a U.S. Marine Corps veteran with a master's degree in business.

Latham said last month that among his top priorities is maintaining Ocean Pines' infrastructure while keeping assessments affordable.

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Camp introduces kids to trades

Classes range from those on tourism to technology, other alternative careers

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(July 23, 2026) School system personnel and community leaders were invited this week to take part in a walk-through of Worcester Tech's skilled trade summer camp, where students have two weeks to explore

alternative careers in fields such as biomedical engineering, agriculture, and culinary arts.

On Monday, July 20, Worcester County Public Schools Superintendent Annette Wallace, board of education members, county commissioners, and other community figures toured Worcester Technical High School's S.T.A.T.T. (Skilled Trades, Agriculture, Tourism, and Technology) Camp.

Program leaders took attendees

from classroom to classroom, where they watched teachers instruct students in how to create a charcuterie box in culinary arts, the best techniques for a manicure in cosmetology, and methods for 3D printing.

During S.T.A.T.T., students choose two pathways, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, to prioritize throughout the two weeks. These options include: robotics and drones, culinary and pastry arts, digital art,

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Residents raise concerns at comprehensive plan hearing

Citizens note issues with document's take on data centers and estate zoning

By Brian Shane
Staff Writer

(July 23, 2026) Worcester County planning officials formally presented a completed draft of their 2026 Comprehensive Plan this month, opening the first public hearing on a document that will guide growth and land-use decisions for the next two decades.

Speakers at the Planning Commission's July 9 hearing raised concerns about the plan's treatment of data centers, the future of estate zoning in South Point, and whether the county is directing growth to places where development can occur.

The future of estate zoning has been a sticking point for residents in the South Point area along Route 611.

Commission members had previously considered eliminating the E-1 Estate District. However, faced with resident pushback, they revised their draft and struck a compromise: retain the zoning where appropriate while preventing its expansion.

Generous lot sizes and the bucolic character preserved by estate zoning were among the deciding reasons many residents chose to move to South Point, according to Diane Stelzner, secretary of the South Point Association.

"The land, the environment, the birds, the critters, that's what drew them down there. And if we start changing what made people come, that's a big loss," she told the commission. "Just leave it like it was. Keep it E-1. Everyone will be happy."

The E-1 Estate District is for agriculture and low-density residential development. Created in 1992, it's intended to preserve the open character of rural and environmentally sensitive areas, according to the county zoning code.

E-1 applies only to a handful of areas in Worcester County and permits no more than one home per two acres.

Not everyone wanted to talk about estate zoning. Mark Cropper, an Ocean City-based attorney who specializes in land use, urged the commission to reconsider Showell's designation as a growth area after 20 years without significant development.

Cropper said the designation made more sense when Showell had access to a sewer plant and discharge permit, neither of which exists today. Building

a new regional water and wastewater system, he said, would require substantial density to cover the cost.

He suggested directing future growth toward already developed areas near Ocean Pines and River Run, where utility connections are closer.

"It ain't gonna happen without water and sewer," Cropper said. "If you're serious about your growth areas, put them where you anticipate that growth possibly happening."

Wendie Green lives beside the site of a cable landing station proposed by Globalinx. Speaking on behalf of a coalition of homeowners in the Route 611 corridor, she urged the county to add specific protections against data centers, cable landing stations, and other large-scale digital infrastructure.

Jennifer Keener, the county's planning director, later confirmed in an email that the current draft of the

comprehensive plan does not address data centers or similar uses. She said county staff recently had been directed to address those uses through zoning and other regulations.

Jacky Grindrod, another Berlin-area resident, urged the

commission to use the comprehensive plan to reject such facilities outright.

"If you take this gamble, and you believe what they tell you, and then you're gonna find out that they played you and that they're very damaging, it's gonna be way too late," she said. "Why take that risk on us? Why do it? You don't have to do it."

Maryland counties are required to maintain comprehensive plans, which serve as policy guides with a 20-year horizon and must be reviewed at least once every decade, according to Keener.

She said the process began in 2023 with public outreach that drew more than 1,500 participants and identified nine priorities, including preserving community character, managing growth pressure, protecting farmland, and addressing housing affordability.

Planning Commission Chair Gerald Barbierri said members met nearly every month in addition to their regular sessions to work through the document.

"It's a plan that took a lot of work, and we're getting near the end," he said.

The Planning Commission will next consider the comments before forwarding a final recommendation to the Worcester County Commissioners, who will hold another public hearing before deciding whether to adopt the plan.

'If you're serious about your growth areas, put them where you anticipate that growth possibly happening.'

Mark Cropper, an Ocean City-based attorney



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OPA election nears finish line

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Brady comes from a career in the newspaper industry. During that time, she served on several boards, including the Maryland-Delaware-D.C. Press Association and the United Way of the Eastern Shore.

Brady said in June that she hopes to continue collaborating with General Manager John Viola on responsible budgets that allow operations staff to maintain services while pursuing homeowner-requested projects when feasible.

Lehnerd joined the board in March. The appointee has 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 has stated that communication is one of the association's greatest challenges.

Peck is again looking to break into the OPA Board. The challenger 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. Peck ran for the board of directors in the past, including in 2024 and 2025.

This time around, Peck's campaign emphasizes fiscal responsibility, transparency, and resident engagement.

At an elections forum in June, she criticized what she described as unnecessary spending on projects such as a recent tiki bar expansion. She also expressed concerns about the elimination of volunteer advisory committees, which were axed last fall.

The candidate maintained that the reduction of these committees has severely limited opportunities for resident input.

Challenger Pickett has 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.

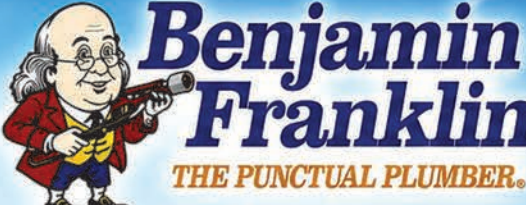
Pickett has stated that improving communication and organizational processes would be among his priorities if elected to the Ocean Pines board.

Residents may cast their votes for the three board seats up for grabs until noon on Wednesday, Aug. 5.

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Trades camp explores alternative careers

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carpentry, fire science, agricultural science, cosmetology, plumbing, biomedical engineering, 3D printing, music and video production, and laser cutting.

Two terms of S.T.A.T.T. Camp were available this summer. One was held from July 6 to July 16, and another from July 20 to 30.

Worcester Tech Principal Tony Bevilacqua said that about three-quarters of the camp's students signed up for both of the program's sessions. Monday's tour coincided with the first day of the program's second segment.

The camp is open to rising 8th through 12th grade students in Worcester County. Of the 119 enrolled, seven students are home-schooled or attend a private school, and 51, or 42%, are minorities. Of the 119 kids, 10% are Hispanic, 6% are multi-race, and 25% are African American.

In addition, 19% of the participating students fall into the special education subgroup, while 38% are economically disadvantaged.

This week's tour allowed community members to witness the value the school system provides by offering instruction in nontraditional career tracks.

In the cosmetology lab, guests watched students learn how to conduct manicures.

The walkthrough then headed to the restaurant-grade kitchen, where Chef Phil Cropper was teaching the young learners knife skills. Hand in hand with that lesson was an activity in which the students prepared miniature charcuterie boxes.

Cropper said that as part of that task, the juvenile chefs were to make ranch dressing from scratch, cut up carrot and celery sticks, and create pepperoni roses to enhance the

cheese board's presentation.

The tour also stopped by the tech school's outdoor garden where students in the agricultural science program were working. Making a special appearance were the facility's two goats, who are used as therapy animals for the kids and faculty in the building.

Kids in the laser cutting pathway were creating artwork with design software and 3D laser cutting technology, the biomedical engineering class was delving into the subject's principles and concepts, and digital artists were learning how to use the program's apps.

S.T.A.T.T. Camp is free of charge to all eligible families. The Rural Maryland Council and the Worcester County Government provided the funding.



Students at Worcester Technical High School's skilled trades summer camp learn about the art of 3D printing.

OPA board race winds up Aug. 5

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Ballots can be dropped off at a box at the Administration Building at White Horse Park or submitted online.

The firm handling this summer's voting cycle is the Pittsburgh-based MK Election, which partnered with OPA for their elections in 2024 and 2025. MK mailed paper ballots and emailed electronic forms late last month. The vendor will tabulate the votes on Aug. 7, which will be available for public viewing. A link for the observable count will be made at a later date.

The results are planned to be certified on Aug. 8 at Ocean Pines' annual meeting.

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Md. redistricting on special session agenda

By Brian Shane
Staff Writer

(July 17, 2026) The two candidates for Maryland’s First Congressional District agree on at least one thing: Annapolis should not redraw it.

Eight-term incumbent Rep. Andy Harris, a Republican, says western shore Democrats “want to control the whole state” and are trying to eliminate Maryland’s only Republican-held congressional seat.

His Democratic challenger in November, Dan Schwartz, calls the current statewide map “a devil of our own design,” but says Democrats should not redraw it mid-decade.

Both candidates said in interviews this week that congressional districts should be drawn without partisan manipulation. Harris said he has long supported nonpartisan redistricting, while Schwartz said he would work to end partisan gerrymandering and mid-decade redraws.

Their unusual agreement comes as Gov. Wes Moore and legislative leaders prepare to bring lawmakers back to Annapolis for a special session on Aug. 3.

Its goal: clear a legal path for mid-decade congressional redistricting and send a proposed constitutional amendment to voters in November.

If voters approve it, state lawmakers could draw a new congressional

map for use before the regular redistricting cycle that follows the 2030 census. Any changes would take effect no earlier than the 2028 election.

In political terms, the amendment would give Democrats an opportunity to reshape district boundaries to make the Republican-leaning First District more competitive for their candidates.

“Inaction is not an option,” Moore said in a July 7 statement on redistricting. “We cannot sit on the sidelines while voting rights, fair representation, and the foundations of our democracy come under attack across the country.”

Schwartz, 37, said Democrats knowingly accepted a Republican-leaning First District as part of a statewide map designed to protect seven Democratic seats. He said he still disagrees with redistricting.

He said the deeper problem is a primary system that excludes more than 1 million unaffiliated Maryland voters and encourages political extremes – a position puts him at odds with leaders of his own party.

“Further gerrymandering of the First Congressional District is not going to solve that problem,” he said.

Schwartz said he wants voters to judge his candidacy under the district as it exists now.

“I really hope that they think first

about who they want to represent them in Washington now, not in 2028,” Schwartz said.

Harris, 69, argued the proposed constitutional amendment would create two sets of rules: one for state legislative districts and another for congressional maps, granting lawmakers drawing congressional seats more freedom to disregard geographic and jurisdictional boundaries.

He said the current district keeps the Eastern Shore intact and groups together rural communities with similar interests.

“People from the western shore want to control the whole state,” he said, “and they don’t want to leave the decision of who represents the Eastern Shore up to the Eastern Shore.”

Harris also said representing a geographically broad rural district already requires extensive travel, but that shared interests matter more than distance alone.

“When you represent a rural district, those are the facts of life,” he said. “Keeping areas of similar interest, like rural areas, together in a single district is something we should strive for, not attack.”

Since last year, Texas, California, Missouri and North Carolina have adopted partisan congressional maps ahead of the 2026 midterm elections.

Several other states have changed their boundaries through court orders or state-mandated redistricting processes.

Joshua Bolton, a Salisbury University political communication professor, said Maryland’s redistricting push is part of a national redistricting arms race in which each party feels compelled to answer the other.

“When you’re starting to have elected officials choose their constituents instead of constituents choosing their elected officials, it’s both the Democratic and Republican parties acting in kind,” Bolton said. “One state does it and the other has to respond, down to the end of the line.”

Bolton also predicted legislative leaders would not have called the special session unless they were confident that they had the votes to succeed. Maryland’s reliably Democratic electorate also makes voter backlash less threatening here than it might be in a closely divided state, he added.

The proposed constitutional amendment would need support from three-fifths of both legislative chambers before going to voters in the Nov. 3 general election.

Earlier this year, a redistricting attempt passed the House of Delegates but stalled in the Senate amid con-

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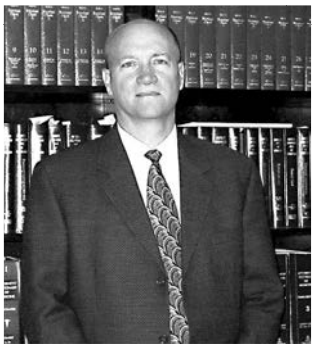


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Berlin seeks nomination in Hallmark Channel contest

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(July 23, 2026) While Berlin has long been deemed America’s Coolest Small Town, it hopes to earn a new title as the merriest and secure the chance to be featured in a holiday movie.

As part of the Hallmark Channel’s 25th birthday, the network is scouring the nation to find the town with the most festive atmosphere, charming air and Christmas cheer. The effort will recognize towns that go the extra mile to create unforgettable holiday seasons for residents and visitors year after year. And Berlin is in the running.

Of the communities that enter the competition, Hallmark will choose 25 of the most impressive as Official Hallmark Christmas Towns. These top towns will advance to the public voting phase of the contest and receive a promotional toolkit designed to engage residents, visitors, and businesses in the ballot-casting process. The package will include marketing assets and communication materials.

At the conclusion of voting, one hometown will be named Hallmark’s Merriest Christmas Town and highlighted in an official Hallmark film. The winner should be a place that captures the cozy, joyous feeling of the winter-time months to align with the company’s extensive catalog of holiday flicks.

Any jurisdiction across the country may enter the contest. However, Berlin was formally invited to participate, town staff said.

The Eastern Shore town has maintained a reputation as a place with picturesque streets, buildings, and celebrations. As such, Berlin caught the attention of representatives of the Hallmark Channel, who contacted the municipality to encourage them to enter the competition.

Ivy Wells, the town’s economic and community development director, said the Hallmark Channel contacted Berlin via email. That correspondence was shared with this publication last week and read, “To celebrate Hallmark

Channel’s 25th birthday, we are officially inviting your community to enter Hallmark’s Merriest Christmas Towns Contest! The search is on to find where joy lives, and we think it might just live in Berlin.”

Berlin’s efforts to celebrate the holiday festivities include the always-crowded annual Christmas Parade through Main Street and the yearly Hanukkah Menorah Lighting. Additionally, the town’s commitment to preserving its historic architecture and old-town aesthetic has fostered a strong sense of community pride. So much so that the Hallmark Channel took notice.

Berlin’s charm has captivated filmmakers before. In the 1990s, Julia Roberts and Richard Gere starred in the movie, “Runaway Bride,” which was shot in the small town. Berlin also served as the setting for scenes of the 2002 motion picture “Tuck Everlasting.”

Residents and visitors may nominate Berlin for the contest at www.hallmarkchannel.com/merriest. Individuals must write a paragraph and upload a few images showcasing why the town is the ideal setting for a Hallmark Christmas movie. The deadline is Aug. 10.

Harris, Schwartz talk redistricting

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cerns from Senate President Bill Ferguson that it could expose the state to legal challenges.

Although attention has centered on the Republican-held First District – which includes the entire Eastern Shore, all of Harford County, and part of Baltimore County – altering its boundaries would create a domino effect that could force border changes to the state’s other seven congressional districts.



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Schools look to clean up social media rules

Revised policy will clarify how system staff may use online networking platforms

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(July 23, 2026) The Worcester County Board of Education is expected to approve a revised social media policy at its meeting next month to ensure staff professionalism in online spaces.

A new policy on how employees of the county school system conduct themselves on social media platforms has been considered by the board of education for a few months now.

Last week, the board discussed some simple word additions and phrasing adjustments to the standards and indicated they intend to

pass the finalized version of the updated regulations at the meeting on Aug. 18. Heather Stansbury, the board attorney, will provide members with the clean copy ahead of next month's session.

Stansbury explained last week a few alterations she made to the policy at the direction of Todd Ferrante, the education board's president.

Ferrante said he would like to use the word "objective" when describing how the superintendent may discipline those who violate the guidelines.

The policy would read, "Accordingly, the superintendent or the superintendent's designee shall evaluate policy violations of this policy based on the totality of the circumstances and shall exercise consistent, objective professional

judgement."

The board president said bias-free evaluations of online infractions will help to ensure the standards are followed by all school system staff members.

"Depending on where it's coming from, an objective view versus a subjective view is better and in most policies such as this one, you want there to be as much objectivity as possible," he said.

Stansbury also added language that makes it known that even if content is shared to a private social media account, there are ways for the post to be blasted on public channels.

"It's more educational than anything else, but I just wanted to make sure [employees] were aware," Ferrante said.

Additionally, the new guidelines clarify that professional social media accounts are owned by WCPS.

The modernized policy was created by a committee directed to overhaul obsolete WCPS social networking rules. This team consisted of Stansbury, board members Jackie Cutlip, Elena McComas, and Jon Andes, and executive team members.

The standards' language has been bounced around since this spring.

In June, the board debated a passage that read, "Employees shall not author or share social media content that would likely impair the employee's effectiveness as an educator and/ or role model or likely undermine the educational environment or likely damage the public's confidence in the Board and/ or WCPS."

The board considered if the word "share" should be included alongside

the term "author."

While Andes said he would like the policy only to oppose authoring vitriolic content, McComas said sharing hateful messages, even not as the original poster, should be grounds for discipline.

Ultimately, however, the board approved 6-1 only to include the term "author" and remove "share" from the policy. McComas was the dissenting vote.

Following Tuesday's discussion, Cutlip moved to pass Ferrante's changes as presented. The motion failed for lack of a second, as other board members said they would like a chance to review a clean copy before approval.

The board will take another look at the regulations at its Aug. 18 meeting. The group indicated that it will likely be greenlit at that time. Wallace and her team will then roll out the revised policy in time for the start of the next school year.

The policy update follows an incident last fall in which a teacher posted a harsh political message on his social media page.

In September, Charlie Kirk, a popular political figure and vocal supporter of President Donald Trump, was assassinated at Utah Valley University during a rally.

On the heels of the public assassination, a Worcester County teacher posted a controversial comment regarding Kirk and was suspended by the school system for it.

School leaders hope the amended policy will clarify the board's stance on inflammatory social media messaging.



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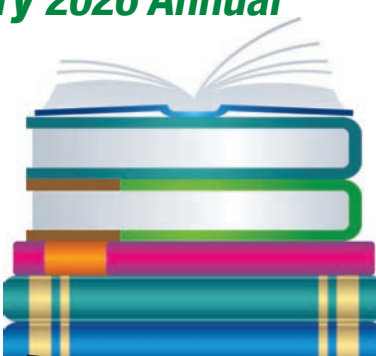




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Worcester Board of Ed reviews new tech plan

Document to guide school system tech investments, decisions moving forward

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(July 23, 2026) The Worcester County Board of Education last week reviewed the school system’s long-range plan to steer technology investments, strengthen cybersecurity, and ensure students and staff maintain reliable access to digital and online learning tools.

The schools’ Coach of Technology and Innovation Nicholas Genovesi and Network Administrator Christopher Shenton presented the plan at the board’s meeting on July 14. Superintendent of Schools Annette Wallace said the proposal had been in develop-

ment for about a year at the board’s direction.

According to Genovesi, the plan serves as a multi-year guidebook that guarantees the school system’s technology decisions align with the district’s instructional needs.

The plan’s primary pillars include strategic integration, financial sustainability, equitable access, and long-term planning.

Genovesi said technology has become an essential part of education, making it vital that WCPS keep its instructional practices and infrastructure current.

“Technology has become an integral part of how we do things, not just in education but everyday life,” he said. “...So, we need to make sure everything we are doing, all of our instructional and educational practices

remain modern and up to date.”

Genovesi added that another major focus is ensuring the school system is financially prepared for ongoing technology needs, including equipment replacement, cybersecurity, and regulatory compliance.

Equitable access also plays a role in the plan.

While technology can help level the playing field for students, Genovesi said it only does so when everyone has equal access to the necessary devices and digital resources.

“As important as technology is, even more so is making sure everybody has access to that technology,” he maintained. “Technology can be a great equalizer, but only when everyone has the equal opportunity to that technology.”

The long-range plan is designed to

help the district anticipate needs rather than react to emergencies, he said.

Genovesi warned that failing to plan for technology upgrades creates risks that extend beyond outdated equipment. Aging hardware and software can increase cybersecurity vulnerabilities and force districts into costly emergency purchases when systems fail.

Instead, he said, the district hopes to be proactive about replacing equipment, budget for future needs, and have technology ready before problems arise.

Sustainability is another objective.

Genovesi said technology decisions involve more than the initial purchase price. The district also considers implementation, maintenance, warranties, security protections, and ongoing support throughout a device’s lifespan to reduce long-term costs and risks.

Shenton said maintaining the district’s network infrastructure is equally important because rapidly changing technology requires systems that can support newer devices and security features.

While the district aims to maximize the lifespan of its equipment, Shenton said network hardware typically has an expected life cycle of about six years before it begins falling behind current standards.

He added that relying on aging technology increases security risks and limits the district’s ability to take advantage of newer tools and protections.

Shenton said future upgrades, including eventually replacing the district’s firewall, would provide enhanced security features not available with the current system. He noted that the overall performance of a network is often limited by its oldest components.

Keeping infrastructure current, he said, helps create a more reliable learning environment for students and staff.

Genovesi also highlighted the complexity of managing technology across the school system.

While software updates may seem routine for an individual device, implementing updates across thousands of student and staff devices requires careful planning to avoid interruptions to classroom instruction and daily operations.

Because students and employees depend on those devices every day, he said, minimizing downtime is a priority.

Board member Jon Andes said reviewing the district’s inventory of iMacs, MacBooks, iPads, and other devices highlighted the scale of the technology operation.

He said ensuring that equipment functions every day is critical because technology has become essential to

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Heritage grant to support museum's upcoming festival

Fiber Fest set for Sept. 26 at Snow Hill's Sturgis Park

(July 23, 2026) The Julia A. Purnell Museum in Snow Hill has received a \$1,350 grant from the Beach to Bay Heritage Area to support marketing and outreach for the museum's upcoming Fiber Fest.

The funding will help cover print marketing and advertising for the festival, as well as a pop-up tent and reusable table cover that can be used during Fiber Fest and future museum outreach events.

Fiber Fest will take place Saturday, Sept. 26, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Sturgis Park Garden, 200 River St., Snow Hill. The event celebrates the living traditions of fiber arts through handmade crafts, artisan demonstrations, local food, and community activities.

The museum will provide the required match for the grant through in-kind volunteer time during Fiber Fest and related outreach efforts.

"This grant will help us reach more residents and visitors while strengthening the museum's presence at community events," Julia A. Purnell Museum Executive Director Tina Busko said. "We are grateful to the Beach to Bay Heritage Area for supporting programs that celebrate local history, heritage, and hands-on traditions."

The Julia A. Purnell Museum, located at 208 W. Market St. in Snow Hill, shares the history of Snow Hill and Worcester County through exhibits, collections, and programs that connect visitors with the area's cultural heritage.

For more information about the Julia A. Purnell Museum and Fiber Fest, call 410-632-0515 or visit the museum's official channels for updates.

Board members talk tech issues

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how students today learn.

Board President Todd Ferrante said the district has experienced continuing connectivity issues, including problems reported by teachers and disruptions during student testing, demonstrating the need for continued infrastructure improvements.

He also said the technology plan will need to be shared with the Worcester County Commissioners as part of future budget planning. In addition to local funding, Ferrante encouraged school system staff to continue pursuing grant opportunities to help offset technology costs as the plan is implemented.



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Newport Bay Partnership to continue restoration efforts

Work will include rehab of degraded salt marsh and flooding mitigation in Berlin

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(July 23, 2026) The Newport Bay Partnership is about to enter its second year of work to restore the bay’s watershed and has two projects on this year’s agenda.

With \$2 million awarded the joint effort from Maryland’s Whole Watershed Fund, the Newport Bay endeavor is one of five projects throughout the state being funded for five years by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR), to take a holistic approach to improving water quality, enhancing habitat and engaging communities throughout the state.

The Newport Bay Partnership, which was formed by the Maryland Coastal Bays Program, As-sateague Coastal Trust, Lower Shore Land Trust, the Town of Berlin, and Worcester County Government, is using the funding to address environmental issues through a variety of restoration and conservation projects.

“Our priority is to ensure restoration efforts reflect the needs of the local community,” Project Coordinator Jessica McIntosh said in a statement. “We are committed to creating meaningful opportunities for community members to participate in this work.”

Among the work scheduled this year is the restoration of 114 acres of degraded salt marsh habitat at Crop-pers Marsh in Newport Bay. The project will recreate natural tidal channels, establish marsh grasses, create shallow-water habitat, and stabilize the shoreline. The project is expected to reduce erosion, improve water quality, and increase carbon storage. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Maryland Coastal Bays Program will oversee the restoration.

Another focus is the Bottle Branch watershed in Berlin, where As-sateague Coastal Trust is working with homeowners along the stream to address flooding, streambank erosion, and habitat improvements for aquatic wildlife.

The project also includes educa-tional opportunities for students at

nearby Buckingham Elementary School. In addition, the Maryland Coastal Bays Program is working with Maryland’s Program Open Space to identify and purchase land within the watershed that could be preserved from future development and used for stormwater storage and treatment.

The state also awarded an addi-tional \$250,000 for monitoring proj-ects in fiscal year 2027.

“Science will be at the forefront of our efforts,” McIntosh said. “To that end, we have secured funding to monitor changes to the watershed as projects are completed.”

According to McIntosh, the envi-ronmental monitoring data will be in-corporated into Maryland’s annual

Water Quality Re-port Card. The part-nership will also work with the Uni-versity of Maryland Center for Environ-mental Science to begin tracking so-cial and economic impacts associated with the restoration work.

The latest fund-ing builds on restoration efforts already underway throughout the watershed.

Earlier this year, officials unveiled plans for a stream restoration project along Hudson Branch in Berlin, where approximately 2,000 feet of stream will be reshaped into a more natural, meandering channel. The project is designed to reconnect the stream to its floodplain, slow water flow, improve pollutant filtration, and reduce erosion before water reaches Newport Bay.

The Newport Bay watershed was selected in 2025 as one of the first five watersheds to receive funding through Maryland’s Whole Watershed Act, legislation approved by the General Assembly in 2024. The initiative provides long-term funding for restoration projects that address water quality, stormwater manage-ment, and habitat protection.

The watershed encompasses Berlin, the western portion of South Point, the village of Newark, and sur-rounding agricultural and forested lands. Officials have said the area’s declining water quality is tied to a combination of stormwater runoff, agricultural impacts, aging septic sys-tems, and marsh degradation.

Additional restoration projects will continue to be announced as work progresses over the remainder of the five-year initiative.

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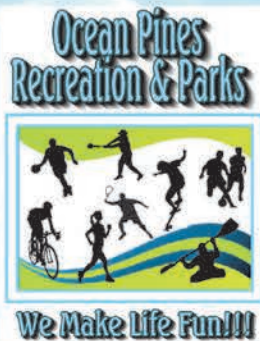
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Obituaries

CHARLIE TWILLEY

Salisbury

Charles W. "Charlie" Twilley, 85, of Salisbury, passed away peacefully at home on July 6, 2026, following a long illness, with his beloved wife Nancy Lee at his side.



Charlie Twilley

Born on September 29, 1940, Charlie grew up in Salisbury, where community and education were staples of his family life. He attended Mardela High School, graduating with the class of 1958. The institution was deeply tied to his family; his father, William Edgar Twilley, served as the Principal, and his mother, Virginia Mae Twilley, was a teacher. During his high school years, Charlie was a star athlete, excelling on both the basketball court and the baseball diamond. It was also during this foundational time that he discovered what would become a lifelong passion: the game of golf. After high school, he attended the University of Maryland, where he was a proud member of the Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) Fraternity.

Charlie's professional career was diverse and marked by his ability to connect with people. He began his professional journey behind the lens as a school pictures and studio photographer. Later, he transitioned into sales, working with the Burnett-White Tire Company. He ultimately spent the final twenty years of his professional career working at Mann Properties in Ocean City, Maryland, working alongside his childhood best friend Buck Mann.

Charlie was truly at home on the golf course. A lifelong, avid lover of the sport, he played several days a week. His talent earned him a place in local sports circles and some of his golf trophies still remain proudly on display at the Salisbury Elks Club where he was a member for almost 40 years. He was also a long-standing member of the Greenhill Yacht and Country Club, where he spent many happy hours with lifelong friends pursuing his favorite pastime.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William Edgar and Virginia Mae

Twilley, as well as his sister, Phyllis Beach of Delmar.

Charlie is survived by his wife Nancy Lee Twilley and his son Curt Twilley; as well as his nephews Barry Beach and Brent Beach, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He will be missed and remembered with love by his wife and close friends Bill Johnston and Buck Mann.

A celebration of life will be held in the Fall and will be announced at a later date.

SUSAN M. KINDRED

Berlin

Susan Marie Kindred, age 67, passed away on July 13, 206 in Baltimore. Born on June 14, 1959, in Baltimore, Maryland, she was the daughter of Henrietta Kralick and the late Melvin Charles Kindred.



Susan Kindred

Susie was a US Army veteran before becoming an employee with the University of Maryland Baltimore County. She eventually moved on to retire from Catsonville Community College as a security guard.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by her grandparents – Anna Kralick and Henry Kralick.

In addition to her loving mother, Susan is survived by her sister – Lynn Houser; her brother – Kenny Kindred; her aunts – Marian Payer and Anna Hack; her cousins – Mark Kralick, Terry Gyi, Stephen Payer (Kathy), Frank Payer, Marie Kramer (Jim), Rose Trego (Tom), and Robert Keefer (late Beverly); her nephews – Curtis M. Creamer and Christopher M. Creamer; and her dear friend and neighbor – Earl Ride-nour.

A viewing will be held at The Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin, Maryland on Thursday July 23, 2026 from 2-4 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation to a charity of your choice in Susan's honor. Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via www.burbagefuneralhome.com. Arrangements are in the care of The Burbage Funeral Home – Berlin.

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Gerrymandering MD about to do it again

First District Congressman Andy Harris, a Republican, says Democrats from across the Chesapeake want to control the whole state and are trying to eliminate Maryland’s only Republican-held congressional seat by redrawing his district. Well, gee whiz, that’s a big surprise, considering that both parties having been doing their best to make the country’s two-party system even less effective than it has been in recent years.

Unlike his party’s leadership, however, Harris has argued that the kind of gerrymandering Maryland’s Democrats are pursuing is just not right, just like it was or is not right in Republican-controlled Texas, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Florida, Tennessee, Louisiana, and Alabama.

Neither is it right in California or New York or roughly a dozen other states where Democrats aim to retaliate against Republican redistricting efforts.

None of this has anything to do with fairness, of course. This is purely a matter of political self-interest by two parties whose goal is to silence the half of the voting population with which they disagree. It’s a simple, if undemocratic, tactic: if you can’t win over the public and beat the opposition with ideas and honest communication, you do it by splitting up voting majorities with redistricting.

This is what the Democratic-led General Assembly proposes to do in its Aug. 3-5 special session: redraw Maryland’s First Congressional District so Harris—and any subsequent Republican—has a more difficult path to victory.

It’s just more of the hyper-partisanship that’s ruining the country, and it’s wrong—regardless of who knocked over the first domino in this tit-for-tat race to redistrict. Just to be clear, though, it was the GOP push in Texas that took this fight nationwide.

Regardless, voters of both parties are being told that unless they agree with the party in power, they do not deserve to be heard. That is not democracy, nor is it the foundation of a representative republic. It is a cynical attempt to force a single set of beliefs onto the public, and it stinks.



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The Knights of Columbus #11616 Pocomoke City presented a check to the Pregnancy Care Clinic of the Eastern Shore for their annual Baby Bottle Campaign. All donations go to helping those facing unplanned pregnancies. L to R: Mark Jablonski, Deputy Grand Knight; Frank Bussink, Past Grand Knight; Jackie Seldon Executive Director; Francis Smith Grand Knight; Nicole Acle

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Schools authorize fraud protections

An official Amazon business account is among the changes

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(July 23, 2026) Worcester County Public Schools has implemented new safeguards designed to prevent purchasing card fraud after a federal audit identified internal control weaknesses tied to a former employee’s misuse of school funds.

Vince Tolbert, WCPS’ chief financial officer, explained these protections at the board of education meeting last week.

The fiscal year 2025 audit, conducted by UHY LLP, reviewed programs including the National School Lunch Program, adult education, Title I, and special education, among others. Tolbert said WCPS reported approximately \$13.7 million in federal expenditures during the fiscal year.

As part of the audit, reviewers also documented any findings related to the school system’s financial controls.

“The board is aware we have a former employee who abused her P-card to purchase personal items,” Tolbert said, referring to Dee Shorts, a former assistant superintendent who was fired after criminal charges were filed alleging she used a school-issued card to buy personal items totaling more than \$118,000 between 2019 and 2025.

According to Tolbert, those actions resulted in a deficiency in the school system’s internal controls being included in the federal audit report.

Tolbert said the audit also required the school system to detail corrective actions implemented to prevent similar incidents in the future.

Among the changes, the school system has established a districtwide Amazon Business account to strengthen procurement controls and has implemented formal user access administration procedures.

The school system also added enhanced approval requirements for Amazon purchases and prohibited the use of purchasing cards and personal Amazon accounts for board-funded transactions.

In addition, the finance department has expanded its monthly monitoring process by reviewing purchasing card transactions against vendor data and analyzing transaction reports to identify discrepancies, purchasing trends, and potential noncompliance.

Tolbert said the corrective action plan documenting those measures was submitted as part of the federal audit process.

“The auditors were satisfied with our responses to the findings,” he told the board.

The school system is also undertaking an independent review of its financial prac-

tices. In June, the school board hired CliftonLarson-Allen LLP to conduct a comprehensive financial and forensic audit following the criminal charges against Shorts. The contract calls for an extensive review of the school system’s financial procedures beyond routine compliance audits.

School officials have said they expect to receive periodic updates as that review progresses.

Separately, the board of education unanimously approved a contract Tuesday with SB & Company, an Owings Mills-based accounting firm, to provide the school system’s future independent auditing services.

WCPS Superintendent Annette Wallace said she decided to seek a new auditing firm after district leaders recognized financial challenges facing the school system and wanted “a fresh set of eyes.”

Tolbert said the school system received four proposals through its request for proposals process. A selection committee ranked SB & Company as the highest-rated respondent. He noted the firm audits several Maryland school systems, including Frederick County Public Schools.

The first-year contract totals \$47,500, within the school system’s \$48,000 budget for auditing services, and includes options to renew annually for four additional years with incremental price increases.

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Rehab center celebrates 46 years

Berlin nursing facility will host party next week in honor of its anniversary

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(July 23, 2026) In recognition of almost five decades of service to the community, the Berlin Nursing and Rehabilitation Center is throwing a celebratory bash next week jam-packed with raffles for summer-oriented items, food trucks, craft vendors, and more.

On Friday, July 31, the Berlin Nursing and Rehab facility is hosting an anniversary festival to celebrate the center's 46 years in operation. The event is open to the public and will kick off at noon and wrap up around 4 p.m.

Barbara Franklin, Berlin Nursing's assistant business office manager, who is helping plan the party, said that 94.5 KHI will broadcast the event live on location with MC Bill Baker and DJ KP.

Furthermore, Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall will be making a guest appearance as a speaker.

"It's a huge milestone," Franklin said. "It's 46 years in our community, and we just want people to be aware of us and to know we're here for them for their needs. We have short-term care and long-term care. We have rehab. We have a lot to offer."

Those who come out to celebrate on July 31 will be met with music, various food options, an array of craft

and entertainment vendors, and a prize draw for desirable seasonal items.

For instance, attendees will get the chance to win prizes through 50/50 raffles. Franklin said the available products include a cooler filled with drinks and pickleball equipment, a large metal pot for seafood steaming with mallets, towels, and seasonings, and a bucket with beach essentials.

Franklin added that event planners have also secured fishing rods and gift cards for a kids-focused raffle.

Food trucks like The Street Kitchen will be onsite, and Berlin Nursing and Rehab will be offering their own hot dogs, sodas, chips, and waters.

According to Franklin, additional vendors include crafts sellers, Fisher's Popcorn, and a snowball and ice cream operation. A local organization will also be pulling up with an assortment of classic cars for hotrod enthusiasts.

The Berlin Nursing and Rehabilitation Center is located at 9715 Healthway Drive, near TidalHealth Atlantic. According to the facility's website, it offers a large catalogue of services, including 24-hour nursing care, long-term and short-term care,

pulmonary rehabilitation, comprehensive wound care, respite care, hospice care, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, respiratory therapy, and rehabilitation care.

Center staff hope community members come out to celebrate the nursing and rehabilitation home, in recognition of the vital amenities it has provided the county's most vulnerable citizens for the past 46 years.

"Here in our Worcester County area, there's maybe only one other long-term care facility," Franklin said. "And we're centrally located. We're right off Route 113. That's easy access. The hospital is right behind us. So, if there was ever an emergency, we're very close to a hospital to get someone in for immediate medical treatment if needed."

Ocean Pines craft fair to host more than 60 vendors

(July 23, 2026) The Pine'eer Craft Club will host its 48th annual Artisan Craft Fair on Saturday, August 1, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The fair will be held both indoors at the Ocean Pines Community Center and outdoors at White Horse Park.

Over 60 crafters will be in attendance selling their unique creations, with face painting for the kids from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Food and snacks will be for sale, in addition to the club's popular bake sale, which typically sells out by midday.

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OPAC SPEAKER
Taylor Swanson, left, executive director of Assateague Coastal Trust and Assateague Coast-keeper, shown with Ocean Pines Anglers Club Moderator Doug Murphy, spoke at the OPAC July meeting about prevalence and problems caused by invasive species like snakeheads and blue catfish in the local waters.

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Puzzles

SLIGHT ADJUSTMENTS

BY COLLIN DROWN / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Collin Drown, of Richmond, Va., is a Ph.D. student in educational research, assessment and evaluation at Virginia Commonwealth University. He is making his Times debut with this pun-themed puzzle. The theme is indicated by the italicized clues, which, in this case, merely suggest — rather than define — their answers. Some lively, lovely nontheme answers appear at 29- and 98-Across and 14- and 66-Down. — W.S.

ACROSS

1 One-named singer from County Donegal

5 Spot treatment provider?

11 You might need to lose a few to get them

14 Problem with a story

18 Shallot relatives

20 Icon beside a username

21 Push-up, for example

22 Asia's rejuvenated North ____ Sea

23 "I want to suck your blood!"

25 White Claws, e.g.

27 Twisted balloon shapes, typically

28 Doesn't wait to find out, say

29 Video game setting for noobs

30 Sculptor's degree, for short

31 Little annoyance

32 Turkey part

33 "I know you're the one who used up the last of my artisanal coffee!"

40 Apt letters missing from PRO_EC_T_

41 Reef setting

42 Profound

43 Preserve

44 Prepared to pray

47 Contradictory

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50 "In ____," Colin Farrell dark comedy set in Belgium

52 Digs in the snow?

53 Gridiron unit that includes the nose tackle, informally

54 Certain bony protrusions

55 "If you don't find the rings this instant, I'm calling off the wedding!"

60 Prodigal ____

61 Apex

62 Author Colfer of the "Artemis Fowl" series

63 Palindromic family member

66 "I love your paintings so much, I'd like to finance your next exhibition!"

73 What fighter pilots fight, for short

76 Noggins

77 Device for sending group messages?

78 Lap, maybe

79 Oaf

81 Surf in a daring way

83 "You can say that again"

84 Japanese city known for its beef

85 Shop ____

86 Pack-bearing beast

87 "Wow! With form like that, you're headed to Wimbledon!"

95 Stroke gently

96 Puts away

97 Planner unit

98 "Don't fall for that!"

101 Like many wines and cheeses

102 Gallery collection

106 Where one might drink a mai tai or piña colada

107 "I'm so glad you shaved! I hated when you looked like a sexy lumberjack!"

109 Kind of contraceptive

110 Compete

111 Josh of "No Country for Old Men"

112 Love seats, e.g.

113 Certain body-weight exercises

114 The Big Crunch, theoretically, for our universe

115 Daisy relatives

116 Quitter's word

14 Dress for a job you probably don't want?

15 Apt name for a tuxedo cat

16 Embellish, as with unnecessary words

17 Alternatively

19 Screw-up

24 Ricochet

26 Supermodel Banks

31 Groovy

32 Crushed, in a way

33 Rarin' to go

34 Land, as a fish

35 Palindromic family member

36 Contributed

37 Shakespeare character who declares "I am not what I am"

38 Baker's necessity

39 Loch ____

40 Sketches

45 Vast span

46 [That was a good one]

47 The thing in "The Thing," for one

48 "Open ____ midnight"

49 United

50 No es ____ (Spanish put-down)

51 Cellular messenger

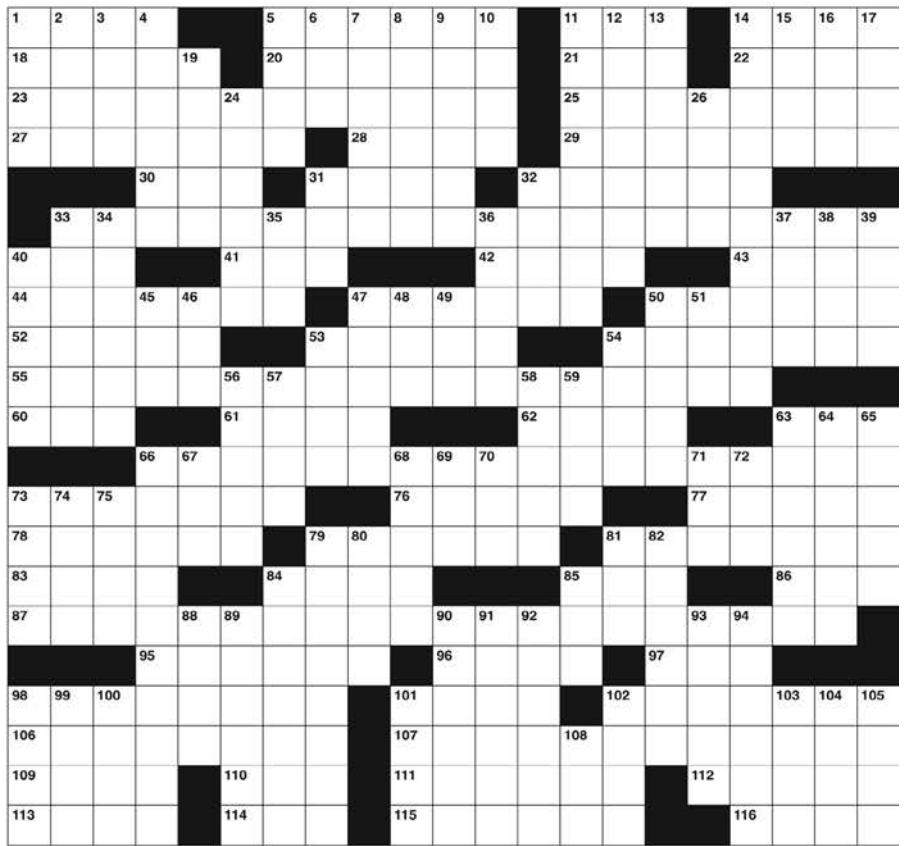
53 Audience stat

54 ____-a-brac

56 David who directed the final four "Harry Potter" films

57 Tape players

58 2020 Christopher Nolan sci-fi movie



59 Uses more than one's fair share of

63 Tofu alternative

64 As a joke

65 Obsessive supporters, in modern lingo

66 Bull rings?

67 Some summer purchases, informally

68 Laid off

69 Madhouse

70 Texter's qualifier

71 Dude in Jamaica

72 Root beer order

73 Clutch

74 Disaster relief org.

75 Noted example of oligopoly, in brief

79 "Have a safe trip"

80 Fivers

81 "2001" villain

82 Far from basic

84 Baking recipe instruction

85 Biden and Bush, once, in brief

88 Professional responsibilities, colloquially

89 Show up

90 Cubans, e.g.

91 Spotted wildcat

92 Put your nose where it doesn't belong, say

93 Flowing tresses

94 One looking after pupils, for short

98 Device outmoded by the smartphone

99 "Holesome" figures

100 Carving material for beginners

101 ____ Arena, concert venue in London's Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park

102 Waves a hand in front of, maybe

103 ____ Romeo

104 Director Johnson of "Knives Out"

105 Word repeated into a mic

108 Symbol on an Oregon license plate

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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

This week's weather featured several unstable days with thunderstorms, including last Saturday evening when a strong front passed over Ocean Pines.

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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 11am-1:30pm	13001 Wight Street Unit #403, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$649,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Friday Noon-2 pm	2301 Philadelphia Ave #406, Ocean City	Efficiency/1BA	Condo	\$197,000	Power of 2 Team/Hileman Real Estate
Friday Noon-2pm	201 S. Heron Drive #26B, Ocean City	2BR/2.5BA	Condo	\$549,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Fri & Sat 2-4pm	75 King Richard Road, Ocean Pines	4BR/3.5BA	Single Family	\$829,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 11am-1pm	116 Central Parke E, The Park/Ocean Pines	4BR/3BA	Single Family	\$625K	Debbie Bennington/BHHS PenFed Realty
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Sat & Sun 11am-3pm	12430 Old Bridge Rd., West OC	2BR/2BA	Single Family	from \$284,750	Shelly Wilson/Salt Life Community
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Calendar

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

Thurs., July 23

OCEAN CITY TOURISM POP UP AT JOLLY ROGER SPLASH MOUNTAIN
Splash Mountain Water Park, 2901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 1-4 p.m. Stop by to grab a photo in front of top 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/event/ocean-city-tourism-pop>

SUNSET PARK CONCERTS
Sunset Park, 700 S. Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Featuring “Totally Bowie with Blondie Meets Talking Heads.” Admission to the park is free. <https://www.ococean.com/things-to-do/free-family-fun/sunset-park-party-nights/>

OCEAN PINES CONCERTS IN THE PARK
White Horse Park Pavilion, Ocean Pines, 7-9 p.m. Free community event featuring “Shoreline Grooves.” Food for sale. BYOB welcome. 410-641-7052

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

STORY TIME: PENELOPE REX
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

DIGGERY’S DINO ADVENTURE
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Kids will help return the baby dino to its mother in this high-energy show featuring animated dinosaurs, a giant egg, music, magic and plenty of audience participation. For families. 410-641-0650

DIGGERY’S DINO ADVENTURE
Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 401 Fifth St., 2 p.m. Kids will help return the baby dino to its mother in this high-energy show featuring animated dinosaurs, a giant egg, music, magic and plenty of audience participation. For families. 410-957-0878

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., July 24

13TH ANNUAL HUK BIG FISH CLASSIC FISHING TOURNAMENT
M.R. Ducks, 311 Talbot St., Ocean City.

Lines in 7 a.m. (Fri-Sat 32HR Teams). Music and vendors in the Big Fish Village at 3 p.m. Scales open 4-9 p.m. <https://www.bigfishclassic.com>

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, worcesterlibrary.org

FRIENDS OF THE OCEAN PINES LIBRARY ANNUAL BOOK SALE
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 6-8 p.m. Friends Only Night. Memberships are available for \$5 for individuals and \$10 for families. Thousands of books for sale, most priced at \$2 and less. 410-208-4014, worcesterlibrary.org

Sat., July 25

13TH ANNUAL HUK BIG FISH CLASSIC FISHING TOURNAMENT
M.R. Ducks, 311 Talbot St., Ocean City. Lines in 7 a.m. (Sat-Sun 32HR Teams), lines out 3 p.m. (Fri-Sat 32HR Teams). Music and vendors in the Big Fish Village at 3 p.m. Scales open 4-9 p.m. <https://www.bigfishclassic.com>

SAND DUELS BEACH SOCCER CHALLENGE SERIES
On the Beach between Wicomico and N. Division streets, 1 N. Division St., Ocean City, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. A 5-on-5 soccer tournament for youth aged 8 though 18 and adults with divisions based on age, gender, and ability. <https://ocbeachsoccer.com>

CENTURY TENNIS TOURNAMENT
Ocean City Racquet Center, 104 61st St., 9 a.m. Teams of two with a combined age of 100+ years compete in Women’s, Men’s and Mixed Doubles. Cost is \$40 per team. Register: 410-524-8337. oceancitymd.gov/oc/departments/recreation-parks/racquet

CHRISTMAS IN JULY
Sturgis Park Garden, 200 River St., Snow Hill, 4-8 p.m. Vendors set up for an Artisan Craft Fair. Then head downtown for a train and hobby show, visit downtown spots for sales and specials. Keep your eyes peeled for Summer Santa (5-6:30 p.m.).

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CHRISTMAS IN JULY
Fish Tales Bar and Grill, 2107 Herring Way, Ocean City, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Santa arriving via the Cruisin’ Tiki at 2 p.m. to bring a treat for the kiddos. Bring your cameras. Bring new toys for Toys for Tots. Dress in your favorite Christmas attire. <https://ocfishtales.com>, 410-289-0990

FREE KIDS CRAFT SATURDAYS
Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Featuring “Bubble Wrap Stamp Art.” Guided crafts led by friendly instructors. All supplies provided. Jessica Bauer, development@artleagueofoceancity.org, 410-524-9433

SPEED PUZZLING
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2 p.m. Grab some friends or form a team at the library to see who can put their puzzle together the fastest. 410-524-1818, worcesterlibrary.org

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., July 26

13TH ANNUAL HUK BIG FISH CLASSIC FISHING TOURNAMENT
M.R. Ducks, 311 Talbot St., Ocean City. Lines out 3 p.m. (Sat-Sun 32HR Teams). Music and vendors in the Big Fish Village at 3 p.m. Scales open 4-9 p.m. <https://www.bigfishclassic.com>

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>

SUNDAES IN THE PARK WITH FIREWORKS
Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Featuring “The Kelly Bell Band: Electrifying Blues with a Genre-Bending Twist.” Ice cream for purchase. Followed by fireworks. <https://www.ococean.com/things-to-do/free-family-fun/sundaes-in-the-park/>

TIDALHEALTH ATLANTIC: JAG FAMILY FUN DAY AT JOLLY ROGER
Jolly Roger Amusement Park, 2901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 10 a.m.-6

p.m. Tickets cost \$35 and include access to the waterpark from 10 a.m to 4 p.m., rides from 2-6 p.m; and one round mini golf. Tickets: https://jollyroger.idealss.net/#/?page=7-26_tidalhealth_jag_fundraiser. 410-289-4902

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

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

JEHOVAH’S WITNESSES MEETING
Sundays - Berlin Congregation of Jehovah’s Witnesses, 212 West St., Berlin, 10 a.m. www.jw.org

Mon., July 27

FRIENDS OF THE OCEAN PINES LIBRARY ANNUAL BOOK SALE
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Enjoy half price on your entire purchase during the last day of the sale. All proceeds go toward the purchase of equipment and services for the library. 410-208-4014, worcesterlibrary.org

STORY TIME: DOG DAYS OF SUMMER
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. Held weekly on Mondays. <https://www.tops.org/home>

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

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.

Calendar

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Bethany United Methodist Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Held July 27-31. The theme is "Plenty to Share." Supper, stories, crafts, games, music and fellowship. info@bethanyberlin.org, 410-641-2186

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., July 28

DINO PLAY DAY

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Drop in for dinosaur themed activities both inside and on the lawn. Dig, create, and play; be sure to dress for a mess. For families. 410-632-5622, 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 fingerplays. For ages 0-5 years. 410-641-0650, 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

PLAY TIME

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 401 Fifth St., 10:30 a.m. Join in for a variety of activities and toys. For ages 2-5 years. 410-957-0878, 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

PAINT A STORY

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Create a work of art with instruction from local artist Christinia Benedict. For ages 6-11 years. Registration required: 410-208-4014. worcesterlibrary.org

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SEAFOOD NIGHT

Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Steamed crabs, crab cakes, fried seafood platters, and a menu for all is available. You must pre-order crabs by calling 410-524-7994



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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., July 29

MOVIES ON THE BEACH

Carousel Oceanfront Hotel & Condos, 11700 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 8:30 p.m. Featured movie is "Lilo &

Stitch Liveaction." Bring blankets, chairs and snacks. Movie lineup:

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

FUN WITH THE NATIONAL AQUARIUM!

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Join friends from the National Aquarium for an interactive presentation on marine mammals. For ages 6-11 years. 410-524-1818, worcesterlibrary.org

PUZZLE SWAP

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

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

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

GREAT TRAIN RAFFLE

Win a Charlie Davis wooden hand-crafted train. Valued at \$400. Tickets cost \$5 each or three for \$10. Tickets available at the Pine'er Craft Club, Artisan Gift Shop, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines. Drawing will take place at the end of day at the Annual Craft Fair on Nov. 7, held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Ocean Pines Community Center. Need not be present to win.

ESCAPE THE APEX PREDATOR

From June 29 through August 21, stop by any Worcester County library branch to solve puzzles and clues to escape the anomalocaris in this virtual game. Must register to receive the link, which will stay active until August 21 so participants can play at their own speed. For families. Registration required: 410-632-5622.

TAKE AND MAKE: COLOR-IN MAGNETS

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

OC READS: 'WE ARE ALL GUILTY HERE' BY KARIN SLAUGHTER

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, July 1-31. 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

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.505oraffle.org/give/md-fire/50-50-raffles/md5050/charities/ocean-pines>

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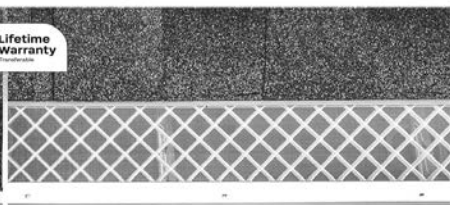
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Generic Risperdal®

ROPINIROLE
Generic Requip®

ROSUVASTATIN
Generic Crestor®

SERTRALINE
Generic Zoloft®

SIMVASTATIN
Generic Zocor®

SOTALOL
Generic Betapace®

SPIRONOLACTONE
Generic Aldactone®

SUCRALFATE
Generic Carafate®

TAMOXIFEN
Generic Nolvadex®

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Generic Flomax®

TELMISARTAN
Generic Micardis®

TERAZOSIN
Generic Hytrin®

TERBINAFINE
Generic Lamisil®

TOPIRAMATE
Generic Topamax®

TORSEMIDE
Generic Demadex®

TRANDOLAPRIL
Generic Mavik®

TRAZODONE
Generic Desyrel®

TRIAMTERENE /HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE
Generic Dyazide®

TRIHEXYPHENIDYL
Generic Artane®

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Generic Effexor®

VENLAFAXINE EXTENDED RELEASE (ER)
Generic Effexor XR®

VERAPAMIL
Generic Calan®

WARFARIN
Generic Coumadin®

ZIPRASIDONE
Generic Geodon®

ZONISAMIDE
Generic Zonegran®

MYCOPHENOLATE
Generic Cellcept®

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