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First winter storm of '17 brings foot of snow to county

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Jan. 12, 2017) Schoolchildren across the county had their prayers answered last weekend as the first snowfall of the New Year also brought about the first batch of school closings on Monday and Tuesday.

Worcester County announced on Facebook that its offices would be open during normal hours on Monday, although the liberal leave policy was in effect for nonessential employees.

Worcester County Public Information Officer Kim Moses said road crews started working on Saturday morning at 5 a.m. and worked to salt and plow the roads until late into the evening.

"Sunday, they worked from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and spent all day pushing back windblown snowdrifts to make the roads passable," she said on Tuesday. "Currently, icy road conditions continue, but all county roads are passable. Roads crews are looking forward to the warmer

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FIRST SNOW

Downtown Berlin was covered in about 10 inches of heavy snow as of midday Saturday. The winter weather shut down most of the town and few dared to walk down the icy streets.

'Berlin Falls' renaming effort causes clash

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Jan. 12, 2017) "Raucous" wouldn't quite cover the tone of a Berlin Mayor and Council meeting Monday that seemed, at times, as if it were dangerously close to breaking out into a hockey game.

After breezing through the meat of the meeting, which included approval of more than 30 town events and a summary of Berlin Youth Club activities, resident Bill Todd approached the council during public comments to pitch his petition, apparently signed by 300 people, to rename Berlin Falls park in honor of former local mailman James Tingle.

An unusually large crowd in Town Hall had come in support of Todd and the renaming effort. He had previously talked about the idea extensively on social media, in at least two newspapers – including this one – and on the radio, where he has a regular role on Ocean 98.

He did not, however, run the idea by

Mayor Gee Williams before approaching the council, and Williams was quick to show his displeasure.

Todd said he wanted to rename the park "in honor of a beloved member of our community ... for his 30 years of service to the United States Postal Service."

"The people who've signed this petition feel that he's worthy of this honor," Todd said. "He went well above and beyond what is called for, for the average postal worker. He was a great ambassador for this town when he was working and he is very highly thought of by the people that know him."

Todd added that the petition was "reflective of a popular sentiment around that town that the name of our newest park, Berlin Falls, is not very well received at all."

"Many of the people think it's kind of absurd, being that there are no falls in the park to speak of," he said.

He also referenced an article in an-

other newspaper, where Williams commented "if anyone has a six-figure financial gift ready to give to the town for the purpose of a renaming opportunity" they could reach out to him. "Then and only then will we have something to talk about," Williams apparently added.

"The people who support this petition think that is disheartening," Todd said. "We are asking to open up a dialogue to which the community can have some say in the name and not offer it to the highest bidder. Whether it should be James Tingle Park or anything else, it should be up to the community and not who can write the biggest check."

Williams said he had received several suggestions from others in town on possible park namesakes, including artist Patrick Henry, Berlin's first African-American councilmember John Dale Smack, L.Cpl. Charles Keith Bailey, Civil War hero Corp. Isaiah Fassett, Judge Gerald Purnell, current Councilman Elroy Brittingham and the "13 families"

who helped revitalize the Atlantic Hotel.

He went on to say that he objected to the way in which Todd had handled the petition.

"This is Mickey Mouse," Williams said. "This is not the way representative government works. No one called me. No one called the council. No one said, 'Hey, we have some ideas here.'"

Williams said there was a discrepancy between "the way people think government works versus the way it actually works."

"I think one of the most fundamental abilities of any elected public servant is to properly represent people that you're elected to represent," he said. "Knowing what to do, knowing how to do it and knowing when to do it is very important – it takes all three."

He said this was the first "social media driven petition" the council had faced, adding, "it does not meet any of the standards which I think are critically

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Pocomoke, Snow Hill react to tax differential debate

Leadership in both towns favor staying on current course on county grants

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

(Jan. 12, 2017) As the ongoing debate between Ocean City and Worcester County over a tax differential to offset services duplicated by county and resort governments heats up once again, towns in the southern part of the county are of two minds on the subject.

"I understand why they might want to do it, but I could never support it," Pocomoke City Mayor Bruce Morrison said. "The county has been good to us."

Snow Hill councilman Mike Pruitt has similar feelings.

"As a resident of Worcester County I would want to see the Ocean City taxpayers get some relief for duplicated services," he said. "But as an elected official of Snow Hill, I would need to wait and see how it would affect us."

Snow Hill's mayor, Charlie Dorman, declined to comment on the situation.

Annually, the county collects taxes and then reimburses municipalities set amounts as unrestricted grants — money the towns can use as they see fit. Ocean City has, for almost 20 years now, objected to that structure based on its own operation of similar services that are also paid for by its citizens.

Morrison thinks the current structure works well.

"It could impact us. We've been very happy and don't want to change

anything," he said.

The resort hired a consultant to determine the scope of what services might be duplicated in 2013, which concluded an offset of about \$17 million was warranted. The county produced its own study last year and found the number, from their side, was closer to \$7 million. The resort's grant last year was about \$3.1 million.

Last year, Pocomoke City received a grant of \$517,000, Berlin received \$601,000, Snow Hill was reimbursed \$648,000 and the Ocean Pines Association got \$529,500.

One method to cover the shortfall created by cutting Ocean City's tax rate, which would come to about three cents per \$100 of assessed value in relief for resort homeowners, is to increase property taxes elsewhere in the county, which would cost taxpayers in Snow Hill and

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Bruce Morrison

Pocomoke City nearly double the relief rate, or about six cents per \$100 of assessed value.

Though the tax rate for the county has not yet been set this year, if this change was incorporated into this year's assessment, the county rate would increase to almost 90 cents per \$100.

The county commissioners voted last week to continue the annual unrestricted grant process instead of adopting a new system more favorable to the resort by a vote of 6-1. Joe Mitrecic, the representative of Ocean City, was the dissenting vote. In retaliation, the Ocean City council voted unanimously to begin exploring legal option in order to force the county to provide a differential.



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LIVING UP TO ITS NAME

The Town of Snow Hill was blanketed in about a foot of snow Saturday, causing icy road conditions and closing county schools for two days, Monday and Tuesday.

Pocomoke approves land swap deal

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

(Jan. 12, 2017) Pocomoke City and its fire company are scheduled to go to closing at the end of the month after the council approved a deal that gives the town all rights to the former fire company property, while the fire company gets to use the former VFW property for storage.

After the contracts are signed at closing, the fire company will have 270 days, or about nine months, to remove its property from its former home.

While the town owns the lot and main building of the former firehouse on Fifth Street, there is a storage shed located on the property constructed and owned by the fire company. The town had previously tried to secure a grant to demolish the building, but

was unable to do so, in part because of objections from the Maryland Historical Trust.

That shed is still in use by the company, but has agreed to swap the shed for the former VFW property off Dun Swamp Road, which can then be used for storage. It's located between the town's solar array and wastewater treatment plant and therefore not a good candidate for development, Ernie Crofoot, city manager/city attorney, said.

The town had been using the former VFW to store Christmas decorations, Crofoot said.

"This isn't a turnkey property for the fire department. They'll end up having to upgrade the HVAC and electric. As it stands, it's unable to be occupied," Crofoot said.

The VFW property is less than two

acres, Crofoot said, and the former firehouse location measures about 1.2 acres.

"We want to have title to everything without a claim from anyone. We already own the land and firehouse. Historically the fire company had an interest in the property," he said.

Crofoot said there have been similar exchanges between the town and fire company, without consideration, in the past.

Pocomoke City has long been trying to sell the property but has so far been unsuccessful. Last year, a request for proposals on the property drew a single bid for less than \$3,000.

Crofoot said by securing all rights to the improved property, the town was far more likely to draw more favorable bids in the future.

Klump scholarship increases; 2017 nominations open

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

(Jan. 12, 2017) The people in charge of the Jesse Klump Memorial Scholarship want its namesake remembered for his altruism above all else, and so made that — rather than academic achievement or a specific program of study — the deciding factor in awarding the funds.

Funds for the scholarship have increased this year, to a total of \$15,000.

"We've been giving \$12,000 for the last five years, but when we look at the tuition bills they keep going up and up," Ron Pilling, the fund's treasurer, said. "We've never changed our offering."

Pilling said the memorial fund's signature event, Jesse's Paddle, was very successful this year, and along with the group's other fundraising efforts the increased scholarship value shouldn't overburden the organization.

"By and large we've had a very gratifying year," Pilling said.

Choosing a member of the graduating class of Snow Hill High School each year to receive those funds, Pilling said, isn't always easy — but is based on the example Jesse Klump set himself. Nominations for the scholarship opened Jan. 1.

"I knew Jesse was a good kid, but I never knew how good," Pilling said. "Shortly after he died we started getting messages on his Facebook page. They still come in."

Klump took his own life in 2009.

"He would regularly visit one of his friend's mother while she was in the hospital," he said.

Another story came in about Klump's experience at band camp, where an individual was having a tough time, but found a sympathetic ear in Jesse Klump.

"The message said even though I only knew him two weeks, he was my best friend," Pilling said.

This behavior set the precedent for how the scholarship in Jesse's name would work — academics were largely irrelevant — altruism is the

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Berlin A&E Committee becomes nonprofit

New status, granted late last year, will help group gather funds for programs

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Jan. 12, 2017) Looking to increase its fundraising capabilities, the Berlin Arts & Entertainment Committee recently applied for, and was granted, 501(c)(3) nonprofit status.

Treasurer Patty Gregorio said the move follows a statewide trend where arts and entertainment districts have been widely encouraged to become their own entities.

"The state would eventually like to see each A&E district have its own paid staff and paid director," she said. "Salisbury has already completed that process – they're their own 501(c)(3) and they have their own executive director, and I believe Snow Hill is in the process. So there's a general trend toward that, but the main reason we did it is because we needed to access funds."

The committee officially became an autonomous nonprofit on Nov. 29.

"We are now recognized by the IRS as a tax-exempt entity," Gregorio said. "It remains that Heather Layton is our president, Robin Tomaselli is our vice president, I'm the treasurer and Stephanie Fowler is our secretary."

Gregorio operates Salt Water Media in Berlin with Fowler. Worcester County Arts Council Executive Director Anna Mullis is also a board member at large.

The committee plans to meet with Town of Berlin officials this month, followed by an open meeting with Berlin merchants in February. Gregorio hopes the committee can drum up some financial support from the latter because she said many A&E activities "directly support publicity for the merchants."

"What we want to do with the town is to look at the calendar and determine which events we're going to be responsible for and which events they're going to be responsible for, because there's some bleed over," Gregorio said.

Berlin Arts & Entertainment currently runs the monthly 2nd Friday art strolls, the corresponding outdoor "Maker's Market" for artists and crafters, and the annual Holiday Arts Night.

Last year, the committee collaborated with the Berlin Parks Commission to host six "Movies in the Park" screenings. The committee is also responsible for several public murals, and put together what was by all accounts a successful new event dubbed "Artists Giving Back: Meals for the Hungry" in November.

Plans for expanding "Artists Giving

Back" this year are already underway.

As for financial support from the town, Gregorio said the committee had not received any funding since Michael Day, former economic and community development director, departed about three years ago.

"We have been on our own, either doing fundraisers or writing grants or seeking individual donations," she said. "We just want to be able to expand that."

"There's been interest in eventually offering scholarships from A&E for kids to be able to participate in arts activities," she added. "There's also interest in the culinary arts, where Robin had worked with Worcester Youth and Family, and there are grants out there to help with the administration of those types of things to get kids involved."

Gregorio said the committee also hopes to help bridge the gap between the neighborhoods of east and west Berlin, which are divided by Route 113.

"We really want to bridge that by working with the kids and getting them involved in everything," she said. "We also reached out to the BCIA [Berlin Community Improvement Association] to let them know that we would like to partner with them, and that we certainly would be willing to write grants in order to help

with the [multipurpose building]."

The BCIA owns the multipurpose building on Flower Street, which it purchased from the town decades ago. So far, Gregorio said, that group has not responded.

"We've heard nothing back," she said. "We'd really like to be able to help them and use that center. It has a stage, and it would be a great spot for performing artists. There are grants out there that would help us pay to bring entertainers into the area to work with kids, similar to what the Freeman Stage does where they go out to different schools and do projects. We would be able to do that as well, and that would be a perfect location for it."

The building is said to need major repairs to its roof, and Gregorio said her impression from talking to town officials is that funding could become available for additional improvements if the roof was overhauled or replaced.

"They feel like they're putting good money after bad if that roof isn't fixed, at least that's what I can gather," she said.

She said the A&E committee would also seek support from the town itself, and that she would apply for several grants this year. Gregorio has more than a decade of experience working for nonprofits, most notably

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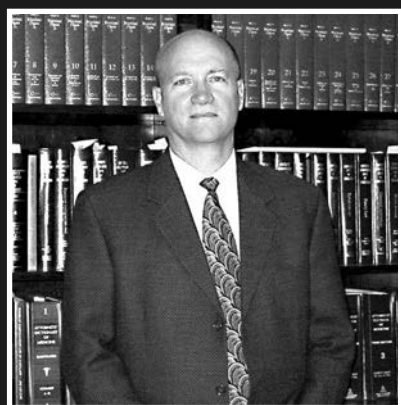
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Mayor Williams objects to way petition was handled

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important to a fair and well-represented government."

"This is the wrong thing at the wrong way at the wrong time, and nobody even bothered to ask about the name," Williams said. "That's not the way we got to where we are."

He said the petition clashed with the fundamentals of representative democracy, and specifically took social media to task on multiple occasions throughout the meeting.

"What I'm seeing more and more is this idea that democracy is a direct democracy – that it's basically put something online and go to town. And that is how this has come across," Williams said, adding he believed it was "a very poor precedent of how to do public business on behalf of an entire community."

"I really believe in the real world decisions do have consequences," he said. "I've seen what's happening in other communities and other levels of government, and it's a shortcut to hell. There's a way to do this properly, but this is not it."

Resident Chrissy Ehrhart stood up and walked towards the council dais asking what, then, was the proper way?

"Maybe you could not call it 'Mickey Mouse,' but instead say, 'hey, you know what, why don't we have a meeting together and sit down and do this properly' before you demean more citizens," she said.

"This is wrong. This is wrong. This is wrong," Williams said, clearly aggravated.

Todd suggested Williams was missing the point by "taking this social media thing and running with it."

"What you're saying about social media I fully understand. I understand the real world – I didn't demean anybody with this," he said. "I put out what I think would be nice, I come to you, approach you with the way I'm supposed to do it, and the comment ... right from the paper was that we had nothing to talk about unless there's a million dollars on the table. To me, that left a bad taste in my mouth."

"I'm sorry if it left a bad taste in your mouth, but we also have responsibilities of finding ways to make this actually happen," Williams said.

Williams said the town was looking for a coordinator to help plan and run the park, and said he was preparing to do a "semi-final interview."

The name, he said, came from a series of public work groups and was essentially "a nice handle" that no one would miss if it were changed.

"We were very concerned that people were calling the new park 'the old Tyson factory – the old poultry plant,'" he said. "We said 'we've got to give it a new handle' ... let's give it a handle so that people have something else to call it."

"Nobody ever called and asked [about the name]," Williams added. "Nobody said, 'hey, can we talk?' No. Never."

"We wanted to have a name that people would not be passionate about, but

would be at least branded as to what [the park] can be," Williams said. "When we do find a way and find the right combination of ingredients we didn't think anybody would be shedding any tears."

Williams said Todd and others were "putting the cart before the horse" by suggesting any names before the town could host public meetings on the subject.

"If you think that I'm being unreasonable and unfair, then start another petition to have me recalled," he said.

"I feel strongly about this," Todd said. "I want the people in the community to have a say in it."

"And nobody said they wouldn't," Williams said. "But this is not the way to go about it."

Resident Jim McKinley said the real issue was that "a lot of people are not happy with the name" of the park.

"I think some of them, such as Mr. Todd, are grasping at straws – how do we change this without knowing what to do," he said. "Maybe it needs to be a foundation similar to what we're doing with the library. You buy a brick you get your name on it. You buy a room if you spend 'x' amount of dollars. If you want this person's name on this building then start a foundation."

"I think that's what we're asking," he added. "We would like to have some input and I think a lot of people don't think they're getting that."

"And you know what, if it had been presented that way my attitude would be 100 percent different," Williams said. "It was not suggested that we find a name and find a process – it was take it or leave it."

"As a public we are asking you, consider what we are saying," McKinley said. "Let's go about it a different way and maybe you need to draw the community in a little bit more so we feel a part of it and it's not being rammed down our throats."

"It wasn't being rammed down your throats – you never asked," Williams said. "That's what gets me. Everyone assumes that this was a ramming down your throat procedure."

Todd suggested, at the least, "this was a great way to start the conversation."

"This is not the way to start it," Williams said. "We got off to a bad start ... but I'll tell you as a public official the way this country is going in terms of social media driving public issues is a formula for disaster."

Resident Mitchell David circled back to Williams' comments in the press that "it takes six figures" to name the park.

"That's what set this off," he said. "You put a price tag on it – nobody else did."

"My dad always said, 'things people say in jest they really mean,'" David added. "Technically, what you're saying in the article is, 'hey if you're not going to buy it you can't have it.' That's what started this, pardon my language, shit storm that you're in right now."

David said it was up to the mayor to

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Unanimous vote to create public land naming committee

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lead by example and show the citizens the correct way of doing things and “not to castrate [Todd] in the newspaper or on social media or anywhere else.”

Councilman Zackery Tyndall, looking to diffuse the situation, suggested the town come up with a blanket policy on naming both public property that is donated and property that is purchased by the town.

“I think that we need to sit down with our legal department and really have a policy in effect so that, whether we send that out to referendum and you guys vote on a series of names or whether it’s a workshop that comes up with this, something needs to be done so that we don’t have this issue,” he said.

Tyndall moved to form a committee to study the issue, and said Todd should be a part of that as “a representative of the people” who signed the petition.

A vote on the motion was unanimous. “We have talked about the obligation of government and who’s supposed to do what here this evening,” Councilman Dean Burrell said. “I would like to suggest that we don’t place blame or point fingers, because I think as the town of Berlin we’re bigger than that.”

“As part of this local government, I think one of our obligations is to listen. I can say that we have heard your concerns,” Burrell continued. “As we go forward, because this is not something we can settle or do here this evening ... your concern and your consideration will be weighed by not only the mayor, but by the entire council.”

“Speaking on behalf of the council, you can bet your bottom dollar that your concern will be considered,” Burrell said. “That’s why we’re here – that’s what we’re supposed to do. I just wanted to say that and to assure the group and the 300 petitioners that you’ve been heard.”

After the meeting, Todd said he was happy with the result.

“It was eventful, but it went very well. I’m pleased with the outcome,” he said. “I think [the committee] will be very good in the future and we won’t run into this problem anymore. However, I’m still partial to ‘James Tingle’ [park].”

Arts committee seeks donations

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the American Red Cross office in Salisbury.

“We’re hoping that we’ll be able to get some funding [from the town] because everything we do is a benefit to the town, so it makes sense that the town would support us,” she said. “The mayor has made it very clear that he wants the public art projects [at the Berlin Visitor’s Center] to continue, and each panel costs \$5,000 from start to finish. We’re fundraising for the third panel now, and of course we’ll be happy to take donations from anybody who is willing to help.”

The Worcester County Arts Council has financially supported that effort, as well as the “Movies in the Park” series.

“We’re also asking for anyone who wants to donate,” Gregorio said.

“They can donate through our website [or] they can send a check or drop off money at Salt Water Media. Since we have the longest hours every day, we’ve kind of become the office for people picking up, dropping off and things like that.”

The bottom line, Gregorio said, is more funding would allow for more community activities and for the committee to improve some of its current efforts, including 2nd Friday. She admitted the monthly art stroll had “lost some of its luster.”

“We want to get that back and we want to get those crowds back,” she said. “Part of the reason why we’re doing this is to help with communications. We need a clear way of dispersing information, and when we’re in control of the information it will be a lot easier for us to get out press re-

leases, and then people will know who to go to. It’s been very confusing and we want to clarify that.

“We often were stuck between a rock and a hard place because we were told we were part of the town, but we really weren’t part of the town,” Gregorio continued. “We were a committee, but we really didn’t have the ability to say, ‘yes we are part of the Town of Berlin’ when we went to funding organizations. It was very hard for them to delineate where we fit in. Now, it is very clear – we are our own entity. We operate and manage ourselves.”

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County Emergency Services Director Fred Webster said snowfall totals varied in Worcester, but that weather stations were generally reporting 10 inches in the south end of the county and as much as a foot of snow in the north end.

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams issued a release on Monday announcing that a regular Town Council session would proceed as planned.

"The town administrator, our public works and police departments and many other town employees worked diligently Friday, Saturday, Sunday and will continue today to ensure that all Berlin town streets are cleared of snow and are safely passable for motor vehicles," Williams said in the release. "All public parking areas and on street parking downtown that the town is responsible for were also cleared by 10 a.m. Sunday."

Williams praised the State Highway Administration for its work in the cleanup effort and said Berlin Police "patrolled all streets and roads within the town during and after the snow storm and will continue their regularly scheduled patrols."

"I know we are all once again very proud of the preparations and extraordinary performance of our town employees in clearing and patrolling our Berlin

roadways, and also for their successful work in keeping all other functions of the town operating smoothly through this first major snow storm of 2017," Williams said.

He noted that Town Hall was open during normal hours on Monday.

According to Berlin Water Resources and Public Works Director Jane Kreiter, the town got about 10 inches of snow.

Town government offices in Snow Hill and Pocomoke were also open on Monday, although some offices in Ocean Pines were apparently closed.

Pocomoke City Manager Ernie Crofoot said there were no incidents there and that offices opened normally on Monday. A city council meeting there would also run as scheduled on Monday evening. Crofoot did not have snowfall totals as of press time.

Snow Hill Economic Development Director Michael Day estimated the town received more than 10 inches of snow.

Ocean Pines Public Works Director Eddie Wells reported 12 inches of snow across the community and said crews were working to clean up areas they had calls on as of Monday.

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Drug courts provide alternative to prison

Programs available in both adult and juvenile cases for nonviolent offenders

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Jan. 12, 2017) The first drug court in the United States was established in Florida in the late 1980's, as prisons were becoming overcrowded with nonviolent drug offenders during the height of the crack-cocaine craze. By 2014, all 50 states and Washington, D.C. had their own versions in place.

Locally, Worcester County established its drug court in December 2005 as an alternative to traditional court, provided an offender met the criteria of committing a nonviolent offense and having a clinical substance abuse disorder.

According to Tracy Simpson, the drug court coordinator for the Worcester County Circuit and District Courts, the service is available "post-plea" or "post-disposition," meaning an adult would have to plead guilty, or a juvenile would have to plead "involved" and agree to participate as a condition of their probation.

"In the adult system the person is given an opportunity to complete the [drug court] program in lieu of the full period of incarceration they are facing," she said. "The person must meet our eligibility criteria ... and then they

will have a larger suspended portion of their sentence than they would if they went the traditional route."

During the current opioid epidemic, Simpson said instances of burglary have risen sharply, and that particular crime is a good example of an offense where drug court can be a useful option.

"Persons addicted cannot afford to maintain their habit and they often will break into unoccupied residences, or sometimes their place of employment, and steal various items that can easily be pawned for cash," she said. "This offense is a felony and typically provides a sentence that would be served in the Maryland penitentiary system – not our county jail."

With the drug court alternative, a person that commits a low-level non-violent crime motivated by drug addiction would face a split sentence, spending some period of time in a local detention facility with a larger suspended sentence that remains outstanding and that can be reactivated if they fail to satisfactorily complete the probation requirements.

"We have numerous participants in this situation, where but for this program they have would have been sent automatically to prison," Simpson said. "The program has to balance both public safety and the treatment needs of the clients, so both the defen-

dant and the prosecution feel the resolution is fair.

"Also, in some limited circumstances, if a person has no criminal record prior to the crime in which is being referred to the program, they may be afforded an opportunity to have their record expunged after successful completion of their probation and the program," she added. "We have several young adult participants who have engaged in acts of CDS distribution while purchasing opioids for their own habit and then sharing or selling off some excess to their friends."

"After successfully completing the probation and program they have a modification hearing to strike the finding of guilt in the case," Simpson said. "Then, after a period of time following that procedure, they can file for an expungement. Many of these young adults do not realize the totality of the impact that a felony as such will have on their ability to find employment, so having this opportunity has such a positive impact on their future."

Adult programs last a minimum of one year, with review hearings scheduled twice per month during the first two phases, and once a month during the final two phases.

Each phase has an extensive series of requirements before a person can move onto the next one. For instance,

phase one requires an additions assessment by the Worcester County Health Department, participation in a substance abuse treatment program, housing through the Drug Treatment Court Program, compliance with probation requirements, compliance with case managers including weekly contact with a case manager, obtaining approved employment within 30 days, attending at least two judicial hearings per month, performing at least four hours of community service, submitting to two-to-six random drug tests per month, complying with curfew requirements and completing 21 consecutive days of "clean time."

Simpson said the majority of participants in the program have charges related to controlled dangerous substance possession or distribution, as well as burglary and theft. She said 85 people were in the program during the last fiscal year, and she expected that number to remain about the same during the current period.

The youth version of the program requires a minimum of 10 months and uses the same four-phase approach and requirements. Simpson said there are about 10 such cases each year.

Notably, she said drug court participants are "about 95 [percent] opioid addicted."

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New slate of town events approved

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Jan. 12, 2017) The Berlin Mayor and Council approved 32 town and related events on Monday, setting the stage for yet another busy tourism season.

Monthly 2nd Friday art strolls begin on Jan. 13 with subsequent dates occurring on Feb. 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 9, Oct. 13, Nov. 10 and Dec. 8.

Berlin's 2nd Friday festivities generally feature more than a dozen art displays in shops throughout the downtown area, along with sales and specials in area restaurants from 5-8 p.m. The Berlin Arts & Entertainment Committee oversees 2nd Friday events.

Mainline town and chamber of commerce events start in April, with the Berlin Little League Parade on April 8 and Spring Celebration on April 15.

May events include the Jazz and Blues Bash and Touch a Truck Day, both on May 6, followed by May Day Play Day on May 19, Spring Cruisers on May 20 and the annual Memorial Day Parade at Henry Park on May 29.

Two series begin in June: the Concert on the Lawn series, June 11, and Outdoor Movie Nights, June 17.

Additional Outdoor Movie Nights will occur on July 1, July 15, July 29, Aug. 12, Aug. 26 and Oct. 21. Berlin Arts & Entertainment and the Berlin Parks Commission oversee the free film-screening series.

Additional Concert on the Lawn events, set outside the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum, will run on July 9, Aug. 13 and Sept. 10.

The town plans to host a fireworks display for the second straight year on July 3 at Berlin Falls Park, and the annual Bathtub Races will return July 7.

National Night Out was set for Aug. 1, followed by the Berlin Peach Festival on Aug. 5 and the Summer Sidewalk Sale, Aug. 11-13.

On Sept. 2, Boston-based Brown Box Theatre will stage "Hamlet" as part of its yearly Shakespeare on Main Street series that also includes performances across Worcester and Wicomico counties.

A new event, the "Small Town Throw Down" will debut Sept. 9, followed by Worcester County Art Council's annual Paint Berlin, Sept. 21-23 and the Berlin Fiddler's Convention, Sept. 22-24.

Fall events will include Fall Cruisers, Oct. 7, Oktoberfest, Oct. 14 and the Fall Sidewalk Sale on Oct. 14.

The year will conclude with a series of holiday events, starting with the Berlin Tree Lighting and Holiday Art Stroll, Nov. 24.

The 47th annual Berlin Christmas Parade will roll down Main Street on Dec. 7, and a New Year's Eve Celebration is planned for Dec. 31.

For more information on Town of Berlin events, visit www.berlinmd.gov/special-events.

For more information on Berlin Chamber of Commerce events, visit www.berlinchamber.org/events.

For more information on the Berlin Arts & Entertainment Committee, visit www.artsinberlin.org.

To learn more about the Worcester County Arts Council, visit www.worcestercountyartscouncil.org.

For more information on the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum, visit www.taylorhousemuseum.org.

For more information on the Brown Box Theatre Project, visit www.brownboxtheatre.org.

Opioids make up majority of drug court cases in co.

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"When we became operational most of the participants were addicted to cocaine, and then we began to see opioid addiction around 2007/2008," she said. "By 2009/2010 we really began to see the shift and most of clients at that time (65-70 percent) were opioid dependent. And then by 2012 we hit the 95 percent mark and have remained there. Property crimes and burglary crimes have increased during this period ... it is a financial habit that cannot be maintained."


Drug court, Simpson said, is not for everyone, although it is one of the only alternatives courts have to offer someone struggling with addiction that allows them to "remain in the community while getting treatment and having enhanced supervision," as opposed to serving outright jail time.

"The programs are developed based on a best-practices national model and then modified to fit jurisdictional nuances/constraints, to provide a year of community-based treatment while being highly supervised," Simpson said. "The team effort really enhances both the quality of the services provided as well as the monitoring of compliance. Having the same clinicians, probation agent, case management staff, judicial staff and ancillary service providers meet every two weeks to discuss a person's progress and make changes to their treatment regimen is unique to these types of programs."

She said monitoring is "quite intensive" during the early stages of treatment, although that lessens during the latter phases.

"Nationwide recidivism rates show much better outcomes than traditional case processing, and we have about a 50 percent program-graduation rate, which is on par with the national average," Simpson said. "Locally, we have improved our outcomes with opioid-dependent clients with increased access to medication-assisted treatment programs now being readily available (methadone, Suboxone and Vivitrol). When the shift toward opioid dependency began our area did not have these types of programs readily available and meeting community-based treatment needs was difficult."

"Drug courts work with a subset population of those struggling with addiction – those which have found themselves interfaced with the criminal justice system," she added. "It is a form of coercive treatment, meaning they are choosing the program to avoid some greater consequence (typically a prison sentence). These programs are very successful for those persons who find a source of intrinsic motivation along the way and the coercive nature of how they began the program is no longer their driving force."




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Big turnout during ribbon cutting for Royal Farms store

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Jan. 12, 2017) The mood was noticeably light during the official ribbon cutting for the new Royal Farms at the corner of Route 50 and Stephen Decatur Highway in Berlin, which drew about 100 people last Friday, including several local officials and many members of town staff.

They were there for the free chicken, but also to welcome the new store to the area, which had been in development since at least early 2015.

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams said the shop was a perfect example of what makes the town unique and successful, balancing both environmental stewardship and economic development.

"We are very proud to have you here," he said. "We think that you're leading by example. Berlin is trying to lead by example on a small scale [environmentally]."

"Please have fun," he added. "If you're going to be a part of the Town of Berlin, fun is required."

Worcester County Commissioner Bud Church joked that he would show up every morning to speak at the store, so long as he was allowed to stand next to the large Krispy Kreme donut display. Church was also flanked, it should be noted, by a bright yellow, six-foot-



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Public officials help cut the ribbon during a ceremony at the new Royal Farms store at the corner of Stephen Decatur Highway and Route 50, last Friday. Pictured, from left, are Berlin Councilman Thom Gulyas, Berlin Mayor Gee Williams, Worcester County Commissioner Diana Purnell, Worcester County Commissioner Bud Church, Sen. Jim Mathias and Royal Farms manager Greg Fields.

tall chicken, as well as by fellow commissioner Diana Purnell.

"Welcome to the neighborhood. Welcome to the tax rolls. We love having you," he said.

Senator Jim Mathias came in fashionably late and quipped, "the band will be here in about 15 minutes" as a flustered Brittany Eldredge, Royal Farms' public relations manager, apparently unsure who he was, invited him to speak.

"We love our chicken here on the Eastern Shore," Mathias said, throwing an arm around both Eldredge and "Foghorn," the Royal Farms mascot.

Mathias noted a countdown crosswalk was being installed in order to improve safety at the street corner, with concerns about the store's approximation to Stephen Decatur High School.

He also praised the school itself.

"We have a great education system here," Mathias said. "Our children are our most valuable asset and our future, and you guys do a fabulous job from an entrepreneurial perspective and we're proud to have you as part of our community."

Eldredge presented checks to several area nonprofits at the end of the roughly 20-minute introduction.

Accepting donations were Diakonia Executive Director Claudia Nagle, Worcester County Gold President Carol Jacobs and coordinator Hans Zieger, Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Executive Director Steven Taylor and Church Mouse Director Helen Wiley.

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Worcester County Commissioner Bud Church speaks during a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Royal Farms store in Berlin, Friday. Also pictured are Worcester County Commissioner Diana Purnell and Royal Farms public relations manager Brittany Eldredge, right.

Store opening included donations

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Principal Ryan Cowder accepted a donation on behalf of the school marching band, and Eldredge said a donation would also be made to the Ocean City Reef Foundation, although the store has had some difficulty in reaching representatives there.

Royal Farms President John Kemp introduced the new Royal Farms Rewards program, which launched nationally the day before, and noted the corporation dates back to 1918, started by his grandfather and two great uncles.

Kemp struggled, at times, with the correct pronunciation of "Worcester County."

"I was actually little nervous before

I came up here, because I said I know I'm going to refer back to 'war-chester,'" he said with a laugh. "We're very excited about this store. It's been a couple years in the making [and] the town and the county have been great working with us to get this approved."

Kemp said the store had about 30 employees, and that Royal Farms was known for its fried chicken and western fries, made in-store. The oil used to fry the chicken is also used in the making of biodiesel fuel, according to Eldredge.

Royal Farms Environmental and Fuel Leader Tom Ruszin, a graduate of Salisbury University and former Ocean City resident, noted the store sold ethanol-free fuel at the pumps behind the store.

Berlin art stroll moves into The Globe, gets 'monstrous'

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Jan. 12, 2017) Berlin's 2nd Friday is getting "Monstrous" this month, as the fourth annual Arts & Entertainment Committee collaborative art show comes to The Globe on 12 Broad Street, upstairs, from 5-8 p.m.

Show organizer Brian Robertson, who also runs the Berlin Printery on 16 North Main Street, explained the fearsome name.

"The opening show [four years ago] was 'Small Things,' the following show was 'Medium' and the year after that was 'Big Ideas,'" he said. "This one happens to fall on Friday the 13th, so we went with 'Monstrous.'"

"It's up to the artist to interpret the theme however they want," he added. "I don't expect it all to be monster-related artwork. I think we'll get some creative interpretations, whether it be social commentary and stuff like that."

Perhaps ironically, pieces are limited to just 10 x 10 inches, although all forms of art are welcome. The deadline to submit work was Jan. 9.

Robertson said work he received, as of last week, included metal pieces by Jordan Pippin of Steel N Glory, oil paintings by Baltimore resident Brianna Pleasant, photographs by Mark Huey and at least one work from

painter Patti Backer.

He will also display some of his own work, which he said was inspired by old propaganda posters as well as more modern street artists like Shepard Fairey and Banksy.

"I will have a couple pieces in," he said. "They will be social commentary related – but not political. Usually most of my graphic work has some social commentary in it."

Twenty percent of the proceeds of all sales will go toward programs of the Berlin Arts & Entertainment Committee.

As for the show itself, which will remain on display through the month, Robertson said it was a chance for art lovers to see something different than the standard fare.

"The artists in this area are starting to create some new stuff and it's more contemporary of an art show than a lot of stuff around here," he said. "We're just trying to do things a little different and get a little bit weird."

For more information on Berlin Printery, and to view work by Robertson, visit www.facebook.com/berlin-printery.

For more information on the Berlin Arts & Entertainment Committee and 2nd Fridays, visit www.artsinberlin.org.

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Second annual Restaurant Week runs through Sun.

By Kara Hallissey
Staff Writer

(Jan. 12, 2017) The second annual Berlin Restaurant Week began on Monday and runs until Sunday with more than a dozen restaurants offering special prices on select menu items.

“The specials are so reasonably priced,” said local realtor Cam Bunting, creator and promoter of the event. “Restaurants are trying out new items that they may add to their menus, and the food is great.”

Diners can check out a number of Berlin favorites who will be serving breakfast, lunch and dinner options at a reduced price.

Participating restaurants are: Main Street Deli, Maryland Wine Bar, Rayne’s Reef, On What Grounds, Drummer’s Café inside the Atlantic Hotel, Siculi, Baked Dessert Café, Blacksmith, Crush N Crab, Fins Ale House and Raw Bar, Brooklyn Baking Barons and The Globe.

“Try out different places and food,” Bunting said. “Many use local ingredients and didn’t know until last minute what would appear on the menu. It’s really good.”

Bunting came up with the idea in 2016 to show the variety of restaurants in Berlin and the inaugural event was a huge success.

Organizers are also having a contest where the winner will receive a \$20 gift card from all participating restaurants in addition to \$100 in cash – a \$360 value.

To enter the contest, diners must first pick up a Berlin Restaurant Week card at a participating restaurant or the Berlin Welcome Center. Then, patrons should make sure to get a stamp at each restaurant visited. After three stamps, drop the card into the ballot box located at the welcome center for a chance to win. The winner will be announced on the Town of Berlin Facebook page on Tuesday, Jan. 17.

For more information and a list of all menus, check out the Berlin Restaurant Facebook page at www.facebook.com/events/956355361177817, or visit www.BerlinMainStreet.com.



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‘Parks’ proper park forum

Let’s all step back and take a deep breath before returning to the discussion of what and how to name the (fill in the blank) park in Berlin.

As with all things that involve public money, public property, public officials and public campaigns, hard feelings and a certain degree of testiness are bound to surface, as was the case Monday night at Town Hall.

To quote the warden in “Cool Hand Luke,” the movie in which Paul Newman plays a stubborn convict, “What we have here is a failure to communicate.” Or, it might be said, a case of misunderstood intentions.

From the mayor and council’s perspective, it’s easy to see how they might feel that they are being backed into a corner by a confrontational public, with the implication being do this or else.

In the other corner, what began as a quiet movement to honor someone who might represent a bridge between the town’s social and geographical divisions became more of a push when proponents felt they were being ignored because of an offhand remark by Mayor Gee Williams.

William’s flip remark that whomever pays the most gets to name the park, however, was nothing more than that and not a policy statement.

Nevertheless, both sides were irked at each other when that is counterproductive to addressing the real issue: the town and its residents have a big piece of property tied to dreams that are bigger than the bank account, while the public is anxious to see specific things happen regardless.

Figuring out how to make the park a real park needs to be discussed by all parties in detail that goes beyond the various ideas that have been offered and into the business of finding the money to do it.

The town chewed off a mighty big chunk when it bought the parcel, and developing it is going to be a long-term endeavor. The Berlin Parks Commission, with the participation of the public, is the correct forum to have the series of discussions that will be required.

Topics could include, for instance, just what this park might be called and how to set in motion the machinery to get it done.

Letters

‘Be a Santa’ successful

Editor,

On behalf of the staff at Home Instead Senior Care, a provider of nonmedical home care to seniors in their homes, we wish to thank everyone who participated in our “Be a Santa to a Senior” program.

Through the generosity of those who purchased the gifts, this year the program was able to bring joy to the lives of 601 seniors in our communities during the holiday season.

We would also like to thank our community partners who helped supply the names of deserving seniors, as well as those that provided space for our Gift Trees.

Those partners include Apple Discount Drugs, Snow Hill Pharmacy, Salisbury University – Conference Planning Department, Wor-Wic Community College – Allied Health Division, Fresenius Dialysis Center – Milford St. location, Coastal Hospice – Compass Program, Salisbury Urban Ministries, Berlin Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Ocean Pines Community Center and Salisbury Chamber of Commerce, along with MAC Area Agency on Aging, Worcester County Commission on Aging, Worcester County Dept. of Social Services and Worcester County Health Dept.

We also want to thank the staff at Avery Hall Insurance who personally contributed over 30 gifts to our program. We thoroughly enjoyed working with all of these organizations and appreciate their help in making this

wonderful program a success. We can’t wait till next year.

*Corrie Boger Co-Owner
Don Boger Co-Owner
Home Instead Senior Care*

Lack of lighting, left in the dark

Editor,

The following letter was sent to the current board and previous Ocean Pines Boards with only one response a year ago and no actions.

An issue that has been important to me and many of my friends and neighbors since my husband and I moved in in 1997 is the lack of safe lighting in Ocean Pines, which result in very difficult driving at night.

We totally understand that the Pines was built as a summer vacation community and we are well aware of the very high costs of installing street lighting.

So, our suggestion, which has been made to previous boards with no responses, is that property owners invest a small amount in affordable solar, dusk to dawn, or other appropriate lighting on their properties.

Both seasonal and permanent residents should provide some lighting, which would be on all year and make our community more accessible and safe.

We are aware of many residents who cannot drive in the Pines at night because it is so dark, especially in the winter.

We hope that you will agree that this is an affordable and reasonable suggestion for providing lighting within Ocean Pines. We have

installed two of these lights and the end of our court is much lighter than when we moved in. Lighting could be carriage lights, door or garage fixtures.

Please promote this idea in your newsletters or emails. Members of the community will be very thankful.

*Carolyn Neal
Ocean Pines*

More than 1,000 ‘Angels’ contribute

Editor,

Our community is filled with angels. The outpouring of generosity for our annual Angel fundraising drive proves it.

Thank you to all of the angels — 1,173 of you — who this year contributed \$106,344 to help fund the charity care we provide.

Last year, Coastal Hospice cared for 1,185 patients and families in the four counties on the Lower Eastern Shore and provided more than \$670,000 in charity care to patients who lacked the resources to pay for the care they desperately needed.

The average gift this year was more than \$90, which will have a significant impact on the care Coastal Hospice provides. For example, a \$100 donation pays for one month of oxygen for a hospice patient at home. A \$70 donation pays for one month of medical equipment for patient at home.

Angels like you are the bright lights in the midst of our lives. We truly appreciate your support.

*Alane K. Capen
President
Coastal Hospice*

Main break interrupts water service

Snow Hill temporarily shut off pipes Tues.

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

(Jan. 12, 2017) Due to a water main break in the 100 block of Washington Street, the town of Snow Hill had to temporarily shut down

water service on Tuesday evening between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Mayor Charlie Dorman said the area most affected by the shutoff were properties east of Church Street.

The rapid change in temperatures from the passing snowstorms and incoming

warmer weather is blamed for the pipe’s rupture at a valve box, Dorman said. To help the repair effort, the nearby water tower — used to maintain pressure in the pipes — was disabled.

The same evening a water pipe at the train station also broke.

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Enterprise Zone Tax Credit Seminar at Berlin Town Hall

(Jan. 12, 2017) Worcester County Economic Development (WCED), in partnership with the Maryland Department of Commerce, Pocomoke City, and the towns of Berlin and Snow Hill, will host an Enterprise Zone Tax Credit Seminar on Tuesday, Jan. 17 at 11 a.m. at the Berlin Town Hall.

The seminar is open to entrepreneurs whose businesses are located within an Enterprise Zone and will provide an overview of the tax credits that may be available to them.

Maryland Department of Commerce representatives and Enterprise Zone Administrators will be in attendance to accept applications as well. Eligible businesses will be able to tap into existing tax credit programs for income tax (potentially \$1,000 per full-time employee hired within the past three years), and an overview on property tax credits will be given as well.

"Our partners strive to ensure that business owners in Worcester County are aware of the availability of this long-standing tax credit," WCED Director Merry Mears said. "Our goal is to walk them through the process, so they can reap the benefits of locating within one of our three Enterprise Zones."

Enterprise Zones in Worcester County are located within the towns of Berlin, Snow Hill and Pocomoke City. To determine if a business is located within a designated enterprise zone, contact the town hall where the business is located. Enterprise Zone administrators are Ernie Crofoot (Pocomoke, town administrator), Kelly Pruitt (Snow Hill, town manager) and Ivy Wells (Berlin, Community and Economic Development director).

There is no cost to attend, and lunch will be provided. However, advance reservations are required. To register, contact Mears at mmears@co.worcester.md.us or 410-632-3112.

'The Lion King Jr.' performed in OC

(Jan. 12, 2017) The Ocean Pines Children's Theater announces its upcoming production of Disney's Broadway blockbuster, "The Lion King" Jr., Jan. 13-14 in Ocean City.

With music and lyrics by Elton John and Tim Rice, this enchanting show was introduced to the Broadway stage in 1997, and was the recipient of 70 awards, including the 1998 Tony for best musical. The critically-acclaimed Ocean Pines Children's Theater promises to delight audiences at the Ocean City Performing Arts Center on 40th Street, Friday, Jan. 13 at 7 p.m., and Saturday, Jan. 14 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

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Thrift store gets major makeover, supports Diakonia

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Jan. 12, 2017) After about a week and a half of renovations, the new and improved “Used to be Mine Thrift Store” opened back up last Wednesday morning to a line of expectant customers that wrapped around the small parking lot in West Ocean City.

The store, an extension of Diakonia that opened in 2009, carries everything from clothing and furniture, to board games and various household items. Proceeds support programs across the nonprofit, which benefits more than 10,000 people and distributes more than 100,000 pounds of food each year.

Diakonia Executive Director Claudia Nagle said the store was tiny when it originally opened, but that it expanded twice within the first year, taking up additional storefronts in the shopping center. Today, the space covers more than 3,600 square feet.

“What it does for Diakonia is it allows us to support some of the activities that we provide to the community,” she said. “It provides a wonderful opportunity for people to come in from the community and to volunteer with us and get involved, and the revenue that gets generated through the thrift shop is invaluable – it just fills a lot of those holes that otherwise we wouldn’t have funds to do things with.”

The latest remodel and expansion was spearheaded by Diakonia President Allyson Bernard-Church, with assistance from Nagle, Board Member Tracy Tilghman and a small handful of others.

“When I became president in June, some of the people that are involved in Diakonia came and said ‘we love the thrift store, but it needs a little updating,’” Bernard-Church said.

She said she used her experience as a realtor to plan the revamp.

“I’ve done renovations and flipped houses and done TV shows and stuff, so I thought ‘I can do this,’” she said. “We decided to do it over the holiday because it would be quieter, and they’re closed for a week between Christmas and New Year’s.”

She gathered a wish list from volunteers and said about 90 percent of those



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Diakonia Executive Director Claudia Nagle, left, President Allyson Bernard-Church and Board Member Tracy Tilghman, right, helped remodel the nonprofit's thrift shop in West Ocean City during the holiday break between Christmas and New Year's Eve. The store reopened last Wednesday.

requests were fulfilled.

“We put up new shelving and brightened it up and did some remarketing, and we had some volunteers come in and redo the countertops in our ‘Diakonia blue,’” she said. “It was time. It’s been so successful that we haven’t been able to address [the shortcomings], and I had a lot of really good friends and community support to help.”

That included her own family, visiting from Connecticut during the holidays.

“I put a hammer in my dad’s hand too,” she said.

Tilghman said she brought additional “muscle” and helped install the new shelves.

The end result, by all accounts, is a cleaner, more welcoming space that should benefit both the shoppers and the volunteer staff, and by extension the entire operation.

“It’s incredible. I can’t wait to hear what the public’s reaction is,” Bernard-Church said. “We had people consistently looking in the windows when we were working.”

She said shoppers range from those that have nothing, to the cream of the community.

“Everybody loves a bargain,” Bernard-Church said.

Along with raising funds and offering up deep discounts, Nagle said the store helps provide certain items for needy people in the community.

“The thrift shop is certainly an opportunity to raise some funds to support our mission of emergency housing and home-

lessness prevention and our food pantry and those other services we provide, but also if we have someone who comes to Diakonia for assistance and needs some help [the shop] allows us to have some furnishings for people who may have lost their home in a fire or something along those lines,” she said. “We use the donations that come in with our guests who stay at our emergency housing program, and we also work with the department of social services if they have clients that need furnishing.”

Nagle said about 100 people contribute to running the space, almost all of which are volunteers. That includes not only those who help run the thrift store, but those in receiving and others who help sort through and distribute all of the items.

“We have a group of people who come here on Tuesday mornings to sort and stock the shop. It really is something that’s amazing to watch happen, and the fact that Ally brought the board along and brought the volunteers and showed that leadership and showed recognition to the needs of the shop is really remarkable,” she said. “It shows one more time and one more way how much we value the work of the volunteers and how much we appreciate them. Without them we wouldn’t be able to do what we do – I’m constantly reminded of that.”

Bernard-Church underscored how broad of a push all of Diakonia’s volunteers put in to help raise the funds that drive the nonprofit’s many programs.

“What I want the community to know is when we go out and solicit donations –

because we certainly can’t run on just what the thrift shop does for us – that we work, every day, really hard at doing everything that we can before we go out to the community,” she said. “We have incredible community support, but I think that not all the community understands that we do that. This [store] is just a little piece of us.”

Workers at the thrift store cannot accept donations of electronics or used bedding, but they are accepting items in good, working condition that are clean and well cared-for. Cash, check or electronic donations are the best way to help, according to Nagle, because they are the most flexible and the store tends to have storage issues.

On that note, Bernard-Church said Diakonia is looking for additional storage space, which would ideally be heated and have electricity.

“If somebody has a storefront that’s available until spring – we would love to have it year-round, but we really need something for the next four months,” she said. “That is a need that we are looking for.”

Visit the Used to be Mine Thrift Store on 12507 Sunset Ave in West Ocean City, next to the Culture restaurant. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday.

Donations can be delivered to the main office on 12747 Old Bridge Road in Ocean City.

For more information or to donate items or funds, call 410-213-0923, visit www.diakoniaoc.org or visit www.facebook.com/usedtobemine.

Program to raise awareness of heroin problem

(Jan. 12, 2017) Atlantic General Hospital is partnering with the Worcester County Sheriff’s Office and New Castle County Delaware’s Heroin Alert program, “The Heroin Trap,” to offer a free program, “Addiction Hurts: Struggles Facing our Families and Community.”

Free and open to the community, the goal of this event, held Tuesday, Jan. 17 at 6 p.m. at Stephen Decatur High School in Berlin, is to raise awareness about the risk of addiction and to provide resources for addiction rehabilitation, counseling and family support.

According to the Worcester County Health Department:

In 2012, there was only one reported opioid use related death in Worcester County. In 2015, that number rose to 11 reported overdose deaths tied to heroin/opioid use.

Admissions to treatment for heroin doubled in Worcester County; whereas statewide the number remained constant (2009-2011). Opioid-related admissions to treatment tripled in Worcester, while the number increased by less than 2 percent statewide.

Representatives from the Heroin Alert Program and the Worcester County Sheriff’s Office will provide valuable information about the heroin epi-

demic, the effects on the community and how people can get help overcoming addiction.

Marie Allen, author of “Dope Help,” will share her personal story of losing a child to addiction. Allen has set her personal goal to tell as many people as possible about her daughter and the dangers of heroin addiction.

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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THE DOWNSIZING OF NATHANIEL AMES

BY PETER BRODA AND ERIK AGARD / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

ACROSS

1 Loops in, in a way

5 Goddess with a throne headress

9 Tempo

13 Figs. on drivers' licenses

16 When repeated, a Pacific tourist destination

17 Fish whose name is a celebrity's name minus an R

18 Old bandleader with an Egyptian-inspired name

19 Outrigger projections

20 Things smoked by singer Courtney?

23 Scandalmaker in 2002 news

24 Speed demon

25 Headwear the N.B.A. banned in 2005

26 Game involving sharp projectiles and alcohol

28 Parrot's cry

29 1950s prez

31 "Charlie Hustle is my name/I am banned from Hall of Fame," e.g.?

33 Fist bump

34 "Yes, ____!"

36 Put a coat on

37 "Eureka!" moments

40 Press

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

42 Cloth colorist

43 Feature of Africa

44 ____ oil

46 Televangelist Joel

48 Alternative to "News" and "Maps" in a Google search

50 Road restriction

51 Pugnacious Olympian

53 Relative of a ferret

54 Cold and wet

55 F.B.I.'s div.

56 Hoopster Steph not playing at home?

60 Riffraff

62 Japanese watchmaker

64 Like Granny Smith apples

65 Endless chore

66 Dickens's Uriah

68 Sega Genesis competitor, in brief

69 Radiant

71 Intersect

73 The sport of boxing in the 1960s and '70s, essentially?

75 "Nothing to write home about"

76 Groups with co-pays, briefly

78 Jockey strap

80 "Star Trek: T.N.G." role

81 Installment

83 Personalized gifts for music lovers

85 Valet in P.G. Wodehouse stories

89 Contemporary hybrid music genre

90 Sots' sounds

91 Nickname for Louise

93 Feast

94 Sail support

95 In unison

97 Echo effect

99 El operator in the Windy City, briefly

100 Hat for pop singer Corey?

103 Anthem contraction

104 "Uhh ..."

105 Show what you know, say

107 "In all probability"

109 Regular

111 Obstinate one, astrologically

112 Two-time Best Actor winner arriving early?

115 Four-star rank: Abbr.

116 Monopoly purchase

117 Singer/songwriter Laura

118 Little foxes

119 Slump

120 ____ cosa (something else: Sp.)

121 Wanders (about)

122 They begin in juin

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1 Original aier of "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy"

2 Pop competition

3 Something smoked by comic Chris?

4 Hang on to

5 Org. against doping

6 Spindly limbed

7 Shakespeare villain

8 Photo of Canada's former prime minister Stephen?

9 "Stay ____"

10 Aardvarks, by another name

11 Enter surreptitiously

12 Press lightly, as the brakes

13 He was buried in 1915 and died in 1926

14 Dressage gait

15 Invoice figs.

18 ____ lily

19 Fulminating

21 Dwarf planet more massive than Pluto

22 Atypical

23 Summer hrs. in Phila.

27 Literary device used to address plot inconsistencies

30 Nephrologists study them

32 Spies, informally

35 M.L.K.'s title: Abbr.

38 "Today" personality

39 Shark's home

41 Close by

43 Egg producer

45 Arctic fliers

47 Blow it

49 Like a handyman's projects, for short

50 "Anything! Anything at all!"

52 Shade of pink

54 Sword fight, e.g.

56 Filament sites, in botany

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- 57 Imprisoned

58 Underhanded use of someone else's domain name

59 Troubles

61 Cherry for talk show host Chelsea?

63 Glimpsed

67 Forswear

70 Genius
- 72 Arm muscle, informally

73 ____ drop

74 Miney follower

77 "Idomeneo" composer

79 "All My ____ Live in Texas"

82 U.N.C. student

83 Figure at the center of a maze
- 84 Tahoe, for one

86 Entourage of a 1990s white rapper?

87 Musical intermission

88 Continuous

90 Flamboyantly successful sort

92 Trampolinist's wear

96 Start to -scope

97 Cincinnati squad

98 Dude, in British lingo
- 101 Smallish batteries

102 Long spear

105 Makes "it"

106 Zone

108 "Dark Sky Island" singer

110 Drink sometimes served hot

113 "Snowden" org.

114 ____, cuatro, seis, ocho ...

Cuisine

Bacon jam, horsey sauce play well together

One and only one snowfall has occurred, and it was a blasted blizzard! What in the world is going on around here? To top it off, my family and I had to make a trip from here to DC on Saturday during the storm. Needless to say, it was a hair-raising ride.



By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3

I consider myself a sturdy snow-driver,

but even with my eons-worth of confidence it was still tossing me around the ice-capped asphalt. With a little tenacity and a great deal of time (over five hours to be exact), we were in DC for an event that we simply could not miss, but that is for another day.

Upon returning home, it was both warming to the soul and downright frigid, with temperatures in the teens. After building a fire it was time to take a survey on the amount of work that I have to do before classes resume; no small task, I can assure you.

It seems like only yesterday that I started decorating for Christmas, and now I realize that I'll be taking down tinsel and lights or one form or another for at least a month. Our overindulgence in shiny, blinky things in the front yard comes at a price, and I will be paying said price for some time to come. And now that the outdoor paraphernalia is covered in snow, I can tack on another week before I get it all straightened out.

Yes, the holidays are over, and once again I roam around the house trying to get motivated for the upcoming semester. We have some of my favorite classes this term to include Garde Manger, and as much work as it is, I am excited to see what students discover in this most unique class. Since the crux of the GM kitchen is to utilize all scraps, bits and pieces in everything such as terrines, pates, soups, salads and sandwiches, you can imagine that it doesn't take too much imagination to use up what you have in the fridge.

There is nothing quite like mingling multiple sauces to find surprisingly satisfying concoctions and combinations. With a focus on contrasting and complementing flavors, there are myriad directions in which one can go to create new and simple foods.

Looking at a slab of rare roast beef that we have left over from one of our last get-togethers, I automatically think about using a horseradish sauce. Yes, I know it is a touch



pedestrian, but food is food in all forms.

As I literally had bacon bits and fat on the stove leftover from the previous day's breakfast, and some julienne red onion in the icebox, it was a short leap to make a bacon jam with some brown sugar and balsamic vinegar, the latter being something I've written about many times in this column over the years.

Now, I honestly could not have told you how Horsey Sauce and Bacon Jam would go together, and in my own mind I thought it was going to be pretty disgusting. But, I was bored, so I whipped up the bacon jam (which my oldest daughter then used on cheddar toast, much to my admiration) and made a roast beef sandwich with a liberal dosage of both.

I felt like a champion; a god among men. This is a relatively divine combination with the sweet and hot, rich and vinegary components. I would not have pegged this as a winner, but I now have a new combo that I can use (for at least a month before the kids tire of it).

Either way, we're home safe-and-sound, school is about to start, and I have one hell of a sandwich to eat. Take that, 2017.

Roast Beef Sandwich

enough for 2 sandwiches
4 pieces Artisan garlic bread
2 Tbsp. Horsey Sauce (recipe follows)
¼ cup Bacon jam (recipe follows)
1 tomato, sliced
Romaine hearts
12 ounces Rare roast beef

- Toast bread if desired and spread both pieces with Horsey Sauce
- Place some lettuce on the bottom slice of bread
- Top with roast beef
- Top with bacon jam
- Top off with tomato slices and top piece of bread
- Slice sandwich in half and have at it

Horsey Sauce

makes 1 cup
½ cup Mayonnaise
¼ cup Sour cream
¼ cup Grated horseradish, or to taste
Dash of lemon juice, salt and pepper as needed

- Combine all ingredients, and add just the heat from the horseradish to your liking

Bacon Jam

makes about 2 cups
6 pieces bacon, uncooked
1 ½ cup Julienne red onion
½ cup brown sugar
½ cup Balsamic vinegar
salt & pepper to taste

- Cut bacon into lardons, or small bits
- Cook bacon bits until crispy and keep in the pan, reserving all of the fat
- Cook onions in the bacon fat until they are translucent
- Add brown sugar and vinegar and place on low so that the onions and the bacon can have a 'little conversation' as some cooks like to put it
- Stir occasionally, but allow to cook on low for up to two hours, or until it is reduced but not burned or bitter in the least
- Chill, and it will thicken because of the reduced vinegar and the sugars. Serve with cheese platters, on burgers, or here on this roast beef sandwich

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Calendar

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

THU, JAN. 12

STORY TIME
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10:30 a.m. For 2 to 5 year old children. 410-208-4014, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

YOUNG AND RESTLESS 'PAINTING FUN'
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 10:30 a.m. For 3 to 7 year old children. 410-632-3495, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

COASTAL HOSPICE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 11 a.m. The group meets every Thursday. Free and open to anyone who has lost a loved one, not just Coastal Hospice families. 410-251-8163

BEACH SINGLES
Harpoon Hanna's, 39064 Harpoon Road, Fenwick Island, DE, 4 to 7 p.m. Every Thursday, Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour. Arlene or Kate, 302-436-9577 or 410-524-0649

FRI, JAN. 13

MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST
Clarion Fontainebleau Crystal Ballroom, 10100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 7 to 9 a.m. An inspirational and uplifting morning, where the entire community can come together. Featuring key note speaker Dr. Lou Ann Daly. Tickets are \$20 and include a full hot breakfast buffet. Purchase tickets online or at the following area chambers: Ocean City Chamber Visitors Center, 12320 Ocean Gateway; Ocean Pines Chamber, 11031 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines; Berlin Chamber, 124 N. Main St., Berlin; or Pocomoke Chamber, 6 Market St., Pocomoke City. Lisa Layfield, lisa@oceancity.org, 410-213-0144, Ext. 104, <http://www.oceancity.org>

EAST COAST COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN'S & AQUACULTURE TRADE EXPO
Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Seminars, fishermen gear, equipment and more. Admission. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, <http://www.marylandwatermen.com>

2ND FRIDAY DINNER
Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 4 to 6:30 p.m. Menu includes baked chicken, green beans, baked potato, salad, drink and dessert. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children. Carry out available. Proceeds benefit Stevenson's New Pipe Organ Fund. 443-614-2518

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO
Columbus Hall (behind St. Luke's Church), 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 6:30 p.m. Held each Friday night. Doors



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BUILD-A-BEAR DELIVERY
Members of the Ocean Pines Hammerheads swim team and Coach Brooks Ensor delivered more than 30 Build-A-Bear plush teddy bears to Atlantic General Hospital's Emergency Department recently to be given to children staying at the Berlin facility. They are joined by Nurse Technician Shannen Hilton and Beth Ann Wells, RN.

open at 5 p.m., games begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments for sale. 410-524-7994

'THE LION KING' JR.
Ocean City Performing Arts Center in the Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 7 p.m. Featuring the Ocean Pines Children's Theater. Tickets cost \$15 and can be purchased online through Ticketmaster or at the Convention Center Box Office. Paulette, 410-251-1402

SAT, JAN. 14

FARMERS MARKET
White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Held every Saturday. Locally grown vegetables and fruits, eggs, honey, kettle corn, flowers, artisan breads, seafood, meats and more. New vendors welcome. 410-641-7717, Ext. 3006

OCEAN PINES ANGLERS CLUB MEETING
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 9:30 a.m. Speaker will be Dennis McDermott, the Reel Doctor at Atlantic Tackle. McDermott will provide insights on how fishermen should regularly care for their reels and technical advice for them. All are welcome. Jack Barnes, 410-641-7662

EAST COAST COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN'S & AQUACULTURE TRADE EXPO
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<http://www.marylandwatermen.com>
NAUTICAL & WILDLIFE ART FESTIVAL & CRAFT SHOW
Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info: www.ocshows.com, 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326.

FAMILY GAME DAY
Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 11 a.m. Come play family-friendly board games, giant sized. For all ages. 410-957-0878, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

'THE LION KING' JR.
Ocean City Performing Arts Center in the Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. shows. Featuring the Ocean Pines Children's Theater. Tickets cost \$15 and can be purchased online through Ticketmaster or at the Convention Center Box Office. Paulette, 410-251-1402

SUN, JAN. 15

ALL-U-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET
Berlin Fire Hall, 214 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Menu includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, creamed chipped beef, hash browns, waffles, biscuits, coffee, milk and juice. Cost is \$9 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5-12 years and free to those 4 and younger. Carry-outs cost \$7.

EAST COAST COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN'S & AQUACULTURE TRADE EXPO
Ocean City convention center, 4001

Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Seminars, fishermen gear, equipment and more. Admission. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, <http://www.marylandwatermen.com>

NAUTICAL & WILDLIFE ART FESTIVAL & CRAFT SHOW
Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Info: www.ocshows.com, 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 2, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 12 to 1 p.m. Group shares experience, strength and hope to help others. Open to the community and to AGH patients. Rob, 443-783-3529

'GOD'S COUNTRY CROSSROADS' GOSPEL CONCERT
Friendship United Methodist Church, 10537 Friendship Road, Berlin, MD, 6 p.m. Following the concert, refreshments will be served in the community hall. No tickets required, but a love offering will be taken. 410-641-2578, <http://www.friendshipchurch.us>

MON, JAN. 16

CPAP MASK FITTING
Atlantic General Hospital Sleep Disorders Diagnostic Center, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, All Day Free, bi-monthly mask fitting clinic for patients who are having trouble adjusting to their CPAP equipment. By appointment only: Robin Rohlfing, 410-641-9726

Calendar

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING

Ocean Pines Yacht Club, 1 Mumford's Landing Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 9:30 a.m. Held the third Monday of each month. Coffee at 9:30 a.m. followed by 10 a.m. meeting. All are welcome. The club will also be collecting non-perishable food, toiletries and paper products to be shared with a local food ministry. Call 410-641-8553. 410-208-2969

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 5 to 6:30 p.m. Berlin group No. 169. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly. Edna Berkey, 410-251-2083

DELMARVA SWEET ADELINE CHORUS

Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 7 to 9 p.m. The group meets each Monday. Women interested in learning the craft of a cappella singing welcome. 410-641-6876

TUE, JAN. 17

ENTERPRISE ZONE TAX CREDIT SEMINAR

Berlin Town Hall, 11 a.m. Open to entrepreneurs whose businesses are located within an Enterprise Zone and will provide an overview of the tax credits that may be available to them.. Enterprise Zones are located in the Towns of Berlin and Snow Hill and Pocomoke City. There is no cost to attend and lunch will be provided. Advance reservations are required by contacting Merry Mears at mmears@co.worcester.md.us or 410-632-3112.

SNOW HILL ROTARY CLUB MEETING

All Hallows Church Parish House, 109 W. Market Street, Snow Hill, MD, 7:30 a.m. Contact agibb1@verizon.net or 410-546-1978 for more information.

PLAY TIME

Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 10:30 a.m. Children, infant to 5 years, will learn new skills while playing with educational toys. 410-957-0878, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

STORY TIME

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St. Berlin, MD, 10:30 a.m. For 2 to 5 year old children. 410-641-0650, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Berlin Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 9715 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Support group for caregivers of Alzheimer's patients. It meets the third Tuesday of each month. Open to the community. Info: Heather Cormack, 410-641-4400, Ext. 6123 or Kenneth Lewis, 410-208-1701 or 410-430-4818

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

Worcester County Health Center, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 5:30 to 7



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RED KETTLE DRIVE

Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign Chair Stella Hartington rings the bell for the drive. Kiwanis annually man the main door at the Berlin Wal-Mart.

p.m. Berlin group 331. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly. jeanduck47@gmail.com

'SHARED VISIONS' FREE PRESENTATION

Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., Ocean City, MD, 6 to 8 p.m. The writers and visual artists of "Shared Visions," the January show at the Ocean City Center for the Arts, will come together to discuss what inspired their collaboration in a free presentation. Open to the public. Walk-ins welcome. A reception will follow. 410-524-9433, <http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org>

ADDICTION HURTS: STRUGGLES FACING OUR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY

Stephen Decatur High School, 9913 Seahawk Road, Berlin, MD, 6 p.m. Free and open to the community. Representatives from the Heroin Alert Program and the Worcester County Sheriff's Office will provide information about the heroin epidemic, the effects on our community and how people can get help overcoming addiction. Marie Allen, author of "Dope Help," will share her personal story of losing her daughter to addiction. Donna Nordstrom, dnordstrom@atlanticgeneral.org, 410-629-6820

BINGO

Pocomoke Elks Lodge 1624, 1944 Worcester Highway, Pocomoke City, MD, 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m., early bingo at 7 p.m. and regular games start at 7:30 p.m. Food and non-alcoholic drinks available. Open to the public. 410-957-3556

WED, JAN. 18

19TH ANNUAL OCEAN CITY BEACH BLANKET BLOOD DRIVE

Ocean City convention center - Dockside Room, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Schedule an



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QUILT WINNER

Quilters by the Sea of Ocean Pines recently picked the winner of its 2016 quilt raffle. Kitty Reeves, of Delaware, was the winner. Over 7,000 tickets were sold. Pictured, from left, are Reeves, Shirley Schaefer, chairman of Raffle Quilt events, and Norma Kessler, chairman of Raffle Quilt tickets.

appointment by visiting www.delmarvablood.org, calling 888-825-6638 or by downloading the free Blood Bank of Delmarva app to iPhones or Android. All donors will be treated to local goodies donated by various eateries, plus receive a free T-shirt.

KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OCEAN PINES/OCEAN CITY

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 8 a.m. Meets every Wednesday. Doors open at 7 a.m., meeting begins at 8 a.m. 410-641-7330, <http://www.kiwanisofopoc.org>

HYPERTENSION CLINIC

Walgreens, 32979 Coastal Highway, Bethany Beach, DE, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268

PLAY TIME

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 10:30 a.m. Children, infant to 5 years, will learn new skills while playing with educational toys. 410-524-1818, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic Health Center Conference Room, 9714 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 1 to 2 p.m. Women Supporting Women/AGH Support group for women and men who are battling breast cancer (current patients and survivors). The speaker will be Roopa Gupta, MD, Medical Oncologist, Regional Cancer Care Center. Lunch is provided. RSVP: Women Supporting Women, 410-548-7880

DELMARVA HAND DANCE CLUB

Elks Lodge, 13708 Sinepuxent Ave., Ocean City, MD, 5:30 to 9 p.m. Jitterbug, swing, cha-cha to the sounds of the

'50s, '60s and Carolina Beach music. Meets every Wednesday. dance@delmarvahanddancing.com, 302-200-3262, <http://delmarvahanddancing.com>

OCEAN CITY/BERLIN ROTARY CLUB MEETING

Captain's Table Restaurant in the Courtyard by Marriott, 2 15th St, Ocean City, MD, 6 p.m. The group meets every Wednesday. cliff0917@aol.com, 410-641-1700

BINGO

Ocean City Elks Lodge 2645, 13708 Sinepuxent Ave, Ocean City, MD, 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., games start at 6:30 p.m. All cash prizes; \$1,000 Jack Pot. Food and non-alcoholic drinks available. Open to the public. 410-250-2645

ONGOING EVENTS

MID-WEEK MANIA CASH BINGO

Ocean City Senior Center, 41st St., bay-side, Feb. 1, noon to 3 p.m. Advance tickets cost \$10 for 4 cards if purchased by Jan. 26. Tickets at the door cost \$10 for 3 cards. Rachel Zelkind, 410-632-1277, Ext. 114.

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<div><div><div>2015 CHEVY MALIBU \$15,990 Stock# S2350</div></div></div>	<div><div><div>2015 CHEVY MALIBU 2LT \$15,990 Stock# S2354</div></div></div>	<div><div><div>2015 TOYOTA COROLLA \$15,990 Stock# S2412</div></div></div>	<div><div><div>2013 HYUNDAI TUCSAN \$15,990 Stock# S2431</div></div></div>