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Artist John Donato guides students in a mural project at Buckingham Elementary School in Berlin. When finished, the mural will be installed on the north-facing wall of the Berlin Visitor's Center.

Berlin mural work gets underway

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Jan. 28, 2016) The first section of a planned five-panel public mural took shape this week, as dozens of children at Buckingham Elementary School in Berlin worked with muralist John Donato for several days.

The effort started last Thursday in Melissa Reid's art classroom, but progress was pushed back by the winter storms. When finished, the panel will go on the north-facing side of the Berlin Visitor's Center on Main Street.

"The progress by these kids has been fantastic," Donato said. "There's a lot of energy and a lot of good ideas. The staff has been great putting the whole schedule together, and we have volunteers from around the community coming in."

"We're really moving along," he added. "Because of everybody's participating, we're able to put a lot more paint into this project than we anticipated, so it's going to be really something to see."

On Tuesday, students used "dry brushing" techniques to decorate the

spines of several books prominently displayed on the mural. The panel itself was hung on a room-length chalkboard inside Reid's classroom.

Children also used stencils to paint pictures of various fruits and vegetables, meant to recall the booming peach industry that once drove Berlin's economy. While some students took turns working on the big panel, others worked at their desks on a companion mural that will be installed permanently at the school.

Reid was impressed with the work her students had done, and credited Donato with laying out the project in a way that was easy for them to understand.

"The way he scaffolds the project so these students each have a piece of it, but then are ready for the next day, is amazing," she said.

Berlin's Arts & Entertainment Committee announced plans for the mural in October, and the Town Council and historic district commission both signed off on the project last year.

A&E Committee Member Robin Tomaselli was at the school on Tuesday

lending a hand.

"It's way bigger than just art," she said. "The sense of community building is huge – it invests them in the community. Their response to it, to me, has just been amazing."

"There are so many lessons to be learned in what they're doing," Tomaselli continued. "First and foremost, everybody's section is different – and that's an awesome thing – and there's no right or wrong. If they think they've messed up, instead of erasing and starting over, they figure out how to problem solve and make something better. I've learned so much from these kids already."

For Elijah Collick, a 7-year-old student at Buckingham, the mural was a chance to work with his classmates in an unusual way. He said his favorite part was stenciling the strawberries.

"It's really fun to go up there and paint," Collick said.

The finished panel will be unveiled during Berlin's 2nd Friday art stroll, March 11.

Snow, ice storms keep public works busy over weekend

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Jan. 28, 2016) While last week's nor'easter pounded northern areas of the state, including dropping more than 30 inches of snow in parts of Baltimore, inland Worcester County was largely spared.

Still, Berlin Public Works Director Jane Kreiter said the weekend was an eventful one, with workers putting in close to 200 hours to combat the storm.

Kreiter said Maryland State Highway figures listed Berlin as receiving four inches of snow on Friday evening, followed by two inches of rain Saturday afternoon, and another four-and-a-half inches of snow on Saturday evening and into Sunday.

"We were fighting snow, ice, flooding and more snow – and then more ice," Kreiter said. "But we really did dodge a bullet [compared to] situations like Baltimore or New York."

Public works staff removed just one downed tree in Berlin.

"We were chasing a lot of trash cans around," Kreiter said. "We were lucky."

Berlin Electric Utilities Director Tim Lawrence said his staff fought to recover from two major power outages on Saturday. The first occurred at Decatur Farm, near Schooner Lane, at 4:30 a.m. when a tree fell across three lines. Town utility workers had power back on by 10 a.m.

Two hours later, the second outage occurred when a tree limb fell 20 feet from power lines near Branch Street and Route 113 and was swept by the wind into one of the overhead switches, shutting down the breaker. Lawrence said power was restored there by 1:09 p.m.

Berlin Police Chief Arnold Downing said preparation made all the difference.

"We also want to say thank you to the community, the ones who heeded the words and stayed off of the roadways, and the businesses that did go ahead and close and the churches that went ahead and thought about the safety of their patrons and their customers. I think it was a great partnership," he said.

Downing said no major accidents occurred in Berlin over the weekend.

Ocean Pines also went largely unscathed during the storm. Teresa Travatello, head of public relations, said the community experienced some flooding and saw a handful of downed trees, but no major problems occurred.



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Resident Walt Lischak asks about golf membership during a town hall meeting in Ocean Pines last Thursday. Landscapes Unlimited, who manage the association's course, hosted the meeting.

Leadership gives mixed reviews to OP golf town hall

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Jan. 28, 2016) Dozens of homeowners filled the Assateague Room inside the Ocean Pines Community Center to near capacity last Thursday evening, as golf management company Landscapes Unlimited hosted a town hall.

The meeting was ordered by a 5-2 vote in November by the board of directors to help provide transparency and to calm fears that the course was hemorrhaging memberships and money.

Those in attendance, however, received few answers from Landscapes Regional Manager Scott Nissley, who struggled through technical issues with a Power Point presentation and could offer few specifics when pressed for answers by the audience.

"The thing that we said we want to do is nurture and maintain nonmember revenue and grow memberships," Nissley said. "That has not changed. It has always been that goal."

Golf Pro John Malinowski faired better, stepping into the conversation roughly 40 minutes into the nearly three-hour town hall. Malinowski served in the same capacity for more than two years under previous management company Billy Casper Golf.

Under Casper, he said the main focus was on outside play. Last year, Malinowski estimated 62 percent of rounds came from those who were not members of the course.

"The golf course had been struggling," he said. "They decided the quickest way to get the revenue up was really to try to get more nonmembers in the golf course."

"The former company did a great job [and] revenue jumped way up," Malinowski continued. "I think what you're seeing now is membership probably got thrown on the backburner."

When Landscapes took over management last year, Malinowski said staff turnover caused problems at the course, which also faced challenges from 21 other golf courses in a 34-mile radius.

Malinowski defended the Ocean Pines course, saying the greens were "the best ... on the Eastern Shore," and that pending new hires would help the recovery. He also said he would personally be part of the planning process, which had not happened under the previous company.

He added that several new events were held at the course last year, the focus on marketing and social media had been intensified, and package play booking would likely increase with the stabilization of management.

"This past year was tough ... as a golf professional," he said. "A year ago I had no idea where I was going to be, where my staff was going to be, what my family was going to be doing. We didn't know what company was going to be managing [the course]," he said. "It was

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Scott Nissley, from Landscapes Unlimited, speaks during a town hall meeting in Ocean Pines last week. Nissley struggled at times, while Golf Pro John Malinowski, left, fared slightly better.

Dir. Stevens says LU meeting was not what he had intended

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a tough summer, walking in at 6 o'clock, staying until 9 o'clock at night. Thank God my kids like golf, otherwise I don't think I would have seen them.

"I know things weren't great, but we worked hard, we tried to find our deficiencies, we hired new staff and I think we're heading in the right direction," Malinowski added. "The point of uncertainty [is] gone ... anything, going forward, is all definitely on us."

Board President Pat Renaud said he received several compliments after the meeting from golf members in Ocean Pines.

"Everybody was very pleased with it," he said, adding that Malinowski "did an excellent job" stepping in for Nissley.

"Scott was floundering," Renaud said. "He was OK, but they were kind of looking at him with a jaundiced eye. He gave some disingenuous answers, but for the most part John was right on the money."

"It was a good practice, and I'm glad that we did it [as a town hall]," Renaud added. "I thought that was more conducive to have people come out and express their views."

Director Dave Stevens, who introduced the motion to have the meeting in the first place, said he was not happy with the format. Stevens said the town hall put Nissley at a disadvantage because the board was still in the process of refining the budget, which dictates what the course can and cannot do.

"The timing of having that meeting without significant preparation and without giving Scott some feeling of what he could say and how much he could say put him in a difficult spot," Stevens said. "The board itself has not sat down and discussed the plan that's been submitted to us. That's not happened."

"The meeting was not what was originally intended by my motion," Stevens continued. "That much is obvious."

Third annual Worcester County canned food drive

(Jan. 28, 2016) Worcester County Volunteer Services will host its third annual food drive for the Maryland Food Bank (MFB) through Friday, Jan. 29. All county employees and the public are invited to participate.

The focus of this food drive is on providing ready-to-eat canned meals. Canned items most needed include meats that are high in protein – such as tuna, salmon and chicken – and hearty stews.

Canned food items can be deposited in specially-marked Maryland Food Bank barrels at these participating locations:

- Worcester County Government Center in Snow Hill
- All five Worcester County Branch Libraries: Ocean City, Ocean Pines, Berlin, Snow Hill and Pocomoke
- Worcester County Recreation Center in Snow Hill

More than 47,000 individuals on the Eastern Shore are food insecure, and over a third of those individuals are children.

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For more information about the food drive, contact Worcester County Volunteer Services Manager Kelly Brinkley at 410-632-0090. Organizations interested in hosting food drives are invited to contact MFB Managing Director Jennifer Small at small@mdfoodbank.org.



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Winter storms delay Pines budget presentation

Reveal rescheduled one week, moved to Saturday, Jan. 30 at community ctr.

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Jan. 28, 2016) The threat of severe winter weather delayed the public release of a draft of the 2017 fiscal-year budget, originally scheduled for last Saturday, according to OPA Board President Pat Renaud. General Manager Bob Thompson was to present the proposed budget during a public hearing at the community center. Now, that meeting will be held Jan. 30.

“We thought the weather was going to come, and we weren’t ready. This is the budget, but it’s not the budget, because we haven’t really decided and haven’t voted on many issues. There are a lot of things hanging,” Renaud said.

Two weeks ago, the Ocean Pines Budget and Finance Committee reviewed the draft during a series of public meetings. The directors also met over a period of several days last week to discuss potential changes.

“I’m not sure when [the budget] is going to be completed, but we’re continuing to move along,” Renaud said. “I thought the budget hearings went pretty well. We didn’t dwell too much on any one subject, and there wasn’t much fighting going on, which I thought was good.”

Following the next board meeting, scheduled for today, Thursday, at 9 a.m. in the community center, the directors will hold a special meeting at 2 p.m. to discuss some of those issues.

The most recent draft of the budget, available to the public in a binder inside the administration

building, carries a \$22 increase in the basic annual assessment. That number will almost certainly change before the final vote on the budget, due in February, occurs. By how much – up or down – is anyone’s guess.

Last week, former Director Marty Clarke emailed the board members a proposal that would lower assessments \$138, in part, by discontinuing the “legacy” reserves altogether.

In a phone interview on Friday, Director Dave Stevens said he favored a more “phased” approach to trimming the amount the association contributes to reserves.

“I got a question from Pat [during the board budget meetings], who said, ‘why wouldn’t you say eliminate it all the way,’ and basically I said, ‘because I’m chicken,’” Stevens said. “I also don’t believe doing things in big chunks. People

don’t like that. “Can I give a rational financial reason for that? No, but on the other hand, nobody can give a reason that we should continue [reserves] as is. I wouldn’t cut it half or anything, but a significant reduction and a lowering of the assessments as a result [could happen].”

Stevens went on to call the recently released capital facilities planning document, produced by Thompson, a “rehash” of old proposals and part of a “personal agenda.” That plan outlined nearly \$40 million in capital projects spread out over a 10-year period.

“I don’t believe we should continue to fund the reserves on that basis,” Stevens said. “I’ll just say so, and we’ll see how many people vote for it. Maybe it’ll even pass – wouldn’t that be a wonderful thing?”

Ocean Pines to operate food truck?

Rosenfeld’s invoked, but owner says he had no prior knowledge or involvement

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Jan. 28, 2016) One of the more peculiar items in the proposed 2017 Ocean Pines Association budget is a \$55,000 capital purchase of a food truck to be operated by the association.

A capital project worksheet included in the draft of the budget was prepared by Yacht Club Manager Jerry Lewis, with a target completion date of May 15.

Lewis wrote that the truck would provide “on site catering” for the Cove

restaurant, which is located inside the yacht club, along with the Mumford’s Landing pool, farmer’s market and “various recreation programs and events.”

He added that the truck would “expand and enhance ... guest experience for those who attend various functions and events.”

At the bottom of the worksheet are instructions to attach supporting data, including project specifications and cost estimates. A photograph of the Rosenfeld’s Jewish Delicatessen food truck was printed on the following page. No additional information was provided.

Reached for comment, Warren Rosenfeld said he was not affiliated with the project – nor was he even

aware of it. “I’m hearing it for the first time, wondering why in the hell they think they should be buying a food truck,” he said. “And, my food truck costs less than 40 percent of that. I’m really wondering what they think they’re going to do with a \$55,000 food truck. “If that means I can’t be at any of their events, then, whatever. I guess imitation is the sincerest form of flattery,” he added.

An Ocean Pines resident, Rosenfeld noted that when he first bought his food truck he parked it his driveway and immediately received a violation notice.

“I’m interested to see where they’re going to keep their food truck,” he said.

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Sister's co-owner Compher installed as chamber prez.

By Josh Davis

Staff Writer

(Jan. 28, 2016) Donna Compher, co-owner of Sisters, took the reins as president of the Berlin Chamber of Commerce from Natalee DeHart of Good Clean Fun Life during an installation dinner last Wednesday.

As she stepped down after her year as president, DeHart said the chamber had a year of "growth and stability," with both the membership base and board of directors increasing. She credited chamber Executive Director Larnet St. Amant and Administrator Morgan Coulson, who were hired in May and June, respectively.

"The last six months has been a huge, huge relief. They've done an amazing job," she said. "I'm looking forward to Donna coming on and taking my place as president, and looking forward to 2016 and all that it has to bring."

Compher said DeHart helped stabilize the chamber after a period of "ups and downs."

"You definitely stepped up," she said. "The growth of the chamber is just incredible right now, and we see a huge new year coming on. We're all so very excited."

Also during the dinner, held at the Holiday Inn on 66th Street in Ocean City, Helen and Mike Wiley won an award for volunteerism for the second consecutive year, and Uncle Jon's Soaps won for best new business.

Bungalow Love Owner Heather Layton received a nod for business philanthropy, for her "Love" campaign. Since December, Layton has donated 10 percent of the proceeds of branded items to three local charities: Diakonia, Maryland Coastal Bays and the Worcester County Humane Society.

Berlin Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells won the "Reece Cropper Bright Idea" award, for the "Win the Window" contest, which ran in December.

Cropper spoke extensively about his role in founding the Berlin Chamber three decades ago.

The town, he said, was a much different place in 1978, when he moved away to attend college. When he returned home four years later, Cropper said Berlin was a "desolate" place. "There were many stores that were empty, and most stores had changed from retail to office space," he said.

When Roxanne Williams asked him to chair the Downtown Revitalization Organization, Cropper said he came up with the idea to form a chamber of commerce.

"I thought the town had too many offices," he said. "There were closed storefronts, and maybe we needed a chamber to start to promote the town as a whole."

He wrote a petition and started to
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Berlin Chamber of Commerce Administrative Assistant Morgan Coulson, left, and Executive Director Larnet St. Amant receive bouquets from chamber officers during an installation dinner, held at the Holiday Inn in Ocean City, last Wednesday.



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Cropper recalls tough road in founding Berlin Chamber

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gather signatures, although progress was somewhat slow going and many in town felt change was unnecessary.

"I can remember my great-grandfather was still alive and I said, 'we're trying to renovate the town.' He said, 'it looks the same as it did forever. It doesn't need renovating.' That's the way people saw things," Cropper said.

Still, he pressed on, visiting the United States Chamber of Commerce to gather sample bylaws and corporate charters, and holding meetings with the help of chamber co-founders Gee Williams, Terry Sexton, Jesse Turner and Thom Gulyas.

Several of his early ideas fizzled out. The Atlantic Hotel was still years away from renovation, and merchants were "less-than enthusiastic."

"Somehow, I just knew that tourists would want to come to the town," he said, recalling meeting two young women from Salisbury at a chamber event. "They had a bus tour company. They were about my age – and they were cute – so I thought maybe I could persuade them to bring bus tours to Berlin."

Cropper said he showed off the town to "the one that was my favorite of the two," buying her lunch and an ice cream cone at Rayne's Reef, and driving her the roughly mile-long

length from the Taylor House Museum to Stephen Decatur Park.

"When I got through I said, 'so, what do you think? Couldn't you bring bus tours here?'" Cropper said. "She said, 'Reece, you have a lot of vision.' She not only didn't bring the buses – she never went out with me."

He went on to recall several failed projects, from a Santa house, to renovations of Stephen Decatur's birthplace, to a train running from Berlin to West Ocean City.

"Not all the ideas that we had came to fruition," Cropper said. "A chamber will have its success, and it will have its failures. It's important to realize the goal is to attract businesses and to attract the people to reside in the greater area of Berlin – not just downtown.

"[Downtown Berlin] is the attraction, just like the ocean is the attraction to Ocean City, but you have to move forward," Cropper continued. "Don't ever forget the success that you had, and realize that life has its ups and downs.

"If you keep plugging and you promote the greater area of Berlin – and you work with your sister chambers, like Ocean City and Ocean Pines – I think you'll find that you'll get more volunteers, and you'll find that you're going to end up with a great success."



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Reece Cropper speaks about his role in founding the Berlin Chamber of Commerce during a chamber installation dinner at the Holiday Inn in Ocean City last week.

New scholarships offered by Worcester County Arts Council

(Jan. 28, 2016) Worcester County Arts Council is offering one scholarship of at least \$2,000 in memory of John Carroll Sisson III and additional scholarships of \$1,000 each to qualified graduating high school seniors, who are Worcester County residents, interested in pursuing academic careers in the arts. Scholarships are also available to college art majors wishing to continue their education in the arts.

The Worcester County Arts Council's scholarship program is designed to identify, recognize and encourage talented students who demonstrate excellence in dance, music, theater, visual arts and creative writing. This is a merit scholarship and award decisions are based on evaluation of tal-

ent, dedication and potential, not financial need. The winners will be awarded at their respective high school's senior awards ceremonies.

Applications must be received by March 15 at the Worcester County Arts Council, 6 Jefferson Street, Berlin. Applicants are judged on their visual, dramatic, creative writing or musical presentations in the form of DVD or CD.

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OP committee: reassess goose control measures

By Josh Davis

Staff Writer

(Jan. 28, 2016) A report by the OPA Environmental and Natural Assets Committee showed mixed results in the community's efforts to control its Canada goose population in the last two years.

According to the October 2015 document, tests conducted by Horn Point Laboratory in 2014 showed poor water quality at the South Gate Pond. The Worcester County Health Department posted warnings there, "banning human contact" with the pond, and a committee investigation showed "a direct link between large resident Canada goose population and [harmful] algae blooms."

Originally, the committee advised Ocean Pines to hire a contractor to remove the geese, which the report said was recommended by the U.S. Department of Natural Resources and permitted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The document added that removal had been "implemented by many golf courses and communities," and that the geese could be used to feed area homeless.

"This solution, to put it mildly, was met with very strong opposition from a small but very vocal group of Ocean Pines residents," the report said.

The committee was charged by the board of directors with developing non-lethal control measures as alternative, although it had strong doubts about the effectiveness of such steps. Still, in Oct. 2014, the board unanimously approved a seven-step program that included installing two-foot stakes around the ponds and stringing monofilament lines between the stakes.

Ocean Pines Public Works started a "no mow" program around the ponds and used "Flight Control" spray around the Worcester County Veteran's Memorial in order to deter geese.

Several other steps recommended by the committee, and approved by the board, were either neglected or apparently disregarded altogether.

"The Association was responsible for entering into a contract with the U.S. Department of Agriculture for nest control work," the report said, adding that contract was never fulfilled despite the fact that money was appropriated. Six "No Feeding Geese" signs were also never produced.

A permit was obtained allowing public works to "oil" goose eggs to stop them from maturing, although it is unclear how much of this was done. The report said a permit was granted "too late in spring to work effectively" at the South Gate, and volunteers, not public works, oiled a dozen eggs at the North Gate.

According to a census taken before and after egg oiling, there were 40 "nonmigratory" geese and three domestic geese at the North Gate in 2014, and 40 nonmigratory geese, five nonmigratory goslings and three

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Geese continue to be a problem in Ocean Pines at the North and South gates. A report produced by the association's environmental and natural assets committee showed mixed results with efforts last year to curb the population of Canada Geese.

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Schematic designs created by architect Jeff Schoellkopf, AIA/The Design Group, show the latest concepts for the new Berlin branch of the Worcester County Public Library. The Worcester County Library Foundation is still trying to raise money for amenities at the new library, which does not have a start date for construction.

New Berlin library still seeking funds

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Jan. 28, 2016) The Worcester County Library Foundation has raised more than \$235,000 for amenities at the new Berlin library branch county government is planning to build, although the nonprofit still has a long way to go before construction can begin.

Funds raised so far include a \$150,000 grant from the Humphries Foundation and a \$75,000 matching grant from the town of Berlin. The foundation is hoping to raise an addi-

tional \$600,000, which would go towards an early learning space, a local history section, gallery area, expanded gardens and community meeting spaces, and a 15 percent increase in overall circulation.

The new 11,000 square-foot building is expected to carry a price tag of \$4 million. More than three times larger than the current Berlin library, the building would house more computers and Wi-Fi ports and an expanded area focusing on child and teen reading.

First, however, the library needs to

close the fundraising gap.

"We are making progress with our fundraising efforts and are very excited about our 'Bricks-to-Books' campaign," Jennifer Ranck, director of Worcester County Libraries, said. "We've had support from around the county – and beyond."

The Bricks-to-Books campaign allows patrons to buy bricks that would be part of a "book walk" section or the garden area, and can be personalized with the name of a loved one, favorite quote from a book, or a similarly personalized message.

Small bricks, 4 inches by 8 inches are \$100 and can include two lines of engraving, and large bricks, 8 inches by 8 inches, can contain up to four lines of engraving.

"So far, we've sold 40 bricks and we've only just begun the campaign," Ranck said. "We would certainly like this opportunity to extend beyond the library community and are looking for ways to share our campaign."

The Worcester County Library Foundation already received \$2 million from the county, \$430,000 of which went to land acquisition of a 6.4-acre parcel of land on Harrison Avenue next to the Waystead Inn. The state added \$1 million in grant money.

The Worcester County Commissioners tapped architect Jeff Schoel-

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Herrick: No board decision imminent

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domestic geese in 2015.

At the South Gate, there were 71 non-migratory geese, 31 nonmigratory goslings and 14 domestic geese in 2014, and 142 nonmigratory geese, 38 nonmigratory goslings, 11 domestic geese and five domestic goslings in 2015.

The committee recommended public works "assume all responsibilities" for the program, and advised that egg oiling be performed each spring. The stakes and monofilament lines were not effective and should be removed, and the no-mow area should be reduced to a foot high, the committee said.

Flight Control spraying should continue as needed. In addition, the report stressed the need to revisit the notion of hiring a contractor to remove the geese.

"Along with this effort, it is imperative the Association start an education program informing Property Owners and all residents of the necessity for the control work," the report said, adding that domestic geese were not a target. "Through this education program, our committee feels complaints about this program may be reduced and hopefully eliminated."

"If all these programs are followed then it is our belief all of God's creatures can live harmoniously in and around the ponds," the report concluded.

Director Tom Herrick, the board liaison to the committee, noted that the board had not made any decisions regarding the report and its list of recommendations, and nothing was imminent.

"Various options will be discussed as to how the Board will proceed in helping make Ocean Pines continue to strive in maintaining a safe and healthy environment at our ponds," Herrick said in an emailed statement.

Herrick went on to say "many alternative means" needed to be discussed before any decision could be made. He said his concern was the health of the North and South Gate ponds, and that his comments on the committee report during a recent board meeting on the budget were only meant "to see if funding would continue to be allocated to support the various support programs that are being suggested by the Environmental and Natural Assets Committee, which address this need."



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Writing contest focuses on Md. middle school students

Seventh and eighth graders invited to participate; four cash prizes will be awarded

(Jan. 28, 2016) All Maryland middle school students are invited to enter a statewide writing contest focusing on the themes of peace and social justice.

The contest, which is sponsored by Anne Arundel Peace Action, the Maryland Peace Action Education Fund, the Benjamin Peace Foundation and the Peace and Justice Center of Annapolis Friends Meeting, is open to all seventh and eighth grade students enrolled in public or private schools in Maryland and to home-schooled students corresponding to the same grade levels. This is the 20th consecutive year the contest has been conducted.

Four cash prizes will be awarded: \$350 for first place, \$250 for second, \$150 for third and \$100 for fourth. The winners will be honored during a special ceremony, although attendance is not required to receive an award.

To enter, students must submit an entry of up to 1,200 words on this topic:

"The United States is considering resettling as many as 10,000 refugees

this year from the Syrian civil war. Approximately half of these refugees are children. Suppose that some of these children become students at your school. And suppose that your principal asks you to serve on a committee to develop a plan to welcome the new students and help them become part of your school and your community. Describe a plan of action that you would suggest to the committee to attain these goals."

Entries must be accompanied by a separate cover sheet including the student's name, address and phone number or e-mail address; school's name, address and phone number; and the name of the teacher sponsor if applicable.

Entries and accompanying materials must be postmarked no later than April 30 and mailed to Fred B. Benjamin Peace Writing Contest, 310 Riverview Avenue, Annapolis, Md. 21403-3328.

Anne Arundel Peace Action and the Maryland Peace Action Education Fund are affiliated with Peace Action, the country's largest grassroots peace and disarmament organization with approximately 100,000 members nationwide.

For more information, call 410-263-7409 or e-mail mjkeller@att.net.

Library Foundation fundraisers coming in May, September

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lkopf to provide design services in August of last year, and in November the county hired Baltimore construction firm Whiting-Turner to manage the pre-construction phase of the Berlin Library for a cost of \$383,400.

In September, the foundation launched its capital campaign at the site of the new library. Ranck said the nonprofit group would hold another fundraiser in Berlin, at the Atlantic Hotel, on Sept. 16.

The foundation will also host a production of "Alice in Wonderland" at the Ocean City Performing Arts Center during Springfest, on Saturday, May 7 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Theater-seating tickets are \$10, and orchestra seats are \$15. Tickets are available at all Worcester County Library branches. For more information, contact the Ocean City Convention Center box office at 410-289-2800.

To date, no timeline for the start of construction has been set.

"We still have a long way to go, but we've been very grateful for the support we've received so far," Ranck said.

For more information on the Bricks-to-Books campaign, visit www.worcesterlibrary.org/printables/Bricks_to_Books_Form.pdf.

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BUILDERS CLUB

Stephen Decatur Middle School has an active Kiwanis Builders Club sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City. It is one of the six Kiwanis Student Leadership Program (SLP) clubs in local schools sponsored by the parent club. SDMS members were installed on Dec. 7.



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PINES LINE DANCERS

The Ocean Pines Line Dancers performed two Christmas dances on Dec. 18 during the OP Shape-Ups Holiday Luncheon in the Assateague Room of the OP Community Center.



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CELEBRATING SUCCESSES

Rotary Club District 7630 Assistant Governor Bill Ferguson joins Ocean City/Berlin Rotary Club members, Robert Smith, President Arlan Kinney, Past President Daniel Harris, Treasurer Margaret Mudron, Immediate Past President Kenneth Bates and Past President Stan Kahn as they celebrate another successful year of fundraising and giving. The Ocean City/Berlin Rotary Club meetings are held Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the Captain's Table Restaurant in the Courtyard by Marriott, located at 15th Street and the Boardwalk.



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LITERARY LADIES

The members of the "Literary Ladies by the Sea" book club celebrated 2015 during a luncheon held at Inn On the Ocean in Ocean City last month. Pictured, from left, are Marilyn Mengel, Kay Gibbons, Sandy Glassman, Jeanne Stiehl, Sharon Armstrong-Saffran, Marlene Lombardi, Diane McGraw, Shirley Schaefer and Muriel Hinz. Missing members are Sally Kohler and Mary Jo Scarbath.



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CODE KIDS

Worcester Preparatory School Honors Computer Science seniors Tori Barros, left, and John Meakin, work with first graders, from left, Brady Schell, Laney Hoch and Gabriella Damouni on Mystery Island, one of the Hour of Code website activities during National Computer Science Education Week, Dec. 7-13.

SNAPSHOTS



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KIWANIS DONATION

Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City donates \$500 annually to each of the local schools to use for their programs and another \$500 to the Kiwanis student clubs in those schools. Mindy Ouellett, Stephen Decatur Middle School faculty adviser to the SDMS Builders Club, accepts a \$500 donation supporting the club. Pictured, from left, are Kiwanis President Mark Joseph, Ouellett, Kiwanis Club Liaison to the SDMS Builders Club Jackie Todd, Kiwanis Club Treasurer Mark Page and SDMS Principal Lynne Barton.



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CANDLELIGHT CONCERT

Worcester Prep fourth graders, from left, Sage Tunnell, Isabella Sapna, Dylan Simons and Lebby Becker prepare to sing on stage during the 45th annual Worcester Prep Christmas Candlelight Program on Dec. 11.



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COIN LESSON

Regent Barbara May and members of the General Levin Winder Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) enjoyed a presentation on U.S. coinage by W. Garrow King, a professional numismatist for Delmarva Coins and Precious Metals. To thank King, who is also an active rotarian, the chapter will donate to Snow Hill Rotary Club's "Pennies for Polio" in his honor.



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NEW YEAR'S SKATE

Several local skateboarders kicked off the new year with a tour of the area's skateparks. The 2016 New Year's Day "Bowl Crawl" included stops at the Epworth Skatepark in Rehoboth Beach, the Ocean Pines Skatepark (pictured) and the new Salisbury Skatepark. In only its second year, the New Year's Day Bowl Crawl has already surged in popularity, and is likely to be even bigger next year.

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Chef Toby Gilbert bringing culinary treasures to Berlin

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Jan. 28, 2016) Chef Toby Gilbert is the latest area resident to open a new business in downtown Berlin.

The 27-year-old will set up “Gilbert’s Provisions” inside the back room of Bruder Hill, on 25 Commerce Street, selling various culinary treasures.

Gilbert, currently the sous chef at a(muse.) in Rehoboth, started cooking “as a little kid, growing up” at a number of restaurants in the Ocean City area. After graduating from Stephen Decatur High School, he earned a liberal arts degree from Flagler College in Florida, then moved to Puerto Rico, where he met a chef who would affect his future.

“After a few drunken nights talking about food, he invited me up to New York, on Fire Island, and I trained under him for seven months. It was basic stuff – I didn’t know how to make a Béchamel sauce, (a white sauce,)” he said.

“I like to think of it as the Thomas Keller way,” Gilbert continued. “Thomas Keller worked in yacht clubs and stuff. His defining moment was making a good hollandaise. When I started to make crème anglaise and



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Chef Toby Gilbert will open a new shop this spring, inside Bruder Hill in Berlin, selling culinary wonders from homemade cheeses and charcuterie, to kimchee and sauerkraut.

good sauces like that, I thought, ‘this is pretty cool how all this works.’”

During that time, in New York, Gilbert also learned how to make kimchee and sauerkraut, spurring an interest in fermentation that will inform several of the items at the new shop.

He later returned to the Worcester County area, working at the Grove

Market in Bishopville and helping to open Blacksmith in Berlin. He also worked at Liquid Assets in Ocean City.

Eventually, he said, the fast-paced, long-hours grind of the restaurant industry became too much of a burden, and he said the birth of his nephew made him consider a career change.

“Seeing my sister and her new kid ... if I keep being a chef, that’s never going to happen,” he said. “This is just a different avenue to do food.”

Gilbert said he started envisioning many of the ambitious items he hoped to sell at the shop during his tenure at Blacksmith. At the time, he envisioned a homemade charcuterie program, among other things, that would take more than a year to produce a single slice of prosciutto.

“I got really excited about making certain individual things without thinking about what we would do with

it afterwards,” he said. “This is an avenue to be able to do these individual projects and then tell people what they can do with it. For me, that’s pretty cool because it makes people cook, and it makes people branch out a little bit. We’ll have a bunch of ingredients that I’m going to be making that aren’t [featured in] many other places.”

He said that could include everything from a fermentation program with sauerkraut, kimchee, pickles and miso, to pâté, cured bacon, duck breast prosciutto and homemade ricotta and burrata cheeses. Probiotic drinks and soft-serve ice cream are also possibilities.

Because of the limitations of the space, Gilbert said he planned use a chamber vapor oven to cook some things “sous-vide” – essentially using a controlled-temperature water circulator to heat objects inside vacuum-

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BERLIN BRIEFS

By Josh Davis

Staff Writer

(Jan. 28, 2016) The Berlin Mayor and Council discussed the following items during its public meeting at Town Hall on Monday.

Events

The council approved special event exceptions for Spring Celebration, hosted by the Berlin Chamber of Commerce on April 9 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in downtown Berlin, and the "5K for the Arts" membership drive hosted by the Worcester County Arts Council on May 21, from 8-10 a.m.

Larnet St. Amant, executive director of the Berlin Chamber, said Spring Celebration would feature activities and events geared towards families.

Record retention

The council unanimously approved a policy for record retention and disposal. Administrative Services Director Mary Bohlen said the policy simply established consistency across all departments. No previous formal policy had been in place.

Legal council

A revised agreement with Betts and Holt was approved by the council. The firm represents the town in legal matters pertaining to its electric utility.

Town Administrator Laura Allen said attorney rates at the firm had gone up, but legal assistant and other fees there had dropped. She said she did not anticipate the changes to cause a big impact on the town's budget.

Formal objection

The council unanimously backed an objection to offshore seismic testing for exploration of oil and gas. Allen said Berlin was following suit with a number of other cities in an area that ranges from Florida to Maine.

The town was the 102nd to approve such an objection.

Planning update

Last week, the planning commission signed off on the final site plan for the new police station, which will be built near the intersection of Flower Street and Route 376.

Planning Director Dave Engelhart said the permit process for the station could be completed by March, with construction starting as soon as summer.

A site plan for a new Dollar General store, located adjacent to the police station, was also approved during the commission meeting.

Budget update

Finance Director Natalie Saleh said, based on an evaluation of the previous six months, the town had a \$1.5 million excess in revenues over expenses. The enterprise portion of the budget was approximately \$900,000 ahead, and the general fund was positive by roughly \$600,000.

Saleh said the town would start work on its fiscal year 2017 budget in March.

Clean up time

In a 4-0 vote, with Councilmember Troy Purnell abstaining, the council approved a \$63,896.55 contract with EA Engineering Science & Tech to help convert the former Tyson's Chicken plant to a public park. Purnell was part of a company that sold the plant to the town.

Allen said the contract would pay for additional testing and a "refresh" of the phase one environmental study conducted last year, which is necessary to rezone the property from industrial to recreation use.

"This is the first of many first steps in turning the property into something that will be accessible and safe for the public for generations," Berlin Mayor Gee Williams said. "It's a very small down payment for a very important first step."

'Gilbert's Provisions' raising money for shop on GoFundMe

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sealed plastic bags.

Berlin Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells is helping Gilbert with a façade grant for exterior improvements at the space. If all goes well, the shop could open by March or April.

"In my head, my timeline says we can get it done," Gilbert said. "I'm going to be helping with construction as much as possible, but there's always hiccups."

"I definitely want to open before summer," he added. "I don't want to do another summer in a restaurant."

For Gilbert, the shop also marks a

homecoming of sorts in Berlin. His parents owned the video store, less than 50 yards away on Main Street, when he was growing up. As a youth, he remembers skateboarding in the nearby parking lot behind Bruder Hill.

His mother, Dee Gilbert, owns and operates NEST on Main Street.

"It's kind of a nice little side note to this location being where it is," he said.

The chef has set up a GoFundMe page to help with initial costs, and has raised nearly \$2,000 of his \$10,000 during the first month. To donate, visit www.gofundme.com/gilbert-sprovisions.

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Case of motion sickness

Although the matter was discussed Thursday and whatever resolution might have resulted occurred after this publication went to press, the philosophy behind the proposal to form a committee to study the Ocean Pines Association's management situation by itself deserves some discussion.

The short question, obviously, is why the OPA Board of Directors needs a committee to do what it is capable of doing itself?

As it is, governments, including homeowners associations, occasionally create committees or employ independent consulting firms to produce studies to justify politically what they want to do anyway.

We're not saying that what this approach is about, nor are we saying that the work of all such groups is pointless — the OPA Budget Committee, for instance, performs a valuable service — but there are situations when the purpose of an ad hoc entity is to seek answers to questions that members of a governing body don't to explore publicly.

In this particular instance, it appears there is some thought on the board that the OPA might be better off without General Manager Bob Thompson, whose contract is up for discussion this spring, and that signing on with an outside management group might provide better management continuity.

The situation would be much cleaner and clearer, however, if the board members who feel this way would just say so and suggest that someone on the board call major HOA management firms directly and ask for a presentation.

Similarly, the board has done and can still do what the Town of Ocean City did this past year, when it let its city manager go and, per the city charter, called on Mayor Rick Meehan to fill in until a suitable replacement could be found.

Having solid department heads, which Ocean Pines has as well, make that sort of thing possible.

True, changing management can be a big deal, but given the composition of the board of directors, they are equipped to handle the matter themselves.

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State announces Dec. gaming revenue

Ocean Downs casino up 15 percent over previous year totals

(Jan. 28, 2016) Maryland Lottery and Gaming announced December revenue numbers for the state's five casinos — Hollywood Casino Perryville in Cecil County, Horseshoe Casino Baltimore in Baltimore City, Casino at Ocean Downs in Worcester County, Maryland Live Casino in Anne Arundel County, and Rocky Gap Casino Resort in Allegany County.

December's combined statewide revenue totaled \$95,177,696.

Casino at Ocean Downs generated \$3,879,361 from slot machines in December, and its gross gaming revenue per unit per day was \$156.14. Casino at Ocean Downs' December 2015 revenue increased by \$506,451, or 15 percent, from December 2014. The Casino at Ocean Downs operates 800 slot machines and does not have table games.

Hollywood Casino Perryville generated \$6,339,824 from both slot machines and

table games in December. Gross gaming revenue per unit per day was \$203.88 for slot machines, \$2,336.96 for banking table games and \$314.38 for non-banking table games.

Hollywood Casino's December 2015 revenue increased by \$303,326, or 5 percent, from December 2014. Hollywood Casino Perryville operates 850 slot machines and 22 (12 banking and 10 non-banking) table games.

Horseshoe Casino Baltimore generated \$27,263,600 from both slot machines and table games in December. Gross gaming revenue per unit per day was \$205.68 for slot machines, \$2,595.60 for banking table games and \$1,156.25 for non-banking table games.

Horseshoe Casino's December 2015 revenue increased by \$4,353,903, or 19 percent, from December 2014. Horseshoe Casino Baltimore operates 2,202 slot machines and 178 (153 banking and 25 non-banking) table games.

Maryland Live Casino generated \$54,184,065 from both slot machines and table

games in December. Gross gaming revenue per unit per day was \$278.03 for slot machines, \$3,712.90 for banking table games and \$1,242.57 for non-banking table games.

Maryland Live's December 2015 revenue increased by \$3,949,517, or 7.9 percent, from December 2014. Maryland Live Casino operates 3,994 slot machines and 206 (154 banking and 52 non-banking) table games.

Rocky Gap Casino Resort generated \$3,510,846 from both slot machines and table games in December. Gross gaming revenue per unit per day was \$156.81 for slot machines, \$872.76 for banking table games, and \$83.45 for non-banking table games.

Rocky Gap Casino Resort's December 2015 revenue increased by \$434,598, or 14 percent, from December 2014. Rocky Gap Casino Resort operates 631 slot machines and 18 table games (16 banking and two non-banking).

In a year-to-year comparison, December 2015 casino revenue increased from December 2014 by \$9,547,794, or 11 percent.

Have an opinion?

We invite you to share it, but all letters are subject to verification, so please include your name and phone number. All letters are subject to editing for space and to protect the author and this newspaper from legal action. Email letters to editor@baysidegazette.com. For questions, call 410-723-6397.



The winners of the 2015 “Light up the Pines” outdoor display contest, sponsored by the Ocean Pines Association and Choptank Electric Cooperative, have been announced. The home of Robert and Shirley Douglas, located at 10 Leigh Drive, won in the “Most Creative” category.

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‘Light up the Pines’ winners named

(Jan. 28, 2016) The winners of the 2015 “Light up the Pines” outdoor display contest, sponsored by the Ocean Pines Association and Choptank Electric Cooperative, have been announced. Twenty-one

Initiative introduces ‘empowering’ grants for women’s groups

(Jan. 28, 2016) The Worcester County Commission for Women has kicked off a new initiative called “Empowering Women Scholarship.” This scholarship will be awarded in May to two Worcester County women to further their education. In an effort to raise funds to support this scholarship program, the Friends of the Women’s Commission are selling 100 raffle tickets at \$25 for a chance to win cash and gas cards. Every month between January and June, two tickets will be drawn. The first-prize winner will receive \$50 in cash and the second prize will be a \$25 gas card. Both winning tickets will be placed back in the hat for another chance to win. Participants can win as many times as their ticket is drawn. On June 21 during the Worcester County Commission for Women meeting, the final two tickets will be drawn. The first prize will be \$300 in cash and second prize a \$50 gas card. To purchase raffle tickets, contact Nancy Fortney at 410-726-0169 or Michelle Bankert 410-213-1162.

homes, which were decked out with lights and other decorations, participated. Guest judges from Choptank chose the winners in three of the contest’s four categories, including “Top-Notch All-Around,” “Most Creative” and “Most Lights.” The “People’s Choice” winner was decided by popular vote via email and the Ocean Pines Facebook page. The home of Caryn and Justin Horn, located at 29 Liberty Street, was the winner in the “Top-Notch All-Around” category. The home of Robert and Shirley Douglas, located

at 10 Leigh Drive, won in the “Most Creative” category and the home of Lee and Barb Phillips, located at 76 Ocean Parkway, won in the “Most Lights” category. The “People’s Choice” winner was also 29 Liberty Street. More than 2,000 votes were cast in this category, the most ever. The winners in each category received a \$50 gift certificate to The Cove at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club and a \$25 Choptank electric bill credit. All contest participants received two free LED lightbulbs courtesy of Choptank.

Pine’er Club gives donations

(Jan. 28, 2016) The Pine’er Craft Club of Ocean Pines recently made donations of \$3,850 to groups within Ocean Pines. The proceeds of the annual August and November Artisan & Craft Shows provided the funds to make these donations possible. Donations made were as follows: Ocean Pines Police Department, \$350; Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department, \$1,200; Ocean Pines Recreation & Parks, \$1,400; Ocean Pines Public Works, \$400; Worcester County Veteran’s Memorial, \$200; Friends of Ocean Pines Branch-Worcester County Library, \$200 and Ocean Pines Neighborhood Watch, \$100. The Pine’er Craft Club is looking forward to another productive and creative year in 2016. The group meets the third Thursday of each month at 9:45 a.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center and guests/new members are always welcome.

Visit the Craft & Gift Shop located in White Horse Park across from the Community Center. The Pine’er Craft & Gift Shop is open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Information for membership is available at the shop or by calling President Sharon Puser at 410-208-3032.

Correction

An article about the “Light up the Pines” contest in the Jan. 14 issue of the Bayside Gazette included a photo with the caption, “The home of Ann Holtz, located at 10 Leigh Drive, won in the ‘Most Creative’ category.” That home belongs to Robert and Shirley Douglas.

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ACROSS

1 Home of Garden State Plaza, one of the largest shopping centers in the U.S.

8 One staying in a lot?

11 Greenish blue

15 High in calories

19 The Rebels

20 Org. with suits and cases

21 Rights grp.

22 Morales of “Criminal Minds”

23 Two things on Ronald Reagan’s mind?

25 Cousin of pow! or wham!

26 One in your corner

27 Really small

28 Negotiation failure

30 “We’ll tell you what soda we’re serving later”?

32 Brute working on the Human Genome Project?

35 1900s, e.g.: Abbr.

37 20-Across members: Abbr.

38 Completely

39 Like

42 Tuna that’s often served seared

44 Planted

47 Rhein rejection

48 Soggy computer brain?

50 H&R Block employee’s biceps?

52 Upbeat

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

53 Renaissance-fair instruments

54 Hartsfield-Jackson airport code

55 “Game of Thrones” actress Dormer

57 Bleed (through)

59 ____ speak

60 Theodore who directed “St. Vincent,” 2014

62 Refuses to settle?

63 Onetime Iranian leader

65 Origami BlackBerry, e.g.?

68 Amusing baseball scoring play?

74 Boehner’s successor

75 Weight

76 Ingredient in a Spanish omelet

77 “Without ____” (1990 live Grateful Dead album)

80 Place of control

83 Last king of Spain before Juan Carlos

86 Tourette’s symptom

87 “Friendship is like ____, easier made than kept”: Samuel Butler

89 Narrow-minded views

91 Drink in an old Pontiac?

93 “An A/C measure? Are you kidding me?”?

95 Patriotic men’s org.

96 Crafty e-tailer

97 Scottish John

98 Quality of beef

99 Basic vocabulary level in Common Core programs

101 Place for plugs

103 VW head?

104 Sign in a restaurant that doesn’t serve white bread?

108 Chef who explains in detail how sausages are made?

110 Star employee

113 Now, in Nogales

114 Hat-tipping word

115 Opening in a schedule

117 Financial-aid plan for a school in Provo?

120 Get the pot started

121 Bird with a two-pointed tail

122 Rule of crime?

123 “The Silence of the Lambs” heroine

124 “Bill ____ History of the United States” (1894 humor book)

125 Arcade giant

126 Visibly embarrassed

127 Not an original

9 Opening of a kid’s song

10 Country singer Collin

11 Bounces around a restaurant

12 Prefix with terrorism or tourism

13 Loads

14 Lower back pain

15 Flinch, say

16 Stands by

17 Daily schedule for filming

18 “Hello there”

24 Billiard player’s calculation

29 Malfunction

31 Playwright Fugard

33 One making a U turn?

34 Most wanted

36 Free, as banking

39 More sore

40 Secret collectors

41 Turmoil

43 “That ____ last year”

44 Rogue

45 Chose, with “for”

46 When doubled, a Washington city, county or river

49 Actress Eliza of “Buffy the Vampire Slayer”

51 Make one

52 Lead

56 Creature formed from Medusa’s blood

58 Follower of upsilon

61 Strengths

64 Sound of sternutation

66 Oom-____ (polka rhythm)

67 Weakness

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68 Pony Express riders, e.g.

69 Pals 4 life

70 “What was ____ do?”

71 “____ Go” (hit song from “Frozen”)

72 Pandora’s box contents

73 Trainer in “Creed”

75 Acclaims

77 Both: Prefix

78 Fewer

79 Not mumble

81 Fête des Lumières city

82 View from the Gulf of Catania

84 Marsh of mystery

85 Toss around

88 Mello ____ (soft drink)

90 Poseur

92 “Cabaret” song with a German title

94 Shares on Tumblr, say

95 Commercial prefix with foam

100 Greatly enjoy, as a joke

102 Maxima

104 Tied up

105 Smith who wrote “The Hundred and One Dalmatians”

106 Writer Jong

107 Like businesses on Yelp

108 Tax-fraud detector, informally

109 Artist Paul

111 Construction piece

112 Newcastle’s river

116 URL ending

118 Big A.T.M. maker

119 The Browns, on a ticker



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

Answers to last week's puzzles

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EXIT Realty At The Beach celebrated its grand opening on Jan. 19 at 11002 Manklin Meadows Lane #3 in Ocean Pines, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and refreshments. Pictured, from left behind the ribbon, are EXIT Agent Joyce Timmons, Ocean Pines Chamber member Terri Mahoney, John Talbott, Mike Cirocco, Bev Wisch, EXIT Agent Andy Rayne, Joanne Ozenbaugh Don Flax, EXIT Team members Billie Tragle and Eric Norman (helping cut the ribbon), Bernie Flax (holding scissor), Mid-Atlantic Settlement Services Susan Lloyd, EXIT Agent Kathy Lowing, and at far right, Regional Vice President of the EXIT Mid-Atlantic Region John Steffey Jr., and EXIT Results Realty Owners Jim and Tina Hyatt in back row.

EXIT Realty celebrates new West OC location

(Jan. 28, 2016) EXIT Realty At The Beach celebrated its grand opening on Jan. 19 at 11002 Manklin Meadows Lane #3 in Ocean Pines, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and refreshments provided by Broker/Owner, Bernie Flax and husband, Don.

EXIT Realty opened its doors on Oct. 1, 2015 as a local boutique-style

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"The boutique difference is fundamental and focuses on a strong relationship, encompassing the experience of buying or selling real estate with professional, educated, full-time Realtors that have the pro-

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Ceremony for TET Offensive anniversary in OP

(Jan. 28, 2016) On Jan. 31, 2008, the 40th anniversary of the TET Offensive of the Vietnam War was recognized and those who fought in this victory were honored. The TET 40 wreath, made by Rosie Garlitz, was placed at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines.

Each year since then a wreath has been placed at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial on Jan. 31. This

year, the TET 48 wreath will be placed at noon at the memorial recognizing the 48th anniversary and to honor those who fought in the TET Offensive of 1968.

In addition, a moment will be taken for those who did not return from this victory. The past seven years, in good weather or bad, the program went on and the same will apply for this year's program. Sun-

day, Jan. 31 marks the 48th anniversary of this victory of the Vietnam War. Vietnam veterans of Worcester County and the surrounding areas are invited to participate in TET 48 at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at noon. Members of the Vietnam Veterans of America Ocean City Chapter #1091 will be attending and participating in the program.

Synepuxent Post #166 and the

Ocean City Chapter #1091 of the Vietnam Veterans of America will host a reception at Post #166 American Legion at 2308 Philadelphia Ave. in Ocean City. All Vietnam Era veterans and supporters are welcome to attend following this year's program for lunch.

For more information, contact Sarge Garlitz, commander Synepuxent Post #166 American Legion Ocean City, at commander166@msn.com.

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DAY/TIME	ADDRESS	BR/BA	STYLE	PRICE	AGENCY/AGENT
Daily	Assateague Point, Berlin	1BR/2BR/3BR	Mobile	From \$100,000	Tony Matrona/Resort Homes
Daily 10-5	Gateway Grand – 48th Street	3 & 4BR, 3BA	Condo	Inquire	Fritschle Group/Condominium Realty
Daily 11-3	Villas, OC Inlet Isle	3BR/4BR	Condo	From \$740,000	Fritschle Group/Condominium Realty
Sat-Mon 11-4 pm	Heron Harbour Sales Office, 120th St., Bayside	1BR/2/BR/3BR/4/BR+	Condo, Towns & SF	—	Nanette Pavier/Holiday Real Estate
Saturday 11-3pm	Summer House, 120th St., Bayside	3BR/3BA	Condo	\$350,000	Fritschle Group/Condominium Realty
Sat & Sun 10-5pm	Sunset Island, Ocean City	—	Condos, Towns & SF	From \$342,500	Terry Riley/Vantage Resort Realty
Sun. 12-5 & Mon-Sat 10-5	70th St. Bayside Broadmarsh	3BR/2 Full & 2 Half BA	Townhomes	From \$299,900	Fritschle Group/Condominium Realty
Sun. 12-5 & Mon-Sat 10-5	11769 Maid at Arms Way	4BR/4.5BA	Single Family	From \$489,900	Evergreene Homes
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ENSEMBLE ASSEMBLES

Worcester Prep Upper School Music Director Christopher Buzby and his Select Choral Ensemble treated residents of three local retirement homes in Berlin, Snow Hill and Salisbury to singing performances on Dec. 4. To cap off the day, the Ensemble even pulled off a flash mob in The Centre At Salisbury in front of Macy's following their lunch at the food court.

Pines Farmers Market to hold seasonal raffles

(Jan. 28, 2016) The Ocean Pines Farmers Market will be offering a 50/50 raffle to market visitors, giving them the chance to win a growing cash jackpot.

Raffle tickets may be purchased for \$1 each at the market's information booth. The market is held every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in

White Horse Park, located at 239 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines.

The winter raffle drawing will take place at the market on Saturday, March 5. Subsequent drawings will be held in the spring, summer and fall of this year. Those whose names are drawn need not be present to win.

Proceeds from the drawing will be used for Ocean Pines Farmers Market educational programs and events.

The Ocean Pines Farmers Market is open year-round and offers seasonal fresh produce, meat, eggs, seafood, wine, baked goods, kettle corn, gourmet food products, hand-crafted items and other items.

For more information about the Ocean Pines Farmers Market, including a complete list of vendors and upcoming events, visit www.OceanPines.org the Ocean Pines Farmers Market on Facebook.

For information about participating as a vendor, contact Market Manager David Bean at 410-251-6383.

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FARM HOME

3BR/1.5BA on corner lot. 1st floor includes living room, formal dining room with wood fp, kitchen w/breakfast area, 3 season room with wood pellet stove. Large walk-in attic could be used as additional living space. 2-car attached garage and partially fenced back yard.

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Build your dream home on this high waterfront lot. Owner is a licensed contractor and is able to provide house and lot packages. Great community with many amenities.

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LUXURY WATERFRONT LIVING

6BR/4full & 2half BA. Deep water boat docks w/lifts. 1st level of 3-story home has 2BR, Living Rm, & eat-in kitchen for in-law quarters. 2nd level provides an open floor plan & features Living Rm w/custom FP mantel, HW floors & wall to wall windows overlooking grand bay & ocean views.

\$2,500,000

COZY COTTAGE

5BR/3BA offers living room that leads to spacious eat-in kitchen w/breakfast bar & lots of cabinet space! Recent updates include new roof, siding, windows, doors & HVAC system. Screened porch perfect for outdoor enjoyment. Outside shed for all your storage needs.

\$240,000

CALENDAR

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

THURS. Jan. 28

‘RAIN GARDEN’ OR ‘BAYSCAPE’ LANDSCAPE PLAN WORKSHOP — City Hall, 301 Baltimore Ave., Ocean City, 4-6 p.m. A site plan provided to be used as a base map for residents. Local experts will help with plant selection and location, in addition to providing material to draw up the plans. The majority of the plants can be purchased at the Lower Shore Land Trust native plan sale in the spring. The Town of Ocean City will also provide a grant to homeowners within the corporate limits to pay for the plants. Info: Blazer, 410-289-8825.

DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF WORCESTER COUNTY MEETING — Ocean Pines Community Center, Assateague Room, 235 Ocean Parkway, 6:30 p.m. After refreshments, the Worcester County Election Board will introduce and demonstrate using their new voting machine. All Dems welcome.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF WORCESTER COUNTY LUNCHEON MEETING — Captain’s Table Restaurant, 2 15th St., Ocean City. Doors open at 10:30 a.m., meeting begins at 11 a.m. Belinda Gulyas, Principal of Cedar Chapel Special School, will talk about legislation that will have a negative impact on Worcester County Development Center’s operating future and job training programs. Cost of the luncheon is \$17. Reservations: Ann Lutz, 410-208-9767 or annlutz@verizon.net.

FOSTER PARENT ASSOCIATION PLANNING & INTEREST MEETINGS — Worcester Youth & Family Services, 124 N. Main St., Berlin, 7-8:30 p.m. Ever think about becoming a foster parent? Info: Jami Truitt, 410-677-6849 or jami.truitt@maryland.gov.

ZUMBA — Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 1 p.m., Thursdays, Jan. 7-28. Get your groove on and get fit. Register: 410-957-0878.

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP — Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 2-3 p.m. Providing physical and emotional support for survivors and caregivers to share personal experiences and challenges. Coping strategies also discussed. Info: Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268 or ddenton@atlanticgeneral.org.

STORY TIME ‘BIRTHDAYS’ — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. For 2-5 year old children. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-208-4014.

PLAY TIME — Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30-11:30 a.m. For infant to 5 year old children. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-632-3495.

FIRESIDE CHAT — Berlin library, 220 N.

Main St., 3 p.m. A lively chat about the groups favorite good reads. Info: 410-641-0650.

FARMERS’ MARKET — Urban Nectar, 10019 Old Ocean City Boulevard, Berlin, 3-6 p.m. Featuring local in season produce, gluten free and gluten full baked products, eggs, honey, kettle korn, natural pet treats, soaps and more. Info: 410-713-8803.

BEACH SINGLES — Every Thursday, Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour at Harpoon Hanna’s, 39064 Harpoon Road, Fenwick Island, Del., 4 p.m. Info: Arlene, 302-436-9577; Kate, 410-524-0649; or Dianne, 302-541-4642.

CHAIR AEROBICS — St. Peter’s Lutheran Church Community Life Center, 10301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 1-2 p.m. Free will offering appreciated. Sponsored by St. Peter’s Senior Adult Ministry. Info: 410-524-7474.

COASTAL HOSPICE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 11 a.m. Free and open to anyone who has lost a loved one, not just Coastal Hospice families. Info: 410-251-8163.

FRI. Jan. 29

DELMARVA BIRDING WEEKEND — Traveling thousands of miles, the harlequin ducks, razorbills, swans, shorebirds and falcons are on full display. The weekend, Jan. 29-31, will feature a near-shore maritime boat cruise to enjoy pelagic and arctic migrants, eagle-watching trips and jaunts in Delaware and Maryland through some of the most pristine habitats on the East Coast. Registration, field trip descriptions and other resources: www.delmarvabirding.com; Jim Rapp, 443-614-0261; Dave Wilson, 443-523-2201; or conservationccc@gmail.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO — Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway (behind St. Luke’s Church), Ocean City. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments for sale. Info: 410-524-7994.

LAPTIME — Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 10:30 a.m. Children, two years and younger, will be introduced to stories, songs, games and finger plays. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-641-0650.

STORY TIME ‘ALLIGATORS’ — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. For 2-5 year old children. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-208-4014.

SAT. Jan. 30

DELMARVA BIRDING WEEKEND — Travel-

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MEDITATION CLASS — Ocean Pines Recreation & Parks Department, 239 Ocean Parkway, 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. A “how to” class describing the history of meditation, the benefits and meditation techniques. Info: Valerie Mann, 410-546-3801 or 410-726-8303.

COOKING CLASS — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 2-3:30 p.m. Learn how to make favorite football foods. Ocean Pines Yacht Club Executive Chef Tim Ulrich will assist in the preparation of dips, wings and more. Cost is \$40 for Ocean Pines residents and \$50 for nonresidents and includes all materials and food. Preregistration is required: 410-641-7052.

SPAGHETTI DINNER — Friendship United Methodist Church, 10537 Friendship Road, Berlin, 4-7 p.m. Cost is \$9 for adults, \$6 for children ages 6-12 and free to those 5 and younger. Carry outs available. Info: 410-641-2578.

LUNCHEON — Bowen United Methodist Church, 8426 Newark Road, Newark, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Featuring oyster sandwiches, soups, hot dogs, baked goods and beverages. Info: 410-632-1134.

FOSTER PARENT ASSOCIATION PLANNING & INTEREST MEETINGS — Wicomico County Public Library, 122 S. Division St., Salisbury, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Ever think about becoming a foster parent? Info: Jami Truitt, 410-677-6849 or jami.truitt@maryland.gov.

MORNING MATINEE & CRAFT — Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 10:30 a.m. Family friendly movies and themed crafts. Info: 410-957-0878.

WARM UP WITH PERPETUAL COMMOTION — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:30 p.m. Musical celebration with Kathryn Munson and her young violin students. Entertainment for the whole family. Info: 410-208-4014.

MODEL TRAIN DISPLAYS — Delaware Seaside Railroad Club, Clayton Crossing, 32422 Royal Blvd., Dagsboro, Del., Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., year round. See five layouts. Info: Bill Ziegler, wziegler1@verizon.net or 302-537-0964.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST — VFW, Post 8296, 104 66th St., bayside in Ocean City, 8-11 a.m. A \$5 donation for all-you-can-eat pancakes or 2-2-2, two eggs, two pancakes and two bacon slices. Info: 410-524-8196.

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

SUN. Jan. 31

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE — Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, 11242 Racetrack Road, Berlin, noon to 2 p.m. Attendees will have an opportunity to tour facilities, meet the teachers and speak to administrators on hand regarding enrollment possibilities. Info: Lisa Edmunds, 410-208-1600.

VIETNAM TET 48TH ANNIVERSARY — Worcester County Veterans Memorial, Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, noon. A wreath will be placed at the memorial recognizing the 48th Anniversary and to honor those who fought in the TET Offense of 1968. Also a moment will be taken for those who did not return from this victory. Synepuxent Post #166 and the Ocean City Chapter #1091 of the Vietnam Veterans of America will have a reception at Post #166 American Legion, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City. All Vietnam Era Veterans and supporters are welcome to attend following this years program for lunch. Info: Sarge Garlitz, 443-735-1942 or commander166@msn.com.

SUNDAY NIGHT SERENITY AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP MEETING — Woodlands in Ocean Pines, Independent Living Apartment Building, 1135 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 7:30 p.m.

Mon. Feb. 1

HYPERTENSION CLINICS — Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place the first Monday of every month at Apple Discount Drugs, 314 Franklin

CALENDAR

Ave., in Berlin, 10 a.m. to noon and at Walgreens, 11310 Manklin Creek Rd., in Ocean Pines, 1-3 p.m. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Info: Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268.

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

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP — St. Paul’s United Methodist Church, 405 Flower St., Berlin, first Monday of each month, 6-7 p.m. All welcome. Info: AGH Diabetes Outpatient Education program, 410-641-9703.

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

AARP FOUNDATION TAX_AIDE TCE MD — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Feb. 1 through April 11. No appointments taken. First come, first served using a number system.

DELMARVA SWEET ADELINE CHORUS MEETS WEEKLY — The Delmarva Chorus, Sweet Adeline’s, meets each Monday from 7-9 p.m., at the Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway. Women interested in learning the craft of a cappella singing welcome. Info: 410-641-6876.

TUES. Feb. 2

FREE INVESTMENT SEMINAR — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 3-4 p.m. Carrie Dupuie, AAMS, a certified financial investor at Raymond James, will discuss how to maximize Social Security income. Advance registration required: 410-641-7052.

HYPERTENSION CLINICS — Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place at Rite Aid, 38169 Dupont Blvd., Selbyville, Del., 10 a.m. to noon and at Walgreens, 34960 Atlantic Ave. #2, Clarksville, Del., 1-3 p.m. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Info: Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268.

YOUNG & RESTLESS ‘CRAZY SCIENCE LAB’ — Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 10:30 a.m. Fun and educational science experiments for 3 to 7 year old children. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-957-0878.

STORY TIME — Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 10:30 a.m. For 2-5 year old children. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-641-0650.

AARP FOUNDATION TAX_AIDE TCE MD — MAC Center Salisbury, 909 Progress

Circle, Suite 100, Salisbury, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Feb. 2 through April 12. Appointments: 410-742-8569.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING - Berlin group 331, Worcester County Health Center, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 5:30-7 p.m. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly. Info: jeanduck47@gmail.com.

ON YOUR OWN, BUT NOT ALONE - WOC Fitness, 12319 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City, 5 p.m. Weight loss support group with discussions about nutrition, exercise, health and weight loss. Cost is \$5 per meeting. Info: dillon128@aol.com.

WED. Feb. 3

GRACE PARKER ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST — First Presbyterian Church, 1301 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 7 a.m. to noon. Eggs any style, pancakes, buckwheat pancakes, sausage, country ham, homemade biscuits, hash brown potatoes, grits, coffee and tea. Cost is \$8 and \$6 for carryout. Milk, soda and orange juice available. Info: 410-289-9340.

SHORE CRAFT BEER & CHEESE PAIRING EVENT — Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel, 10100 Coastal Highway in Ocean City, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Meet the local brewers, food experts from the Clarion and learn beer and cheese pairing secrets. Cost is \$5 at the door for the general public. Guests from the hotels and restaurants in the area need to RSVP: Ann, amh@maryland.com or 410-703-1970.

STRONG WOMEN IN BUSINESS - SALISBURY NETWORKING LUNCHEON — Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce, 144 E. Main St., Salisbury, noon to 1:15 p.m. Amy Unger, lead trainer and facilitator of

Inesse Consulting LLC, will be presenting “10 Common Detours from Career Success and Tips on How to Avoid Them.” The course is free. Bring your lunch. Pre-registration is required: Lisa Twilley, 410-546-1900, ltwilley@marylandcapital.org or www.marylandcapital.org by Feb. 2.

HYPERTENSION CLINICS — Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place the first Wednesday of every month at Rite Aid, 10119 Old Ocean City Blvd., in Berlin, 10 a.m. to noon and at Rite Aid, 11011 Manklin Creek Road in Ocean Pines, 1-3 p.m. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Info: Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 7-8 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. All welcome. Info: AGH Diabetes Outpatient Education program, 410-641-9703.

YOUNG & RESTLESS ‘CRAZY SCIENCE LAB’ — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Fun and educational science experiments for 3 to 7 year old children. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-524-1818.

MODEL TRAIN DISPLAYS — Delaware Seaside Railroad Club, Clayton Crossing, 32422 Royal Blvd., Dagsboro, Del., Wednesdays, 5-8 p.m., year round. See five layouts. Info: Bill Ziegler, wziegler1@verizon.net or 302-537-0964.

BINGO — Every Wednesday at Ocean City Elks Lodge 2645, 138th Street and Sinepuxent Avenue, rear of the Fenwick Inn. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., games start 6:30 p.m. Food is available. Open to the public. No one allowed in the hall under 18 years of age during bingo. Info: 410-250-2645.

KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OCEAN

PINES/OCEAN CITY — Meets every Wednesday at the Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway. Doors open at 7 a.m., meeting begins at 8 a.m. Info: 410-641-7330 or www.kiwanisofopoc.org.

BAYSIDE BEGINNINGS AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP MEETING — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 7:30 p.m.

OCEAN CITY/BERLIN ROTARY CLUB MEETING — Captain’s Table Restaurant in the Courtyard by Marriott, 2 15th St, Ocean City, 6 p.m. Info: 410-641-1700 or kbates@taylorbank.com.

ON YOUR OWN, BUT NOT ALONE - WOC Fitness, 12319 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City, noon. Weight loss support group with discussions about nutrition, exercise, health and weight loss. Cost is \$5 per meeting. Info: dillon128@aol.com.

ONGOING EVENTS

MAKE AND TAKE CRAFTS — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, all through February. The craft cart contains supplies to make Valentine cards and bookmarks. For teens. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-524-1818.

DELMARVA HAND DANCE CLUB — The group dances to the sounds of the ’50s, ’60s and Carolina Beach music doing the jitterbug, swing, cha-cha, etc. Dances are held in the Fenwick Island and Ocean City areas. For the group’s schedule, call 302-200-3262 (DANCE). Sign up for the group’s newsletter at www.delmarva-handdancing.com/membership.php.

DIGITAL DROP IN — Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., during January. Get help with your new e-reader or tablet. Drop in anytime, any day or schedule an individual tutorial: 410-641-0650.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

LOOK GOOD FEEL BETTER PROGRAM

The Regional Cancer Care Center recently hosted a Look Good Feel Better Workshop for local cancer patients. A volunteer beauty professional was on hand to provide advice on skin care and makeup application, as well as wig selection and care, how to care for dry skin and discolored nails, style tips and wearing hats, scarves and turbans. In conjunction with this event, Lilly’s Oncology on Canvas traveling art exhibition was on display in the second floor hallway of the James G. Barrett Medical Office Building. Attendees with volunteers of the Look Good Feel Better program, from left, are American Cancer Society representative Arlene Schneider, Deborah Wood, Donna Varady, RCCC Medical Office Assistant Paige Milbourne, Julie Krenzer, Bonnie Hardt and Laura Windsor.

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Laundry Attendant
Security/Guest Services
Maintenance
Recreation Attendant
Hostess/Cashier
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Restaurant Server
Bartender
Line Cook

We are looking for experienced personnel with customer service skills. Must be flexible with hours. If unable to attend the Job Fair, email resume to jobs@carouselhotel.com or stop by and complete an application at the Front Desk. We require satisfactory pre-employment drug testing and background check.

Carousel Resort Hotel & Condominiums
11700 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD 21842
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Carousel Group **Come Join Our Winning Team!**

FRONT OFFICE MANAGER

We are looking for a year round experienced Front Office Manager to manage our Carousel Hotel Property. Must be able to work all shifts including weekends and holidays. Prior hotel supervisory experience required.

We offer a competitive salary with full medical & benefit package. Email resume to: jobs@carouselhotel.com or come in and complete an application at the front desk. We require satisfactory pre-employment drug testing and background check.

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HELP WANTED

Castle in the Sand Hotel
Employment Opportunities

The Castle in the Sand is now seeking to fill a maintenance position. This is a full time, 12 month position with a competitive salary, paid vacation and health benefits. This job would entail working weekends and some evenings. Experience in carpentry, electrical work and plumbing is preferred. The employee should have their own hand tools. Please contact Jim at 410-289-6846 extension 669

COCONUTS

Come join our team at the hottest beach bar on the planet! Coconut is looking for a Restaurant Experienced Supervisor with a strong kitchen background as well as a second Supervisor with strong "front of house" skills. Both positions are full time seasonal positions (8 months per year). Salary is dependent on skills and experience. Please contact Jeff for an immediate interview 410-289-6846 extension 607

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Top wages, excellent benefits package and free employee meal available to successful candidates.

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10100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD 21842
Phone: 410-524-3535 Fax: 410-723-9109
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Legal Secretary. Knowledge of Word Perfect, use of Dictaphone, telephone skills and bookkeeping required. Please respond by sending resume to: **P.O. Box 56, Ocean City, MD 21843.**

SOMERSET JEWELERS Year Round, Seasonal PT/FT. Apply Dunes Manor Hotel shop or 412 South Boardwalk weekends. Resume to P.O. Box, 512, OC, MD 21843.

Y/R Full Service Maintenance Position. Please obtain an application from **O.C.R.E.M. @ 5901 Coastal Hwy., Suite C, Ocean City, MD.**

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Francis Scott Key
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The Francis Scott Key Family Resort is hiring:

PM Front Desk Supervisor

2 years minimum customer service/hotel experience required. Prior supervisor or management experience & Roommaster experience a plus! Must be available nights and weekends. Reliable transportation required.

Housekeepers

Must be able to work 9am-5pm weekends included. Reliable transportation a must. Looking for a team player with a friendly demeanor and an eye for detail. Experience preferred but not necessary.

Please submit resume hbrunning@fskfamily.com or stop by the hotel for an application.
12806 Ocean Gateway, Ocean City, MD 21842
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HELP WANTED

THE HOTELS AT FAGER'S ISLAND
The Lighthouse & The Edge
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