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At least 30 cars and three businesses were hit by a late-night vandalism spree in downtown Berlin on Sunday evening, Jan. 25.

‘Coolest Town’ tagged by vandals

Late-night graffiti hits Berlin cars and businesses; police have yet to name suspects

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Jan. 29, 2015) At least 30 cars and three businesses were spray painted during a vandalism spree in downtown Berlin late Sunday evening.

By Monday morning, several cars still parked behind shops on Pitts Street were marked with multicolored graffiti, ranging from painted door handles to vulgar images and coarse, racist language, to diagonal lines running across the entirety of vehicles. Vandals also tagged alleys, the backs of several stores and town electric meters.

Police identified dozens of vehicles marked with spray paint, beginning downtown and heading west through residential areas.

Reports of damaged vehicles began at approximately 10 p.m., according to the Berlin Police Department. Additional calls led police to discover more damaged vehicles off Broad Street.

“We’re trying to get everything compiled right now so we can get a hold of all the victims, make sure

that’s all coordinated and make sure they understand how to report everything to their insurance,” Police Chief Arnold Downing said.

Downing said the vandalism, which almost exclusively involved spray paint, spread through “various parts of Berlin.”

“We have cars that are totaled,” Downing said. “Right now we haven’t talked to anyone who has given estimates of the damage, so we can’t say anything about that whatsoever.”

Several of the stores in the affected area, including Stuart’s Antiques, Bleached Butterfly and the Church Mouse, were closed on Monday.

While others soldiered on, many workers and residents in Berlin were clearly in shock.

“I was surprised,” Iris Phillips, a receptionist at the Dentist’s Office on Pitts Street, said. “I haven’t seen anything like that before here. This is such a nice little town.”

Janis Robinson, an employee at Town Center Antiques, wondered aloud how the vandals did so much destruction without getting caught.

“I just think it’s horrible that people don’t respect this wonderful town that we live in,” she said.

At least two town officials, District

2 Councilmember Lisa Hall and Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells, were affected by the incident.

“They got my son’s truck and my daughter-in-law’s car,” Hall said. “He saw his when he went out for a fire call at 5 [in the morning]. The whole side was light purple.”

Hall said a neighbor heard several car doors slam near 11:30 p.m.

“There were so many of them that she decided to go out there and lock up her vehicle,” she said. “Anything that was parked on the street ... it seemed like if it was on the street they got you.”

Wells said she did not know about the damage to her vehicle, which was parked on the street, until the police rang her doorbell at 7:15 Monday morning.

“The damage isn’t that bad,” Wells said. “It looks like they were just driving by and spray painting. It’s just on the windows of the driver’s side, and that’s the side that was facing out. My first reaction was these kids must be really bored.”

Town Administrator Laura Allen said she was confident that the police would track down the perpetrators.

“It’s certainly not representative of what this town is all about,” she

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OPA board budget discussion turns to fight over reserves

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Jan. 29, 2015) Day one of the budget meetings of the OPA Board of Directors went relatively smoothly, as the board got its first crack at the \$10.9 million proposal during a meeting at the yacht club on Monday, Jan. 26.

Talks heated up on Tuesday, as the issue of reserves ratcheted up tensions between several directors.

On Monday, Budget and Finance Committee Chair Patricia Supik began the meeting with a series of recommendations.

The committee had met with General Manager Bob Thompson and Comptroller Art Carmine, as well as several department heads, during the previous week.

Supik said the recommendations were “a committee process totally.”

“The budget is not significantly different from prior years, so there’s not any kind of ‘oh my gosh’ items in there that the committee reacted to strongly,” Supik said.

The committee recommended each department provide a business plan for board review before receiving budget approval, as well as “a document which presents and contrasts the current and prior year’s assessment by component.”

“We seem to spend a lot of time some years on the \$10 [assessment fee] for the yacht club and not as much time on the hundreds of dollars for the fact that we provide our own services and we have a capital investment that we must support,” Supik said.

“It’s critical, in the committee’s mind, to keep the focus on the long-term capital infrastructure and also the fact that we are a service committee and police [and] fire department are all services that we as a community pay for.

“Assessment by components I think is critical to any presentation of the budget to the community to give a real picture of ‘this is what Ocean Pines is,’” Supik continued. “It’s a service industry protecting you with amenities that involve capital expenses in addition to operating expenses.”

The committee stressed the importance of developing a “community-wide information technology system.”

“Everybody struggles with that, I think,” Supik said. “But the committee feels the dollars that are in the budget ... is critical and should be

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Williams: vandalism acts in Berlin ‘pointless and pathetic’

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said. “The police department is investigating. They take this very seriously and I have no doubt they’ll figure out who did it pretty quickly.”

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams said his first reaction to the incident was anger.

“That soon changed to deep, deep disappointment,” he said. “This is an act of vandalism which is pointless and pathetic. Even when the town was pulling itself up by the bootstraps, graffiti was not part of our culture.”

Williams speculated that “the culprits are likely to be on the younger side of life.”

“In an ideal world, those people would just turn themselves in and say they’re sorry, and then maybe we could get them involved with community service work because there is so much to do. There’s an infinite number of things that young people can do to help the community instead of participating in these pointless acts of vandalism.”

Downing said it was too early to speculate about motives or suspects in the case, but would not rule out the possibility that the incident was tied to racist and lewd comments made by one or more high school

students on social media last Thursday.

“Right now we’re wide open,” Downing said. “We’re still in the early stages and we’re just getting to talk to people, but we’re definitely starting to go ahead and look at social media.”

“Folks say there’s so such thing as a coincidence,” Williams said. “If I was making a pure guess I would say it’s possible they are related. As a citizen of the town and as a town leader there’s no justification for either of those instances.”

Downing advised victims to call their insurance companies and ask for an assessment of damages, and asked Berlin residents and workers to remain vigilant.

“For our business partners and communities keep an extra eye out, make sure you park your vehicles in a well-lit area,” Downing said. “If you can park on your property, park on your property.”

Police urged anyone with information about the incident call 410-641-1333.

“Please give us a call,” Downing said. “Anything that you might see on Facebook or any of the social media websites. Nothing is too small.”



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Berlin K-9 police officer Titus passed away on Jan. 22. The german shepherd served the town from 2003 until 2012.

Berlin police morn loss of beloved K-9 officer Titus

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Jan. 29, 2015) The Berlin Police Department is feeling the loss of retired K-9 officer Titus, who died at the home of his handler.

Born in Austria, Titus joined the department in 2003 and worked with Senior Police Officer Chris Bireley.

“We cannot understate the contributions that he actually provided to us over a decade,” Police Chief Arnold Downing said. “We’ve received many cards and forms of support, flowers, from the K-9 family and the citizenry and we say thank you very much for that.”

Titus assisted Berlin police in making scores of illegal narcotics busts and ap-

prehending police suspects over hundreds of hours on patrol, narcotics and search and rescue duty during a career that included nearly 350 deployments.

The german shepherd also participated in demonstrations at local schools and community events. He retired in June 2012, and remained with Bireley until passing away on Jan. 22.

A statement from the Berlin Police Department read, “Titus’s love for his job and his commitment to his community will be remembered by many, but his love for his family will also not be forgotten. Titus had lived with Senior Police Officer Bireley and his family since his retirement and will be dearly missed.”

BERLIN BRIEFS

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Jan. 29, 2015) The Berlin Mayor and Council discussed several issues during a public meeting at town hall on Monday, Jan. 26.

Event approvals

The Berlin Mayor and Council unanimously approved the first Worcester County Arts Council 5K Run, set for May 16.

The council also approved suspension of the open container law at six town events this year, beginning with the “Cool” Berlin Day on April 18.

Nonprofit briefs council

Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Executive Director Steven Taylor spoke to the Berlin mayor and council about the Berlin Youth Club.

Taylor said the nonprofit enriches children “by exposing them to events and cultural activities.”

Children in the program collect for nonprofits, write thank you cards for cancer patients, and are “constantly doing a variety of things to engage themselves in the community and make the community

a better place to live,” Taylor said.

The service introduced SAGES, a program for struggling adolescent girls, in 2003. Last year the nonprofit unveiled a similar program for boys, SABERS.

Taylor said the programs focus on “enrichment, empowerment and getting [youths] engaged in the community.”

The mayor and council voted to approve \$2,034.28 to the service for the balance of second quarter expenses and expenses for the third quarter.

Bike Maryland

Representatives from Bike Maryland, an Annapolis-based nonprofit launched in 2009, spoke to the mayor and council about the Bike Friendly Maryland program.

Advocacy Coordinator Emily Ranson praised Berlin for supporting the bike trail connecting Berlin and Assateague, and the Walkable Bikeable Berlin initiative.

“You guys are looking at biking as a safe and viable transportation option,” Ranson said. “You’re planning for it and you’re measuring what is happening with it.”

Ranson said supporting bike trails is “not just a vacation extender, it’s a sea-

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sion extender."

Matt Wempe, a community planner at Maryland Department of Transportation, said the state is "holding Berlin up as a model" as a community that uses different funding sources, including state grants, to bankroll community projects.

Mayor Gee Williams said Berlin's efforts to promote bicycling is part of a move to "become a multimodal community."

"It won't happen overnight, but I think a multimodal approach is going to be critical in Berlin's continuing success," Williams said. "We don't want to make the downtown any bigger, we just want to continue to thrive."

Energy assistance

Berlin's Energy Assistance Fund program raised \$5,600 to "support people in need in the wintertime," according to Finance Director Natalie Saleh. The town received \$2,600 in donations and provided matching funds.

Saleh said a check will be mailed to Maryland Assistance and distributed to applicants in the area.

Notification system

Berlin sent a notification through the CodeRED emergency notification system on Monday, Jan. 26 reminding residents to avoid parking in the street in advance of an expected snowstorm.

Deputy Town Administrator Mary Bohlen said the alert also advised Berliners that Tuesday trash pickup would likely be delayed.

"This is exactly the type of scenario the system is intended for, to get short notice out quickly," Bohlen said.

According to Bohlen, the town sent 260 emails, 291 texts and successfully reached approximately 1,200 of 1,400 town subscribers, resulting in an 86 percent success rate.

Free educational seminars to be held in Ocean Pines

(Jan. 29, 2015) Several free educational seminars are being offered in Ocean Pines.

On Wednesday, Feb. 4 from 4-5 p.m., Sharon Curtiss of Hileman Real Estate will present a "Staging Your Home for Sale" seminar at the Ocean Pines Community Center, located at 235 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines. She will discuss how to sell a home using proven techniques that will appeal to today's home buyers.

Home owners and real estate agents are encouraged to attend.

Those looking ahead to retirement and beyond should make plans to attend a "Getting Your Affairs in Order" seminar on Wednesday, Feb. 11 from 1-2 p.m. at the community center. Professional senior advisor Robbin Gray will explain the steps to secure future and family assets.

On Tuesday, March 17, State Farm

Residents may sign up for the notification system by phone at 410-641-4314, online at www.berlinmd.gov, or by using a form available in town hall.

House evacuated

A kerosene spill on 111 Maple Avenue resulted in the evacuation of the home's occupant and her daughter, according to the Planning Director Dave Engelhart.

"The fire marshal's office and Maryland Department of the Environment responded with a hazmat team," Engelhart said. "Apparently 275 gallons of kerosene [in a tank] went over and spilled in the yard."

Engelhart said a majority of the spillage flowed underneath the house.

Berlin electric workers disabled electricity to the house and removed the meter, and Engelhart met with the occupant to "make sure she had other arrangements" for the night.

The department and the fire marshal were expected to reassess the situation on Tuesday.

Engelhart said there was no evidence the kerosene spill reached the street, and praised the response by fire and department of the environment crews.

Black History Month

Berlin Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells is preparing a Black History Month display in the town's Welcome Center, including book signings.

Wells is coordinating with Calvin B. Taylor Museum Director Susan Taylor to create a display featuring Rev. Dr. Charles Albert Tindley.

Tindley, an American Methodist minister and gospel music composer, wrote the hymn, "I'll Overcome Someday," credited by many as the basis for the U.S. Civil Rights anthem "We Shall Overcome."

agent Greg Reddell will present a "Retirement – Making Your Money Last" seminar. Two sessions of this seminar are scheduled – one from 3-4 p.m. and one from 6-7 p.m., both at the community center. Learn about the realities of retirement and estate planning as well as how to remove the risks that could derail plans. This seminar is limited to a minimum of five and a maximum of 20 participants per session.

These seminars are free and open to public, but registration is required and space is limited.

For more information or to register, call the Ocean Pines Recreation & Parks Department at 410-641-7052 or email rec@oceanpines.org.

Information regarding additional recreational programs, including an online version of the Ocean Pines Winter Activity Guide, is available at www.OceanPines.org.



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Despite efforts, IT presence in OP mostly MIA

Former board member Knepper outlines needed tech upgrades in community

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Jan. 29, 2015) When the Ocean Pines Association Budget and Finance Committee began examining the fiscal year 2016 budget this month, several committee members zeroed in on information technology as something needing an upgrade.

General Manager Bob Thompson briefed the group on the issue during a meeting at the country club on Jan. 12.

“Our infrastructure for our hardware as a whole is problematic for us,” he said. “We budgeted last year for it [and] we’re really trying to address that now. That’s going to be an interesting dynamic when we get to making that investment to improve our IT structure.”

Thompson said the community took an aggressive approach when building the new yacht club pool.

“When we built the new pool and we did the new club, we put the proper amount of infrastructure in to support the yacht club pool, as an example,” he said. “We recognize that as something we’d like to get to with all of our facilities.”

Thompson said he also considered upgrading the IT infrastructure at the community center. Although he hoped to improve the systems to help meet vendor needs during special events, Thompson said the initial options he explored did not have the capacity to handle assorted tasks.

“It wasn’t big enough so we had to look at more of a commercial application,” he said. “We are looking at those types of things, but we’re trying to do it [in phases]. We recognize it. We know it’s there. We could put a simple one in, but as soon as we put

it in we would have to upgrade.”

The plan, according to Thompson, is to begin upgrading certain systems during the current fiscal year, with additional advancements carrying over into 2016.

The first budget drafted included \$45,000 for software upgrades that would serve recreation and parks and aquatics. In all, including carryover from fiscal year 2015, the proposal includes \$235,000 plus additional funds for a permanent IT staff member.

Thompson hopes to finish the major part of the project during the next two years.

Jeff Knepper, a former executive with Intel, briefed the OPA board on IT issues while serving as a director in 2014.

“The IT systems are not in very good shape here,” Knepper said. “A combination of very old equipment, new requirements over the years and, like a lot of other things around here, we really haven’t kept up. Now we’re getting to the point where you can’t put it off much longer.”

Knepper said the community has actively discussed specific IT improvements for more than a year and a half. In his view, inexperience on the issue has hampered the current board’s ability to address some of the major problems.

“None of them have the credentials to do it,” he said. “Some of them know what they would like to have out of a system. They probably know most of the business requirements, but I doubt they know how to do it, and that’s the case with many companies. Unfortunately, that’s not unique.”

“This is fairly technical stuff and it does make a difference how you do it,” Knepper continued. “There’s a great deal of space between something that works and something that works well.”

Rather than simply provide easy

access to broadband for members of the community, Knepper, like Thompson, stressed the importance of building proper infrastructure.

“Broadband in amenities is something you would take account of in your design for a new system, but it honest to God isn’t the driving factor,” Knepper said. “People who like internet wherever they go, that would be their first priority, but when they do that they kind of make the assumption that the infrastructure they’re connecting to is there, designed for Wi-Fi connection and high quality and reliable. Some of those other things are actually more important than the Wi-Fi.”

“If I was doing it, I would put Wi-Fi on the list, but it sure as a devil wouldn’t be first,” Knepper continued. “It wouldn’t even be that close to the top.”

Instead, Knepper suggested, “getting a network infrastructure that is capable of reliably running the business side of the amenities 24 hours a day, seven days a week 365 days a year,” estimating a cost of between \$250,000-\$500,000, likely spread out over two-to-three years.

“For my mind, for the capability you’re talking about, is not a lot of money,” he said. “It’s not exorbitant from my view. I think you could do the whole thing from that range.”

“First you have to create the infrastructure,” Knepper continued. “Think of it as the roads. You have to create the pathways information can travel, go to the right places with the right capacity and with the right speed. Once you have figured out what that needs to look like and you start to build it out, then you have to come face to face with the applications.”

Applications, said Knepper, are the programs that run “what you want.”

“If you want to have the cash reg-

ister in the bar at the yacht club literally talk to an accounting server somewhere else, you have to have an application or a program that will do that,” he said. “When you put the check into the register, the software knows what to do with it.”

“If you put that application in, then when the bartender rings in my orange crush or whatever it goes into local storage in the register, and when you close it out that date record goes somewhere,” Knepper said. “Assuming you built reasonable roads, now you have to build a set of cars and trucks to drive on those roads.”

As Ocean Pines inches towards bringing information systems up to date, Knepper preached patience, and urged members of the community to keep an open mind as the numbers go slightly over or under budget.

“It will be hard to know with the precision that we sometimes like to have around here exactly what it’s going to cost because in all projects I’ve ever seen like this there are things you don’t know,” he said. “If you guess at them, you’re going to be wrong, and if that causes political problems ... the project is called into question, everybody is a moron and we’re going to sue each other until we die. You can’t do that stuff.”

Bringing an entire community up to date in an age of rapidly evolving technology, according to Knepper, is “infinitely trickier than a building.”

“We know a lot about buildings,” he said. “When the yacht club is done if we end up a couple of a hundred thousand one way or the other over or under a roughly \$5 million project, that would be bingo. That’s about as good as it gets. We don’t believe that here and we don’t like that here, but that’s the truth.”

“It’ll be interesting to see where it goes,” Knepper continued. “It could be a lot of fun.”



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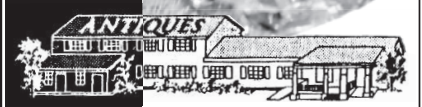
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COUNTY BRIEFS

(Jan. 29, 2015) The Worcester County Commissioners also discussed the following issues during the Jan. 20 meeting.

Excursion train

The commissioners approved funding for the Phase II study of the excursion train proposed to connect Berlin and Snow Hill.

This study will offer a detailed business plan and an economic impact analysis that includes financial information on infrastructure.

Stone Consulting, which performed the Phase I study, will also complete the next-phase study at a cost of about \$20,000.

Berlin will contribute \$5,000, the Maryland Delaware Railroad will pay \$5,000, Snow Hill will contribute \$3,000 and the Worcester County Economic Development department will pay the balance of \$7,317.

No date was given for the study's delivery.

Census blocks

Though there is no guarantee it will comply, the county will ask the Census Bureau to change the borders of the census blocks in Ocean Pines so the borders of the neighborhood will be represented more accurately.

The change will allow for more complete analysis and statistical data as well as lead to more complete numbers for election purposes.

WCED to attend conf.

The commissioners approved travel expenditures totaling about \$3,000 for members of the Economic Development Department to attend two conferences.

The first is the Great American Outdoor Show in Harrisburg Pa., in February. Director Bill Badger said the event draws crowds of about 350,000 and will be the first official unveiling of the Ocean City Visitor Guide.

The next is the Global Real Estate Convention in Las Vegas in May. Badger said he had personal appointments there with targeted retailers such as Whole Foods, Trader Joes, Harris Teeter and Target.

The commissioners approved both requests.

MuniCap study approved

When Goody Taylor built the Riddle Farm Wastewater Treatment Plant, it did so with the understanding it could charge \$23,535 for each of the 247 EDUs the plant generated.

This cost has discouraged growth in the area, according to Economic Development Director Bill Badger. Phase I of the study involved reviewing the existing plan as it related to the costs per EDU. Phase II will evaluate each of the funding options that emerged from the previous study.

The options are to first, do nothing and allow the situation to continue, second, implement tax increment financing or third, to designate a special

tax arrangement for a designated area.

Tourism gets state grant

Each year the Tourism Department gets a grant from the state for advertising and marketing the county. This year's share is about \$116,800, which is down from previous years, according to Lisa Challenger, Tourism Director.

The most Challenger recalled receiving from this grant was about \$166,000, she said.

Shelters split \$127,750

The department of Housing and Community Development awarded \$127,750 in grants to Diakonia and Samaritan Shelter to prevent homelessness.

Diakonia received \$97,750 and Samaritan Shelter took the remaining \$30,000.

To donate water system

Ocean Downs doesn't want to be in the water business any longer, but the county isn't sure about the condition, scalability and appropriateness of its structure meshing with existing facilities.

A study has been commissioned by J.W. Salm Engineering to determine the state of the Ocean Downs water system at a cost of almost \$15,000.

Ocean Downs has offered to pay for half of the study.

OPA board 'no comment' as Sandpiper standstill continues

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Jan. 29, 2015) Sandpiper Energy converted Berlin infrastructure from propane to natural gas in 2014 and now the company is nearing completion of similar upgrades in West Ocean City.

Systems in Ocean Pines, however, remain in limbo as the company and community officials continue to struggle to reach an agreement.

"The negotiations are ongoing," Jim Moore, director of natural gas distribution for Sandpiper parent company Chesapeake Utilities, said. "We're confident at some point we're all going to reach an agreement. It's just taking some time, there's absolutely no doubt about it."

"We're confident everybody is trying to act in the best interest of who they're representing, and I'm confident at some point that we'll reach an agreement that's acceptable to everybody," Moore continued.

Several members of the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors declined to comment on the negotiations.

Moore, meanwhile, admitted to his frustration.


"When you get into these sort of things everyone has their own perspective," he said. "You try to reach some sort of point where everyone can find agreement. Sometimes it just takes time. It's kind of self-defeating if you get too worked up about it."

At odds, the community is asking for repayment of legal fees, a turnover agreement, and a franchise fee to offset Sandpiper's likely imposing of footage fees.

"The whole process relates to reaching an agreement between Sandpiper and the Ocean Pines Association as it relates to rights of ways and things of that nature," Moore said. "Whether you call it a franchise agreement or something else, it's all related to coming to some kind of reasonable agreement as to the relative value of the proposition for all the parties involved."

"We're happy to negotiate the terms of the agreement," Moore continued. "We continue to do that, but each one of us – every party at the table – has to try to look out for the interests of everyone involved and we're trying to do that. I'm sure that the OPA is doing that as well, from their perspective."

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Sandpiper's Jim Moore confident despite setbacks

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Meanwhile, at least one amenity has changed propane suppliers from Sandpiper to Sharp Energy, another subsidiary of Chesapeake, and several more could be on the way.

"I don't know that it impacts [negotiations]," Moore said. "It doesn't really change the objective. Our objective is to reach an agreement to provide natural gas service and that's what we're pursuing."

"We feel that if we can reach an agreement on that then the customers that are on propane will gradually change over to natural gas," Moore continued. "If there is some customer attrition as a result as we're going through the process, we feel like, long-term, that natural gas will be a choice that the customers will make."

Sandpiper originally hoped to convert existing Ocean Pines pipelines to natural gas following upgrades in Berlin, but the company moved on to West Ocean City after talks stalled.

"We're continuing with our conversions in West Ocean City," Moore said. "It's on schedule. We just went in a slightly different direction. What we're doing now we might have been doing a little later, and if we get that done and reach an agreement with Ocean Pines we'll turn in that direction."

"It just changes your timetable," Moore said. "If it delays beyond where we would like to start in that direction, it'll just change our timetable. It doesn't necessarily chance the overall strategy. There's different ways to approach it and that's what we'll do."

Moore still expects to reach a deal with Ocean Pines.

"We're not really looking at [moving on from Ocean Pines]," he said. "We do still believe that we're very close to pulling something together, so we're not really making contingency plans along that line at this point."



Halima Yusuf opened the startup business FRX International Drug at the Berlin Welcome Center on Jan. 5.

JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Welcome Center welcomes new biz

Drug company moves into Berlin building; more startups could follow suit

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Jan. 29, 2015) Once it was a train store, then a small town chamber of commerce with a few spaces for artists, then it was an evolving visitor's center.

Today, the building at 14 South Main Street in Berlin is referred to as the Welcome Center, and its uses continues to grow as several new players move in to the offices inside.

Jim Volk took over day-to-day operations of the Berlin Chamber of Commerce in November, with an office in the center. Ivy Wells, who replaced both Michael Day and Megan Houston as economic and commu-

nity development director and main street coordinator, respectively, moved into the big office in December.

Sharon Timmons, formerly an administrative assistant with the town of Berlin, will soon move into the center and assist Wells.

At least two of the six 10 x 10 offices in the center are being used as storages spaces. One, however, is currently home to a new startup business, FRX International Drug, run by Halima Yusuf.

Yusuf moved to Berlin in June. After researching local economic development leaders, she contacted Day.

"Michael is a sweetheart," she said. "I found him and I said, 'Michael, I'm new in town. I need to know what's going on. I need to start my business. Can I do something?' I

wasn't sure if I wanted to continue being an entrepreneur or just work for one of the local businesses that fit my background.

"We met and we started a dialogue," Yusuf continued. "When I was looking for an office space just to get my planning aspects and everything going I said, 'Do you have something?' And he said, 'Sure, come on.'"

Yusuf previously ran a company called FX International Development out of Tampa, Fla., helping to facilitate international business.

"Let's say there was an ABC company that wanted to export to Brazil, for example, but they had no international presence, no knowledge base," Yusuf said. "I would do the consulting, help them dissect the rules of that company, help them analyze all

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Day helped business open in Berlin's Welcome Center

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the factors, including working with the U.S. government, and provide them with an analogy of how to approach that market and what the best strategy to conduct business in that country is, and whether you should or shouldn't."

The company opened operations in Berlin on Jan. 5, although Yusuf admits she is still "in the planning phase."

"The goal is to restructure the business to where we wanted it to be and to start doing some business out of Berlin and throughout the world," she said.

Day, who pitched a business incubator arrangement in the center to the town last year, said the timing of Yusuf's business was "just one of those things."

"She needed space and it was a business that we would like to encourage in Berlin – a low impact on the town, but yet a successful marriage we hope," he said.

In exchange for opening her business in town, Yusuf received a reduced rate in her rent during the first three months of operation.

"After three months, after she gets settled in, we'll bump it up to the regular rate," Day said.

Volk called the concept of using the space for a startup "ideal."

"The business that Halima is going after is going to reach across the U.S. to Europe and other countries as well, all from Berlin," he said. "We couldn't be more excited."

Wells called Yusuf "a wonderful addition."

"It's a perfect location and arrangement for someone who is currently working from home," she said.

The Welcome Center is short on space at present, but additional startups could eventually find a home there.

"Jim Volk and I have been meeting about and re-designing the welcome center with a variety of ideas and options," Wells said. "As of right now, we are focusing on some interior improvements and organization."

"Storage is a big issue right now," Day said. "We want to try to keep the conference room available. People are taking use of it as a place to meet with six or eight people, and it's been very well received, but as soon as they work out the storage hopefully there will be two more spots for small businesses. One step at a time."

Noel Community collecting blankets, hats, gloves, socks

(Jan. 29, 2015) The Noel Community will continue its outreach program this year during the cold winter months.

The organization is asking members of the community to open their hearts and share the gift of warmth this Valentine's Day during its 13th annual gLOVEs drive. The Noel Community is seeking donations of new gloves, hats, socks and blankets which will be provided to those in need.

Donations can be dropped off at the Ocean Pines Library on Cathell Road, Feb. 2-14. The Noel Community will also accept donations at all masses over the weekend of Feb. 15 at St. Paul's by the Sea Episcopal Church on Third Street, Holy Spirit Episcopal Church on 100th Street, Holy Savior Catholic Church on 17th Street and St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church on Talbot Street in Ocean City.

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Local Jacoski gets ‘Ultimate’ second season

Will train in Philippines, Dubai before returning to play in OC, Berlin leagues

By **Brian Gilliland**
Staff Writer

(Jan. 29, 2015) While it’s not our biggest or most popular achievement, Ultimate Frisbee is an American sport and as it gains popularity, Americans are in increasing demand to coach, mentor and play.

Before the advent of plastic discs, a similar game was played on college campuses as early as 1942, but Wikipedia credits the advent of the modern sport around 1965. Today, there are two organizations, Major League Ultimate and the American Ultimate Disc League offering hopefuls the chance to play their sport professionally. The AUDL, entering its fourth year, is the home to the DC Breeze, which is where West Ocean City resident Alex “AJ” Jacoski plays, and this year, coaches.

“I’ve worked with Morrill Performance and led clinics before I got my Functional Strength Coaching certification from Mike Boyle, who trains the Boston Bruins and the Red Sox,” Jacoski said.

This certification qualified Jacoski for his new role with the DC Breeze as strength coach. To achieve the certification, Jacoski passed both written and performance tests, where he



West Ocean City resident and professional Ultimate Frisbee player AJ Jacoski is marked by Christian Guerrero during a practice for the No. 2 ranked beach team in the world, the Boracay Dragons. Jacoski is in Boracay in the Philippines training with the squad as they prepare for World Championships in Dubai, UAE.

had to understand and demonstrate specific techniques to become certified in them.

Earlier this week, Jacoski joined Morrill Performance in Boracay, Philippines to train pro Frisbee team

Boracay Dragons, ranked No. 2 in the world, before heading to the World Championships in Dubai, UAE with the team.

“We’ll be the athletic trainers and also practicing with them. We’ll be

teaching a bit, too. Americans have been playing the longest so we’re the most knowledgeable,” Jacoski said.

When he returns in March, Jacoski said he will head Ocean City’s pickup league once again. The pickup league plays at the Berlin Athletic Fields near Worcester Prep, off Route 113 in Berlin, on Monday nights. This league is free. In June, Jacoski will restart Ocean City Beach Ultimate, played on the sands near the Boardwalk, culminating in the Ocean City Beach Classic tournament in August.

A fall league played under the lights in Berlin will follow the summer leagues.

“The Ultimate community here is really following the course of other places. Older players return and newer players join every year. We’ve had people from high school playing against people in their 40s. New people start every season,” he said.

During all this, he will be playing for the DC Breeze, and anyone can join him.

“I like that this league is so new and so small it can still have public tryouts. We get a lot of college kids out to learn high-level ideas. Some are even prospective players. It’s very exciting to me,” Jacoski said.

Tryouts have been scheduled for 11:30 a.m., Sunday, Feb. 22 and Sunday, March 1 at the Capital Sportplex in Glenn Dale, Md.

Community Foundation offers grant program

Nonprofits urged to apply; \$5,000 maximum award to be presented in October

(Jan. 29, 2015) The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore is offering grant opportunities through its Community Needs Grant Program and local nonprofit organizations are urged to apply.

The deadline for application submissions is Sunday, Feb. 1, with grants being awarded in mid-October.

ber. This grant program has a \$5,000 maximum award.

These competitive grants are awarded to benefit organizations serving Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties at least twice each year. Grants are awarded to a wide range of nonprofit organizations that benefit health and human services, education, arts and culture, community development, environment and historic preservation.

Guidelines and application forms

are available on the Foundation’s website, www.cfes.org.

Copies of grant guidelines and forms are also available upon request by calling 410-742-9911.

Celebrating 30 years of philanthropy, the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore (CFES) has been serving the needs of Wicomico, Worcester and Somerset counties, granting more than \$50 million.

Through its donors, CFES awarded grants totaling more than

\$4.8 million in fiscal year 2014. CFES brings together donors and builds on community assets through scholarships, grants, advocacy and leadership development. By focusing on people, organizations, neighborhoods and nonprofit capacity building, the Foundation addresses community needs in the areas of health, education, arts and culture, community development and the environment.

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(Jan. 29, 2015) AARP is once again offering free tax preparation for this year's tax season starting Monday, Feb 2 in Ocean Pines, Ocean City, Snow Hill, Pocomoke and Ocean Pines from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Monday: Worcester County Library, Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin, Md. 21811, 410-208-4014. Call 410-213-1608 for appointment.

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Saturday: Community Church at Ocean Pines and Worcester County Library, Ocean City Branch

Registration now open for '15 Coastal Lacrosse Club

Practices to begin March 2; season set to open March 22, weather permitting

(Jan. 29, 2015) The 2015 Coastal Lacrosse season is right around the corner and registration is now open.

Practices are scheduled to begin March 2, weather permitting and games will begin the weekend of March 22. Coastal Lacrosse Club is looking forward to a fantastic seventh season.

Organizers hope to see numbers grow as they have every year since its inception. There will be teams at every age group for both boys and girls. The cost for registration is \$75, however scholarships are available for registration fees and equipment for those who show need.

Last year, Coastal Lacrosse Club sponsored several Play Days that included teams from both the ESYLA (Eastern Shore Youth Lacrosse Association) and the DYLA (Delmarva Youth Lacrosse Association). Club directors continue to work hard to merge the two leagues on the Delmarva Peninsula and have made

some progress in the off season.

Coastal is planning the same format of play with both leagues again this year. Several ESYLA clubs are interested in Play Day format and organizers are currently working on finalizing the 2015 schedule and hope to include games against Talbot, Atlantic and Beach, among others.

Games and practices will be held at the Northern Worcester County Athletic Complex (county fields) off Route 113. Coaches will also work with local clubs and try to schedule mid-week practice scrimmages.

The Coastal Lacrosse Club is a non-profit organization dedicated to the growth of youth lacrosse on the lower shore of Maryland and Delaware. The club offers an instructional and developmental program for boys and girls of all ages.

Coaches and volunteers are committed to providing a uniform and organized program emphasizing the basic and finer skills and strategies of the sport in order to prepare the player to compete at the next level. Players of all skill levels will have the opportunity to develop their game in a positive environment that promotes teamwork, fair play and good sportsmanship.

For more information, visit www.coastallacrosseclub.com.

Intersection at Hobbs Road and Rt. 50 in Salis. to close Jan. 30

(Jan. 29, 2015) The intersection of Route 50 at Hobbs Road (just east of the Salisbury bypass) in Salisbury will be temporarily closed to traffic for multiple 15-minute intervals to enable Delmarva Power to install new power lines on a nearby overhead structure.

The temporary lane closures will occur on Friday, Jan. 30, between midnight to 4 a.m., according to the Maryland State Highway Administration.

No detours will be established during the temporary lane closures. Maryland State Police will be onsite throughout the duration of the 15-minute lane closures at the intersection. The rain date for the removal of the power lines is the following morning, Saturday Jan. 31, from midnight to 4 a.m.

Anyone with questions about railroad crossings on state highways should contact Gee Williams, SHA District Community liaison at gwilliams10@sha.state.md.us or call 443-463-7141.

Questions regarding county or municipal roadways should be directed to the appropriate county or municipality.

Beach Lacrosse Club enters 22nd year; registration open

(Jan. 29, 2015) Beach Lacrosse Club will be entering its 22nd season of youth recreational lacrosse in March and registration is now open.

Beach Lacrosse is the original youth lacrosse program in Worcester County and was founded in 1994, providing the first spring season of organized youth recreational lacrosse on the Lower Eastern Shore.

To register, visit www.beachlax.org. Beach Lacrosse also offers financial assistance of registration fees for anyone in need.

Beach Lacrosse is more than 320 youth players strong with children playing recreational lacrosse from Pre-K through the eighth grade.

Beach Lacrosse Club is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit public charitable organization. Its mission is to provide area youth with the opportunity to experience the oldest game native to North America in a sportsman-like manner.

Beach Lacrosse will field multiple

teams for boys and girls in the following age groups: U-9, U-11, U-13 and U-15. For children in Pre-K and kindergarten or who are just beginning lacrosse, Scoopers programs are offered for boys and girls.

Beach Lacrosse is a member of the Eastern Shore Youth Lacrosse Association and plays games against teams across the shore from Dorchester, Caroline, Talbot, Queen Anne's and Kent counties in Maryland as well as Sussex and Kent counties in Delaware.

All practices and home games are held in Berlin. Practice will begin in the beginning of March and games, which are held on Saturdays, start March 21.

Beach Lacrosse is seeking volunteer coaching assistance at all age group levels as well as volunteers for various activities that support the club.

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Tensions rise as OPA board tackles reserves

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supported. We recommend the board support that.”

The committee did not go into detail regarding the increase in the Fire/EMS budget, which drove a projected \$24 increase in resident fees.

The committee also worked around the issue of the uncertainty of the golf course.

“Our understanding is we are possibly in the process of change in golf,” Supik said. “The committee felt that the timing of that could be critical, given that golf has a season, which is coming up. Any change, perhaps imminent, could significantly impact the ability for the coming year to meet any targets.”

Supik said the committee requested more depth of detail involving capital plans, recommended combining the future projects reserve with the five-year recovery reserve, and asked the board to diversify its investment policy.

“The investment of reserves has been on the ultra-conservative side over the last couple of years,” Supik said. “While that certainly preserves the capital, the loss in buying power ... can become significant.”

Finally, the committee asked the board to examine the possibility of increasing the level of funds from the county.

“The bulk of our assessment is for our support services, and our support services are typical government support services — police, public works, etc.,” Supik said. “My understanding is we get no tax break.

“That would be an area we are paying twice as community members,” Supik continued. “We pay Worcester County and we pay Ocean Pines, and that may be something we can look into going forward, if there is any relief there for Ocean Pines residents.”

On Tuesday, Vice President Marty Clarke advocated adding \$314,000 for road depreciation and \$350,000 for golf drainage projects to the budget, drawing from reserves, and adding \$79 to per-member costs.

To offset the increase, Clarke called for the board to eliminate the five-year funding plan, reducing dues by nearly \$130 dollars.

“We still end up the year with \$4.2 million in reserves as opposed to the \$4.7 million that this budget calls for,” Clarke said. “That ‘aint a big swing, girls ... and guys.”

According to Clarke, a \$4.2 million reserve would represent the second-highest total during the last 10 years.

Treasurer Jack Collins argued against cutting the five-year plan, saying the board had a social contract with residents to use the funds to pay down the balance of the new \$4.3 million yacht club.

Clarke, reading from the referendum on the yacht club, said, “The five-year funding plan was adopted four years ago to address the anticipated major facility cost of our community. Therefore, you have been paying into

a reserve account via the plan for four years. This plan will be used as the long-term funding solution for this and other projects.

“What part of five-year funding plan are we not hearing?” Clarke continued.

“The understanding that I have is that we made a social contract with the individuals who voted for this yacht club that we would utilize the cash out of our historic reserves to fund and build this building,” Collins said. “What we were going to do, in order to be prudent, is replace those monies that we utilized out of that reserve through \$1,980,000 a year to pay the historic reserves back,” Collins continued. “And it was estimated that that would take us through fiscal year 2018.”

“That’s a brand new, pull-it-out-of-your-hat,” Clarke said.

Clarke argued the community had already paid for the majority of the new facility, owing builder Harkins Contracting Inc. just \$248,000.

Not so fast, countered Parliamentarian Tom Terry, who said Ocean Pines still needed to replace the funds it borrowed from itself.

“You haven’t paid off the yacht club, Marty,” Terry said. “It won’t be paid off until 2018. If you don’t understand it, I can’t help you.”

“What was said and what was promised in social contracts and stuff like that doesn’t mean anything,” President Dave Stevens said.

“It’s bogus,” Clarke said.

“Well, shut up,” Stevens said, clearly frustrated. “That has nothing to do with what we’re talking about now. The simple fact is that when we did this, I knew it and anybody that paid the slightest bit of attention, which wasn’t very many people by the way, knew that the amount for the yacht club was not going to be paid out of money we already collected. It was going to be paid by future monies that we were still going to collect out of this ‘five-year plan.’ And it was going to go out to 2017, 2018, except we kept adding more money into the five-year plan.

“We knew that,” Stevens said. “Not all the people who voted for it knew it.”

The open question, according to Stevens, was how much money the community needs in the historical reserve.

“It’s almost like an open sore,” he said. “The fact of the matter is we’ve used the historical reserves for a lot of things, including greens for an example, that we never put money in to begin with to pay for.

“Right now the biggest issue is the historical reserves and how much money should be in there and what the money is for,” Stevens continued. “Right now it’s a slush fund.”

Stevens said his “strong feeling” was to continue the five-year plan, but called for a study to examine the purpose and means of the historical reserves.

“I don’t think Marty’s questions can be answered until we’ve done that,” he said. “There’s a lot that I have doubts about, but there’s nothing in here that we can solve in this meeting now.”

Clarke, meanwhile, continued to push.

“Unless my calculator’s wrong, we have a balance and reserves of \$4,247,835, April 30, 2016,” he said. “That’s doing everything that’s in this budget plus adding the \$314,000 into roads, adding the \$350,000 into golf drainage and removing the \$1.98 million so-called five-year funding plan.

“We’re talking about a \$400,000 difference in reserves, and we’ve lowered the assessment by a sizable amount of money,” Clarke continued. “There is no five-year plan that has ever been put up for a vote, a second discussion and approval. Never. It’s passed in the budget year after year after year because we have some people yelling, ‘the sky is falling.’”

Terry countered that the five-year plan was a “marketing name” applied to a series of incremental fees, starting at \$30 and increasing until it topped out at \$130, approved by the board each year as part of the budget.

“It is voted on every single year,” he said. “The dollars to pay off an internal loan for the yacht club were already baked into the current rate that they had at that time, and that is still a fact. That \$130 was in the budget every year and has been every since the yacht club bill was put in.

“It was an honest statement to the membership and it still is,” Terry continued. “It becomes not correct if all the sudden we act like we don’t have to pay off the yacht club.”

“That smacks of a slush fund,” Collins said. “It does to me ... and I think it would to the average person out there that there was a plan to pay for this building. Now, to hell with it, we’re not going to follow the plan.”

Clarke, again referencing the yacht club referendum, said, “The entire \$4.3 million cost will be met without any special assessment.”

“That’s not a true statement,” Director Sharyn O’Hare said.

“Of course it’s a true statement,” Clarke countered. “We don’t have the authority to do a special assessment.”

Stevens, trying to restore order, banged on the table.

“Marty, lower your voice,” he said. “Stop.”

“I have the floor,” Clarke said.

“Stop, you didn’t have the floor,” Stevens said.

“Then take it away from me,” Clarke said. “Have fun.”

“You don’t have the floor until I give it to you,” Stevens said. “Look, what Tom said is accurate. It’s just flat-out accurate. What Tom didn’t say, [which] is also true, is that we never talk about the fact that we were borrowing it from ourselves and that the amount of money — or the source of where we were borrowing it — was in fact a large amount of money. And

it was a large amount of money that ... had a questionable basis in terms of how large that money should be.

“That is the issue,” Stevens continued. “How did that reserve get so big, what is it for and why are we just borrowing against it as if it had no purpose? I don’t think we can do this by yelling at each other.”

Clarke apologized.

“If we agree that this is the issue then we have to figure out how we’re going to resolve it,” Stevens said.

With three potential fee increases on the table, including \$24 for Fire/EMS, \$37 for roads and \$42 for golf drainage, Terry suggested the board gather more information before making a decision.

“I don’t know if we can resolve it at this moment,” he said. “I think we’ve just got to have a little more information. I think we’ve probably done all we can do here without getting a more information on the roads program, a little more on drainage ... and we still have to resolve the fire department.”

The board will likely reconvene next week following a briefing with Fire/EMS.

“I hate to say it, but I really do think this has been a useful conversation,” Stevens said.

“It’s been interesting,” O’Hare said.

Pines marks TET Offense at Wor. County memorial

(Jan. 29, 2015) On Jan 31, 2008, the 40th anniversary of the TET Offense 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 to mark the anniversary. Each year since then a wreath has been placed at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial on Saturday, Jan. 31. This year, the TET 47 wreath will be placed at 10 a.m. at the memorial recognizing the 47th 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.

The past six years in good weather or bad the program went on and the same will apply for this year’s program. All are welcome.

Synepuxent Post #166 and the Ocean City Chapter #1091 of the Vietnam Veterans of America will have a reception at Post #166 American Legion on 24th Street in Ocean City following the ceremony. All Vietnam Era veterans and supporters are invited to attend at noon for lunch.

For more information, call Sarge Garlitz, commander

Synepuxent Post #166 American Legion, at 443-735-1942 or email commander166@msn.com.



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Construction along Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines is expected to continue through spring 2015. The \$1.6 million public works project will upgrade and modernize force mains.

OP \$1.6M road construction to continue through spring

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Jan. 29, 2015) Motorists who have driven down Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines during the last several weeks likely have seen the major construction project under way near the north gate.

Delaware contractor A-Del Construction Co. continues to work on improvements to wastewater lines along the parkway as part of a \$1.6 million project to improve infrastructure in the community.

Worcester County Public Works Director John Tustin said the major crux of the project involves replacing old pipelines.

"It's an undersized and old force main along Ocean Parkway," he said. "We're upsizing them and bringing them up to modern standards. It's quite an undertaking, but the contractor is doing a great

job for us."

Construction began during the first week of January and could continue through the middle of the year.

"It's a six-month contract," Tustin said. "We're not only working on the parkway, but we're also doing a small section along Windjammer and Bird's Nest."

During the final phase of upgrades, crews will also replace aging infrastructure near the county wastewater treatment plant in Ocean Pines.

Tustin said traffic backups, so far, have been minimal during construction.

"They're doing very well," he said. "Complaints have been minimal and homeowners seem to be understanding of what's going on."

Construction along Ocean Parkway will likely continue through the spring.



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LOVIN' BROADWAY

Worcester Preparatory students participating in the musical "Lovin' Broadway," presented in Salisbury, in front row, from left, are Maddie Simons, Caroline Lewis, Olivia Parker and Isabel Dashiell, and in back row, Cecily Sass, Jarad Godwin, and Emmi Shockley. The show was directed by Worcester Prep dance teacher Paulette Derosa-Matrona.



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DONATION

Patricia Brenner and her son, Bob Brenner, presented Worcester County Sheriff, Reggie Mason, with \$6,000 on Jan. 13, to help purchase a K-9 trained in bomb detection to serve Worcester County and the state. Brenner is the mother of the late Sue Haslam, who was a successful realtor in Ocean City. Bob Brenner is Haslam's brother. Haslam, who was an avid supporter of animals and their welfare, passed away unexpectedly in 2012. She wanted to support the Worcester County Sheriff's Office K-9 program through a donation from her estate.

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Vandals and vandalism will soon be forgotten

As disturbing as it was, people shouldn't read too much into the vandalism spree that ruined cars and defaced buildings in Berlin last week.

This was not the result of a societal upheaval or the emergence of a hate group that threatens to grow and develop, but was the work of one or more young idiots with nothing better to do than to express their frustration with their own stupidity.

That's about it. These are marginal people who don't want to be, but have no way to excel and gain notice other than to do something that will get the town talking.

Of course, because the perpetrators remain anonymous – for the moment – any satisfaction they might have derived from their action will be short-lived, because they will, as individuals, still remain unnoticed.

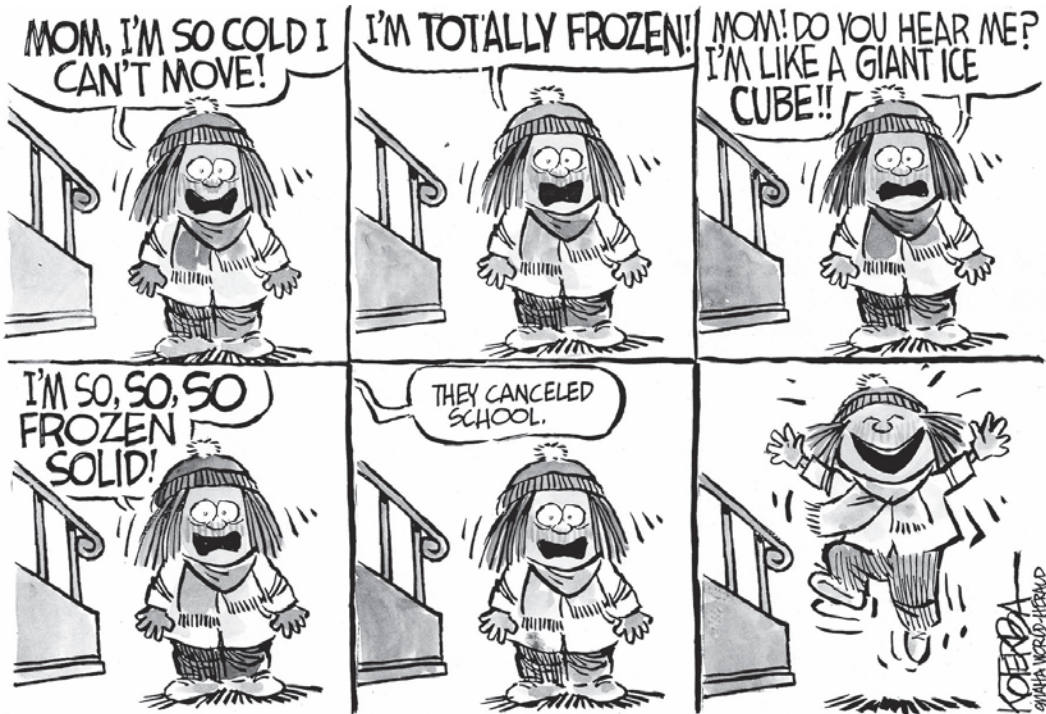
What is the point, after all, of doing something to get noticed when, by virtue of remaining nameless, it can't happen?

If someone were truly tough and wanted to be known for it, the thing to do would be to step up, admit the crime, take the medicine and then re-build his public persona by working to make the town a better place.

Maybe that sounds corny to someone who thinks spray-painting cars is an achievement of some sort, but there's nothing the public appreciates more than a reformed offender.

If, on the other hand, the perpetrator or perpetrators lack the courage to do that, they will simply have to remain unknown and unrecognized and accept whatever pleasure exists in that anonymity long after this episode is forgotten.

It's an upsetting and costly episode, but it's hardly a permanent injury to the town or its residents.



LETTERS

Race still an issue in Worcester County

Editor,

In 2015, can we have an honest conversation about race relations in Worcester County?

In a recent letter to the editor (Bayside Gazette, Jan. 1) Ocean Pines Police Chief David Massey wrote, "America's police are some of the most educated, professionally trained and highly regulated police officers in the world. I never cease to wonder at the dedication and selflessness of our sons and daughters who have volunteered for public service in a profession that, at times, is under-appreciated."

I whole-heartedly agree. But that's only part of a much larger story.

Chief Massey continued by noting that "some of our highest elected officials create an atmosphere that fosters distrust of our police."

Indeed, distrust is the key. But that distrust is not just one-sided.

We live in a society where distrust is prevalent. We tend to distrust people who do not look like us, talk like us, act like us, think like us, vote like us or worship like us. We distrust people based upon the clothes they wear, their hairstyle, their body-piercings, their age, their gender and their race. It's a

fact of life.

If you don't believe it, simply accompany any young African-American male into a convenience store, bank, hotel, restaurant, school, or even a church, and observe how people respond to them. Immediately, there is a subtle – or even obvious – increase in the level of suspicion, i.e., distrust.

Chief Massey lamented a recent atmosphere of distrust of our police. Likewise, I lament a long legacy of distrust of young African-American males, which now extends to young Latino men as well.

In the midst of this culture of distrust, Chief Massey stated it is unnecessary to "video-profile" our police by requiring the use of body cameras. I respectfully disagree.

For those parents of black and Latino teenagers who are profiled daily throughout our society – consciously or subconsciously – Chief Massey's "business as usual" approach is less than adequate.

Law enforcement officials are public servants whose salaries are paid by local taxpayers who have a right to know that the law is being uniformly applied. Requiring law enforcement officials to wear body cameras is no more an indictment on the integrity and professional-


ism of the majority of police officers than the use of radar cameras are an indictment against law abiding drivers.

But here's the real argument in favor of utilizing body cameras by law enforcement officials. An increased level of suspicion – distrust – toward young men of color in a convenience store, a bank, a hotel, a restaurant, a school, or even a church can be disheartening, demoralizing, degrading, and demeaning. But in the arena of policing an increased level of suspicion or distrust toward young men of color can be deadly.

Perhaps in an ironic way, police officers and young men of color now share a similar experience – the experience of being distrusted. Perhaps that's precisely where the conversation needs to begin right here in Worcester County.

Yes, our police officers and law enforcement officials need to be treated with the utmost respect. Likewise, society needs to treat our African-American and Latino fathers and sons, nephews and grandsons not with an increased level of suspicion and distrust, but with the same respect that all people deserve, regardless of the color of their skin, or the color of their uniform.

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Ocean Pines*

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Coastal Hospice hosts volunteer training course

(Jan. 29, 2015) Coastal Hospice & Palliative Care is offering an introduction and training course for anyone interested in volunteering at the nonprofit organization that serves Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties.

Coastal Hospice depends on a staff of volunteers to fulfill its mission. Patient volunteers offer comfort and companionship to patients and their families, provide transportation and deliver supplies. Other volunteers support the staff with office work or assist at the Coastal Hospice Thrift Shop in Berlin.

Those interested in volunteering for patient visits are invited to attend the training course on two Saturdays — Jan. 31 and Feb. 7 — from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Coastal Hospice Volunteer Offices, Philmore Commons, 224 Phillip Morris Drive, Suite 102 in Salisbury.

Those interested in volunteering for office or thrift shop work are invited to attend Saturday, Jan. 31 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., but are also invited to attend both days.

Along with information about opportunities for volunteering with Coastal Hospice, the course will include discussions about end-of-life changes, the hospice philosophy, admission criteria and patients' rights.

The course is open to anyone, and attendees are not required to commit to volunteering. There is no cost to attend.

For more information or to register for the course, call Judy Hunt-Harris, manager of volunteer services, at 410-543-2590.

Founded in 1980, Coastal Hospice is a nonprofit health care organization that cares for individuals facing life-limiting conditions but who want to remain as active and engaged as possible.

Coastal Hospice cares for patients in their home, nursing home, assisted-living facility or at Coastal Hospice at the Lake.



PHOTO COURTESY DR. MERLE MARSH
Worcester Prep fifth grade students Pranay Sanwal, left, and Ayush Batra came away with trophies at the Maryland Scholastic Chess Association Tournament in Baltimore. Sanwal placed first in his division and Ayush Batra, 13th in his.

WPS students perform well in chess tourney

(Jan. 29, 2015) Worcester Prep fifth grade students Pranay Sanwal and Ayush Batra were honored for their prowess at the game of chess during the Maryland Scholastic Chess Association Tournament in Baltimore.

The boys from the Worcester Preparatory School Chess Club competed against young chess enthusiasts from all over the region; approximately 250 students participated in the event.

Sanwal placed first in the Elementary Intermediate Division with a score of 4.5 in five games. Batra won three of his five matches to place 13th in the Elementary Novice Division. Both boys qualified for trophies.

When asked about their experience at the tournament the boys agreed it was exciting, but takes a long time to complete.

"It was my first trophy ever," Batra said. "That makes it really nice."

"I was very happy to get first place and win the huge trophy. It was a very tough competition," Sanwal said. "Two of my five games were easy, but the remaining ones were tough and lasted very long."

Sanwal is the son of Drs. Pankaj and Vibha Sanwal of Lewes. Batra is the son of Drs. Vikas Batra and Reetu Singh of Rehoboth Beach.

Go Red for Women to raise awareness of heart disease

(Jan. 29, 2015) Heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women, causing one in three deaths each year. The American Heart Association started Go Red for Women to shine a light on this disease and show the many ways women can be heart healthy.

The Tri-County Go Red Committee, which consists of Atlantic General Hospital, McCready Foundation and Peninsula Regional Medical Center, Somerset Wellness Center and the Wicomico and Worcester County Health Departments, will be sponsoring the 11th annual Tri-County Go Red event on Thursday, Feb. 5.

This free event will be held at the Pocomoke Community Center, located at 1410 Market Street in Pocomoke, from 5–8 p.m. There will be various exhibitors, health screenings, a light interactive exercise

demonstration, a cooking demonstration by Lynn Matava of The Country Tart LLC, dinner, and door prizes. Motivational speaker, Alishia Louis Potter of Empowered Women Ministries, will be the guest speaker.

There is a healthy women photo contest in conjunction with the event and the winner will take home a FitBit! Those interested in participating in the photo contest, contact Mimi Dean at Worcester County Health Department at Mimi.Dean@maryland.gov or at 4106321100 ext. 1102.

Women attending the event are encouraged to wear red, the official color for raising awareness about heart disease in women.

Register by Feb. 2 at www.wicomicohealth.org or by calling 410-641-9268.

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8 Confidentially

15 N.J. Army base

20 "Beautiful!"

21 Points in the right direction

22 "Let's stop fighting, O.K.?"

23 "Those wreaths all look the same to me!"?

25 Something hard to drink?

26 Law-school class

27 Start of a conclusion

28 Satisfies

30 Sales force, informally

31 Summers on the Seine

32 Convention closing?

33 _____ black

34 Cutlass model of the 1980s-'90s

36 Senile sort

39 Start of an oral listing of African nations, perhaps?

42 Texas home of the Bears

44 One small sip

46 Store

47 Asked to come back, in a way

49 "Over There" subj.

50 VCR button

51 D halved

52 Alternative to JFK

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53 Showing less cleavage?

58 "Watch it!"

59 Many a critic's preference

61 Superbright

62 Mrs., abroad

64 Himalayan myth

65 Remote button

67 "Lemme _____!"

69 March org.?

73 Rally killers in baseball: Abbr.

76 "Warm"

78 "There was the time ..."

81 Middle of summer?

84 Cheap roadside assistance?

87 "I don't need to hear that," informally

88 Skip town

89 Big _____

90 Stick in a rack

91 Mistakes

93 Setting for most of "Moby-Dick"

95 Kind of TV

98 Liqueur flavorers

99 Knockoff dress labeled "Armani," say?

101 Rob

103 Popular Hispanic newspaper name

104 Rider's handful

105 Son of, in foreign names

106 Have legs

109 E.R. "A.S.A.P."

110 Devote

112 Longtime Yankee nickname

113 Less loopy

114 Ban competition

116 Caution to an orphan girl not to leave her wildebeest behind?

119 Reeves of "John Wick"

120 Enter stealthily

121 "With Reagan" memoirist

122 Ready followers?

123 One in a tight spot?

124 Did some edgy writing?

DOWN

1 Get together

2 Embroidery loop

3 Group of actors who all have stage fright?

4 Emulated Diana Ross (1970) and Justin Timberlake (2002)

5 How long it takes mountains to form

6 Roxy Music co-founder

7 Attentive dog owner

8 French sister

9 They may be bookmarked

10 "The Family Circus" cartoonist

11 Castigate

12 Away, in a way

13 Republican politico

14 "_____" happens ...

15 National Do Not Call Registry overseer, for short

16 Ancient galley

17 Western vacation spot

18 Winter carnival attraction

19 Gen _____

24 Silents star Bara

29 They put points on the board

33 Help to secure a loan, maybe

35 "Them's fightin' words!"

37 Former A.L. manager who was an N.L. M.V.P.

38 Geometric figures

39 Have a big _____

40 Attire

41 In a bad way

42 Secure, as a sailor's rope

43 She's asked "When will those clouds all disappear?" in a 1973 #1 hit

45 Where many people may follow you

48 Per _____

54 Popular après-ski place

55 Spot in the afternoon?

56 Product that's hard to keep in stock

57 Janvier, across the Pyrenees

60 Cap

63 Supply with weaponry

66 Put away

68 Subway Series team

70 Lovely but stupid person?

71 U.S. city whose name becomes another city's name if you change both its vowels to A's

72 Kiss drummer Peter

74 Reach the Mediterranean, say?

75 Pig sounds

77 Fix, as some lawn chairs

79 Canine cousin

80 "Dallas" family name

81 Race in classic science fiction

82 "Whirlybird" source

83 Suspect duplicity

85 Caspian Sea feeder

86 Trojan horse, e.g.

92 Like the Parthenon

94 Fitting one inside the other

95 Appointment book

96 Did a 1930s dance

97 Big brother

100 Luxor Temple deity

102 Natural

105 Ryan of old TV

107 Intuit

108 Straight, now

109 Fifth Avenue retailer

111 Campaign grps.

112 Backwoods con?

113 Heavyweight bouts?

115 Indigo Girls, e.g.

117 Commercial lead-in to Pen

118 Lead-in to meter



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Duck fat fries pair well with remoulade

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Every now and then we see something in class that brings back vivid memories associated with food; memories rushing through our minds as images just seem to come together in our imagination.



By Paul Suplee,
CEC PCIII

Recently, as one of our students, Bob, made a fresh remoulade, I tasted it and was immediately transported to countless late nights of the Frenchiest French Fries I had the pleasure of enjoying. I can't even remember the name of the place in East Baltimore but it was always jumping and their fryers could not keep up with them.

Fried in rendered duck fat (buy online from a variety of vendors) and then topped with fresh herbes de provence and truffle salt, they are only improved by the presence of a side of remoulade. They go well paired with anything from Iced tea to beer to wine. Of course, I would go with the beer with these but that is your call.

Remoulade is a close cousin to tartar sauce and in many restaurants the name is used interchangeably. Truth be told, By adding siracha or blackening spice to tartar sauce, the process lends itself to the myriad 'spicy remoulades' on menus nationwide. As another student, Shelby, made tartar sauce today, I am reminded just how similar the two can be. Both fantastic in their own right, with a sweeter hint to the tartar, we decided to use both as sides to our arterial dream come true.

As for specialty ingredients, it's good to know a chef, since they have access to said ingredients at much more reasonable prices than if you were to buy them online. A great example is truffle salt, one of the greatest concoctions known to man.

The contributions of truffle salt to one's olfactory sense cannot be emphasized properly enough in writing. The strong mushroom smell is only



doubled by the stronger garlic, earthen aroma that permeates anything on which you sprinkle it.

Combined with the duck fat and the herbes de Provence mixture, you are left with an ethereal experience reminiscent of your first kiss. Well, maybe they're not that good, but they will leave an impression. And I can promise you that the plate will be empty in little to no time at all.

Given my druthers, I would eat fried food every day of my life, but my doctors tell me otherwise as they have for years. I guess I won't tell them about the panko-crusted fried shrimp I just had the students make on which to sample our lovely sauces.

And mayhap it may slip my mind to tell my doctor that I had a very healthy portion of the fries when they were done. This is one of the greatest challenges of sticking to a strict dietary regimen while teaching a multitude of cooking classes. But all is fair in love and war.

At least I demonstrated the virtues of a powerful juicer. With all of the students trying their hands at being the next juice bar star, I had plenty of fresh vegetable and fruit juices to counteract the bad that may have come from the fried foods.

But calling anything fried in duck fat anything close to 'bad' should be a crime. It is a great cooking medium and should be a welcome addition to your pantry.

And after you make these once, you can recall in your mind this experience for the rest of your life.

Ducky French Fries

serves 2

4 large russet potatoes
duck fat, for frying
herbes de provence (recipe follows)
truffle salt (buy online)
remoulade (recipe follows)

Cut the potatoes into thin strips and set aside in cold water

Heat the oil to 300 degrees and blanch the fries for four minutes. Alternately, you may blanch the fries in heavily salted water for a few minutes, or until they begin to tender. They will finish cooking in the hot oil; a tip from a friend years ago

Allow to cool and turn the fryer up to 350-360 degrees.

When you are ready for service, simply fry the fries until they are golden brown and crispy.

Remove and drain.

Immediately season with truffle salt and herbes de provence.

Serve hot as the aromas will hit your guests before the amazing flavor will

Herbes de Provence

makes 1/2 cup, proportions to taste
fresh chervil
fresh Italian parsley

lavender
thyme
tarragon
rosemary

Strip all leaves from stems and place on a cutting board.

Mince finely and set aside until needed.

Remoulade

makes 3 c.

1 c. mayonnaise
1 tbsp. cornichons or pickle, minced
1 tbsp. capers, minced
1 tsp. fresh tarragon, minced
1 tsp. fresh chervil, minced
1 tsp. fresh chives, minced
2 anchovy filets, minced
1 tsp. Dijon
3 shakes of Tabasco
1/2 tsp. worcestershire sauce
salt and pepper to taste

Combine all ingredients and season accordingly.

Allow to set overnight if possible under refrigeration. It is important to allow the flavors to marry.

Serve chilled with anything from fried seafood (fish 'n chips, shrimp, fried crab cakes, et al) to these amazing fries.

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THURS. Jan. 29

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP — Atlantic Health Center, 9714 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 2-3 p.m. Providing physical and emotional support for survivors and caregivers to share personal experiences and challenges. Key speakers with expert knowledge concerning areas of concern for those affected by a stroke.

BEACH SINGLES — Every Thursday, Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour at Harpoon Hanna’s, Route 54 and the bay, Fenwick Island, Del., 4 p.m. Info: Arlene, 302-436-9577; Kate, 410-524-0649; or Di-anne, 302-541-4642.

BINGO — American Legion Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., in Ocean City, every Thursday, year round. Doors open at 5 p.m., games start at 6:30 p.m. Food available. Open to the public. Info: 410-289-3166.

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.

FRI. Jan. 30

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

‘COOL BERLIN’ FUNDRAISER — The Atlantic Hotel Ballroom, 2 N. Main St., Berlin, 5:30-8 p.m. The event will honor the families who were responsible for the 1980’s restoration of The Atlantic Hotel and serve to kick-off the celebration of the hotel’s 120th anniversary. The tapas and wine tasting evening will feature food and appropriate wines from France, Spain, Italy and Germany. Tickets cost \$35 and can be purchased at the hotel as well as The Berlin Chamber or by calling 410-641-3589. Benefiting the continued promotion of “Cool Berlin” during 2015.

‘FROZEN’ THEMED FUNDRAISER — Berlin Youth Club, 5-7:30 p.m. Parents are couraged to explore Berlin while their children attend this event. Info: 410-641-4598 or mwindsor@gowoyo.org.

FUNDRAISER — Lighthouse Sound, 12723 St. Martin’s Neck Road, Bishopville, 6-9 p.m. Meet guest bartenders Jason Gulshen, Chris Beebe and Jackie Siejack. Raffles, chipping contest and silent auction. Tickets: Jason Gulshen, 410-524-1600 or Wayne Littleton, 410-723-2842. The \$15 donation includes appetizers. Proceeds benefit The Believe In Tomorrow Children’s House By the Sea.

SAT. Jan. 31

DELMARVA HAND DANCE CLUB — Peaky’s Rooftop Restaurant & Bar, located in the

Fenwick Inn, 13801 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 6:30-9 p.m. Music provided by DJ Norm. All are welcome. Admission costs \$5. Proceeds benefit local charities. Info: 302-200-DANCE (3262).

FIRST-TIME HOME BUYER’S SEMINAR — Snow Hill Middle School, cafeteria, 522 Coulbourne Lane, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free Teach Them To Fish” seminar includes continental breakfast, on-site credit scores and counseling, on-site real estate agent consultations and on-site/line “CreditSmart” training introduction. Pre-registration is required at: www.mtzion-snowhill.com; Tomika Smith, 443-410-4251; mtzionsnowhill@gmail.com; or fax, 1-855-629-7861. Inclement weather date is Feb. 7.

SPAGHETTI DINNER — Friendship United Methodist Church, 10537 Friendship Road, Berlin, 4-7 p.m. Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, drink and dessert. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-12 and free to children 5 and younger. Carry outs available. Info: 410-641-2578.

WEDDING WITHDRAWAL EXTRAVAGANZA — The Globe, 12 Broad St., Berlin. Relive your wedding night with food, booze and bad dance moves. Cost is \$25 and includes buffet, dancing to DJ BK and a chance to win a mini honeymoon getaway. Wear wedding dress, bridesmaid dress, tux or best wedding attire for a change to win. For donations and registry items to be donated to the Children’s House By the Sea, visit www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/djshirk/promnight. Tickets available at Seacrets and The Globe. Info: dj@seacrets.com.

VIETNAM TET 47TH ANNIVERSARY — Worcester County Veterans Memorial, 8 Pinehurst Road, Ocean Pines, 10 a.m., rain or shine. A wreath will be placed recognizing the 47th 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 Amercian Legion, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City. All Vietnam Era Veterans and supporters are welcome to attend at noon for lunch. Info: Sarge Garlitz, 443-735-1942 or commander166@msn.com.

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.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WAREHOUSE OPEN — Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County Warehouse, 7033 Worcester Highway, Newark, 8 a.m. to noon. Currently accepting donations in the form of gently used furniture, appliances and building supplies. Info: 410-208-4440.

SUN. Feb. 1

SUPER BOWL SCRAMBLE GOLF TOURNAMENT — Eagle’s Landing Golf Course, 12367 Eagles Nest Road, West Ocean City. Registration is at 9 a.m., shotgun start at 10 a.m. Cost is \$50 per person. Info: Bob Croll, 410-213-7277, rcroll@oceancitymd.gov or www.eagles-landinggolf.com.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS #169 — Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Group is a 12-step program for anyone struggling with a compulsive eating problem. No initial meeting charge. Meeting contribution is \$1 weekly. Info: Bett, 410-202-9078.

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

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. 2

AARP MEETING — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway. Social time at 9:30 a.m., meeting at 10 a.m. Speaker will be Mona Tinaza from Chesapeake Hearing Centers. Seminar on hearing lost and a free screening. Take a can of soup for Souper Bowl Sunday for Sarah’s Pantry. Info: Larry Walton, 443-831-1791 or lrwalto@yahoo.com.

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

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. By appointment only: Robin Rohlfing, 410-641-9726.

LIVING WELL WORKSHOP — Northern Worcester Senior Center 10129 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Mondays, Jan. 5 through Feb. 23. Free, six-week workshop that teaches how to live a quality life with chronic disease. Chronic conditions include diabetes, arthritis, depression, asthma, bronchitis, pain, heart disease or any condition that hinders you. Pre-registration required by calling Laura Small, 410-629-6820.

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: Darlene Jameson, 410-629-6877 or the AGH Diabetes Outpatient Education program, 410-641-9703.

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.

DELMARVA SWEET ADELIN 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. 3

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

PARKINSON’S SUPPORT GROUP — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30-4 p.m. No reservation, no fee. Info: www.DelmarvaParkinsonsAlliance.org or Ron and Mary Leidner, 410-208-0525.

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.

CALENDAR

WED. Feb. 4

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

‘STAGING YOUR HOME FOR SALE’ SEMI-NAR — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 4-5 p.m. Sharon Curtiss of Hileman Real Estate will dis-cuss how to sell a home using proven techniques tht will appeal to today’s home buyers. Free and open to the pub-lic. Registration is required: Ocean Pines Recreation & Parks Department, 410-641-7052 or rec@oceanpines.org. Info: teresa Travatello, 410-641-7717, ext. 3006 or ttravatello@oceanpines.org.

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.

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.

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 Commu-nity Center, 235 Ocean Parkway. Doors open at 7 a.m., meeting begins at 8 a.m. Info: 410-641-7330.

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

OCEAN CITY/BERLIN ROTARY CLUB MEET-ING — 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 Fit-ness, 12319 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City, noon. Weight loss support group with discussions about nutrition, exer-cise, health and weight loss. Cost is \$5 per meeting. Info: dillon128@aol.com.

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Feb. 4: Bobby Burns, 3-6 p.m.
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Jan. 31: Full Circle, 5 p.m.; Digi-tal Getdown, 10 p.m.
Feb. 5: Full Circle Duo, 5 p.m.

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