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## GUNS DRAWN ON MAIN STREET

Main Street in Berlin was closed off for at least a half hour during the early part of the evening, last Thursday, as Maryland State Police took a man into custody. Sgt. Anthony Romano with the Maryland State Police Berlin Barrack said the suspect was involved in an incident about an hour and a half earlier at a Wawa store when the man, apparently an employee there, got into a dispute with his employer and "displayed a knife." According to Romano, the employer did not wish to press charges.

## OPA taps Novak Group to aid in general manager search

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Feb. 2, 2017) As expected, the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors voted on Saturday to award the Novak Consulting Group a contract to help find a permanent general manager.

Director Brett Hill had been serving in that capacity on an interim basis since former General Manager Bob Thompson was fired last August.

Two other companies, Adamen Inc. and Mercer, had been in consideration.

Novak's bid included a flat fee of \$20,300 and an unspecified amount for

advertising, background checks and travel, along with a three-month window to find a general manager candidate.

Director Doug Parks said the deciding factor was "the affirmation that the Novak Group had made a number of placements of similar positions in the Eastern Shore area, and that approach would be a significant benefit."

The company recently filled city manager positions in Cambridge, Maryland and in Milford and Rehoboth Beach, Delaware.

A vote to select Novak was unanimous, 7-0.

## Volunteers ramp up prospect of skateboard park in Berlin

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Feb. 2, 2017) After hosting "Get Ramped," what was by all accounts a successful biking and skateboarding event at Berlin Falls park in October, organizers Tres Denk and Sean McLaren approached the Berlin Parks Commission on Tuesday about continuing their involvement there.

Specifically, McLaren offered his services in setting up a temporary skate park, potentially as frequently as once a month, or even weekly, on Sundays.

McLaren said children in Berlin often don't have an outlet for their energies, which can occasionally lead to bad behavior or public nuisance. He and friend Jim Soloman have helped install temporary skate parks in Ocean City, Pocomoke and Salisbury, and have emphasized safety and often given away skating equipment during events.

"When I was growing up we could terrorize the neighborhoods and ride our bikes through the trails and do everything that we wanted, but I think that it's a different world now," he said. "I think that we can all see ... [our youth] don't have that outlet."

He said he was happy to give his own time and use his own equipment, and did not want any funding from the town in return.

"I'm here to do that, if you all would allow me, until you have something out there," McLaren said. "I have so many ramps and so much physical ability to get this done, and I have the will to stay there all day."

McLaren also said he could provide insurance.

"I just want to make sure that you all know I would love to help in any way possible, and I'm extremely just blown away that you all purchased this facility and I'm so excited for you," he said.

Denk, president of the Eastern Shore Chapter of the International Mountain Bicycling Association, has worked with municipal and community groups in Salisbury, Pocomoke

and elsewhere in Worcester County and specializes in establishing biking trails.

He said he would like to host another Get Ramped at the park, if the town would allow it.

Town Administrator Laura Allen said that event did good job of organizing parking and supervising the safety of participants. She said it included skate ramps and a skills course and was attended by about 200 children of all ages.

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Sean McLaren

Allen asked to set up a meeting with McLaren and Denk in order to discuss their plans, and what kind of town services they would require.

"I think it's great you came and talked to the parks commission – it was a good first step," she said. "What I'm hearing is a lot of support for some kind of a regular set up."

Resident Lisa Cherivitch, who first lobbied the town council to establish a skate park at Berlin Falls nearly two years ago, has a ramp at her home that her son and others in the neighborhood use on a regular basis.

She said there were 20 kids in front of her house when she left to come to the meeting, Tuesday. They asked if she was "going to the skateboard meeting" and cheered when she said she was.

"At any given moment you roll down my road and there are 20 boys [skating]," she said. "They do need a place."

A group called Berlin Skate Bike Unite was established last year as an "advocacy for a skate/bike community facility in the Town of Berlin." For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/pg/supportbsbu](http://www.facebook.com/pg/supportbsbu).

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### SCENIC ROUTE

The sun sets over downtown Snow Hill on Tuesday, casting an amber glow over the historic district.

## Council to hear water quality study

By Brian Gilliland  
Associate Editor

(Feb. 2, 2017) Salisbury-based GMB Engineering is scheduled to provide the Pocomoke City mayor and council something the town hasn't had in decades: possible solutions to the ongoing, but intermittent water quality issues seen in Pocomoke Heights and beyond.

Resident complaints have been steady, but sporadic, and all have the same basic features: offensive-smelling and colored tap water that damages appliances, frustrates filters and ruins clothing.

"This not an easy issue," Scott Getchell, director of operational services at GMB, said. "The answer lies in a multi-tiered approach."

What, exactly, those tiers are and what they might cost are details for the next public meeting of the mayor and council on Monday, Feb. 6 at 6:30 p.m. at town hall.

"There's no one thing to fix. We have a lot to recommend," Getchell said. "There may need to be capital improvement with additional operational improvements. I think it's going to take both."

There may also be a need to hire professional service providers to execute some portion of the consultants' recommendations.

These recommendations are derived from a hydrodynamic survey of the existing system, one feature of which is something the town has never had — a complete map of its water and sewer system.

GMB collected as much data as it could about the system to create a working model. Using this model, the consultants ran a number of scenarios on the modeled system and came up with suggestions they believe will improve the system.

"We have the mathematical explanation for these issues," Getchell said.

"I wish I could tell you we know exactly what to do."

The silver lining, he said, is that even if conditions remain the same no one's health will be directly, adversely impacted by the sediment, smell and discoloration of the town water.

"I don't think it's a health concern — it's just the taste, odor and color, which is more of a nuisance than a threat. I don't see people getting sick over the water," he said.

The city voted to approve GMB's evaluation of the water and sewer systems during last year's budget cycle by voting to approve tapping into an \$86,000 line of credit to fund the study. City Manager/City Attorney Ernie Crofoot said at the time the city would then seek a bond issue to repay the loan at a lower interest rate.

Going with the line of credit was a timesaving gesture, Crofoot said, allowing work to begin more promptly.

## Lower Shore Land Trust hosts winter bird ID program

By Brian Gilliland  
Associate Editor

(Feb. 2, 2017) The Lower Shore Land Trust is resurrecting an older, but popular event this Saturday at 10 a.m., the Winter Bird Identification and Backyard Birding Program, at its headquarters in Snow Hill in preparation for the national Great Backyard Bird Count, later in the month.

"It's a really neat example of citizen science [that] families can do over a winter weekend from their own homes," Kate Patton, executive director of the trust, said. "We can help families track the birds they're seeing everyday, but can also participate in a big project with Audubon."

The four-day event scheduled for Feb. 17-20 invites participants to spend as little as 15 minutes cataloging the birds they see and uploading the data to [www.birdcount.org](http://www.birdcount.org).

To do so, however, the participants need to know what it is they're looking at, and this is where the Lower Shore Land Trust comes in.

"Our objective is to invite people to learn what they might expect to see, how to identify the birds, how the count works and how you can participate," Patton said. "By making our event accessible to all ages, people can really get what they want out of it."

For those interested in the scientific aspects of the program, Barbara Dolan, an experienced birder and member of the Tri-County Bird Club, will be on hand this Saturday to discuss bird identification techniques, the ecological significance and the importance of habitat preservation.

For the younger ones, the trust is offering a "make and take" birdhouse project.

"It's all with the goal of bringing birds to your house," Patton said. "The key is to engage families and individuals and give them a reason to protect the lands and preserve habitat."

Registration for Saturday's event is required and a \$5 donation to the Lower Shore Land Trust is requested.

Reservations can be made by calling 443-234-5587 or email at [keverson@lowershorelandtrust.org](mailto:keverson@lowershorelandtrust.org).

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# Pines pirate playground objections marooned

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(Feb. 2, 2017) A larger-than-usual crowd showed up during a meeting on Saturday in Ocean Pines to voice opposition to a proposed pirate-themed playground at Mumford's Landing, also known as the yacht club.

The board of directors ultimately disagreed with the public sentiment on display and voted 5-2 to approve the structure, which would be funded entirely through a donation from the Mary Mac Foundation, Inc.

Interim General Manager Brett Hill, who first introduced plans for the play area during a work session on Nov. 23, said he believed it would help attract young families to The Cove at Mumford's Landing, the name of the yacht club restaurant.

During public comments Saturday, many homeowners made it clear they were concerned about the specific location – and not necessarily the playground itself. Plans show it would go roughly between the east-facing wall of Mumford's and the yacht club pool.

Pat Seidel, a grandmother of 10 and property owner for three decades, said she spends about four days a week at the pool during the summer. She worried the playground, approximately 100 feet away, would create too much noise.

The yacht club pool is the only "adults only" swimming facility in Ocean Pines.

"While I love kids, I'm totally opposed to putting the playground near the adult pool and the tiki bar," she said. "The primary goal of the board of directors should be to maintain the quality of life here, not to make The Cove either break even or make money."

Seidel said the majority of residents in Ocean Pines were "mature adults," about 72 percent of which were 45 or older.

"This adult pool is a haven of beauty ... and quiet when you want quiet," she said. "A view of a fence and a giant pirate ship would ruin this view."

Gary Miller, a member of the clubs advisory committee, suggested the playground could lessen pool membership and said the board needed to get more feedback.

"I think one of the things that the board needs to consider is getting more public input before you make major decisions," he said, drawing applause from many of the 50-plus people in the audience.

He asked for those who were opposed to the idea to stand up, and at least half in attendance rose to their feet.

Tom Janasek, a candidate for the board of directors during the last election cycle, said he supported the proposed playground and that it would be farther from the pool than people assumed.

He believed it could, as Hill suggested,

benefit the bottom line at The Cove.

"The times are changing, people. We've got over 1,000 kids in this neighborhood," Janasek said. "There are a lot of families in the Pines and we need to change the way we look at this thing. There are a lot of people who are going to spend money at the yacht club that don't because they go across this river and go to Ropewalk, Lazy Lizard [and] Fish Tales."

During the new business portion of the meeting, Director Slobodan Trendic proposed a motion to effectively halt construction of the playground until more information could be gathered.

He said the directors had received many calls and emails on the subject, and that the majority was not in favor of the proposal.

"The motion represents the voice of the community members that have basically stated their opposition to the idea – that's what this motion is about," he said. "If there is no alternative location at the Mumford's Landing for a playground then I guess one would have to revisit the whole idea."

Board Vice President Dave Stevens said there was no possibility of another location at Mumford's Landing, and that Hill had stated as much during prior meetings.

Because of that, he called it an "impossible motion" that he could not vote for.

"The real issue is how, overall, Brett

has made a lot of changes in the yacht club. And he is pushing forward to try and make it inclusive," Stevens said. "It's the right direction – he's trying to make the yacht club populated for many people – not just the people who go to the pool."

Board President Tom Herrick said he was against the motion, and called the playground itself a progressive development in the Pines.

"When I campaigned for this position I said I would always think about what is in the best interest for the entire community and not one small focus group or one agenda or one group's feelings," he said. "In this particular case I think it serves in the betterment for the entire association. It gives ... families a reason to come to the yacht club."

Indirectly, he added, it could benefit the entire membership if the playground helped increase revenues.

Director Cheryl Jacobs said the unusually high turnout was evidence the issue was a hot topic. She did not support the location and said the best way to improve revenues at the club was to ensure it had "good food and consistent service at a reasonable price."

"I'm certainly not opposed to being more inclusive, but to say this is going to be a revenue generator is kind of ridiculous," she said.

Jacobs said the majority of Ocean  
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# Mumford's Landing playground plans affirmed by board

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Pines amenities were focused on families and that opponents of the plan were by no means against children. She added that she was not convinced that other potential locations had been sufficiently explored.

"This was dropped on us as a fait accompli – let's be honest here," she said. "There was no discussion about this ahead of time ... all we're trying to do is say let's put the brakes on this a minute – let's be absolutely sure that there is no other location.

"We haven't explored all the alternatives, but what we have done is draw a great deal of interest in this particular thing so that there are people showing up for meetings where there's usually five or 10 people," Jacobs continued. "There are tons of people sending us emails, calling me at my home.

"You've heard what the community has had to say," Jacobs said. "There are people who are for it [and] there are a lot of people who are not for it at this particular location, so I would be more in favor of tabling this motion and gaining an understanding that I could agree with, that there is absolutely no other location for this at the yacht club."

Trendic agreed there had not been sufficient discussion on alternate locations.

"This board was presented, by Mr. Hill, with two things – the pirate ship and the location. There was never a discussion of what the alternatives might be," he said. "I question the location and that's what my motion is about ... I don't think the project should go forward as it stands."

Hill countered that's Trendic's motion "as written, is absolutely horrible and it does nothing."

He offered a revised motion to approve the playground as presented, also adding in approval to proceed with plans for ADA remediation of the parking lot that would include two additional parking spaces and an ADA-compliant sidewalk leading to the pool.

The final vote was 5-2, with Trendic and Jacobs voting against the amended motion.



A larger-than-usual crowd came to voice objection to a proposed playground at Mumford's Landing, also known as the yacht club, during a meeting on Saturday. A vote to approve the playground passed 5-2. Pictured, from left, are directors Doug Parks, Vice President Dave Stevens, Cheryl Jacobs and President Tom Herrick.

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# Morrison, Trotter will seek reelection in Pocomoke City

If no others enter by Friday deadline, town will cancel election under new charter

By Brian Gilliland  
Associate Editor

(Feb. 2, 2017) Pocomoke's mayor, Bruce Morrison, and District Three councilman Dale Trotter are both seeking to continue their tenure for at least another term, but will need to wait until after 5 p.m. Friday to see if there will be an election at all.

As of press time, no other candidates have filed. The city, in response to issues with the previous election, passed a number of changes to the charter in late November, including the ability to cancel elections if there are fewer than two official candidates.

This measure has the byproduct of essentially removing ad hoc write-in campaigns in favor of a more structured approach.

Regardless of the circumstances, the two candidates provided some insight into their goals for the coming term.

"I've got two things left: I promised to fix the water issue and I want to clean up the town," Morrison said. "I want people to take pride in their houses and keep the town in good shape."

Morrison turns 64 in April, and said if he's elected to another term it will likely be his last.

"I would probably retire. I'll finish out another three-year term and retire, because that would have been 15 years in public service and it would be time for someone new with fresh ideas to come in," he said.

Morrison has already served six years as mayor and was a councilman for six years before that.

"I'll probably retire from my job in the next year, and then I'll spend more time with my family and with my grandchildren," he said.

Before that, he wants to see the town cleaned up a bit.

"As a lifelong resident you always want to see your town be a better place, and I want to make sure it's better than I found it," he said.

To that end, Morrison said he wanted to press the county to help a bit more with the old firehouse and armory. The firehouse, he said, is a lost cause and needs to be torn down. The armory, however, could be converted into some kind of recreational facility.

"You have facilities in Snow Hill, Ocean City and Berlin — why not in Pocomoke?" he asked.

Dale Trotter is seeking his second term representing the town's third district, which is roughly "C" shaped, is south of the Pocomoke River and encompasses much of the western part of the town.

"I want to continue to improve the water conditions and Cypress Park," he said.

At the park, Trotter said he would like to see new playground equipment, lights and exercise stations. He said he would also like to continue to promote the downtown and work toward its revitalization.

"I want to bring more people into town and want to continue to work with our economic development coordinator," Trotter said. "I have a lot invested in Pocomoke."

Trotter, 49, has four children and arrived in town in 1993.

"I'm already familiar with the issues at hand," he said. "There's no lapse in time to explain everything to a new person."



Bruce Morrison



Dale Trotter

# Fatal single-vehicle crash claims life of Virginia man

Drewry, 74, pronounced dead on scene; passenger treated and then released

By Brian Gilliland  
Associate Editor

(Feb. 2, 2017) James C. Drewry, 74, was pronounced dead on the scene from a single-vehicle accident on Monday at around 10:15 a.m. on Route 113, south of Lambertson Road, according to the Worcester County Sheriff's Office.

Cora Drewry, his passenger, was taken to Peninsula Regional Medical Center, where she was treated and re-

leased according to hospital staff.

Lt. Ed Schreier, sheriff's office public information officer, said Drewry's pickup truck had been traveling south on Rt. 113 when it left the roadway, entered the shoulder, overturned and finally struck a tree and a telephone pole.

No reason was given why the vehicle left the roadway.

The Worcester County Crash reconstruction unit is investigating the incident.

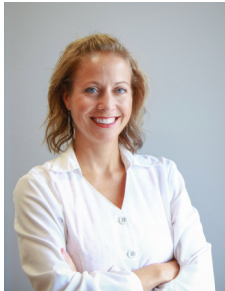
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# OP anniversary committee on hold

Delay of board decision on official support frustrates semicentennial planners

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(Feb. 2, 2017) The 50th Anniversary Committee – a group that had been working to plan a series of events next year celebrating the semicentennial of Ocean Pines – effectively suspended its activity after the board of directors tabled a vote to support it last Saturday.

Director Slobodan Trendic had proposed a motion to express support for the committee and ensure it could reach out to association staff when planning events, but that motion stalled.

In a letter sent to committee members on Monday, committee chairs Mike and Cathy Sabine said the group had agreed not to proceed with its activities until receiving official assurances from the board.

The Sabines previously led an effort to plan and produce a series of events during the 25th anniversary of the association.

The letter noted the board “miraculously found [\$20,000] in their marketing and other budgets that was already earmarked” for the committee during a budget meeting on Friday.

On the following day, however, a motion of support was not accepted.

“The Board in the end decided to table their decision for this motion and vote at the next regularly scheduled board meeting at the end of February,” the letter stated. “They want the motion amended to include special wording that the board can agree on, which will require getting approvals before anything can be done. This committee is no different than any other.”

The letter went on to say the Sabines could not speak for the entire committee, but that, “It’s up to each and every one of you to decide how you want to proceed.”

“We were so excited about being involved with this, but we are continually being squashed,” the letter stated. “We have been jumping [through] hoops and we strongly feel that this will continue throughout the next [two] years.”

A committee meeting tentatively set for Feb. 6 had already been canceled because the venue was over-

booked, according to the letter. “We are truly sorry, but we never thought this would happen,” the letter stated. “Being residents for 37 years here in OP, where is the board’s sense of community? This board decision has taken our hearts out of this. We feel the board has tarnished our Golden Anniversary.”

During the board meeting on Saturday, several directors balked at the language of the motion itself, which would have granted committee access to staff on an as-needed basis.

“This particular motion, I think, raises a lot of red flags for me. We as a community – as an organization – occasionally struggle with the interaction between committee members and employees,” Director Pat Supik said. “I think that this broad motion

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Director Slobodan Trendic

presents an opportunity for a very slippery slope that could have conflicts between committee members and employees.”

Board President Tom Herrick joked that Director Cheryl Jacobs, an attorney, would have a field day with the language of the motion, which he said was vague, unenforceable and had no substance.

Jacobs, however, countered, “Every attorney will advise you to have things in writing, which is why I would be in support of this motion.”

She said this particular committee was unlike any other in Ocean Pines, and offered a friendly amendment that committee requests would go through the liaison, Trendic.

“I think that, if you want to tighten up the language in the motion ... that would be my suggestion,” she said. “It would serve a purpose, I believe, to have something in writing in a formal motion about the support [of the committee].”

Hill, for his part, said staff was always available to any association

committee to answer questions, and that the best way to reach them was by email.

That did not mean, however, they would always be available to attend committee meetings. Aquatics Director Colby Phillips was apparently asked to attend a recent meeting, but Hill denied that request.

“I have staff that is overwhelmed in their responsibilities and taking several hours out of an already busy schedule for a meeting sometimes is not possible,” Hill said. “[That is] by no means a symbol of disrespect to any individual person, committee or other.”

“To my knowledge, the staff has been and will continue to be responsive to any individual request,” Hill added.

Board Vice President Dave Stevens said he opposed “rewriting a motion on the fly,” and said he thought the board had already publically voiced its support of the committee.

He said he would not support Trendic’s motion, which was ultimately tabled by a 5-0 vote. Trendic and Hill abstained.

Trendic, during a phone interview Monday, said he was somewhat baffled by the outcome.

“This committee is not like any other committee and it should not be treated as such,” he said. “The fact is, the board did not create this committee, therefore the committee has no resolutions whatsoever specifically related to them.”

“This committee was organized through a grassroots effort by the homeowners of the committee that have been here for a long time,” he added. “The fact remains that the board is trying to treat this committee like others that have been organized by the board and serve at the pleasure of the board – this is not the case.”

Trendic said he was “very disappointed at the way five directors debated over what the committee was asking,” and that, even when the committee attempted to follow existing protocol by requesting support through him, those requests were denied by Hill.

“I’m disappointed – many people are disappointed that this was not a simple seven-yes vote, and I think it is unfair that the committee is being viewed as a board-created, board-controlled committee. I believe it’s not the right way to proceed,” Trendic said.

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# Debate continues over Ocean Pines reserves

Board Vice President Dave Stevens will help develop capital improvement plan

**By Josh Davis**

Associate Editor

(Feb. 2, 2017) Exactly how much Ocean Pines should fund its reserves is a debate as old as time — or, at least for about as long as the 49-year-old community has been in existence.

For the next fiscal year, however, not much is projected to change in terms of overall reserve levels — a major dip in the projected bulkhead reserve levels necessitated by a series of emergency repairs notwithstanding.

In a budget draft document prepared by interim General Manager Brett Hill, the overall reserve balance as of May 1 would decrease about 5 percent by April 30, 2018, to \$4.684 million.

A year and a half ago the previous board, and the previous general manager, spent \$31,000 on a Design Management Associates reserves study, which many of the directors never bought into.

Other long term planning documents fell similarly by the wayside during that period.

Board President Tom Herrick said during a budget meeting on Fri-

day the board had discussed “the DMA study being so inaccurate,” and said staff was working on an upgrade.

“Without knowing what we need right now or what we may need, because we don’t have accurate information, I don’t think it’s fair to the membership to fluctuate the assessments,” he said.

Because the reserve level would not change drastically in the budget draft, the basic assessment would remain as it was during the previous fiscal year, at \$921.

Director Pat Supik, former chair of the budget and finance committee and now board treasurer, said a certain amount of common sense should be used when budgeting for reserves.

She said assets in Ocean Pines, at cost, totaled \$45 million. Accumulated depreciation totaled \$22 million.

“That means that, all things being equal, we should have \$22 million in our reserves right now to replace the assets,” she said. “Nobody is suggesting we’re going to get to \$22 million, but I think on the other side of that to have \$4 million to replace greater than \$22 million ... I just don’t think that is [enough].”

“It’s our obligation to ensure the financial stability of Ocean Pines — that’s one of our foremost obliga-

tions,” Supik added. “We should have \$22 million at a minimum — and we have \$4 [million].”

Board Vice President Dave Stevens said he completely disagreed with that line of thinking.

“We are not grossly unstable right now,” he said. “Actually, we are becoming more and more comfortable.”

“This year we had a peculiar year ... in that we spent a whole lot more than we had planned to, for very good reason,” Stevens added. “We’re way ahead of the game in terms of the country club, for example.”

The board approved about \$425,000 for improvements at the club this fiscal year and have earmarked another \$417,000 for renovations during the next fiscal year.

Other facilities addressed by the board in either the current or next fiscal year include the community center, administration building, beach club, sports core pool and yacht club. Several new playgrounds and racquet sports courts have also been discussed and are considerations in the new budget.

“We’ve already whizzed by most of the big items. I’m not saying there aren’t more in the future, but if you look tell me what they are,” Stevens said. “What’s the next big thing that we’re going to do after 2018?”

According to Hill, many of the renovations would deal with the interior part of Ocean Pines facilities. Eventually, the exteriors would also need work. The administration building, for instance, apparently has squirrels living in the roof.

“You have all these other components. We’re not touching windows. We’re not touching HVAC. We’re doing an in-place upgrade of certain walls out of a building that is on our books for millions,” Hill said. “To say that we’re done with the building and that’s there’s else that’s going to be left [to do] — that’s pretty far from accurate.”

Ditto the country club, Hill said.

“There are still key components to the building that are left undone that we know on a 40-year-old building are going to hit us,” Hill said. “We’re doing the cheap inside renovations right now.”

Director Cheryl Jacobs added that work to improve drainage at the golf course — a multi-year, multi-million-dollar project — was only about half done, and Hill said the swim and racquet club, Mumford’s Landing pool building and sports core pool building bathrooms all needed to be addressed, eventually.

Still, Stevens said there was no way to know how much the association would need to set aside, and he

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# Worms pose big threat to bulkheads

GM Hill says DBF study will reveal which areas, at what cost, will need first repairs

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor

(Feb. 2, 2017) A worm infestation of Ocean Pines Association bulkheads could potentially cost millions to fix, according to a budget discussion held last Friday.

The incursion was apparently discovered late last year and was at least partially behind a decision to suspend the association's regular bulkhead replacement program, which installed new partitions on a 35-year cycle, pending an in-progress engineering study by Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc.

On Friday, Director Pat Supik said she was concerned that a fiscal year 2018 budget draft showed bulkhead reserves decreasing to roughly \$48,000 as of April 30, 2018. Current reserves in that account are approximately \$1.175 million.

The decrease was attributed to the bulkhead reserve contribution remaining flat in the current draft, while spending increased more than \$1 million.

"That could indicate that the year after that we might have a hefty assessment [increase]," Supik said. "Some side of the equation has got

to change."

Interim General Manager Brett Hill said he anticipated the study would be finished by mid-February. Until then, budgeting for bulkheads was akin to "throwing a dart at the wall."

Preliminary spending on bulkheads during FY18 was \$1.9 million, which Board Vice President Dave Stevens noted was a hefty increase.

"We're talking about \$1.2-\$1.3 million more in one single year of spending then we have ever done – ever – in the past," Stevens said.

Typically, according to Stevens, Ocean Pines replaced 3,500 linear feet of its bulkheads each year.

Hill, who developed the budget, said his projections were not based on any part of the old replacement program, but were rather meant to address "what's failing due to environment [circumstances], which is for the most part attributed to worms."

He estimated about 8,000 feet needed to be replaced in order to address "the worst of our failing bulkheads."

Ocean Pines has a total of 109,000 linear feet worth of bulkheads, valued at about \$25 million, according to Controller Art Carmine.

"The issue right now is, that I think we need to do more than

8,000 in one year," Hill said, adding, "at this point it's all speculative."

"The ones this year are focused on where we have outright failures [because of] worms," Hill said. "They're the sinkholes over in Wood Duck that are being done this year."

He said Ocean Pines could get lucky and the report could suggest only 5,000 linear feet needed to be replaced – or it could come back as more, potentially as much as 15,000 linear feet.

"And then we [would] have to figure out whether we can stretch that over three or four years, or whether we need to do something with assessments in the future to bring the money in to do it sooner," he said. "The number was just put there on the assumption that the situation is bad, we're going to have to do as much as we possibly can and we're wiping [bulkhead reserves] to essentially nothing."

"We'll hopefully have that information in the next couple of weeks," Hill added.

About eight percent of Ocean Pines bulkheads are shared property and impact overall assessments. Individual homeowners own the other 92 percent and pay a higher rate of assessment, which in turn funds bulkhead repairs and reserves accounts.

## Board consents to keep reserve level of Hill budget draft

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said there were other factors involved before adequate reserve levels could be determined.

"It's not as simple as looking at depreciation or numbers, though. It's making decisions about what we're going to use those buildings for – how we're going to use them," he said. "That takes the board to sit down and make policy level decisions about it."

Stevens, with support from the board, agreed to work on a new capital improvement plan. He said he would use previous studies and speak with Facilities Manager Jerry Aveta, as a starting point.

Hill said Ocean Pines staff had already spent hundreds of hours on updating the reserve study. Elsewhere, the comprehensive planning advisory committee continues to work toward a new comprehensive plan.

With all of those circumstances in flux, the directors consented to leave reserves levels in place, according to the Hill budget draft.

The next budget discussion is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 6 at 9:30 p.m. in the boardroom inside the administration building on 239 Ocean Parkway.

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# Bunting Realty Inc. hits quarter-century mark

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Feb. 2, 2017) Twenty-five years ago Cam Bunting started a fledgling real estate business in Berlin.

Her father and brother were both agents based in Salisbury, and she was working for Moore, Warfield & Glick in Ocean City, at the time.

"Real estate was in my blood," she said.

Because virtually all of her listings happened to be in Berlin, she started to look for a way to relocate there, at first looking for a place to work as an agent. When that didn't happen, she decided to open her own operation, Bunting Realty, Inc.

Bunting bought a former doctor's office on 24 Broad Street in Berlin, a space large enough that her husband, Woody, could also run his surveying business out of.

Jumping into owning and operating her own office, Bunting said, was not something she thought twice about.

"I'm a type-A person, so I have to be doing lots of things. It was just a normal progression," she said. "I loved Moore, Warfield & Glick and that was a great experience, but they weren't real interested in Berlin. I thought the only other thing to do was open my own business."

With three children still at home and a husband that was self-employed, Bunting admitted the first year was something of a struggle. Still, it wasn't long before Bunting Realty, Inc. took off.

"It picked up right away," she said. "At the time Bill Smith had retired, so there wasn't anybody else here that was really concentrating on this area. At first you do have to establish relationships with people and do everything that's required of you and do it to the best of your ability."

"The first year was just getting everything going and from there we decided it was too big for just me – we needed some agents," she added. "Since then it's just grown and right now a couple of us are in the top percentage of our industry, here in this office."

A healthy list of clients often meant taking work home with her, and Bunting said she didn't necessarily have to be awake to be working.

"I'm the type that I would go home and I would dream about somebody looking for a house, and I'd wake up in the middle of the night because I'd thought about a house for them," she said. "It's great [finding the perfect home] because they're so excited that it gets you excited. Right now I can't ever think about retiring because I love what I do. Why would I not continue to do it as long as I can walk up stairs?"

"When you're either listing or selling for somebody you get to know them and know their family situations, and in some cases when somebody is really desperate to sell you try to do everything in your power to



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Bunting Realty, Inc. is celebrating 25 years in business. Cam Bunting, second from right, in front, started the business after working for Moore, Warfield & Glick in Ocean City.

make that happen," Bunting added.

Again with the type-A personality, Bunting has not only run a successful business she built from the ground up, but has been mother to three children and is a prolific volunteer in the county.

Last April, Bunting and her husband were given the 51st annual Lion's Club Berlin Award, recognizing their volunteerism. A month later, Coastal Hospice bestowed her with a similar honor.

Volunteering, apparently, is also in her blood.

"When I was a teenager the things I wanted to do were get married, have children and volunteer," she said.

"My parents were big in Salisbury and did a lot of volunteer work, and my brother, Hugh McLaughlin, was on the board of PRMC and I was on the board of AGH."

"Once you start volunteering people know, so you get picked for other things," she added. "My mother would come over and babysit my three kids so that I could go to the Taylor Museum and scrape paint off with Ed Hammond."

Bunting said owning her own business allowed her an amount of leniency she wouldn't have had otherwise. She and Woody worked extensively with Berlin Little League, among other local groups.

"We've done quite a few things and enjoyed every minute of it," she said. "Because you can be a little flexible

with real estate, it helps. Not everybody would be able to do it because of their jobs and the time that they have to work. We just worked a lot more at night!"

The couple travel as a way to decompress, and have visited 49 different states – including Alaska – in their motor home. They also take annual trips to Sarasota to watch the Baltimore Orioles during spring training, and a collection of autographed baseballs collected during those visits adorns the office.

The trek to Alaska, Bunting said, occurred "one year when real estate was terrible."

"We said there's not much going on here, so we took off two-and-a-half months, which we could do because I have an assistant here and my husband can do his survey drawing," she said. "But we drove up through North Dakota and went the on Alaska Highway – and broke down on the Alaska Highway."

Because they had purchased a \$65 emergency service plan at Sam's Club, Bunting said she was able to get a flatbed truck to tow the motor home to a repair shop.

Despite the hiccups, she said the trip was more than worth it.

"That was a neat experience," she said. "It's back on our bucket list – we'd like to do that again."

Paramount Studios also used her office – and her talents – during the filming of "Runaway Bride," and the producers of "Tuck Everlasting" took

up residence inside her building for an extended period of time.

Bunting was a location scout, among other things, for Paramount.

"The list of things that I did just got bigger and bigger," she said. "I had to find locations for Julia Roberts and Richard Gere and Gary Marshall and Joan Cusack. With their assistance, I'd call up different people and ask them if they'd move out of their house for a couple weeks to move these actors and actresses – and the husbands all said yes and the wives always said no."

She also housed the casting office for Paramount, played a real-life notary during filming and even appeared on camera in a few scenes in Berlin – and was asked to do more in Baltimore.

"I said, 'that's OK,'" she said with a laugh. "But it was a really neat experience."

As for her other life in the real estate business, Bunting said the industry has changed a lot during her several decades of experience. Thick binders and books have largely become digitized, and she now carries a laptop instead of heavy stacks of papers.

The people, she said, have been the constant.

"People are just so happy and just so overcome with gladness or sadness when they're selling something that's been in their family for a really long time. It just makes it all really neat," she said.

Rather than celebrate the milestone, Bunting said she would take a low-key approach and treat it all as "just another day of work."

**'Right now I can't ever think about retiring because I love what I do. Why would I not continue to do it as long as I can walk up stairs?'**

Bunting Realty, Inc. owner  
Cam Bunting

# Pocomoke refused demolition grants for two buildings

By Brian Gilliland  
Associate Editor

(Feb. 2, 2017) For the second time in two years, Pocomoke City has been denied demolition funding for the old firehouse and armory by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development.

As City Manager/City Attorney Ernie Crofoot informed the council during its regular meeting last week, the denials came as no surprise.

“We knew it was coming,” he said.

The rejection letter provided to the town and signed by Carol Gilbert, assistant secretary of the department, explains that 26 projects seeking a total of \$9 million applied for the available funding.

Only \$3.5 million of allocated funding was available for projects. Proposals were competitively ranked, according to the letter, on factors such as economic impact, readiness to proceed, local commitment and leveraging.

The town is divided on what to do with the facilities. Council members like Diane Downing are in favor of selling the firehouse for the \$2,500 top bid the town received last year. Crofoot would rather shore up the legal title to the firehouse in an effort to attract a more lucrative offer, while certain church groups are interested in using the buildings as community centers.

At the same time, these grant applications had been submitted to raze the buildings entirely.

While acknowledging the need for a community center, mayor Bruce Morrison said he preferred that discussion to take place concerning the armory, because certain aspects of a center, like a basketball court, are already in place there.

All parties appear to agree that both buildings need serious reconditioning before either could be opened to the public.

Another application, on behalf of the Costen House Museum, was also denied.

According to that rejection letter, also signed by Gilbert, 131 projects applied for funding totaling \$27 million, but only \$6 million in allocated funding was available.



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# Berlin Chamber honors businesses, volunteers

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor

(Feb. 2, 2017) Cate Nellans was introduced as president, taking over for Immediate Past President Donna Compher, and a handful of awards were handed out during the 2017 Berlin Chamber of Commerce Installation Dinner at Fins Ale House and Raw Bar last Wednesday.

Taking home trophies, produced by Plak That Printing Co., were artist of the year Jordan Pippin (Steel N Glory), volunteer of the year Sharon Timmons (Town of Berlin), new busi-

ness of the year Toby Gilbert (Gilbert's Provisions), bright idea award-winner Heather Layton (Bungalow Love) and philanthropist Robin Tomaselli (Baked Dessert Café).

Layton, chairwoman of the Berlin Arts & Entertainment Committee, was honored for her part in the Artists Giving Back: Meals for the Hungry dinner on Nov. 29, when a group of artists, business owners and community members came together to feed more than 260 people in Berlin. Additional food collected and

cooked during that day provided another 100 meals for West Ocean City nonprofit Diakonia.

Before receiving her own award, Tomaselli accepted on behalf of Layton and the other members of the A&E committee. Tomaselli is the vice president of that group.

"The Artists Giving Back: Meals for the Hungry ... was one of the greatest things that I feel that we've accomplished so far, and we got way more out of it than we gave," she said.

The winners were apparently not notified ahead of time and several seemed genuinely surprised when their name was announced, including a tearful Timmons.

thing and I couldn't thank you enough."

Timmons joked those who her knew best, knew she was never short of words – until that moment.

"You all are an amazing group to work with and for," she said.

St. Amant said the 31st year of the Berlin Chamber would include a new and more user-friendly website design, and an enhanced member directory.

Chamber Executive Director Larnet St. Amant said of Timmons, "When I started the position two-and-a-half years ago Sharon took me under her wing and taught me everything. [She] has been the most amazing leader, friend, guide – she knows everything about everything. We thank her from the bottom of our hearts and I'm so glad that we recognized her. She is amazing to our town. We are so, so blessed to have her."

Chamber Administrative Assistant Harrison Albert shared a similar story.

"When I came here six months ago and started this job I was kind of a nobody. Nobody really knew who I was," he said. "I was learning not only about the town, but everything around it, and Sharon was just a huge help. She guided me through every-

She also used the occasion to formally introduce Albert.

"There have been lots of changes in the last year, but lots of good changes – and we now have Harrison Albert who is the new assistant," she said. "He's a [Savannah College of Art and Design] graduate who is new to the area and he's very talented and super smart, which is wonderful. He makes me look good."

"He and I are both very committed to the chamber and we're going to make this a really great year," she added. "We can't wait."

The first business after hours of the New Year will be held at the Berlin Visitor's Center on March 30 and will include live music, beer, wine and appetizers.

Additional upcoming Berlin Chamber of Commerce events include Spring Celebration, April 15, the Jazz and Blues Bash, May 6, Spring Cruisers, May 20, the Bathtub Races, July 7, and Fall Cruisers, Oct. 7.

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# Snow Hill's first, First Friday of '17 slated for Feb. 3

By Brian Gilliland  
Associate Editor

(Feb. 2, 2017) Snow Hill took a bit of a winter break from First Friday events, but that ends Feb. 3 as the downtown shops remain open late, many offer specials and some have updated either their insides or out-sides during the interim.

Additionally, several downtown vendors are participating in the "Find your favorite snowman" promotion, where a social media post or an in-person vote for a particular cousin of Frosty found somewhere downtown will result in gift certificate, redeemable for a vendor-specific prize.

Participating vendors have posters in their shops for "Find your favorite snowman."

The promotion continues through February.

At Jack Helgeson's shop, A Diamond on Pearl, there are new lines of wooden furniture, custom-made pillows, hand-crocheted hats and scarves, earrings and necklaces.

Bishop's Stock Fine Art, Craft & Wine is hosting an opening reception for two artists, Snow Hill native Barry Mason, and Tom Hogan, a retired art teacher from Snow Hill High School. The show is called "Winter Abstracts" and accompanying wines for tasting will be from California.

Blue Dog Café is featuring Todd Crosby and WWTunes.

Paul Volker's Green Pearl Studio has undergone a makeover and features town ambassador Nick Haglich on the guitar.

Harvest Moon Tavern will host Opposite Directions from 7-10 p.m. with dinner specials. Reservations are recommended.

The Lower Shore Land Trust is offering hot bowls of soup and a honey-tasting event featuring six different local and regional varieties of honey available for sampling.

Mirror Salon welcomes Artistry Ayres with an organic makeup line called LimeLight.

The Nancy Ellen Thompson Studio will be open, showcasing the owner's watercolors. Olde Town Candy Co. will feature Valentine's Day candies and special pricing on boxes of truffles and bags of gummy bears.

Suzanne Timmons' Sassy Girl Boutique is featuring Valentine's Day gifts, new soaps and lotions.

The Serenity Shoppe has hand crafted cards and gift certificates available.

First Friday events start at 5 p.m. and end at 8 p.m. Events are free.



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Berlin Chamber of Commerce Administrative Assistant Harrison Albert speaks during the annual chamber installation dinner, last Wednesday.

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## Walking the Pine plank

A take it or leave it approach usually results in no one walking away truly satisfied, and this could end up being the case with Saturday’s decision by the Ocean Pines Board of Directors to proceed with installing a pirate ship playground at the yacht club.

Like many things these days, discussion focused on pitting groups against one another. Either you are a family with young children who should be allowed to enjoy dining and entertainment at the facility, or an older retiree who would rather they not. This was not the issue, as both young and old in the community want to see the venue attract more families, which will go a long way in ensuring its success.

While there was discussion of how to avoid disturbing those who wish to enjoy a peaceful day at the adult pool, little thought was given to the safety and convenience of locating the play area so close to the parking lot.

For good reason, other venues having similar structures have both a fenced play area along with completely enclosed outdoor area. Young children are unpredictable and the location, only a few feet from the parking lot, cannot be viewed from the dining area, which will require parents to play tag-team while dining in order to ensure their kids do not put themselves in harm’s way.

Also never discussed were any possible alternatives. Most likely the family who made this generous donation are not stuck on it being a pirate ship, but were just interested in attracting more families to the facility. Certainly a smaller, equally appealing play area near the dining area should have been considered, and would better serve the intended purpose.

Since the Yacht Club was a lightning rod of disgruntlement in the community, the quick changes taking place are welcome, but the autocratic way it appears to be taking place is concerning. Many on the board are seemingly caught unaware of a multitude of changes and little effort is being made to ensure input from the community is provided before major changes take place.

It would be wise to remember the community indicated, with its votes in the past election, that the heart of its discontent was the need for more communication and community involvement.



## Thompson joins Blue Water Dev. Corp.

(Feb. 2, 2017) Blue Water Development Corporation, a real estate developer specializing in commercial and hospitality properties operating in Delaware, Maryland and Virginia, named Bob Thompson chief operating officer.

In his new role, Thompson, an executive with more than 25 years of experience building and managing organizations in a range of industries, will oversee operations of the Berlin-based development firm and its extensive portfolio of properties including three luxury RV resorts, four hotels and three recreational venues.

Thompson joins Blue Water from Ocean Pines Association, Inc., where he served as general manager and chief administra-

tive officer since 2010, managing operations for the community of 12,000 year-round residents and 25,000 seasonal residents and vacationers.

“As we continue to expand and grow our portfolio with acquisitions, we recognized the need to bring in an executive member

of our team with a management style that is both pragmatic and disciplined,” said Blue Water Development co-Founder Todd Burbage. “Bob’s operations experience, combined with his finance and military background, is a great fit for our vision and

will bring a positive energy and expertise to Blue Water.”

“I’m excited to be part of an extremely dynamic and growing world-class organization that has done so much for the community,” Thompson said. “The Burbages have built an impressive portfolio of properties and assembled an extremely strong management team employing hundreds of people throughout the Eastern Shore. Everything this company does is first class, and I look forward to being a part of its continued growth.”

Prior to Ocean Pines, Thompson held positions as a financial advisor with Thompson Financial, senior vice president with both 1st Mariner Mortgage and Mason-Dixon Bancshares.



Bob Thompson

## Lessons learned tested Alert signals to sound, Sat.

By Brian Gilliland  
Associate Editor

(Feb. 2, 2017) Ninth grade students from Pocomoke High School traveled to the Junior Achievement Finance Park in Prince George’s County on Monday to put the lessons they’ve learned in the classroom to the test.

The students have been participating in a program, called “Junior Achievement Finance Park Virtual,” which develops financial planning and management skills. The trip to the facility in PG County, set up as a

miniature city, was the opportunity to put those skills to the test.

The students were given a scenario at random — age 42, two children, \$42,000/year salary, for example — and are tasked with managing that scenario by purchasing a house, car, insurance and other necessities.

Overseeing the program were financial planners, insurance agents, car dealers and human resource directors.

Maryland’s Comptroller, Peter Franchot, addressed the students during the visit.

(Feb. 2, 2017) Worcester County emergency alert signals will sound from area fire sirens on Saturday, Feb. 4. A steady alert tone will sound at 10 a.m. for approximately one minute.

The signals are tested the first Saturday of each month. In the event of an actual emergency, the sirens would be used as additional means to warn the surrounding communities of imminent danger and the need to tune to either radio, television or the internet for information.

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# Berlin native Jordan Pippin wins Local Artist of the Year

**By Kara Hallissey**  
Staff Writer

(Feb. 2, 2017) Steel N Glory Owner Jordan Pippin was stunned when he received Local Artist of the Year recognition during the Berlin Chamber of Commerce Installation Dinner on Jan. 25.

“I was completely stoked and honored,” Pippin said. “When they called my name, I was shocked.”

Pippin opened his shop last summer on Washington Street in Berlin. He specializes in custom-made metal, plasma cutting, home décor, wood-working, custom fabrication and promotional pieces for businesses.

“I find joy and pleasure in being able to create something exactly how someone wants it,” Pippin said. “I love what I do. The combination of specialty tools and the passion I have for what I do [makes his work special.]”

Steel N Glory began a few years ago while Pippin ran his plumbing business, Pippin Contracting, which is still in operation.

“Welding was always a side hobby, and I’ve been working towards where

I am today for quite some time,” Pippin said. “I decided I wanted to purchase a shop, and Berlin was where I looked to set my feet.”

“I was born and raised here. Things are moving in the right direction and I am devoting more time to the shop,” he added. “I want to take Steel N Glory to the next level.”

By purchasing a CNC plasma cutter, Pippin can engrave, route and metal-cut any sign, décor or furniture piece.

“It is very broad and specific in its ability, and allows for work on more intricate and smaller pieces, such as a keychain bottle opener,” Pippin said. “From a small design to a 10-foot sign and everything in between, we incorporate the plasma cutter with welding and other fabrication tools.”

The Berlin native is open to new ideas and loves being creative with metal, while creating pieces for his customers.

On Monday, Pippin was working on a large conference table for a mortgage company and custom handrails for the interior of a dream home.



KARA HALLISSEY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

**Berlin native Jordan Pippin shows off a couple pieces he has created at his shop, Steel N Glory, located on 305 Washington Street in Berlin.**

In Berlin, Pippin created three signs at Gilbert’s Provisions, a charcuterie, cheese, and fermented foods shop, which also carries some of his handmade pieces for sale. Around the corner at Bruder Hill, Pippin made custom hooks for the dressing rooms.

Pippin also worked on the metal aspect of the Shark on the Harbor sign, in West Ocean City, and created an interior sign at the nearby Culture restaurant, in addition to having metal art there for sale, hanging on

the walls.

“Whether it’s for a personal home, restaurant or retail business, I am open to any ideas or metalwork,” Pippin said. “I have pride and passion in what I do, whether it’s signage, custom design, or a display unit.”

Steel N Glory, on 305 Washington Street in Berlin, is open Tuesday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 443-497-4215 before stopping by to make sure Pippin is not on an emergency plumbing call.

# School partnership with SU leads to award

**By Kara Hallissey**  
Staff Writer

(Feb. 2, 2017) The National Association for Professional Development Schools recently recognized the partnership between Snow Hill Elementary and Salisbury University with an achievement award.

“I was surprised about the recognition,” Dr. Mary Anne Cooper, principal of Snow Hill Elementary, said. “This award is validating for our hard work at Snow Hill Elementary and our partnership with Salisbury University. The majority of teachers have interns [and] methods-and-foundations students, and believe tremendously in helping those new to the teaching profession.”

Each year, Snow Hill Elementary

receives about 10 full-time student teaching interns. In addition, anywhere between 20 and 30 methods-and-foundations students – enrolled in classes leading up to internships – help out one or two days per week.

Since 2002, the program has given college students experience and preparation for their careers. The partnership also allows for the cultivation of new ideas and innovation in the classroom, Cooper said.

“This partnership is truly special, because we are able to learn and grow right along with those new to the teaching profession,” Cooper said. “University students bring so much to the table with their passion and enthusiasm. It is always refreshing to hear new insights and develop relation-

ships with those new to teaching.

“Salisbury University students are expected to work with [Snow Hill Elementary] students from day one, giving them invaluable experience as new teachers, but also offering different perspectives for our students,” Cooper added. “I know they are absolutely ready to handle any situation that a first-year teacher has to face.”

Keith Connors, a professor at Salisbury University, arranged most of the application packet. Preparations began last spring.

“I didn’t think that Snow Hill Elementary School would actually receive the award,” Cooper said. “We believe in the value of continuous learning at Snow Hill Elementary School and ... see this partnership as a critical com-

ponent to our success.”

A number of Snow Hill faculty members were once professors, or currently teach classes at Salisbury University.

“Keith Connors, Sara Elburn, Nancy Niblett and Paul Gasior from Salisbury University are a tremendous asset to Snow Hill Elementary School, providing opportunities for our faculty to continue their professional development through opportunities at Salisbury University or at regional and national conferences,” Cooper said.

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## SINGING GROUP STOPS BY

The Rusty Pipes, a co-ed a cappella group from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), based in Troy, New York, performed for Worcester Prep's Middle and Upper School on Jan. 12. One of the lead singers, Ariella Anthony of Seaford, Delaware, is a 2014 WPS alum who sang in front of her younger siblings, Sambina, a senior at WPS, and Dominic, a 10th grader. The a cappella group then joined Upper School Music Director Christopher Buzby's Chorus and Ensemble groups for a question and answer session on musicality and how to balance the rigors of a cappella practice and travel with a demanding college schedule.



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## HEAVENLY HATS DAY

Buckingham Elementary School held its first Heavenly Hats Spirit Day on Dec. 16. For a \$1 donation, students had the privilege of wearing their favorite hats to school to positively impact the lives of those facing cancer. Buckingham's Heavenly Hats Day, organized as a community service project by Stephen Decatur High School senior Lexie Van Kirk, raised \$175 for the cause. Since 2001, the Heavenly Hats Foundation has donated more than 3.2 million new hats to hundreds of hospitals and clinics around the United States to help patients in need of headwear for warmth, comfort, courage and strength. Van Kirk, left, celebrated Heavenly Hats Spirit Day with Buckingham Elementary School students.



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## JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT DONATION

The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore and the Richard A. Henson Foundation have partnered to support the efforts of Junior Achievement to bring philanthropy education to all public high school students in Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties. Funds for this in-school classroom based program will provide about 1,800 students access to first-hand understanding of economic issues they will face upon high school graduation, including the personal and social rewards of charitable giving. Pictured, from left, are Thomas Evans and Tom Trice, RAHF trustees; Erica Joseph, CFES president; Victor Laws III, RAHF trustee; Jayme Hayes, Junior Achievement executive director; Greg Olinde, RAHF trustee; and Donna Altvater, RAHF executive director.



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## OPGC OFFICERS

The Ocean Pines Garden Club installed officers for 2017 during a luncheon at The Cove at Mumford's Landing on Jan. 12. Pictured, from left, are Sue Sewell, co-vice president; Anita Roberts, corresponding secretary; Linda Baker, recording secretary; Daryl Carpenter, treasurer; and Meg Herrick, president. Margaret Yates, co-vice president, is not shown. The OPGC meets on the second Thursday of each month at the Community Center in Ocean Pines. New members are welcome.



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## KIWANIS NEW MEMBERS

During the first meeting of the year on Jan. 4, the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City inducted new members. Pictured, from left, are new member Kitty Wrench, with her sponsor, Carolyn Dryzga; Jim Spicknall, who sponsored new member, Dr. Aaron Dale; Kiwanis Club President Barb Peletier; new member Skip McComas, with his sponsor, Ted Vanvick; and the club's Membership Chair, Mike Morton, who conducted the induction. Wrench is a retired paramedic who now teaches CPR. Dr. Dale is a longtime educator having taught at Showell Elementary for 12 years, then was the principal of Snow Hill Middle School and now serves as the supervisor of Student Services for Worcester County Public Schools. McComas is a retired Lutheran pastor who has had congregations both in Maryland and California. He was recently elected to the Worcester County Board of Education.

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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.

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### Answers to last week's puzzles

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**HIT THE DECK**  
BY JIM HYRES AND DAVID STEINBERG / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

ACROSS

1 One side of a 69-Across showdown

7 Strip of buttons

14 Other side of the showdown

20 Collective works

21 "Get lost!"

22 Pinball wizard's hangout

23 Mother \_\_\_\_

24 Entertainment on a Jamaican cruise, perhaps

25 Kind of paper or test

26 Lieutenant, informally

28 It's unreturnable

30 Musicianship

31 Green plant?

33 Path to enlightenment

34 Cannon in movies

36 Developer's purchase

37 Samoan staple

38 Bullets legend Unsold

40 Top-shelf

41 Sushi restaurant wrap?

43 Moxie

45 X-File subject

47 Fairy-tale family

52 Celebratory request

58 "Great!"

59 One doesn't hold stock for long

60 "My man"

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61 "What \_\_\_\_?"

62 Storied workshop worker

65 Sand wedge, e.g.

66 Sean Lennon's mother

67 Thanksgiving dish

69 Game depicted in the shaded squares

72 Carpenters with small jobs?

73 Last mustachioed president

76 See 125-Across

77 Easy-breezy tune

79 Place where taps may be heard

82 Skype alternative

86 Amount of separation, in a party game

88 Investment-seminar catchphrase

90 Lost big

91 Big retailer in women's fashion

93 Upscale bag brand

94 "Damn right!"

95 Indy 500 winner A. J.

97 Silly Putty holder

98 Standard poodle name

100 Hound

101 Digital camera mode

102 Countenances

104 Confession subjects

106 "The Call of the Wild" author

110 March Madness stage

115 In the distance

116 Having a lot to lose, maybe

117 "\_\_\_\_ Care of Business" (1974 Bachman-Turner Overdrive hit)

118 Eins + zwei

119 Message with a subject line

120 Unlikely partygoer

121 Lieu

122 Bring in

123 1-Across's cry

124 Tel. no. add-ons

125 With 76-Across, like Arial and Helvetica

126 14-Across's result

DOWN

1 Like houseplants

2 Wiggle room

3 Light show

4 The "Y" of Y.S.L.

5 Once, at one time

6 Behind

7 Campaign expense

8 Wine-barrel descriptor

9 Linc's portrayer in 1999's "The Mod Squad"

10 One may get smashed

11 Chest-thumping

12 "Up" voice actor

13 Changed, as voting districts

14 Artist who said, "I don't do drugs. I am drugs"

15 Speed skater Heiden

16 Entr' \_\_\_\_

17 Delivery instructions?

18 Infers from data

19 Feel bitter about

27 "I think," in texts

29 Neckline shape

32 Word shortened to its last letter in texts

35 Holiday air

36 Tabloid issue

39 Total

40 Citi rival, informally

42 Neuwirth of "Frasier"

43 Some SAT takers: Abbr.

44 Tease

46 Item by many a reception desk

47 Super Fro-Yo seller

48 "Hava Nagila" dance

49 Hotel bill add-ons

50 Right on a map

51 From Square 1

53 Marked by futility

54 Jane Rochester, nee \_\_\_\_

55 "O.K. by me"

56 Blow off steam

57 Matchmaker of myth

62 Suffix with acetyl

63 Printer paper size: Abbr.

64 BTW

68 Famed Broadway restaurateur

70 Ruhr industrial city

71 Butcher's discards

72 How great minds are said to think

74 Worried

75 Laser \_\_\_\_

77 Maui memento

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78 "O.K. by me"

79 Word after snake or sound

80 Container that may have a sharpener

81 Superman, at other times

83 Starting on

84 Like the sign of the fish

85 Marijuana, in modern slang

86 "\_\_\_\_ cheese!"

87 Composer Max who was called "the father of film music"

88 Young swans

89 Part of a tour

92 Basis of some discrimination

96 "Lawrence of Arabia" star

99 Maniacs

101 City that's home to the Firestone Country Club

102 Divider in the Bible?

103 Venetian blind parts

105 Bottom of an LP

106 "Twister" actress Gertz

107 Some

108 Intimate garment, for short

109 Bit of progress

111 Company with a noted catalog

112 Dull color, in Düsseldorf

113 Word on a towel

114 Shade

# Cuisine

## Battered, pork-stuffed Sichuan eggplant

Now that we're in full swing of the semester, it's time to get our serious nosh on. And while the food in of itself is great, there is nothing better than standing back to watch our students receive accolades for the various foods that they are preparing and sharing with others. There is no truer judge



By Paul Suplee,  
MBA, CEC, PC-3

than a fellow student. But, at least the students are learning, right? Rare is the negative comment, and even I must admit that I'm more than moderately impressed with the quality of foods that are regularly coming out of our kitchen.

The new program is broken down into various cuisines, and a class that just started in January is International – Asia. What's nice about this 13-week course is that we can spend four full classes looking at the foods of China, as opposed to "studying" China and Korea in a four-hour class as we used to in the old curriculum. It just wasn't where we thought it should be in lining up in compliance with our accreditation board.

In addition to the fact that students get further enmeshed in various cultures, they are also able to work with a lot more proteins, from fish to meats to tofu and kofu. They can identify foods from Northern China as opposed to foods out of the West, such as Sichuan-style dishes, and broaden their horizons, explaining why there isn't much in the way of rice in Northern Chinese foods.

Of course, one could spend a lifetime teaching Chinese food alone, and I certainly do not pretend to be an expert, but with each passing class and each subsequent semester, we grow and expand our repertoires a little more. It can be truly inspiring.

I truly enjoy learning about the myriad flavors that introduce themselves to us from across the Pacific Pond. From Sichuan hot bean paste to fish sauces and kimchi, Asian foods afford us the ability to greatly diversify any menu that we might be preparing.

It is a rare occasion that I share a recipe from someone else, but today's is a very close variation to the textbook recipe from Wiley's "International Cuisine from the Arts Institute," a fantastic, broad-subject



book that covers a ridiculous amount of worldly foods in a seemingly short tome. I would be remiss if I didn't cite the source, and if you like studying food it is a good read.

This is my second-favorite book to teach out of besides Maricel Presilla's "Gran Cocina Latina," hands-down the best for my line of work. Throughout our courses, we try to build a library that we can encourage our students to keep for years to come. I remember not-so-fondly having to spend \$470 on a Corporate Financial Accounting book for my MBA that was worth nothing, nada, zip as soon as the term ended. That still stings quite a bit.

As such, I really put effort into honing our library so that students can jump out on their own and already have a decent bookshelf. I guess you could say that I'm a nerd, but it's hard to learn if you're not, well, learning, and reading is one of the greatest pastimes in which we can partake to hone our skills, Perfect logical sequences and stave ennui. But, I digress.

Cooked by three of our students (Rob, Sue and Tyler), these stuffed eggplants were the belle of the ball. Adding to the neighboring platter of Braised Sichuan pork belly et al, I guess you could say the gestalt was the perfect blend of organized chaos

with great food thrown in. Time to eat.

### Stuffed Sichuan Eggplant

*Makes about a dozen nice bites*

- 2 Japanese eggplants
- 8 ounces Ground pork shoulder
- 1 Tbsp. Soy sauce
- 1 tsp. Shaoxing Wine or Sherry
- 1 tsp. Granulated sugar
- 2 Tbsp. Fresh, minced ginger
- 1 clove Minced garlic
- 1 tsp. Sesame oil
- flour, as needed
- Batter, as needed (recipe below)
- Glaze, as needed (recipe below)

1. Combine all of the ingredients up to and including the sesame oil
2. Mash it together while keeping it cold to help form a forcemeat
3. Cut the eggplant into 1 1/2 inch slices, on the bias so that they are like little leaning tubes with skin all the way around
4. Slice the skin and cut through most of each slice, making sure to keep them attached on the back. It should open like a little 'Pac-Man' when you squeeze on the sides
5. Stuff each little piece of eggplant with the sausage and chill
6. Heat a fryer to 350F
7. Dust each piece in the flour, dip in the batter, and fry until golden brown, ensuring that the sausage is cooked through
8. Serve with scallions and some glaze. Super easy, but definitely the dish of the day

### For Batter

- 1 cup AP Flour
- 1 cup Rice flour
- Salt as needed
- Soda water to make a loose batter
- 1. Combine all ingredients until the batter is looser than a pancake batter. Think thin when it comes to this coating!

### For Glaze

- 1/2 cup Chicken stock
- 1 Tbsp. Hot bean paste
- 1 Tbsp. Soy sauce
- 1 Tbsp. Rice wine vinegar
- 1 Tbsp. Brown sugar
- 1. Combine ingredients and reduce slowly in a warm pan until thickened. Remember, go slow and low
- 2. When reduced, cool and set aside until ready to use

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# Calendar

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

## THU, FEB. 2

**PLAY TIME**  
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Children, infant to 5 years old, will read, sing, talk, write and play with educational toys.  
<http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

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

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

## FRI, FEB. 3

**THE BIG GAME #51 WEEKEND PACKAGE**  
Dunes Manor Hotel & Suites, 2800 Baltimore Ave., Ocean City, MD, All Day  
Featuring a special weekend stay package, Feb. 3-5, and a tailgate-style buffet (wings, taco/nacho bar, sandwiches, baked potato bar, chips/dips, hot dogs) for the Big Game. Sunday party also includes open bar, contests, giveaways and more. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Believe in Tomorrow Children’s Foundation. 800-523-2888, <http://www.DunesManor.com>

**FREE INTRODUCTORY PICKLEBALL CLINIC AND FREE WEEK**  
Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Free pickleball clinic for brand new players. Open to the public. Registration is required by calling or stopping by the community center’s front desk by the day before. Participants can also register for a free week of pickelball starting the day of the clinic. 410-641-7052

**FIRST FRIDAY OPENING RECEPTION**  
Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th Street, Ocean City, MD, 5 to 7 p.m. The public is invited to a free, opening reception of five new art shows. Hooked Restaurant will serve complementary hors d’oeuvres. Featuring “Home” in the Thaler Gallery, art from the co-operative Artists’ Gallery of Ellicott City in the Galleria, Reeves Dark in Studio E, Betsy Hall Harrison in the Spotlight Galley, and Rae Smith in the Artisan Showcase. 410-524-9433, <http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org>

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT**  
Planet Maze in Ocean City, 3305 Coastal



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**SDHS SUPPORTS LOCAL FAMILIES**  
Stephen Decatur High School National Honor Society adopted three Worcester G.O.L.D. (Giving Other Lives Dignity) families during the holidays. National Honor Society officers, from left, Bethany Williams, Noah Shockley, Becca Cooper and Rodney Murray, pose with some of the gifts the group presented to the Worcester G.O.L.D. families.

Hwy., Ocean City, MD, 6 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$5 and includes a slice of pizza, soda, unlimited golf and maze and one game of laser tag (must be 8 years old and 48” tall). Additional pizza and drinks are \$1 each. Additional games of laser tag are \$5 each. Benefiting Relay For Life North Worcester. Info: Dawn Hodge, 443-497-1198; DJ Thompson, 443-366-5440 or Jill Elliott, 410-430-8131, <http://www.relayforlife.org/northworcestermid>

## SAT, FEB. 4

**INDOOR YARD SALE**  
Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department, 10709 Bishop St., Bishopville, MD, 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. Table rentals cost \$15 each or 2 for \$25. Breakfast sandwiches available. Call to reserve table space. 443-235-2926

**WINTER BIRD IDENTIFICATION & BACKYARD BIRDING PROGRAM**  
Lower Shore Land Trust Office, 100 River St., Snow Hill, MD, 10 a.m. Experienced birder, Barbara Dolan, will discuss birds of the Eastern Shore, with tips on bird identification, ecological significance and the importance of habitat preservation. Includes a “make and take” bird feeder activity. Registration required. A \$5 recommended donation supports the Lower Shore Land Trust’s land conservation programs. [keverson@lowershorelandtrust.org](mailto:keverson@lowershorelandtrust.org),

443-234-5587  
**ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRIED CHICKEN BUFFET**  
Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church - Willards, 35639 Mount Hermon Road, Pittsville, MD, 11 a.m. Menu includes chicken, vegetables, beverages & desserts. Cost is \$13 for adults, \$6 for children and free to those 5 years and younger. Bake table and carry-outs available. Nelda Dennis, 443-614-9898

## SUN, FEB. 5

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

## MON, FEB. 6

**CPAP MASK FITTING**  
Atlantic General Hospital Sleep Disorders Diagnostic Center, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, All Day Free, bi-monthly mask fitting clinic for patients who are having trouble adjusting to their CPAP equipment. By appointment only: Robin Rohlfig, 410-641-9726  
**HYPERTENSION CLINIC**  
Apple Discount Drugs, 314 Franklin

Ave., Berlin, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place the first Monday of every month. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268

**HYPERTENSION CLINIC**  
Walgreens, 11310 Manklin Creek Rd., Ocean Pines, MD, 1 to 3 p.m. Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital. First Monday of every month. Free blood pressure screening and information. Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268

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

**AGH DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP**  
St. Paul’s United Methodist Church, 405 Flower St., Berlin, MD, 6 to 7 p.m. Open to the public. Meets first Monday of each month. Speakers and education related to diabetes. AGH Diabetes Outpatient Education program, 410-641-9703

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



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### FINANCIAL LITERACY CERTIFICATES

Nearly 40 Stephen Decatur High School students, ranging from freshmen to seniors, received Financial Literacy certificates after participating in the Bank of Ocean City EverFi Financial Literacy Program, which requires them to master topics in savings, banking, financing, credit cards, credit scores, interest rates, taxes, insurance, consumer protection and investing. Students participated in the program through Kurt Marx's Consumer and Personal Finance, Entrepreneurship and Business, and Foundations of Business and Finance classes.

## Calendar

### TUE, FEB. 7

#### SNOW HILL ROTARY CLUB MEETING

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

#### HYPERTENSION CLINIC

Rite Aid, 38169 Dupont Blvd., Selbyville, DE, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268

#### 'CONSTRUCTION ZONE'

Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 10:30 a.m. Children, ages 3-7 years, will create with a variety of building material from Duple and K'Nex to Giant Pipe Builders and Giant Waffle Blocks. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

#### BINGO

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

#### 8TH ANNUAL \$1 TACO NIGHT

Stephen Decatur High School, 9913 Seahawk Rd, Berlin, MD, 2:30 to 7 p.m. Chicken and beef tacos, sides, drinks and desserts available for \$1 each. Dine in or carry out. Proceeds benefit Stephen Decatur High School. 410-641-2171

### WED, FEB. 8

#### KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OCEAN

#### PINES/OCEAN CITY

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

#### OCEAN CITY/BERLIN ROTARY CLUB MEETING

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

#### FREE 'HAVING A HEALTHY HEART' PRESENTATION

Gull Creek Senior Living, 1 Meadow St., Berlin, MD, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Speakers Amanda Buckley, nutritionist at Atlantic General, and Anne Watson-Waples, RN, MSN, ICU nurse at Atlantic General, will talk on heart health. Open to the public. Nicki Kerr, 410-641-3172

## ONGOING EVENTS

#### FORGE FRIDAY

House of Mercy, 36674 Worcester Hwy., Selbyville DE, every Friday, 6:30-8:30 p.m. All youth are invited for a quick meal, dancing, games and life lessons. Parents are welcome but not required to stay. The event is free. Info: Robert Shrieves, 443-366-2813 or [www.forgeyouth.org](http://www.forgeyouth.org).

#### FOOD DRIVE FOR MARYLAND FOOD BANK

Worcester County Volunteer Services will host its fourth annual food drive until Feb. 3. Canned food items can be deposited in Maryland Food Bank barrels at the Ocean Pines library, Worcester County Government Center, Worcester County Jail and Worcester

County Recreation Center in Snow Hill. Foods that are needed most include high protein ready-to-eat meals, rice, pasta, beans, evaporated and powdered milk, infant formula and fruits. Info: Kelly Brinkley, 410-632-0090.

#### KIWANIS WINTER PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Feb. 18, 8-11 a.m. Menu includes pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs, orange juice, coffee and tea. Tickets cost \$6 for adults, \$3 for children ages 5-11 and free to those 4 and younger. Purchase in advance at 410-208-6719 or purchase at the door. Carryout available. Proceeds benefit the youth of the community.

#### MID-WEEK MANIA CASH BINGO

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

#### LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH

RCIA is a process for individuals, adults and children 8 years and older, who are seeking Baptism. Also for those already baptized in another Christian tradition who want to come into the Catholic Church. Call Rita at 410-289-7038 or come to a session held on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Father Connell Parish Center, 1705 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD. All are welcome.

#### RAVENS ROOST 58 MONTHLY MEETINGS

28th St. Pit & Pub, 2706 Philadelphia Ave, Ocean City, MD, the first Tuesday of each month and for the Sunday NFL games to raise money for local families in need. Ravens Roost 58 is seeking new members and new officers. Dues are \$20 per year. Stop by the restaurant if interested.

#### AUMC THRIFT SHOP

Atlantic United Methodist Church, 105 Fourth St., Ocean City, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Open Monday through Saturday, year round. Located behind the church with a donation drop off room that is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. 410-289-4458

#### STAR CHARITIES MEETING

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m., on the first Friday of each month. Meeting of volunteers. Info: Anna Foultz, 410-641-7667.

#### DIGITAL DROP IN

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St. Call the library at 410-641-0650 to schedule your individual tutorial.

#### WSW SUPPORT GROUP

OC Office, 12216 Ocean Gateway, Unit 1500, West Ocean City, 1 p.m., third Wednesday of each month. Info: Mary Henderson, 410-213-1177.

#### FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES

Temple Bat Yam, 11036 Worcester Highway, Berlin, every Friday, 7:30 p.m. A reform Jewish Synagogue. Info: 410-641-4311.

#### MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT & ADVOCACY GROUP

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 10301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, noon to 1:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Fridays of every month. Info: 410-524-7474.

#### WORCESTER COUNTY PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, second Tuesday of each month, 2:30 p.m. Speakers, exercise, discussions and more. Info: 410-208-3132.

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