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Motion to explore **OP mgmt. options** stirs debate, falls **By Josh Davis** Staff Writer (Feb. 4, 2016) OPA Director Tom Herrick's motion last Thursday to explore alternative options to its current general manager system, including employing an outside firm to manage the association, generated

> more debate than it did support. Roughly half the directors saw the motion as a slight to current General Manager Bob Thompson, while the other board members claimed it was merely intended as a tool to gather information - a phrase that was used repeatedly.

> Thompson's contract is up for review in April, and Herrick said the association needed to protect itself should he decided to seek employment elsewhere.

> According to Herrick, two years ago Thompson told him that "if two certain individuals were selected to the board, he would leave."

> "That was alarming to me," Herrick said. "It alarmed me enough to say, is our association prepared?

> "All I'm asking for is information at no cost to the association," Herrick continued. "Any information is a benefit to the board. Why any board member would want to turn a blind eye to information and just rubber stamp one of the options in the contract without exploring the other options - I don't understand that.'

Dave Stevens agreed.

"This motion is to get information," he said. "It's something that's in our bylaws as an option, and something to the best of my knowledge we've never fully explored," Stevens said. "There is uncertainty in the future, and I've seen that uncertainty. I've lived through it. I've seen one general manager fired abruptly and without notice, so I've lived through this.

"There is uncertainty, and what Tom's proposal will do is get information that will help the association reduce that uncertainty," Stevens continued. "It's simply about getting information about another option of See TERRY Page 5

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Grave knew he wanted to be a part of it. In 1955, he was discharged from the United States Army. He remembers buying a turntable and a small one-tube amplifier that fit in the trunk of his car.

"I couldn't learn how to play no instrument, but I always loved music. One thing I could do was play records," he said.

Two shops he was allowed into were Uncle Ned's Bargain Fair in Berlin and Watson's Smoke House in Salisbury, where he shopped exclusively for records. At the time, each cost between 25 and 30 cents.

Graye loaded up on 78s, borrowed a name from popular deejay Jocko Henderson from Philadelphia's WHAT-AM radio, and started booking record hops in Maryland, Delaware and Virginia.

"In 1953, before I even started

playing records, I was living in New York and working in New York," he said. "I used to listen to his station, and he talked so much trash. I thought, I'm going to call myself Jocko' too – Jocko on the scene with his record machine."

His first record hop was at Miller's Inn in Germantown. Other shows soon followed at the Multipurpose Building, Green Top Inn, Raymond Joseph's, the High Hat, Masonic Hall and the Duncan-Showell American Legion Post 231 in Berlin, along with the Roadside Inn, Grand Terrace and Bridge Club in Ocean City, and Rosedale Beach and the Savoy in Millsboro, Del.

Over the years, Graye played records in countless venues across the peninsula, from Pocomoke, Snow Hill and Princess Anne, to Anne Arundel See JOCKO Page 2

JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE Francis "Jocko" Graye reflects on his 40-year career as a deejay from the porch of his home in Bishopville. As "Jocko," he hosted hundreds of "record

Remembering 'record hop' days

hops" in the greater Berlin area and helped unify the black community through music during difficult times.

Francis 'Jocko' Graye spent 40 years bringing people together through his music

By Josh Davis

Staff Writer

(Feb. 4, 2016) For four decades. the name "Jocko" meant one thing in the greater Berlin area: it was time to dance.

Born in 1933, Francis "Jocko" Graye grew up during segregation, in a time when the color of your skin dictated what schools, business and shops you could go into. Until the 1960s, even Ocean City was closed to many outside of three designated "colored excursion days" after the summer season.

Within those segregated areas, however, music became a unifying force in the black community, and

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'Jocko' drew fans from seniors to schoolchildren

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County and Horntown, Va. His audiences ranged from senior groups to schoolchildren, and crowds often swelled well into the hundreds.

"However many could get into the place," Graye said. "You packed it in - there wasn't any capacity." Admission was 35 cents, and Graye might expect to make \$25 in a night.

Advertising was largely done by word of mouth. If the show had a sponsor, that business might put a few flyers up on a telephone pole. The rest was by reputation.

It wasn't unusual for an impromptu dance contest to break out or a "Soul Train" line - with popular dances back then including the slow drag, the mashed potato, the slop, the jerk, the monkey, the dog, the funky chicken and the twist.

The records Graye played were almost all early rock 'n roll and soul music, especially James Brown, Louis Jordan, Junior Walker and the All Stars, the Temptations, Sam Cooke, Dinah Washington and Brook Benton.

"The main man was James

Brown," Graye said. "You put on something by James Brown and everybody hit the floor.'

In 1971, Marion Black released "Go On Fool," a record that Graye just had to have. He called around to the local shops, but came up empty.

"I had a record hop at the multipurpose building that night and I didn't have that record, so I called up to Cherry Hill, N.J.," he said. "They said they had it, so I told them I'd be there in two-to-three hours and asked them to hold it for me. All that for a 45."

That night in Berlin, at midnight,

he played "Go On Fool" for the first time in public.

Graye also developed his own style, often heckling his most-loyal fans.

"As they were dancing, I might say, 'alright Greg, come on!' Whoever was out there, when they came in the door I would call their name. That was part of it," he said.

When he wasn't traveling on weekends, Grave worked with mentally handicapped children at the Stockley Center in Delaware for more than 30 years. More than a few times, he put See PURNELL Page 4

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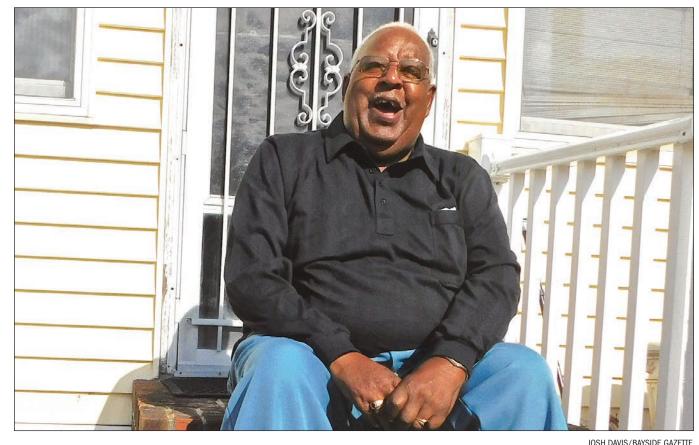
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The Duncan-Showell American Legion will honor Francis "Jocko" Graye later this month. Now retired, Graye was a popular and influential deejay, spinning records across three states, during his 40-year career that ended in 1995.

Purnell: Local deejay 'was an icon'

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He also raised three of his own children with his wife, a beautician, and remembers the first time they were old enough to join him at the Masonic Hall.

"It was just so much fun," he said. Graye said he never changed his format, all the way up until his last record hop in 1995.

"That's why I stayed out there so long," he said. "A lot of people wasn't into rap and stuff like that - my crowd wasn't. I stayed the same with my good, old-fashioned soul music.³

By the end, the people who first came to see the Eastern Shore's own Jocko had families of their own, and his fandom had grown and evolved

"Their great-grandchildren was fans of mine, and it would move right on up," he said. "I went through many a generation with the music that I played.

"And I had a style all of my own – that's why I stayed out there so long, Grave added. "I never sat down to play a record. I always stood up. And I always thought I was easy to like. I always got along with people, never had no problems. If it was a good time, I would be a part of it."

His last performance was on a Saturday night in 1995, at the American Legion in Berlin.

You couldn't even get a parking space on Flower Street," Graye said. "I've still got a lot of fans out there right now that would probably like to see me get back started again. But I'm out of it now. I got tired and just gave it up.'

According to Graye, he hasn't spun a single record since that night, and he no longer owns a turntable. What he misses most are the crowds of people dancing to his favorite records.

The Duncan-Showell American Legion Post 231 will host a dinner hon-

oring several of its members, including Graye, on Feb. 20, in Berlin. Tickets are \$25 and are available through the Legion and its auxiliary.

Berlin native Gregory Purnell, who helped organized the event, remembers attending some of those early "Jocko" record hops.

'Jocko would always have the record that was the hottest thing out, and for a time he was the first and only of his kind," he said.

"Francis was an icon. Generation after generation after generation danced to that music that Francis played. It kept us with a purpose," Purnell continued. "Back then there weren't these lines that are drawn now between Snow Hill or Pocomoke, Delaware or Maryland - music always brought us together.

"We want to show our appreciation for what Francis did for the community. Music united our community, and if you said 'Jocko,' the building was going to be full."



Terry: Mgmt. motion latest of 'a thousand small slices'

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management that's available to us." Bill Cordwell defended Thompson's accomplishments, citing his work in developing the budget, the recent Sandpiper accord, and negotiations related to the building of the vacht club that Cordwell said saved the association \$100,000.

"This is another attempt to circumvent, and let's go after the general manager and see if we can get him to leave. That's my opinion," Cordwell said. "To change the entire premise of what this community has done for 40 years - since its inception – in a motion here I think is ridiculous.'

Tom Terry said the motion was just the latest of "a thousand small slices" meant to force Thompson out.

"In my opinion this motion is nothing more than another one of those 1,000 slices where we as a community, for some unknown reason, seem to want to make sport of constantly snipping away and hacking away at our administration," he said.

"The reality is general managers have a right to leave at any time they wish, and the board of directors has the right to fire a general manager any time they want," Terry continued. "This is nothing more than another attempt at creating another opportunity for, 'what am I going to run on next summer?"

For six years, Terry said, he has witnessed "the constant, ongoing snipping" by the board of directors, aimed at both the general manager and his staff. Herrick's motion, he said, not only threatened Thompson's job, but the jobs of "possibly all of the employees of Ocean Pines," who could all be victims of outsourc-

"Do we have a good record of outsourcing anything around here?" Terry said. "Obviously I'm not going to vote for this motion for many reasons, not the least of which is I think it just adds to the constant upheaval that this community constantly has to live [with]."

Vice President Cheryl Jacobs said the entire debate should have played out during a closed session, and suggested one of Herrick's main premises was faulty.

"If the basis of your motion ... is that you believe that the general manager is going to take advantage of his options and not renew his contract - have you spoken with him? What do you base that on?" she said.

She went on to call Herrick's motion "trumped up."

"Something lives in this community that feels the need to always have negativity," she said. "I'm disappointed in the fact that this motion has been put before us, and I will definitely vote against it. If you have problems with the GM and you have some idea that you want to get rid of him, then we'll deal with this in a closed session, which is the appropriate venue."

Herrick fought back, again saying the motion was intended to gather information, and that it simply gave the board some leeway.

The renewal notification gives the board options. To not explore those options is doing a disservice to the community," Herrick said. "All this is, is asking for information and nothing more."

"I'd like to believe you are so altruistic," Jacobs said. "I have my doubts.

President Pat Renaud said he agreed the motion should have been discussed during a closed session, and that he suggested as much to Herrick before the meeting. Herrick insisted the debate be made public.

Renaud also said he had spoken to Thompson more recently, and that he was assured Thompson wanted to remain in Ocean Pines.

Ironically, the entire debate followed Renaud's comments during the start of the session, when he called for civility during his opening remarks.

In the end, Herrick, Stevens and Jack Collins voted for the motion, while Renaud, Jacobs, Cordwell and Terry voted "no."





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OPA Director Tom Herrick, left, discusses a motion to explore alternatives to the current general manager system during a public meeting last Thursday. The motion fell, 4-3. Also pictured is Director Tom Terry, right.



OPA General Manager Bob Thompson, right, watches a heated debate over a motion that would have explored alternative options to the current GM system. Director Bill Cordwell, left, voted against the motion, which was ultimately defeated, 4-3.

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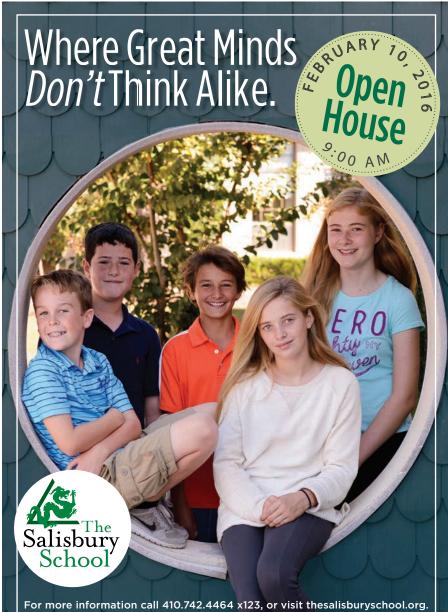
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Comprehensive Planning Committee tackles survey

Led by Dr. Memo Diriker, questionnaire will go out to all 8,452 OP homeowners

By Josh Davis

Staff Writer

(Feb. 4, 2016) Working on a longterm comprehensive plan for Ocean Pines continued this week, as the committee charged with creating the document met to go over a questionnaire that will be sent to all 8,452 homeowners in the community - and, potentially, some renters.

The hope is that the questionnaire will give the committee enough data to pass something substantial onto OPA leadership, and that the ensuing plan will help inform future projects well into the next decade.

Heading up the questionnaire effort is Dr. Memo Diriker, from Salisbury University group BEACON, who largely led the discussion during a meeting at the administrative building on Monday.

Diriker said the draft questions, presented during the session, were created using three sources: recommendations from the committee itself, focus groups and phone surveys conducted by Diriker, and "best practices of other similar projects" conducted throughout the country.

The individual questions were grouped into several categories, such as service, amenities, costs and fees, financials/budget, governance and management, vision, and demographics. Within each category, the order of the questions will be scrambled to create several different versions of the final questionnaire.

Diriker said the specific categories, including the difference between "services" and "amenities," would be defined in the questionnaire, and that recipients would be able to respond based on which ones they personally used.

"We saw services as critical to the operations of the organization - snow removal; fire service. Amenities we saw as the trails, the community center, golf, swimming," he said. "I want to see what they think they are not getting here, and I [intentionally] used the word think, because some of it is perception and some of it is whether it is the OPA's responsibility or somebody else's responsibility."

One question, "What amenities do you think Ocean Pines could do without," was included because Diriker said some preliminary survey responders believed the association was overextending itself.

Other questions, like "How would you describe the level of spending from the Board," were described as "probing questions" that Diriker said were meant to produce unstructured answers that could later be analyzed in depth by BEACON.

As an example, he said a board member serving five years might hear primarily from the same 200 or so vocal" members in Ocean Pines, which he compared to an echo chamber. By quizzing more than 8,000 survey responders, Diriker said he hoped to establish whether those were majority opinions – or just the loudest ones.

This is kind of a temperature taking thing that we do," he said.

Questions on governance and management were "looking for perceptions," and would include optional text boxes. Diriker said that if more than five percent of responders actually took the time to put something similar in that box, "it's an issue."

He added that there were pros and cons of asking demographic questions, the cons being that some would rather discard the survey than provide what could be construed as personal information. Diriker did note that, because BEACON received federal funding, all surveys they conduct must be anonymous.

Overall, he expected between 15-20 percent of surveys would be returned. Diriker he recommended that the survey be sent via email, with paper surveys available only by request. Computer kiosks at several locations, such as the Ocean Pines library, could also be an option, although Diriker said those would be "slightly devalued" to offset potential instances of fraud.

Emailed surveys, he said, were easier to monitor for that kind of behavior, because each survey would have to come from a specific IP address. The board of directors, however, will make the final determination of format.

During the meeting, facilities Manager Jerry Aveeta wondered aloud about the purpose of the questionnaire.

"My struggle has been relating these questions to the tangible product," he said.

Diriker said the comprehensive plan, ultimately the product of the questionnaire, would help direct priorities in Ocean Pines.

"Some things are quantifiable – other things are qualitative - the model helps us deal with both," Diriker said. "The idea is to give you as much information as possible before you make your decisions with your longterm planning."

The committee will meet again on Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 8 a.m. in the administrative building to finalize the questions. The board must then approve the questions, possibly during its Feb. 25 regular meeting.

Tentatively, the questionnaire will be released on April 18, with answers due back by May 31.

Diriker and BEACON could then conduct a phase two analysis of the results, although that would require board approval - and more money. The directors approved the initial phase of BEACON's study, to include production of the questionnaire, in March at a cost of \$8,250. To date, Diriker said he had been paid \$4,950.



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Latest draft of '17 Pines budget has \$20 fee increase

By Josh Davis

Staff Writer

(Feb. 4, 2016) Delayed a week by winter storms, OPA General Manager Bob Thompson's town hall session on the proposed 2017 fiscal-year budget took place Saturday morning.

Thompson started with an overview of the budget process, which began in September with the various department heads, and most recently involved several public meetings with the board of directors, including a session two days before the presentation.

As it stands, the basic annual assessment in the draft is \$941, \$20 higher than the previous year. Thompson said the assessment was originally a \$67 increase, and that the number could change again – up or down – before the board votes to finalize the budget on Feb. 25.

Although Thompson said the mandatory minimum wage increase only had a small effect on the budget, the advent of the Affordable Care act did provide some challenges.

Employees working more than 1,560 annual hours are required by law to have health care, and in Ocean Pines that meant restricting certain workers to 30 hours or less – even



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE Leadership in Ocean Pines discuss the 2017 fiscal year budget one two days prior to its public release, on Saturday. Pictured, from left, are directors Dave Stevens, Cheryl Jacobs and Bill Cordwell, Controller Art Carmine and General Manager Bob Thompson.

during the busy summer season.

Major capital items in the proposed budget include new Beach Club bathrooms, country club and police department "rehab/replacement," road resurfacing, bridge repairs, and upgrades to the computer systems, phones and the sports core pool and deck.



Improvements and a new staffer specializing in information technology were also in the budget, although Thompson said the specifics were still being refined.

Thompson said the budget was crafted with the notion that Ocean Pines was closer to a municipality that it was to many other homeowner's associations, and compared paying the assessment to paying taxes in Ocean City, Berlin, Snow Hill, and other nearby towns.

In Ocean Pines, he said, the annual assessment pays for administrative costs, public works and emergency services, along with major amenities like the yacht club, beach club, marina, golf and aquatics, and recreation and parks and racquet sports. It also pays for all activities the association offers, including July 4 fireworks and the movies

and concerts in the park series.

"We're not like a condo with one building. We're closer to a municipality than anything if you look at our makeup," he said. "We're paying for a lot of things ... to give a lot of enjoyment for our members here.

"We're still the cheapest community to live in," Thompson continued. "We're still cheaper than any other municipality. And think of everything that'd included in that assessment. It's pretty special."

He also defended the vision statement of the association, which calls Ocean Pines "a premier resort community." Some, he said, did not approve of the word "premier."

"My family has been here for over 25 years. I don't believe we're an average community," Thompson said.

The board will next meet to discuss the budget on Feb. 5.

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First reading for investment guidelines OK'd

Former Director Clarke calls vote 'most dangerous' part of OPA director's meeting

By Josh Davis

Staff Writer

(Feb. 4, 2016) It wasn't on the agenda, but Director Tom Terry did manage to introduce a first reading to change Ocean Pines' investment policy during a public meeting on Jan. 28.

The revision was developed by the association's budget and finance committee, and the rules were suspended in order to allow Chairwoman Pat Supik to explain.

She said Resolution F-01 dealt with both operating reserves and "reserve funds that are for future years." Supik went on to say a revision introduced by the committee last year included only "minimal" changes to the guidelines, previously adopted in 2008.

"It was some wording and nothing of any substance," Supik said. "The committee this year reviewed again F-01 and felt the other resolution was not restrictive enough, not clear enough [and] did not define the investment of the funds in a sufficient manner to guide management and the board in the safety of the funds that are invested."

Supik called the changes "restrictive" and "conservative."

"Everything recommended is of a fixed nature, insured or collateralized," she said.

Director Dave Stevens argued that the previous changes were "not inconsequential," and suggested the bylaws and resolutions committee review the resolution.

Terry said that was not a requirement, but that he did not object to the committee's review. Stevens is the board liaison to bylaws and resolutions, and Terry is the liaison for the budget and finance committee.

The motion to accept the resolution as a first reading passed 6-1, with Stevens entering the lone "no" vote.

Following the meeting, former Director Marty Clarke called the vote "the most dangerous thing that happened" during the meeting.

"I haven't seen F-01, which is a requirement of the first reading," he said. "Every member in the association has the right to review it. It should have been on the published agenda."

Clarke pointed to the community's

Book of Resolutions, which states, under the section governing "Procedures for Introducing, Approving, and Repealing Resolutions," that "A proposed Resolution ... shall appear on the agenda of each meeting of the Board of Directors at which it is to be considered. Copies shall be distributed to each member of the Board of Directors and made available to OPA members with the notice of the agenda that is released to the membership before each meeting."

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"It must be on the published agenda. It wasn't. If it had been, I'd have been in that room," Clarke said. "They're trying to bamboozle the membership."

The text of the resolution was including in the public meeting packet, which was available during the meeting.

Ocean Pines to host 'Fantastic' youth dances

(Feb. 4, 2016) The Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department is inviting area children to dance, listen to music and hang out with their friends during two "Fantastic Friday" youth dances scheduled this winter.

The first dance, which is for third and fourth graders only, will be he held on Friday, Feb. 5 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center, located at 235 Ocean Parkway. A second dance, for fifth and six graders, will be held on Friday, March 11, also from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the community center.

The event will be chaperoned by

the Recreation and Parks Department and snacks will be provided. The cost is \$8 for Ocean Pines residents and \$9 for nonresidents. Registration is not required.

Parents are requested to arrive and pick up their children inside the community center by 8:15 p.m. For more information, contact the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052.

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



By Josh Davis

Staff Writer

(Feb. 4, 2016) The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors discussed the following items during a public meeting in the community center on Jan. 28.

Happy birthday

Board President Pat Renaud recognized Star Charities founder Anna Foultz, who celebrated her 90th birthday last month.

During his opening remarks, Renaud also cautioned the directors that Robert's Rules of Order would continue to be observed during meetings.

"We are still in the realm of civility," he said. "We will be nice to one another, we will not call each other names [and] we will not interrupt while one board member is speaking."

GM report

General Manager Bob Thompson provided an update on three capital projects, including drainage on St. Martin's Lane, improvements to the Manklin Meadows racquet sports complex, and repairs to two community bridges.

Thompson said he had discussions with the county about potential issues with utility lines, which the county said they would prefer to run under the canals if Ocean Pines decides to repair or replace the bridges. He said a request for proposals would be released during the next few weeks.



OPA BRIEFS

The association only received one bid for the Manklin Meadows project, for \$748,000 – nearly three times what the board had budgeted. Thompson said he would look into breaking the project into several phases, potentially over a twoyear period, and return to the board next month with more information.

Thompson said Ocean Pines received two bids for drainage improvements near St. Martin's Lane. He recommended the cheaper option, proposed by Delmar construction firm Terra Firma, estimated at \$35,391. Director Dave Stevens moved to add a 10 percent "leeway" cost to the project, which the directors approved unanimously.

The item was originally unbudgeted, and will be paid from the replacement reserves account.

Weathering winter

During the snowstorm two weeks ago, Thompson said Ocean Pines Public Works cleared roads and removed several trees. He said minor damage was done to the roof of the beach club, in Ocean City, and that an insurance firm was reviewing repair options.

Beach Club bathrooms

A budget item, building new bathrooms at the Beach Club in Ocean City, would up on the regular-meeting agenda on Thursday, and the directors voted unanimously to keep it in the fiscal year 2017 draft, which is still under review. Director Jack Collins introduced the motions, asking for \$500,000 for the new facility. After two amendments, that total was changed to \$525,000. The motion also included some wiggle room as to exactly where the bathrooms would be located within the property.

Committee nominations

The board unanimously approved 11 nominations for the 2016 search committee, who are tasked with finding and recruiting candidates to run for the board of directors.

Renaud noted the committee had many more women that during the previous year, when it only had one.

The directors also voted in three other appointments: Lisa Schwartz for a second term on the architectural review committee, John Trumpower, also second term, on the budget and finance committee and Greer Groves, first term, on the recreation and parks committee.

Reserve study

Thompson said he received the first draft of a reserve study produced by Virginia firm Design Management Associates Inc. on Jan. 27.

Each board member was given a binder of the draft, which Thompson asked the directors to read and send back revisions, questions and comments. The directors tentatively agreed to hold a special meeting to discuss the study at a date to be determined.





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According to DMA study, OP reserves largely inadequate

By Josh Davis

Staff Writer

(Feb. 4, 2016) The Ocean Pines Association has less than 25 percent of the reserve funds it should in order to maintain all of its current facilities.

That's according to Virginia-based firm Design Management Associates Inc., which last week delivered a first draft of a study of Ocean Pines' replacement reserves.

The study was given to the board of directors during a public meeting on the following day, and General Manager Bob Thompson asked for comments. A public meeting dedicated specifically to the study was hinted at.

This week, the Gazette obtained a copy of the study, which was produced using standards created by the Community Associations Institute.

The document reveals that "site visits" were conducted by reserve specialist Douglas L. Greene, as well as analysts Jude Steele and Chris Cornelison, in September and October of last year.

The association also provided "various design and construction" drawings, and Greene apparently did most of the analysis that appears in the draft.

A 30-year "cash flow funding model" was used as the basis of the document, which assumed that major facilities would have three decades of "useful life."

According to the study, OPA's replacement reserves had a balance of \$3.043 million at the time it was conducted. The annual income rate on the reserve account was .1 percent, and budgeted contributions for fiscal year 2017 project at approximately \$1.3 million.

DMA said annual upkeep of Pines facilities is also about \$1.3 million, although the expected balance – what the association should have – was \$14.4 million.

The study projects reserves into fiscal year 2046, by which time it is estimated Ocean Pines would have negative \$5.7 million in reserves.

Also included in the "interactive reserve study" are several detailed "component life cycle [sic] and costing" analysis of the community center, yacht club, country club, beach club, swimming pools, public works and "parks and infrastructure." Roads and bulkheads were also examined.



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Enter raffle to win tickets to annual oyster roast in SH

By Josh Davis

Staff Writer

(Feb. 4, 2016) Tickets for the sixth annual Snow Hill Oyster Roast sold out more than a month ago. Those interested in attending the Feb. 28 event, however, can still enter a raffle to win tickets.

Snow Hill Chamber of Commerce Vice President Lee Chisholm has helped organize the event each year. According to Chisholm, the roast was not an immediate hit in the town.

"It's something that had to grow into itself, and we've made small adjustments through the years," he said. "Year one was, I would say, our test run. I'm surprised people actually came back. It was a rough event."

Chisholm said long lines and inaccessible food made the roast frustrating for some during its inaugural year. Today, rather than try and cram several hundred people into the old firehouse, where the roast debuted, the event stretches between several locations.

"We decided that, really this is to showcase the restaurants. Let's just have the restaurants serve out of their own locations," Chisholm said. "We keep the raw bar in the old firehouse with the band, but then if you want to see what Harvest Moon has, you just leave the firehouse and you go there and have all-you-can-eat of four or five other preparations."

This year, the roast also extends to the American Legion, who will prepare oysters casino and oysters Rockefeller. Harrison's Senior Living will operate a tent with pulled pork sandwiches, and Snow Hill native Tommy Mason will run a tent with roasted oysters.

"It's kind of a block party," Chisholm said. "It's turned into this free-flowing event where you can just walk up and down the street and visit different restaurants. It's really meant to showcase the town, so you really get the chance to visit these businesses and see what Snow Hill is all about.

"It's a different sort of oyster



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Tickets are sold out for the sixth annual oyster roast in Snow Hill, but the hosting chamber of commerce is raffling off a four pack of passes. The event returns Sunday, Feb. 28.

roast," he added. "I haven't seen any that are quite like it."

Tickets include all-you-can eat food at all the locations, along with all-you-can drink domestic beer, water and soft drinks.

The \$40 tickets sold out a month before the actual event, slated for Sunday, Feb. 28 from 1-5 p.m., but the Snow Hill Chamber of Commerce will raffle off a four pack of tickets. Raffle tickets cost \$5 each and are available at the chamber, as well as Harvest Moon Tavern, Taylor Bank and the Corner Shop.

Chisholm said the roast is the "number one" fundraising event for the chamber.

"It funds our chamber for the year, so [proceeds] go toward the development of the Snow Hill business community," he said. "It's staffing events, promoting the town, promoting business, creating flyers, advertising – basically it's community support, but it's focused more on the business community than anything else."

For the town itself, Chisholm said the biggest push in Snow Hill right now is simply getting new people to come and look around. Economic Development Director Michael Day agreed.



"It's really important to get people into town," Day said. "Events can be real economic drivers."

Day said other major upcoming events in Snow Hill include stand-up paddle board races June 18-19, a motorcycle rally in Sturgis Park in September and a traditional Oktoberfest event in the fall.

For more information, visit www.snowhillareachamber.com.

Public invited to share memories of Assateague Is.

(Feb. 4, 2016) In honor of the National Park Service Centennial, Assateague Island is celebrating "A Century of Memories."

Assateague has long been a part of people's lives, from basic survival and livelihoods to communities and recreational enjoyment. The public is invited to share memories on Wednesday, Feb. 17 at the Assateague Island National Seashore Environmental Education Center (the old visitor center) in Berlin. The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Visitors may have an Assateague scrap book, old Ocean Beach or Atlantic Estates documents, pictures of the U.S. Life-Saving Stations, newspaper clippings, old family photographs or even home movies that were taken on the island. Park staff will accept the donation of materials to include in its archives or make a copy of it and return the originals.

Organizers will be prepared to collect oral history interviews, so come and recollect stories about the island before it was designated a national seashore or while the national seashore was in its infancy.

For more information, contact Joe Laque at 410-629-6607 or email joseph_laque@nps.gov.



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Art exhibition in Berlin presented by Optimist Club

By Josh Davis Staff Writer

(Feb. 4, 2016) The 10th annual High School Art Competition and Exhibit, presented by the Berlin/Ocean City Optimists Club, will be on display in Berlin throughout February.

The Worcester County Arts Council gallery, on 6 Jefferson Street, will host the exhibition, which includes works created by students from the four high schools in the county.

WCAC Executive Director Anna Mullis said the show was previously held in Ocean City for just one weekend each year.

"For the first time, it's going to be shown here at the arts council for the whole month," she said. "We thought that would allow for more exposure for the students' work.

"I am especially proud, because I am a member of the Optimists Club and it was a privilege to for me to take over the committee of the art contest and coordinate it this year," she added. "They have a long history of supporting youth programs in the county, and this is one of the programs they offer specifically for high school students."

Snow Hill, Pocomoke, Stephen Decatur high schools and Worcester Preparatory School were each invited to submit up to 10 paintings or drawings created by students. Local artists Kate Cashman and Karen Letonoff will judge the show, and the Optimist Club will award a total of \$1,400 in cash prizes.

Awards will be given for first, second and third place in each medium – painting and drawing – during an opening reception on Friday, Feb. 12 at 6 p.m., during the 2nd Friday art stroll in Berlin.

Visitors to the gallery will also have the opportunity to vote for a people's choice award in each medium, through Feb. 10. That award will also be an-



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE The 10th annual High School Art Competition and Exhibit features nearly 40 drawings and paintings produced by local school students. Sponsored by the Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club, the exhibition will run through the month of February at the Worcester County Arts Council in Berlin.

nounced during the opening reception. For students, Mullis said the show

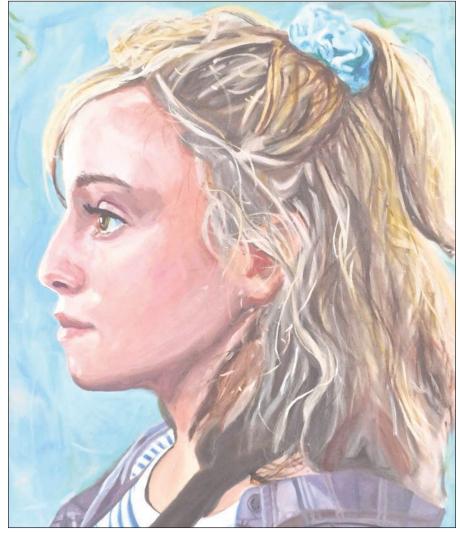
offered an entire month of exposure, which can be difficult to come by.

"The whole month will really allow the public to stop by and see what the students create," she said. "I would really like the public to be grateful for wonderful art community that we have, and for the art teachers that inspire these students.

"I am very impressed with the creativity of the students, and I think it's going to be a fantastic show," Mullis added. "The quality of work is just wonderful, and it's really encouraging to see how much work they put into the art."

The exhibit will be on display through Feb. 29. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday, and some Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information, visit www.worcestercountyartscouncil.org or www.ocberlinoptimist.org.



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An oil painting self-portrait by Worcester Preparatory School student Taylor Zarif is one of almost 40 pieces on display at the Worcester County Arts Council in Berlin this month. The exhibition, sponsored by the Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club, features works by students from all four high schools in the county.

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OPA golf course makes changes to walking policy

(Feb. 4, 2016) Ocean Pines Golf and Country Club has announced a change to its policy for golfers who prefer to walk while playing their rounds.

Golfers with memberships at the public course will now be allowed to walk Monday through Thursday, anytime. This is a change to the previous policy, which prohibited walking for all golfers in the morning.

According to PGA Director of Golf John Malinowski, the change was made to make membership at the course more appealing to those golfers who prefer to walk rather than take a cart.

'While most golfers use carts when they play, we know that there is a portion of our golfing commu-nity that likes to walk," Malinowski said. "Although walking has been allowed in the afternoon, it hasn't been in the morning. Offering the option to walk all day is a great incentive for this group of people to purchase a membership at the course.

"We've had several people express to us that they would be interested in membership, but the no-walking policy was a deterrent," he continued. "We hope the change will allow us to expand our membership base."

Malinowski emphasized that the new walking policy applies only to members at the course. Other golfers will still be allowed to walk in the afternoon, but will have to take a cart to play morning rounds.

For more information, contact Malinowski at 410-641-6057 or jmalinowski@oceanpinesgolf.org.



RIBBON CUTTING

PHOTO COURTESY TED PAGE

The Bishop-Hastings Funeral Home celebrated with a holiday open house and grand re-opening of the facilities, Dec. 22 at 19 S. Main St. in Selbyville, Del. The original funeral home opened in 1896. The current funeral home was built in 1934 and offers a full range of services. Pictured, from left along the ribbon, are Sandra Schlesinger, Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Ginger Fleming, Wyatt Bishop, Amy and Bryan Bishop holding scissors, Bry Bishop, Delaware Representative Ron Gray, Peggy Bishop and Ocean Pines Chamber member Sherri Lassahn.



Many traditional insurances taken

Dean's List

Robert Beall and Emlyn Hammer of Berlin were awarded Dean's List academic honors for the fall 2015 semester at St. Mary's College of Marvland.

Dean's List honors are awarded to full-time students at St. Mary's College who earn a semester grade-point average of 3.5 or better on 12 or more graded credits.

St. Mary's College is ranked one of the best public liberal arts schools in the nation by U.S. News & World Report and is one of only two public honors colleges in the nation.

The college has one of the highest four-year graduation rate of any public college or university in the state. Within five years of graduation, 70 percent of its alumni pursue a graduate and/or professional degree.

More than 1,800 students attend the college, nestled on the St. Mary's River in southern Maryland.

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Members of the Stephen Decatur High School National Honor Society present Wayne Littleton from Believe in Tomorrow with \$2,500 after raising money from a gift card tree raffle. Since 2005, the organization has raised more than \$18,000 for Believe in Tomorrow. Pictured, from left, are NHS members Allison Shumate and Zainab Mirza, Principal Tom Zimmer, NHS member Katie Withers, Littleton, NHS Vice President Reagan Dunham, member Ben Jolley, Secretary Samantha Ewancio and members Peter Marx and Marley Rakow.



OCES registration to begin Feb. 24

(Feb. 4, 2016) Ocean City Elementary School will begin the registration process for the 2016-2017 Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten programs in February.

Children who will be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2016 may be eligible for the OCES Pre-kindergarten program.

Space is limited and children from families who meet the federal income guidelines will be given priority enrollment.

Call Ocean City Elementary School at 410-632-5370 beginning Feb. 24 to schedule a registration appointment.

Md. Coastal Bays to host free septic systems seminar

(Feb. 4, 2016) The Maryland Coastal Bays Program (MCBP) is hosting a free seminar on septic systems Thursday, Feb. 4 at the Bishopville Fire House beginning at 7 p.m.

Although the subject may not appear appealing, those relying on septic systems will be provided with information including topics from why a properly functioning septic system matters, how they work to the dos and don'ts for septic system maintenance.

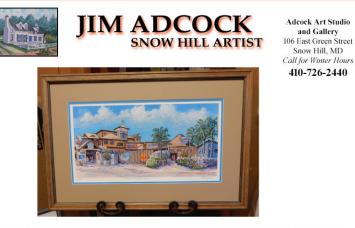
Jennifer Dindinger, regional watershed restoration specialist to the Sea Grant Extension Program, will be leading the presentation. The Maryland Sea Grant Extension program specialists focus on finding practical solutions to problems that affect Marylanders. They help communities improve the quality of their water.

They also assist seafood businesses with developing new and profitable products and draw on the best scientific research and analyses available to inform the sound conservation and business practices.

Based in Cambridge and serving four counties on the Eastern Shore, Dindinger is tasked with developing a program that builds community development and civic engagement while promoting natural resource protection. Dindinger holds a Master's degree in Environmental Policy from Bard College and a Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology from the University of Delaware. She is a senior fellow in the Environmental Leadership Program, and in 2014, Dindinger was awarded the Off-Campus Junior Faculty Award for her contribution to the UME 2014-2019 Strategic Plan.

MCBP is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit that partners with organizations such as the Maryland Sea Grant Extension to provide community outreach on sound practices to protect our coastal bays. Donations make it possible for MCBP to continue its work of protecting the coastal bays, and are tax deductible.

RSVP to Jennifer Rafter at the MCBP office by calling 410-213-2297 x 109 or by email at jrafter@mdcoastalbays.org if planning on attending this event.



This 19" x 27 1/2" framed Limited Edition signed print, "Seacrets, Jamaica USA", will be auctioned off on Saturday, February 20 at the Believe in Tomorrow 3rd Annual Prom Night Fundraiser, "A Night in The Spotlight" at Hooters West Ocean City. For ticket information call 410-723-2842. Framing by The Framing Corner in West Ocean City. www.facebook.com/AdcockArt www.adcockstudio.com jimadcock12@qmail.com 410-726-2440

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Medicare changes open up treatment for Coastal Care

(Feb. 4, 2016) A new Medicare model is now available for Medicare recipients who have been diagnosed with a life-limiting prognosis of advanced cancer, chronic pulmonary disease (COPD), congestive heart failure or HIV/AIDS.

Coastal Care Choices is a Medicare-authorized option for patients who want to continue treating their disease but need help with care and support in their home.

Patients no longer have to make the difficult choice between treating their disease and receiving comfort care," Nicole Moore, RN, BSN and program coordinator, said. "Support is a phone call away 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Patients can now stay in their own homes, determine their own health care goals and improve their quality of life."

Patients pay nothing out of pocket for Coastal Care Choices, and there is no change to their existing Medicare coverage. The usual deductibles and co-pays will not change.

To qualify for Coastal Care Choices, individuals must be diagnosed with a life-limiting prognosis of advanced cancer, HIV/AIDS, COPD or congestive heart failure, and enrolled in Medicare Parts A, B and D. They must be living in a traditional home, not a nursing home or assisted living facility. Other qualifications apply.

The patient's own physicians and the Coastal Care Choices nurse will work with the patient and family to determine eligibility for the model. Together, the team will work with the patient and their physician to set healthcare goals and decide how best to reach them.

Coastal Care Choices will take a team approach that becomes an extra layer of support for patients and their families. Patients are cared for and supported in their own homes by the registered nurse coordinator who will work with the patients' doctors to manage pain and any other symptoms that may have from their treatments, such as nausea and loss of appetite.

In addition, chaplains will offer patients and their families emotional support. Social workers will provide guidance and volunteers will give fami-lies a break from caregiving.

Coastal Care Choices will be administered by Coastal Hospice & Palliative Care, but is not the same program as hospice. In July 2015, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced Coastal Hospice's selection to test the model for a period of five years and expects as many as 150,000 eligible Medicare beneficiaries to benefit from the flexibility of care.

The model is part of a larger effort at HHS to transform the nation's health care system to deliver better care, spend taxpayer dollars in a smarter way and put patients in the center of their care. The goal is to improve quality of life and provide greater coordination of services among all providers involved in the person's care.

Information about Coastal Care Choices is available at CoastalCare-Choices.org or by calling 844-422-7958.



ACS HONORS RELAY

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Relay For Life of North Worcester Chairwomen Dawn Hodge, left, and Jill Elliott, center, are honored by American Cancer Society Community Manager, Debbie White for the 2015 nationwide top 10 per capita award, during the Relay For Life Kickoff at the Ocean Pines library on Jan. 13. Relay For Life of North Worcester County raised \$173,000 last year, more per capita than comparable communities in the South Atlantic Division, which is comprised of Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and the District of Columbia. This year's Relay For Life event will be held Friday, May 6 at Frontier Town off Route 611 in West Ocean City. For information, visit relayforlife.org/northworcestermd or contact Hodge at dawnhodge@comcast.net or 443-497-1198.



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Bargain of assessments

The release this week of the Ocean Pines Association reserve study, coupled with comments made by General Manager Bob Thompson at his town hall meeting Saturdy, should provide residents with plenty to think about — and argue over — should they be so inclined.

The reserve study, conducted by Design Management Associates Inc. of Richmond, Virginia, concluded the OPA has about 25 percent of what it needs to maintain its common properties over the course of a 30-year period.

Among other things, that assumption is based on the desire to build enough of a cushion to avoid hitting association members with a dramatic increase in their assessments should something serious occur that needs immediate attention.

Naturally, there is strong disagreement about whether keeping reserve funds that total a little more than a year's worth of revenues is the right thing to do, but the fact remains that property owners could do it if they so desired.

As Thompson pointed out Saturday, property owners do have a sweet financial deal as compared to what residents of the county's municipalities pay to their governments for essentially the same services.

In Ocean City, for instance, a home with an assessed value of \$250,000 would pay \$1,195 in property taxes. By comparison, that home in Ocean Pines would have paid \$921 last year. An Ocean City home valued for tax purposes at \$300,000 would generate a tax bill of \$1,434, while a \$300,000 Ocean Pines home would have been billed for that same \$921. As for Berlin, a \$250,000 home there results in a tax bill of \$1,700.

Although the debate will continue over whether a bigger reserve fund is needed, there should be no dispute that the OPA's assessment leaves room to do something.

Whether members would want to is another discussion altogether.

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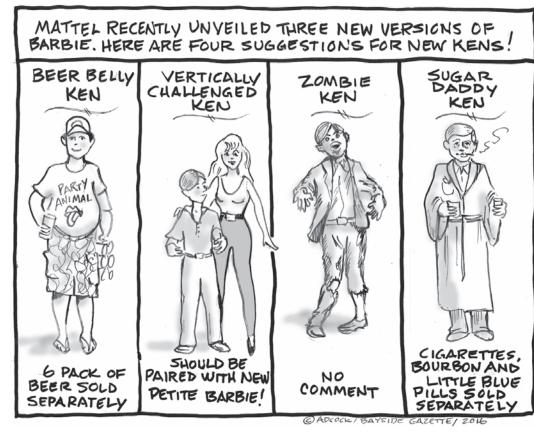
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LETTERS

Correcting 'false' statements

Editor,

A local newspaper article published Jan. 29 accurately reported the circumstances, which resulted in the Town of Berlin's Electric Utility being charged this year with an additional \$435,876 for purchased power cost, because the town was not advised by the town's electric utility consultants to generate power on a severely cold day in February 2015.

The consultants were immediately contacted by the Berlin Electric Utility Director and asked if we should operate the town's power plant because of the unusually high electric demand we were experiencing that day.

Clearly, the advice from Booth and Associates, Inc. was a gross misjudgment that is being addressed in the form of seeking a yet undetermined level of financial compensation to the town's electric utility. These ongoing negotiations are expected to continue through communications that began in December between the town administrator and the electric utility consultants. Any proposed agreement, when reached, will require a majority vote of the town council.

There are two statements in the article implying that I and

the town administrator purposely kept from providing this information to the council until the town's first council meeting in January, a month after the public service commission hearing. These statements disregard the unfortunate circumstances that caused there to be no Berlin Mayor and Council Meeting to be held in December 2015.

I was given an opportunity by the newspaper to address the explanation for the additional purchased power cost. I am writing this letter to the editor because I was not contacted by the newspaper regarding the allegations made by Councilmembers Lisa Hall and Thom Gulyas that they and other members of the town council were purposely not informed of this information in a timely manner.

A town council meeting, with both executive and regular sessions, was scheduled for Dec. 14, and notifications and packets were sent to all councilmembers, as is the normal pre-meeting process. The media also received advanced notice of the regular session agenda. Subsequent efforts were made to reschedule this meeting (with the same agenda) on Monday, Dec. 21, and when this was not possible, then a third effort were made by the town administrator and me to schedule a meeting on Monday, Dec. 28. These multiple efforts and the circumstances surrounding them have apparently been forgotten by the two councilmembers who say they do not understand why they were not informed about the electric utility purchased power issue until the executive session of Jan. 11.

A public service commission hearing update was on the executive agenda for the Monday, Dec. 14 meeting that was prepared and distributed to all councilmembers prior to the meeting. Before the meeting could be held, I received a phone call from Councilman Gulyas informing me his mother had taken a significant turn for the worse regarding longstanding health issues she had been experiencing. We both agreed that it was best he not attend the council meeting so he could focus on care for his mom.

Two other councilmembers also indicated they could not attend, both for personal reasons, so a quorum, which requires a minimum of three council members, could not be mustered for the meeting. I made the decision to postpone the Dec. 14 meeting, because I felt it would be pointless to call a meeting to order only to have Continued on Page 17

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Continued from Page 16 the meeting disbanded after the opening prayer and pledge of allegiance due to a lack of quorum. The local press was notified of the cancelation.

The town administrator and I then immediately began contacting councilmembers to seek approval to reschedule the meeting for the following Monday, Dec. 21. Before the meeting could be formally announced, most regrettably Councilmember Gulyas' mother passed away.

After contacting some councilmembers, it immediately became obvious that, once again, a quorum would not be possible, and ironically it was because a slightly different alignment of councilmembers would not be able to attend. I made the judgment that under the circumstances we would not seek to convene a council meeting on Dec. 21, but instead begin working to see if the December meeting could be held on Dec. 28.

In November, the Berlin Mayor and Council had voted to cancel the Dec. 28 meeting in order to allow town employees and the council to make arrangements for those who wished to enjoy out-of-town travel to visit family and friends between the Christmas and New Year holidays.

I proposed that we reinstate the town meeting for Dec. 28, but then another very unfortunate situation occurred, Councilmember Troy Purnell's mother passed away and a quorum was once again not possible because of her death, along with yet another alignment of scheduling conflicts among two of the four remaining councilmembers.

I decided that the only reasonable response, under the circumstances, would be to simply wait until the next regularly scheduled meeting on Jan. 11, and there was no disagreement expressed by the council when they were notified by email.

The town's legal counsel for our electric utility advised the town administrator and myself, in early December, that any discussion about the missed peak shaving generation on one day in February 2015 should be presented to the council in person in executive session, because of the potential for litigation if the town should not come to an agreement for satisfactory financial restitution with the consulting firm. In the meantime, the town is looking at all of our options and will be considering hiring a legal expert in electric utility related contracts as one of those options at a future executive session.

Being aware of the extreme displeasure both Councilmembers Hall and Gulyas stated to the newspaper last week about not receiving the information until the executive session of Jan. 11, I think it is appropriate for everyone to know that I would make the same decisions, in the same manner, for the same reasons, if called upon to do it all again.

I also believe that the statements made to the newspaper that imply that the town administrator and myself, as mayor, did not have the authority to immediately seek a plan for mitigation that would need to be approved by the public service commission public hearing of Dec. 8 is absolutely false.

It has been more than implied before by Councilmember Hall, regarding other matters, that neither the town administrator, nor myself, have the executive authority to make decisions regarding the administrative decisions of the operation of the Town of Berlin, without the approval of the town council.

I absolutely disagree. The immediate response to proactively make operational decisions "IS" the job of the heads of the executive department of Berlin's municipal government under our town's code. I wish to remind both councilmembers the Town of Berlin is a traditional municipality under Maryland law, and is "NOT" the form of government operated by either the Ocean Pines Association or the county commissioners, where there is no "elected executive" on either board. The five members of the town council fulfill the role of legislative responsibility for Berlin. They have the right, and obligation, to cast votes on matters before the town council. As mayor, I have no vote unless there is a 2-2 tie, which is extraordinarily rare. In the eight years I have been mayor, I have had to cast one tie-breaking vote, on a procedural matter, nothing involving expenditures or the authority of the town government.

This leads me to address another related matter of Berlin town government that I have sought to look the other way on for the past several months. Since late spring/early summer, Councilmember Hall has told anyone and everyone who would listen that she is "going to be the next mayor of Berlin." I can only assume in her own way this means she will be filing for election for the office in the town election of Tuesday, Oct. 4.

Unfortunately, the way she has presented this message, repeated during her multiple visits to town hall nearly every week for months, has given some Berlin employees the false impression that I will not be seeking re-election. Councilmember Hall's town hall campaigning, along with repeated interrogations of town employees demanding they tell her "what's really going on," strongly imply that there must be some political dirt they can share. As a result, the town administrator, the managing director, and some department heads have been dealing with a measurable drop in morale among many town employees.

In respect for the longstanding tradition of our town elections, I will not be making an official announcement to file for re-election until sometime this summer during the formal filing period, but let there be no doubt, I have every intention to do so at the appropriate time.

Gee Williams Mayor, Town of Berlin



CUISINE BAYSIDE GAZETTE

'Immerse' yourself in new way of cooking

One of the great joys of being a professor in culinary arts lies in inviting guest speakers; it's impor-



tant to get students in front of other people in the industry in the hopes that they branch out when they head into their journey. This week we were honored to host Daniel Liberof son Vir-

By Paul Suplee, CEC PCIII

ginia's Lindera Farms, and local vinegar hobbyist Chef Chett Bland (he's the brains behind setting up the workshop in the first place).

A young company that now services the likes of Daniel Boulud, Thomas Keller and Jose Andres, Lindera is the brainchild of the quintessential cook-turned-farmer-turnedproducer Daniel [Liberson] and is housed at the farm in Northern Virginia. And his vinegars are good; damn good.

In his presentation, Liberson talked about what it takes to forage for ingredients, namely the safety aspects thereof, and the basics on how to make your own vinegars. There were no recipes, but he encouraged students to go out and explore the possibilities of the ubiquitous fermented nectar. Upon inquiry from students, he discussed some unique ingredients from which he has produced vinegar, how they can be used in everything from desserts to salads to entrees and drinks, and a little about the science and philosophy of cooking.

The seminar was a welcome respite from the daily grind, but more important than that, it was interesting and intelligent, something that my students don't always get from me. It was fascinating to hear Daniel and Chett discuss their careers, the different paths down which they travelled, and the excitement for an industry that still leaves much to explore, even for the most seasoned veteran.

When the smoke cleared and I went home, I cooked a beautiful steak-for-two and used the ramp (wild leek) vinegar to finish the onion jam. In all of its complexity, it stood up to the jam and the steak splendidly, especially as I added it at the end and did not cook away those beautiful aromas and flavors. All in all, I'd say it was a pretty sweet and sour day.



Ribeye for Two

Serves two

1 2-pound ribeye, trimmed

4-inch sprig of fresh rosemary

2 Garlic cloves, peeled

1 sprig fresh thyme

Salt and Pepper, as needed

1/2 cup Whole butter

1 slice compound butter (recipe follows)

1/2 cup Onion jam (recipe follows)

1. Using an immersion circulator (if cooking sous vide)*, heat a water bath large enough to hold the steak

2. While water is heating, place steak with a 1-inch piece of rosemary, garlic salt and pepper in a vacuum bag

3. Seal the bag

4. When the water is at temperature, place the bag in the water and let it go. If you are using an Anova Culinary circulator, you can automate this through your smart phone. Check with the manufacturer's website and app for more information on temperatures

5. When done, remove the steak from the bag and pat dry

6. Heat a cast iron skillet until very hot and add butter and remaining rosemary

7. Cook the butter until the water is gone and you have the wonderful aromas of the rosemary

8. Add the steak carefully and sear the garbage out of it. Since the steak is technically cooked, all you need to do is to cook a crust on the outside. The meat will be a perfect and consistent temperature throughout

9. Serve with compound butter and onion jam

*If you are not outfitted to cook sous vide (anova culinary is a great company for low-cost SV equipment) simply sear the steak and finish it in the oven

Compound Butter

Makes a little over a pound 1 pound Whole unsalted butter 2 Tbsp. Fresh lemon juice 1/4 cup Fresh herbs (Rosemary, thyme, tarragon, parsley, etc.) 5 cloves fresh garlic, minced 1 Tbsp. Cracked black pepper Salt, to taste

1. Bring the butter to room temperature

2. Place all ingredients in the bowl of a stand mixer and combine with a paddle attachment

3. Remove from the bowl and place on parchment paper

4. Form a cylinder and straighten by pushing a flat edge against the paper (which is now surrounding the butter) to form it into a perfect circle

5. Peel back the paper so that it doesn't get stuck in the butter after it sets up, and then rewrap the butter

6. Roll and tie the ends and place in the refrigerator until it is hard. This butter will keep for weeks in the icebox

Lindera Farms Ramp Vinegar-Onion Jam

Makes about 1 cup

- 1 cup Julienne red onion
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 shallot, minced oil for sautéing
- o Than Dark brown array
- 2 Tbsp. Dark brown sugar Lindera Farms or other high-quality vinegar*

1. Place onion, garlic and shallot in a small amount of oil on medium heat to sauté, but don't let them brown too much

2. Add the sugar and cook until the onions are very tender

3. Remove from heat and allow to cool for five minutes

4. Finish with Lindera Farm's ramp vinegar or other high quality vinegar and then season to taste with salt and pepper

5. Serve room temperature

*For this recipe, I used Lindera Farm's Ramp (wild leek) vinegar, which is absolutely stunning. But, since it is small batch, it might be hard to get a hold of. In this case, just use a great, savory vinegar. Lindera has a nice selection of vinegars at www.linderafarms.com

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NOW PLAYING

BJ'S ON THE WATER

75th Street and the bay Ocean City 410-524-7575 www.bjsonthewater.com Feb. 5: Thin Ice, 9 p.m. Feb. 6: Bird Dog, 9 p.m. Feb. 7: Teenage Rust & The Fabulous Rustettes, 2 p.m. Feb. 10: It's About Time, 5 p.m.

BOURBON STREET ON THE BEACH

116th Street, behind Fountain Head **Towers Condominium** Ocean City 443-664-2896 www.bourbonstreetonthebeach.com Every Friday: Karoake, 6-10 p.m. Every Sunday: Just Jay, 4-7 p.m. Every Wednesday: Open Mic, 8 p.m. to midnight Every Thursday: Chris Button & Dave Sherman, 5-9 p.m. Feb. 6: One Night Stand, 8-11 p.m. Feb. 9: Fat Tuesday Party w/Dave Sherman, 3-6 p.m.; Rusty Nails, 6-9 p.m.

CASINO AT OCEAN DOWNS

10218 Racetrack Road Berlin 410-641-0600 www.oceandowns.com Feb. 6: Sol Knopf, 4:30-8:30 p.m.; Monkee Paw Duo, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

HARBORSIDE BAR & GRILL

12841 S. Harbor Road West Ocean City 410-213-1846 www.ocharborside.com Feb. 5: DJ Billy T, 4 p.m. Feb. 6: Simple Truth, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m. Feb. 7: Opposite Directions, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Billy T, 7 p.m. Feb. 11: Opposite Directions, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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HARPOON HANNA'S

Route 54 and the bay Fenwick Island, Del. 800-227-0525 302-539-3095 www.harpoonhannasrestaurant.com Feb. 5: Dave Hawkins, 5-10 p.m. Feb. 6: Dave Sherman, 5-10 p.m. Feb. 11: Melissa Alesi, 5-9 p.m.

OCEAN CLUB NIGHTCLUB

In the Horizons Restaurant In the Clarion Fontainebleau Hotel 101st Street and the ocean Ocean City 410-524-3535 www.clarionoc.com Feb. 5-6: On The Edge, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.

WHISKER'S BAR & GRILL

11070 Cathell Road, Suite 17 Pines Plaza, Ocean Pines 443-365-2576 Feb. 5: Karaoke w/Donnie Berkey, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.



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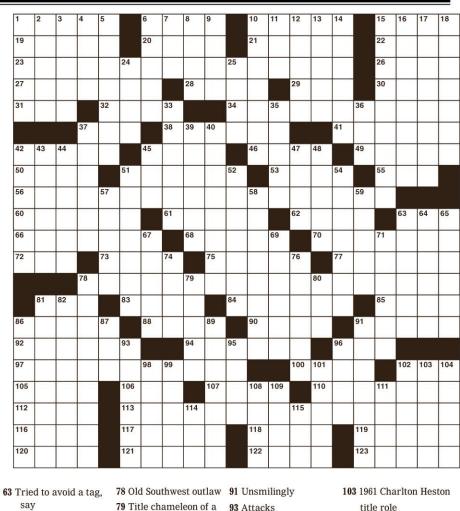
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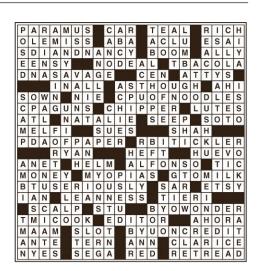
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CALENDAR BAYSIDE GAZETTE

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

THURS. Feb. 4

MCBP TO HOST SEPTIC SYSTEMS 101 SEMINAR – Bishopville Fire House, 7 p.m. The Maryland Coastal Bays Program is hosting this free program. Those relying on septic systems will be provided with information including topics from why a properly functioning septic system matters, how they work to the dos and don'ts for septic system maintenance. RSVP: Jennifer Rafter, 410-213-2297, Ext. 109 or jrafter@mdcoastalbays.org.

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TRI-COUNTY GO RED FOR WOMEN -

Avery W. Hall Educational Center Auditorium on the campus of Peninsula Regional Medical Center, 100 E. Carroll St., Salisbury, 5-8 p.m. Free educational event for women about prevention of heart disease. Light dinner, fitness and cooking demos, vendors and health screenings, Stress Management through Humor keynote presentation. Free local cookbook for all attendees. Register: www.peninsula.org/gored or 410-641-9268.

ANNIE'S PROJECT SUPPER – One Stop Job Stop, 31901 Tri-County Way, Salisbury, 6-9 p.m. Friendly discussion over dinner to promote farm growth for new and established women farmers. This week's topic is "Funding My Farm Business." All are welcome. Cost is \$10 per person and includes dinner along with all course material. Pre-register required: http://lowershore2016anniesproject.eventbrite.com/. Register at least two days prior to the workshop. Info: Jessica Flores, 410-632-1972 or jflores@umd.edu.

PLAY TIME — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Old fashioned play for infant to 5 year old children. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-208-4014.

STORY TIME – Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. For 2-5 year old children. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-632-3495.

DENTAL HEALTH MONTH STORY TIME

'YOUR TEETH' — Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. For 2-5 year old children. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-632-3495.

AARP FOUNDATION TAX_AIDE TCE MD – Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road and at the Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Feb. 4 through April 14. No appointments taken. First come, first served using a number system.

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

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

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

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

FRI. Feb. 5

'FANTASTIC FRIDAY' YOUTH DANCE -

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Third and fourth graders are welcome to dance, listen to music and hang out with their friends. The event is chaperoned by the Recreation and Parks Department and snacks will be provided. Cost is \$8 for Ocean Pines residents and \$9 for non-residents. Info: 410-641-7052.

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

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

DIRTY PAWS GARDENING CLUB -

Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 3:30 p.m. Children, ages 8 years and older, will explore gardening and nature with fun activities and projects. Supplies limited. RSVP: www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-957-0878.

AARP FOUNDATION TAX_AIDE TCE MD — Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Fridays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Feb. 5 through April 15. Appointments: 410-957-0391.

SAT. Feb. 6

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRIED CHICKEN BUFFET – Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church, 36536 Mt. Pleasant Road, Willards, 11 a.m. Menu includes chicken, vegetables, beverages and desserts. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children and free to those 5 years and younger. Bake table and carry-outs. Info: Nelda Dennis, 443-614-9898.

INDOOR YARD SALE – Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department, 10709 Bishopville Road, 7 a.m. to noon. Tables cost \$15 each or two for \$25. Breakfast sandwiches available. Table reservation: 443-235-2926.

FAMILY GAME DAY – Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 10 a.m. to noon. Classic family fun board games ... giant sized. For all ages. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-957-0878.

AARP FOUNDATION TAX_AIDE TCE MD — Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road and at the Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Feb. 6 through April 9. No appointments taken. First come, first served using a number system.

MODEL TRAIN DISPLAYS – Delaware Seaside Railroad Club, Clayton Crossing, 32422 Royal Blvd., Dagsboro, Del., Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., year round. See five layouts. Info: Bill Ziegler, wjziegler1@verizon.net or 302-537-0964.

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

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

SUN. Feb. 7

FOUR CHAPLAINS SERVICE 2016 -

American Legion Synepuxent Post #166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, noon. The pubic is invited to attend the 73rd Anniversary Service. Info: Commander Sarge Garlitz, 443-735-1942 or commander166@msn.com.

SUPER BOWL SCRAMBLE – Eagle's Landing Golf Course, 12367 Eagle's Nest Road, Berlin. Registration begins at 9 a.m., shotgun start at 10 a.m. Info: Bob Croll, 410-213-7277 or rcroll@oceancitymd.gov.

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

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.

MON. Feb. 8

STEAM PM – Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 3:45 p.m. Children, ages 6 and older, can learn how to juggle with Cascading Carlos. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-632-3495.

AARP FOUNDATION TAX_AIDE TCE MD -

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

DELMARVA SWEET ADELINE CHORUS

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

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.

TUES. Feb. 9

PANCAKE & SAUSAGE DINNER – Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin, 4-7 p.m. Cost is \$6.50 for adults, \$5 for ages 6-12 and free to those 5 and younger. Eat in or carryout. Info: Kathy, 443-235-6761.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER – All Hallows Episcopal Church, 109 W. Market St., Snow Hill, 4:30-7 p.m. Menu includes sausage, pancakes and baked apples. Tickets to dine-in cost \$7 for adults, \$4 for children 11 and younger. Take-out orders are \$7. Advance ticket sales only by calling 410-632-2327.

NEW VOTING SYSTEM DEMONSTRATION – Ocean Pines Community Center, East Room, 235 Ocean Parkway, 4-5:30 p.m. Board of Elections staff will explain the Continued on Page 22

CALENDAR

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SDHS \$1 TACO NIGHT – Stephen Decatur High School, cafeteria, 2:30-7 p.m. Tacos, sides, desserts and beverages are all \$1. Proceeds benefit the school. Info: 410-641-2171.

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PORT GROUP – Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30-4 p.m. Speakers, discussions, safe exercises, treatment updates and more. Info: 410-208-3132.

PLAY TIME – Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 10:30-11:30 a.m. Old fashioned play for infant to 5 year old children. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-641-0650.

STORY TIME – Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 10:30 a.m. For 2-5 year old children. Info:

www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-957-0878.

AARP FOUNDATION TAX_AIDE TCE MD — MAC Center Salisbury, 909 Progress Circle, Suite 100, Salisbury, Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Feb. 2 through April 12. Appointments: 410-742-8569.

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

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

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP – The group meets from 2:30-3:30 p.m. and provides discussions and mutual support, as well as education on exercise, nutrition, coping techniques, medications and developments in treatment. Info: www.delmarvaparkinsonsal-liance.org or Ron and Mary Leidner, 410-208-0525.

NAMI FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP — Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 2, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 6:30-8 p.m. Offers shared wisdom and problem solving for family members of persons with mental illness. The group is free. Info: Carole Spurrier, 410-208-4003, carolespurrier@msn.com or Gail S. Mansell, 410-641-9725, gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org.

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STORY TIME – Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. For 2-5 year old children. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-524-1818.

MODEL TRAIN DISPLAYS – Delaware Seaside Railroad Club, Clayton Crossing, 32422 Royal Blvd., Dagsboro, Del., Wednesdays, 5-8 p.m., year round. See five layouts. Info: Bill Ziegler, wjziegler1@verizon.net or 302-537-0964.

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

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

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

OCEAN CITY/BERLIN ROTARY CLUB 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.

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ONGOING EVENTS

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

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

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

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you like and take what you make. For teens. Info: 410-524-1818.

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 SUP-PORT 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.

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.

PINE'EER CRAFT AND GIFT SHOP OPEN -

Pine'eer Craft and Gift Shop, White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines. Shop will be open every Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and every Sunday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Featuring the latest creations by members of the Pine'eer Craft Club.

AARP – Ocean City AARP 1917 meets the second Thursday of each month (except July and August) at the Ocean City Senior Center, 104 41st St., Ocean City. Social begins at 9:30 a.m., meeting at 10 a.m. Info: aarp1917.org.

NAACP MEETINGS – NAACP meetings are held the fourth Thursday of each month. All are welcome. Info: 443-944-6701.

SUICIDE GRIEVERS' SUPPORT GROUP -

Worcester County Health Department, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin, the third Wednesday of each month, 6 p.m. Also held at the Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., the fourth Thursday of each month, 6 p.m. Open to anyone who has lost a friend or loved one to suicide. Free of charge. Info: 410-726-3090 or www.choosetolivemaryland.org.

POSITIVE OUTLOOK THRIFT SHOP – Positive Outlook Thrift Shop, 12637 Ocean Gateway, Trlr 2, West Ocean City, Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Located next to Seaside Christian Academy be-

hind White Marlin Mall. Info: 410-251-6971. Sponsored by OC Baptist Church.

COMPUTER AND E-READER INSTRUCTION

- Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway. Staff offers individual computer or E-Reader instruction by appointment: 410-524-1818.

AUMC THRIFT SHOP – Atlantic United Methodist Church, 105 Fourth St., in Ocean City. Now open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info: 410-289-4458.

THE SHEPHERD'S NOOK THRIFT SHOP – Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road. Open Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Accepting donations of gently worn clothes and small household items.

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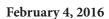
FREE DIABETES SUPPORT GROUPS -

Takes place the third Wednesday of each month at Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 1-2 p.m., and the third Thursday of each month at Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 1-2 p.m. Anyone interested in learning more about diabetes and its treatment is invited to attend. Info: Worcester County Health Department, Prevention Services, 410-632-0056.

FRIENDS OF THE OCEAN CITY LIBRARY -

Group meets the first Friday of each month at 1 p.m in the library meeting room. Discussions on library and volunteer needs and often includes interesting speakers. Followed by refreshments. New Friends always welcome.

WIDOWS & WIDOWERS SOCIAL CLUB – Luncheon meeting, third Tuesday, 1 p.m., Ocean Pines. Info: 410-208-1398.



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