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Ocean City native Patrick Henry reflects on his five-decade career as a painter, from his first sale at age 16, to one of his latest works, a portrait of

Mumford's Landing soft opening called success by GM Hill

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Feb. 9, 2017) While reviews of the Ocean Pines Yacht Club have been all over the map since the new facility opened in 2014, a stress test of the rebranded Mumford's Landing last weekend appears to have scored passing grades.

Interim General Manager Brett Hill said there were only a few hiccups, which he largely attributed to the expected growing pains of the allnew bar and wait staff, and new computer systems.

An invitation-only soft opening was held Friday and Saturday, and the club was open on Sunday during the Super Bowl.

The building had shut down, except for weekends, during January in order to train the new staff and renovate the interior of the club, including

How Patrick Henry gave voice to 'The Orator'

By Josh Davis

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(Feb. 9, 2017) Stylistically, Ocean City native Patrick Henry, 64, describes his five-decade career as a journey from the commercial and illustrative side of his youth into the impressionistic, painterly style he embraces today.

"I dance between the two still," he said during an interview at his studio in Berlin on Tuesday. "I have to embrace that - that's me."

There is also a deeply spiritual side to Henry and, lately, a certain amount of political subtext that may or may not have to do with the recent Presidential election.

Last month Henry received more traffic on his Facebook page - reaching nearly 5,000 people after he posted a new portrait of former President Barack Obama, titled "The Orator."

One of seven children, Henry grew up on Sinepuxent Road, near the Ocean City airport.

He remembers, very early on, having the urge to create. As a child his medium was often crayons and paper.

"I would even take cardboard and draw images on it and then cut it up and make my own puzzles," he said.

In third grade, his class would watch educational television programs about art. Afterwards, the teacher would ask Henry to stand up and "redirect the class on how to do the art lesson."

He received his first set of oil paints when he was 14 and remembers the feeling of bringing something to life on canvas.

"It would move people to react one way or another," he said. "Now, we're talking about 50some years of studying and seeing how I could apply these physical things - these scientific things and putting them together to make something very spiritual that would move people. I think,

in a way, that's my calling - to show that side of the human factor in our lives."

Henry sold his first painting as a 16-year-old sophomore in high school. A light, he said, went off.

"Not only can you do what you love, but you can make some money from it. How naïve was that?" he said with a laugh.

He set his sights on the Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond – then known as a top art school - although he said college was not yet part of the culture where he grew up. His father, for instance, only had a sixthgrade education.

"We were fishermen. We were farmers. We were laborers," he said. "That was your lot.'

Still, Henry was drawn to what he saw as greater cultural opportunities in Richmond. He moved there, but the move would be short lived.

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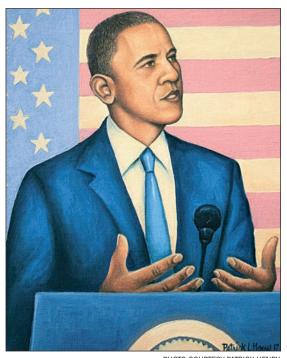


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Patrick Henry's portrait of the 44th President of the United States was a work the artist had mulled over for more than a decade. He has made a limited series of 50 prints available

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Pocomoke District 3 to hold election

Bruce Morrison's reelection automatically triggered, as no others file to be mayor

By Brian Gilliland

Associate Editor

(Feb. 9, 2017) Bruce Morrison netted a walk-off victory in seeking his third term as mayor of Pocomoke City, as no other candidates filed to oppose him, while Dale Trotter, District 3 councilman, will face frequent council meeting attendee Monna Van Ess on April 4.

In response to the troubles experienced last year during the District 2 election, where a new election was eventually forced because of mechanical error, the council approved a number of changes to elections in November

Included among the changes were a return to paper ballots, removal of unofficial or ad hoc write-in campaigns and the cancelation of elections of fewer than two official candidates have filed. The deadline to file was last Friday by 5

No one filed to oppose Morrison, so he will continue on as mayor for another three years. Morrison said this term would be his last, as he's planning to retire.

Tuesday, March 7 is the last day to register to vote in the election. According to Pocomoke City Clerk Carol Jacobs, voter registrations forms are available at the Pocomoke Library, the post office and the Motor Vehicle Administration in Salisbury. Jacobs said the forms must arrive to the Worcester County Board of Elections in Snow Hill by March 7 to be eligible to vote.

Voters in Worcester County remain registered to vote until they miss two federal elections, according to the Worcester County Board of Elections. Voters who were registered for last year's Presidential election are still eligible to vote in this election.

In anticipation of holding a citywide mayoral contest, the polling place was changed to the Maryland room at the Pocomoke City Volunteer Fire Company at 1401 Market Street. Even though only the third district is having an election, the fire company will still be hosting the election.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on April 4.

Berlin committee selection will wait until next meeting

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Feb. 9, 2017) Following a busy few months, Berlin's Historic District Commission enjoyed a quiet - and brief meeting last Wednesday with only one property on the agenda.

'We didn't have anyone in the audience - it was really weird," Chairwoman Carol Rose said. "But we did have a really good meeting."

The dais was also short, with only three of the five members of the commission present. Because of that, Rose said selections of a chair and vice chair were postponed until the next meeting, March 1.

Rose, who also serves on the board of directors for the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum, Diakonia, the Worcester County Library Foundation and the Worcester County Veteran's Memorial Foundation where she is also the vice president - is expected to be reelected as chair.

She also teaches Sunday school every

"If they want me to do it, I will," Rose said of the chairmanship. "The other four [members of the commission] work, and it's more than just being there for the meeting. I spent four or five hours one afternoon [researching a historic home] and then taking my book and walking the street and looking at the windows and making notes. I think that's my responsibility as chair to have all the facts.'

During the meeting, the commission approved construction of a shed on 203 Main Street. The homeowner, Scott Taylor, also made a request for replacement windows, a continuation from two previous meeting in December and January, which will be continued again in March.

That home was first conveyed to an Episcopal church in 1892, which owned it until Taylor purchased it a few years

"[Taylor] is really so good about wanting to get this right with the windows," Rose said. "He did bring a sample and it still wasn't quite exactly what we were looking for [because of] the age of the house.

She said commission member Robert Poli recommended a company that specializes in making historic windows, and the homeowner agreed to get another sample and come back. Rose said grant money could be available to pay for at least a portion of the work.

"We talked a long time and we were all in agreement, including Mr. Taylor, to do a continuation," Rose said. "We're 99 percent there, but we just want to make sure, with the age of the house and the windows in the house being original, that everything is what it should be. He's just been wonderful about understanding where we're coming from, plus he wants to get it right too."

Rose said approval of a new sign at Berlin Town Hall, originally on the agenda but advertised in error, would also be postponed until next month.



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Jessi Bova, guidance counselor at Pocomoke High School, now shares her office with her dog, Rudy, who has been certified as a therapy dog for the school. Rudy's responsibilities include reducing student and faculty anxiety, increasing morale and being a good boy.

Therapy dog Rudy goes to school

By Brian Gilliland

Associate Editor

(Feb. 9, 2017) When guidance counselor Jessi Bova made the jump Delmar Elementary Pocomoke High this year, she didn't know the offer included her dog.

Rudy, a 7-year-old golden retriever Bova fostered and then adopted from a rescue organization, was already well-known to the students and staff of Delmar Elementary as part of the Pets on Wheels Delmarva program. Through the initiative, volunteer and pet teams are dispatched to assistedliving facilities, schools, nursing homes and other approved services.

"He's been given a temperament test and been judged on a couple of dozen criteria to see how he reacts to stimuli," Bova said.

Golden retrievers are generally docile animals, but strong reactions to certain situations are possible. Rudy, for example, is a little forceful in his desire for attention and thinks nothing of wedging his face into the crook of an elbow, or using his muzzle to deftly flick a reporter's note-taking hand off a pad of paper and on to the canine's head - perfectly placed for ear scratches.

Bova said that behavior can be problematic in certain assisted-living facilities, but in high school it's both warranted and necessary.

"He's been to the Delmar kids' academy, been read to by Delmar students and kids at the Ocean Pines Library, I take him anywhere I can," she said.

Rudy pretty much has the run of Bova's office and surrounding area, as he tired of certain expertly delivered ear scratches in favor of more fertile grounds several times during the course of the conversation.

In practice, his duties are much the same. Rudy is stationed outside the office during transition times — as students move from one class to another — and stops in at the alternative

classroom, where students experiencing emotional or behavioral difficulty are placed, at least once per day.

Another student requested Rudy's presence as she sat for an exam. The calming effect of the dog, according to principal Dr. Annette Wallace, allowed the student to focus on the test.

'Our kids come to us needing services - 70 percent of our students come from poverty, and we have to be parents, teachers, disciplinarians everything. We build the family from within the schools and Rudy is now a part of that family," Wallace said.

Rudy, in short, helps. But how he helps can't always be quantified.

'There's no tangible evidence or measure of what he's doing for the kids and staff," she said, but the things Rudy provides aren't easily measured in the first place.

Wallace herself is an example. Admittedly not a dog person, Wallace couldn't help but succumb to Rudy's See RETRIEVER Page 8

Over capacity, too few users blamed for water troubles

By Brian Gilliland

Associate Editor

(Feb. 9, 2017) Pocomoke City's water troubles are caused by too much storage and not enough people making use of the service, resulting in stale water containing deposits of iron and other materials being fed into the town's homes, according to GMB consultants, the firm hired by the town to identify the source of the problem.

Testing concluded the water leaving the plant contained no iron, or any of the other deposits that might cause the water to have an unpleasant odor, color and taste. The sediment-rich solution from the taps would also clog filters and stain clothing, dishware and houses washed with the substance. Several people have claimed the town's water had changed the color of their hair.

Scott Getchell, the project manager for GMB on the Pocomoke City water problem, explained to the council Monday evening that the computer simulation of the town's system yielded some answers to the town's questions.

"It's evident to us that the flows in the southern part of town are greatly diminished," he said. "There's sizable plumbing in the area, and a lot more storage than users.'

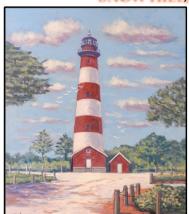
Getchell explained that as water in the pipes stagnates, it becomes more acidic and is therefore more likely to chemically interact with the transport pipes. The interaction creates the sediment, color and odor residents are complaining about.

Water is the baseline liquid on the pH scale, which determines degree of acidity or alkali content of a substance. Potable water measures seven on the pH scale, with higher numbers more alkali, or basic and lower numbers more acidic.

On Jan. 30 on Princess Anne Lane, the water measured a pH of 5.96, which, according to the Center for Disease Control, is more in line with substances like black coffee, saliva and

Fixing that problem became a matter for the model, where certain scenar-See CONTINUED Page 8

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Only minor hiccups for Pines yacht club during reopening

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adding the new Tuffy's Tavern bar area. The restaurant is now referred to as The Cove at Mumford's Landing.

"Overall, I think it went very well," Hill said on Tuesday. "We got a lot of positive feedback and we got some constructive criticism, which was good. It really gave us the opportunity to work out the kinks of having actual customers on the floor and food going through the system."

On the plus side, Hill said the décor, food quality and service all received high marks from customers, who were asked to fill out a brief survey following their meals, which entitled them to half-off their checks.

He said the stress test did reveal the need for a wine list, which had not been part of a revamped menu. An apparent glitch in the point of sale system also caused the salad and entrée courses to come out at the same time early during the weekend, Hill said.

"The experience definitely improved through the weekend where Friday night, we had more of the constructive criticism. By Sunday night, when it came time for the Super Bowl, there really wasn't any feedback at all other than positive," Hill said. "That was definitely the direction we wanted to take it.

"There were tweaks in the system, and this was the right time to have those hiccups and work through them," he added.

After the August election, when Hill came onto the board and soon after took over as acting general manager, the new leadership in Ocean Pines met to discuss its priorities. The yacht club was universally selected as the number-one priority.

Since then Hill and Marketing Director Denise Sawyer have spearheaded a major rebranding effort there, which led to the name change, renovations and addition of new staff.

"I'm extremely happy [with the results]," Hill said. "The board got to go in Thursday night and take a look at everything and they as well were very pleased with the results. It's definitely come a long way."

He said the sentiment from the board was, essentially, "you've finished it," meaning the building. The new \$5 million yacht club originally opened on Memorial Day weekend in 2014.

Because Ocean Pines is a notoriously eclectic community filled with a membership of diverse ages and tastes, Hill said the facility was remodeled to cater to several types of clientele, from fine dining to the more casual crowd.

"Getting the themes in there and catering to the areas where our guests feel most comfortable really changed the dynamic," Hill said. "It was the little things that left that kind of vacant feeling in the building that having color on the walls, having decorations and having at least some type of theme and a sense of comfort brought in.

"We just have so much real estate in there that it needed to be broken up. We cater to so many different people here in Ocean Pines that one theme is not going to work for everyone. Being able to divide all that space up and really have something for everybody is playing out very, very well," he added.

A public grand opening is planned this weekend, with live music starting at 8 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday.

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During troubled times, artist found therapy in making art

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"Not long after I left, my mother had called me and asked I me if would come back because there was an incident where there was an older lady who was murdered," he said. "There was this fear of a group of guys preying on older women. So, I came back.'

Henry earned a degree in art education from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore and taught at Stephen Decatur High School for two years, from 1976 to 1978. During that time, he also helped found the Worcester County Arts Council.

By all appearances Henry had succeeded in attending college and earning a steady job, but he possessed a restless spirit and felt pressure to do more. Henry constantly lived under the shadow of his father, who passed away at age 52 during a fishing acci-

"This man lived a life like he could've been 102," Henry said. "He was just a Renaissance person - a masonry contractor and a chef, and he had two successful businesses [with a sixth-grade education].

"I had pressure to live up to the people who knew him," he continued. 'And I didn't take the death [well] – I escaped into drugs and alcohol.

Henry refers to that period of his life - roughly 1978 to 1983 - as "The Dark Ages."

"I was drifting," he said. "Back then you didn't have counselors to help you through, so where do you take your grief? I had a spiritual realm, but I wasn't nurtured enough to have the help that I sought.

In his early 30's, Henry had something of an awakening. He compared it to the moment in "The Lion King" when Simba, still grieving and in denial of his destiny, looks into a pool of water and sees his father's reflection staring back at him.

"It was a moment where I realized, this is not where and who you should be - you're destined for greater things than this," Henry said.

Not long after, he met Velda, who would become his wife. The couple moved to Berlin in 1985 and was married in 1989.

Around that time, Henry also started to experience professional success as an artist. He opened his first studio, above the Odd Fellow's building next to the Atlantic Hotel, and hosted a well-received show on the day after Thanksgiving that would later become the blueprint for the long-running Holiday Arts Night series in Berlin.

His own resurgence timed well with that of the hotel, and Henry was tasked with creating the new signage

"Things came together at appropriate times for me to be a part of the energy [of Berlin]," he said.

Then, tragedy struck again when

several family members passed away

in quick succession.

'I had a sequence of four family losses – a niece, my mother, a brother and a sister – and I got thrown in the middle of the dynamic and just got burned out and had to close the studio," he said.

It would take almost a decade for him to find another space he liked, this time settling just outside of the downtown area, on Old Ocean City Boulevard, in what he calls his sanctuary, Henry Fine Arts.

"It took from '06 to '14 to find that space," he said. "It's in town, but it's enough off the beaten path. People that really want to see my work people that love art who want a moment to come by – it takes concerted

"I love it. This, I hope, will be where I finish out my life and career,' he added.

His long career, he said, has in many ways been the best kind of therapy. During those times when he feels lost, he still turns to the canvas for

"Our culture doesn't have the dynamics of going to a psychologist or psychiatrist – unfortunately it was looked at as a sense of weakness," he said. "Without me realizing, art became where I could pour all my fear and grief. In doing that time passes, and I believe in that adage of how time can heal.

"It was a positive activity that I was doing - it wasn't like jumping into drugs or alcohol," Henry added. "I poured everything that was confusing and hurtful into my art."

Ironically, Henry said he regularly posts images of those so-called therapeutic works on social media sites like Facebook, where the feedback is often, "that's so peaceful."

"I feel, in these unknown times right now, an even stronger calling for me to do even more – for me to get totally separated and to pour what I feel my conviction is about life and my experiences [into art]," he said.

Henry said the Obama portrait was something he had wanted to paint for more than a decade. In a way, he can trace its roots back even longer, to the sprawling Martin Luther King Jr. scene he painted in college, which now hangs over the workspace in his studio.

"Martin Luther King's death was like the death of a lot of great people - you think, what now?" Henry said. "His death gave you a different perspective for what the man was about. He had an oratory style about him that would just arrest you, and I really attached to his philosophy of

"You didn't have a person like that for a while," Henry added. "You had a lot of wannabes.

He said Obama first captivated him during the 2004 Democratic National Convention, when the thensenator from Illinois would give a

Patrick Henry: 'I've got my soldiers lined up'

speech that catapulted him onto the national spotlight. Henry admitted he was torn about Obama's bid for president, four years later.

"I kinda wish he didn't go in the political sphere, because I really liked what the man, Barack Obama, said. He really connected with my spirit of hope — of change," Henry said. "I thought, it sounds nice, but it's not really real.

"But even despite of all the setbacks and how Congress, during his tenure, blocked everything he desired, there was a dignity, there was a spirit of style that this man – he never got nasty," Henry added. "I always wanted to do a painting of him, but I got ticked off by the way his image became commercialized. It was just something where my spirit said, 'just wait – the time will come."

The image Henry used is a combination of several, including one from Obama's farewell speech.

"He had a moment where he was stressing a point and his hands came before him, and I said, 'that's the image I want," Henry said.

He superimposed an oversized American flag behind the 44th president, Henry said, because Obama spoke for and represented a huge section of the country that had been left "out of the loop."

"This man, I think, really hit a nerve with those people and made them look at themselves and stick their chests up a little more," he said.

Reaction was overwhelming positive, leading Henry to create a limited series of 50 prints. The painting itself, which for now hangs in his studio, will be kept in his own, private collection

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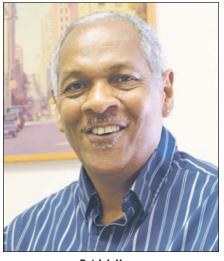


"This is for me, and then when I go on for my wife and then my daughter, just like [his Martin Luther King, Jr. painting]," he said.

An African-American who grew up in rural Worcester County, Henry said he never felt like a "black painter."

"The world wanted me to go there and it comes up, and I if I would say I'm not aware of my blackness [that's not honest] because I'm a student of history and culture, and there are some dynamic things that go on in Africa that I am so proud of," he said. "I'm proud of that heritage, but I know that I have other heritages in my system – in my DNA.

"It's beyond race," he continued.
"Is that what God is going to look at when you make it over? All I do is I shake my head and I pray for those



Patrick Henry

that take it there. If you want to take things to that narrow perspective, you're lost." Asked about his legacy as a painter, Henry said one word: home.

"This place is so awesome," he said. "Now I'm at that phase in my journey where I'm in my middle 60's, I'm entering a stage where I don't have to worry about all that running around. My base is here, so I want to focus on taking 50 years of my experience and putting my work in a context that gives a presence beyond a surface. It draws a person in, and for a few moments takes them out of this mental phase and connects with the spirit within. I feel as if that is a Godmandated thing for me to do.

"I've got my soldiers lined up," Henry said, gesturing to a bucket of paintbrushes next to his easel.

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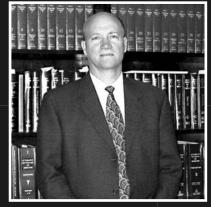




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affections and found herself casually stroking his head or ears whenever he decided it was her turn to pay him at-

These factors aid reporters in doing their jobs by relaxing interviewees, and Bova in her responsibilities as a guidance counselor.

"I do some scheduling and academics," Bova said, "but for the counseling piece, it's nice to have him in here with me."

Rudy wasn't the first choice, however. When Wallace was named principal of the year for Maryland in 2016, the award came with ceremonies and networking opportunities.

During a talk with some of her colleagues, the topic of therapy dogs came up as another principal's pet project. Wallace said she was intrigued by the idea and started asking around.

We were looking for a Labradoodle, because of the concern over allergies, and we lined up a vet to donate services and a groomer, but it didn't work out," she said.

At a lunch, where Bova was present, Wallace said she was lamenting how the project had stalled.

Bova spoke up about Rudy, and how he was already qualified to serve.

"We started planning the transition right there," Wallace said.

Though Rudy is not as hypoallergenic as other breeds, Wallace said it hasn't been an issue so far, and said high school students are more able to manage their own conditions, like a dog allergy, much better than younger students.

Right now the issue is to ensure there's enough Rudy to go around. Pocomoke students had finals last week, and drained the dog thoroughly as everyone else.

'He was exhausted after finals," Wallace said. "We have to make sure it's not too stressful for him.'

Other schools have also shown interest. Wallace said she's fielded a number of questions from other schools about the benefits of a dog like Rudy.

"Having him with a guidance counselor is perfect — he's not in one particular classroom and isn't attached to a particular teacher," she said.

Making him equally available to anyone he wants to scratch his ears.

Continued monitoring for Pocomoke water problems

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ios could be run and results measured before the town had to spend money on solutions that weren't guaranteed to do anything.

For instance, Getchell said the first idea run past the model was looping, where dead-end lines were connected back into the system, ostensibly increasing the overall flow of water. However, the model indicated that this solution wouldn't work, and in fact made the situation worse in some areas, Getchell said.

Lowering the amount held in the towers to decrease the storage and closing certain valves in key areas also did little to improve the situation, Getchell

Additionally, the model was able to determine some measures the town had already taken, like installing three auto-flushers in the affected area, were of little value.

Those flushers are located at Somerset and Dorchester streets, 15th and Linden streets and Payne and Market streets.

Getchell recommended deactivating them.

Other auto-flushers, like those installed near the golf course, are helping, he said.

Getchell recommended courses of action, one of which has already been implemented: flushing a fire hydrant as close to Goose Creek as possible twice a day for 30 minutes each time. The

town has exceeded this measure, according to City Manager/City Attorney Ernie Crofoot, by doubling the flushing recommendation.

Getchell also advised the council to develop a unidirectional flushing plan, which he said is "more effective at cleaning out sediment and organic matter within the distribution system."

The idea behind unidirectional flushing is to take water from a clean source and blow it through a quarantined section or segment of pipe, leaving the byproducts only one direction to go — out.

The mayor and council agreed to begin developing this idea.

A third option is called "ice pigging," which Getchell stopped short of recommending at this time, because he said it was very expensive, but very effective.

Ice pigging forces ice slurry through the pipes in order to flush out contam-

Eventually, Getchell said, the town may need a reclamation center to account for all of the water wasted by the flushing effort, but not yet.

Getchell ended his presentation by saying he didn't consider this matter closed, and GMB will continue to monitor Pocomoke's water system until it provides satisfactory service to town residents.

Several council members mentioned they had received fewer complaints about the water quality since the town began flushing the lines.

Grease fire culprit in Snow Hill Road house fire, Tuesday

By Brian Gilliland

Associate Editor

(Feb. 9, 2017) The Snow Hill Volunteer Fire Company responded to 4741 Snow Hill Road — a few hundred feet from the station — around 7 p.m. on Tuesday for a house fire.

Girdletree and Newark Fire companies also provided assistance, according to Trey Heiser, Snow Hill fire chief.

The house was occupied at the time of the fire, Heiser said, but no injuries of residents or firefighters were reported, he said.

Though the cause is still under investigation, Heiser said he believed the fire began as a result of cooking.

The house is unable to be occupied at this time, Heiser said.



The second floor of 4741 Snow Hill Road shows obvious fire damage from a blaze that started around 7 p.m. Tuesday evening. Three adults lived at the house, located very near the volunteer fire company, and no injuries were reported.

BRIAN GILLILAND/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Pines police crack down on school bus stop parking

(Feb. 9, 2017) Ocean Pines police officers are on the lookout for parents who park illegally at school bus stops in the community.

An officer recently observed an individual parking dangerously close to an intersection while waiting for a school bus to arrive. Contributing to the safety problem are limited visibility and a tight turning radius which are created by illegally parked vehicles, police said. These hazards could cause a problem for vehicles that are approaching stop signs and/or intersections.

To help keep the bus stops in Ocean Pines as safe as possible, the police department is releasing a reminder for parents to keep a safe distance from intersections while parked at school bus stops. According to Maryland vehicle law, a person may not stand or park a vehicle within 30 feet on the approach to any flashing signal, stop sign, yield sign, or traffic control signal located at the side of a roadway. Violators face a \$60 citation.

Ocean Pines officers will continue to patrol the school bus stops in the area in an effort to limit risks to children.





Beach club parking pass cost to increase

we think we can continue to

oversell the beach club passes.'

Board Vice President

Dave Stevens

Annual rate will go up \$25; separate rates established for realtors and landlords

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Feb. 9, 2017) The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors, in three separate votes on Monday, approved fee changes related to beach club parking, aquatics and associate memberships.

In a 6-o vote, with Director Slobodan Trendic absent during the meeting, the directors agreed to increase the rate for an annual beach club parking-pass from \$175 to \$200.

Interim General Manager Brett Hill said the additional \$25 would support aquatics, increasing the overall subsidy from the beach club to that amenity to \$53 per permit sold.

He said the practice of "open passes" would be discontinued. Current parking memberships come with four passes to the beach club pool, good for the season, which were unassigned to any specific person. Under the new rules, an annual pass would come with a family membership to the beach club pool.

"For all of our owners that want to buy a beach club parking permit, they would have a membership for their household ... to the beach club pool,' Hill said. "What this discourages is the habits that have formed of landlords or real-estate agents purchasing a permit and then renting that permit out to circumvent our weekly pass structure. We have Ocean Pines revenue that should be, really, coming back to Ocean Pines going into a limited sector of our owners who rent their property out."

Hill said he worked with local real agents to develop Realtor/renter bundle that would

offer the parking and pool availability, would better distribute revenues to just make that perfectly clear? Ocean Pines.

A six-week package of beach club parking and pool memberships would cost \$600, and a 12-week package would cost \$1,000. The 12week packages are extendable, with

cost \$80 each, Hill said. Those packages would include one parking permit and four pool passes per week, sold exclusively to real estate agents and homeowner land-

any additional weeks proposed to

"At the price point in our discussions with the Realtors, we felt that even if it's a three-night rental or a four-night rental for the long weekends, it's still more economical than if they were coming in and purchasing the three-day [membership] from us, Hill said. "There's still room for the Realtors to make money, which is what they're in business to do, and Ocean Pines is able to capture the weekly revenue directly from those tenants."

Board Vice President Dave Stevens argued the reason for the price increases was less about eliminating abuse by rental agents and more

about the obvious demand - and lim-'We're oversold and we're doing ited supply - of it because we can. Why don't we beach club parking spaces.

We can add more revenues [and] "The reason we're doing it, I know Brett's skirting around it, but this is an age-old answer," he said. 'We're oversold and

we're doing it because we can. Why don't we just make that perfectly clear? We can add more revenues [and] we think we can continue to oversell the beach club passes.

Aquatics Director Colby Phillips, however, disputed at least part of that notion. She said the beach club pool had 25,000 visitors last year, 22,000 of which used passes associated to parking memberships. She said revenues there were about \$6,000 and that overcrowding was a constant

The Mumford's Landing pool, on the other hand, had 20,000 visitors and brought in \$85,000.

"Anyone can get into that pool [at the beach club]," she said. "There has to be a way to eliminate the overuse of just anyone coming in. There's no accountability to those cards.'

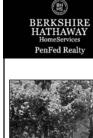
Director Cheryl Jacobs agreed.

"To me, this is simply treating the beach club pool like we treat every other pool. It was an abuse of the beach club pool," she said. "I think this makes sense."

The directors also approved a \$1 increase in daily passes to all pools for nonresidents. Adults 18 and over will now pay \$10, and youth passes, for those ages 5-17, will cost \$8.

Hill said budget projections related to aquatics for fiscal year 2018 would not be changed because of the fee increases, calling any increase in revenues merely speculative. Instead, he said any additional profits would be placed into reserves.

The directors voted 5-0, with Stevens abstaining, to "create an alternate assessment class" of associate memberships. For an annual \$250 fee that covers a single household, associate members can have access to discounted rates at Ocean Pines amenities on the same level as homeowners. A weekly associate membership will cost \$10.



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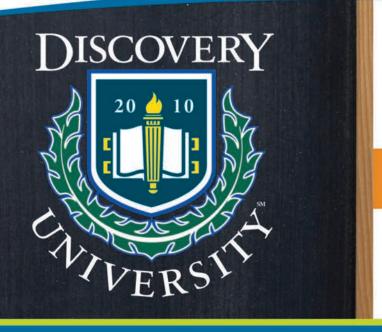
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KARAOKE FOR A CAUSE

Fun was had by all attending the 70's and 80's karaoke dance party to benefit Believe in Tomorrow's Children's Foundation at Whisker's Bar and Grill in Ocean Pines, Jan. 28. Pictured, from left, are Donnie Berkey, Penny Wheeler, costume contest winner, Whisker's owner Tanya Knott, and DJ Tuff.



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DAR NEW MEMBER

The General Levin Winder Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) welcomed its newest member during a recent luncheon meeting in Ocean Pines. Chaplain Ann Fowler, left, and Regent Patricia Ayers, center, administered the oath of membership to Gail Timmons. She was admitted into the DAR on Oct. 5, 2016 and is descended from Revolutionary War Patriot John David Woelpper of Pennsylvania. The DAR is a women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history and securing America's future through better education. The General Levin Winder Chapter meets on the third Wednesday of the month at noon. Visit www.dar.org or http://GeneralLevinWinder.marylanddar.org.



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GLICK CHECK

The Atlantic General Hospital Foundation was recently the recipient of a \$14,000 gift from the Hal Glick Distinguished Service Award Gala for its commitment to serving the community and its visitors. Pictured, from left, are Warren Rosenfeld, co-chairman, Hal Glick/Temple Bat Yam Committee; Buddy Trala, this year's Hal Glick Distinguished Service Award honoree; Michael Franklin, AGH president and CEO; Jeff Thaler, co-chairman, Hal Glick/Temple Bat Yam Committee; and Todd Ferrante, chair of the Atlantic General Hospital Foundation Board.



DAR MEETS NABVETS

The General Levin Winder Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Chapter members recently heard from James A. Briddell Sr., commander of Walk Through the Valley Chapter #0093, National Association of Black Veterans (NABVETS), about the services it provides to veterans on the Eastern Shore. He was accompanied by fellow veteran Robert Smith and together they set up "America's White Table" as a reminder of those who aren't there to celebrate. General Levin Winder Chapter is sponsoring the group for an award by the Maryland State Society DAR and voted to donate proceeds from a potluck fundraiser to the organization. Pictured, from left, are Briddell, Sr., General Levin Winder Chapter Regent Patricia Ayers, Smith, and Maryland State Society DAR Service for Veterans Committee Chair Suzanne Smith.



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SDHS DONATES TO TROOPS

American Legion Post #166 members join Stephen Decatur High School Connections and Leo Club representatives during the fourth annual presentation of Packages for our Troops. SDHS students and faculty members collected various toiletries and other amenities for military members.



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YOUNG CODERS

In honor of Computer Science Education Week, Dec. 5-11, Worcester Prep students in Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade participated in an Hour of Code, a global grassroots campaign that helps children understand the importance of coding and programming. Upper School Honors Computer Science senior Julie Talbert and second graders Alyson Ray, left, and Haven Harrison, work together to navigate the Wonder Dash robot.

Bonser violates probation, gets jail

Judge warns defendant not to return; co-defendant got same sentence last month

By Brian Gilliland

Associate Editor

(Feb. 9, 2017) A Feb. 1 re-enrollment into a drug treatment program was not enough to sway Judge Gerald Purnell into giving Nicholas Bonser, 20, of Berlin, a more lenient sentence than was delivered to his co-defendant, Jordan Denton, two weeks ago for violating his parole for the second

Denton and Bonser were granted probation before judgment and two years of supervised probation, along with certain conditions, in June 2015. Both have now returned twice to the court for violating those terms.

Two weeks ago Denton was ordered to serve five days in jail. A paperwork snafu delayed Bonser's hearing until last Friday, when it was revealed he had returned to required treatment after being dismissed in October 2016 for noncompliance.

Bonser will serve five days in jail, and is scheduled to begin today.

"This started as a trivial event," Purnell said of the spray-painting spree that caused about \$11,000 in damages to cars and public property in January 2015. "Then you're here over and over for noncompliance and testing positive ... the court has to do something.'

Bonser said he had been going to the program regularly for four or five months until he stopped.

'I got caught up working and going to classes," he said.

Purnell rejected the notion.

"One thing I tell defendants — excuses are for criminal court. You let it grow to this whole magnitude you're not compliant and you're ignoring me. You have to do something. I have to do something," he

Bonser said he was attending three classes at Delaware Technical Community College and working three days per week to pay off his share of the restitution. Bonser had paid off his debt, according to the court. Denton still owes about half of her share.

Asking the prosecution for a sentencing recommendation, Bonser's probation agent, Michelle Peeples, recommended striking his probation before judgment - giving him a criminal record - and sentencing him to ten days in jail.

The tougher sentence, Peeples said, was reflective of the dismissal. Whereas Denton had tested positive for marijuana use and logged a "behavioral positive" by refusing to be tested, nothing was known about Bonser's status because he'd left the



Nicholas Bonser

program.

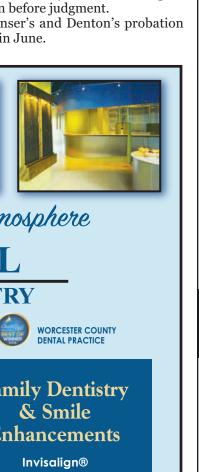
"I'm tired of this case. Tired of it," Purnell said. "Just go and do it, because if you come back you're doing 55 days.

The time is the remainder of Bonser's suspended sentence. Purnell said he would do the same to Denton, should she violate her probation again.

Purnell said once Bonser's probation was successfully completed, he would entertain a motion from the defense attorney to reinstate the probation before judgment.

Bonser's and Denton's probation ends in June.







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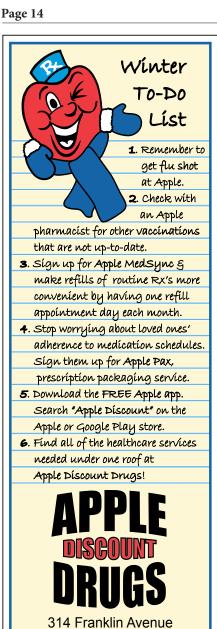
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Pines budget unveiling postponed

Public meeting Friday will instead serve as workshop as directors continue talks

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Feb. 9, 2017) A budget presentation meeting in Ocean Pines on Friday was postponed, as the directors continue to work out the fine details of the fiscal 2018 document.

Interim General Manager Brett Hill had scheduled a budget presentation for the public on that date, but that was postponed following a three-hour budget discussion on Monday.

Instead, on Friday, the directors will host an additional budget session starting at 10 a.m. in the boardroom of the administration building on 239 Ocean Parkway. Amenity policies and golf are expected to be on the agenda.

Despite the ongoing talks, not much is expected to change from \$13.5 million budget draft introduced by Hill last month. Barring any unforeseen last-minute changes, the basic annual assessment would remain the same this year, \$921.

"In terms of voting, I have no information ... that says that I wouldn't vote for the current budget," Vice President Dave Stevens said on Monday. "I think what we're saying is we're going to keep the assessments constant.'

Still, some items needed to be discussed, Stevens said. He favored reducing contributions to reserves, but added that the board "might not know enough" on several fronts in order to do so. During previous budget work sessions the directors agreed to maintain levels of the reserves set in the Hill



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To shoot or not to shoot (hoops)

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Feb. 9, 2017) Can a child in Ocean Pines walk into the community center gym and play basketball, if that area is unoccupied, without paying for the privilege to do so? Currently, the answer is no.

On Monday the board of directors discussed the use of the community center and its gym and – in a broader sense – the policies for usage of association amenities.

Directors Dave Stevens and Cheryl Jacobs were upset to find out that a child would have to pay a drop-in fee at the gym, even during off hours, which triggered talks on whether amenities should be run to serve homeowners or to turn a profit – or whether there was some gray area.

"Neighborhood kids can't take a basketball in and shoot hoops if it's open?" Jacobs asked. "That's ridiculous. What do we have a gym for?"

Director Doug Parks noted that Resolution M-02 included some basic guidelines.

A subsection on "Overall Amenity Goals and Objectives" states, "All Association amenities shall be operated in a business-like manner. Fee-based amenities and those providing food and beverage products and services shall be budgeted separately. These amenities should be managed to cover, at a minimum, operating costs through fees and operating revenues."

Jacobs said association members paid dues, in part, for the right to use Ocean Pines amenities.

Stevens agreed.

"General assessment ought to cover some of those charges," Stevens said. "We built that building for the community ... whether or not they come over and use the building or not they still have to bear some of the responsibilities. Operational costs go with the building."

Stevens also disagreed with state-

ments by Assistant Treasurer Gene Ringsdorf, who said Ocean Pines needed to maximize profits and minimize its losses across all amenities.

"For every dollar of revenue you get in that's a profit you're reducing assessments for all 8,452 property owners," Ringsdorf said. "To the extent that you can maximize a profit because you can, then I say do it because you're benefiting everyone else."

Stevens argued that many in Ocean Pines lived on limited incomes, while others benefited from having large discretionary income.

"When you run into the stopping point of only the people with the large discretionary income can take advantage of [Ocean Pines amenities] ... then we've gotten away from, I believe, who we are," Stevens said.

Ringsdorf said the concept of maximizing profits was "what will the market bear."

"If our market has lower-income people, you take that in consideration," he said. "I've heard a lot of people discuss our amenities over the last few years, talking about let's try to break even. That's not the goal. Why have amenities then if you just want to break even?"

While he conceded recreation and parks had never exactly been a profit center, there should at least a goal of improving operations, Ringsdorf said.

"Historically, we're getting about \$0.35 of revenue for every \$1 of expense we charge," he said of the department. "For fee-based amenities ... we should try to maximize the profits or minimize the losses. And the breakeven concept is, in my opinion, not a valid concept."

Interim General Manager Brett Hill said about \$61 of the annual assessments in Ocean Pines supported programs of the recreation and parks department, including activities at the community center. The building includes a large gym and at least three

meeting spaces available to community groups. Monthly board of directors meetings and work sessions are held in the Assateague Room in that building, for instance.

Recreation and parks use the gym for both organized team sports and regular drop-in periods. Other community groups can also schedule activities in the gym.

But, that can occasionally be difficult to balance. Hill said pickleball, for instance, accounts for less than one percent of the membership of Ocean Pines, but occupies more than 20 percent of the available time in the gym.

Pickleball members pay a \$150 annual fee to use facilities in both the community center and the Manklin Sports Complex.

"You're talking about the poor people ... they're carrying a burden of subsidizing an amenity and the amenity membership is an extremely small fraction of the community," Hill said. "That gym could be utilized for other programs that are generating revenue, or that membership base needs to be paying for the use of the facility to compensate for the lack of revenue elsewhere."

Stevens said there was certainly a question of fairness, with some groups paying a small amount on an annual basis for a large percentage of facility usage, while others have to pay a cost per-use.

"I think the community center is there for the community," Jacobs said. "That's why we built it. That's why we have that facility. Of course we want to try to cover our expenses, but ... we are a nonprofit, and so we're not obligated to make money. But, it would be great if we would cover our expenses."

She added that more data on usage of the facility was likely needed, including the fee structure of various activities there, as well as fees paid by homeowners and residents, versus those paid by nonresidents.

Gas main leak on **Bay Street**

By Brian Gilliland

Associate Editor

(Feb. 9, 2017) The Snow Hill Volunteer Fire Company responded to Bay Street on Wednesday, Feb. 1 because of an apparent gas leak.

Trey Heiser, fire chief, said his company responded to the scene in the early afternoon and found a resident had struck the two-inch line while digging.

No injuries were reported, the road was closed for about an hour and a half and adjacent houses showed no evidence of gas contamination, he said.

Annual school show, contest

(Feb. 9, 2017) During the month of February, the Worcester County Arts Council will present an exhibit featuring entries submitted by local high school students for the annual art competition sponsored by the Berlin/Ocean City Optimist Club.

The exhibit includes a total of 33 paintings and drawings and is on display at the Wor. County Arts Council gallery located at 6 Jefferson Street in Berlin.

The goal of this competition is to encourage, recognize and honor artistic expression of talented art students in Worcester County as well as to emphasize the importance and support of quality art programs.

The competition offers a total of \$1,400 in cash prizes to the student artists. Selection of paintings and drawings entered for this contest was judged by award winning local artist and art educator, David Simpson.

Monetary awards and ribbons for the first, second and third place as well as honorable mention will be presented to students on Friday, Feb. 10 at 6 p.m. during a reception, which is open to the public, at the Worcester County Arts Council gallery.





Anniversary committee liaison swap

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Feb. 9, 2017) Less than a week after activities of Ocean Pines' 50th Anniversary Committee appeared to have been put on pause, planning has apparently resumed.

The semi-centennial group had asked for public support of its endeavors during a meeting on Jan. 28, but a related motion was shelved in order to adjust some of the language.

Director Slobodan Trendic said his recent removal as liaison was not voluntary, but it was Board President Tom Herrick's decision, and he would have been happy to continue to serve on the committee.

Director Cheryl Jacobs, at the request of Herrick, has taken over as liaison to that committee. Jacobs said she drafted an amended motion that

Director Doug Parks will introduce during a public meeting later this month.

She said on Monday she has yet to meet with the committee, but on Feb. 3 Ocean Pines put out a press release about the activities of the panel.

"The Ocean Pines Association is thrilled to announce its contribution to the planning of the 50th Anniversary Celebration for the community of Ocean Pines," the release stated. "The board of directors has approved an allotment of \$20,000 for the planning of a series of celebratory events that are set for the year of 2018. In honor of its 50th Anniversary, the Ocean Pines Association will host a Sign Ceremony, Kick-Off Party, Golf Tournament, 50th Anniversary Parade, 5K Run, Family Fun Day, 50th Anniversary Time Capsule Event,

Historical Society Update Event, Miniature Golf Tournament and Winter Ball.

"The Marketing and Public Relations Department will work closely with a resident-run committee, the 50th Anniversary Committee, to set the stage for the celebration. Director Denise Sawyer and her team will publish a commemorative newsletter that will look back through some of the major milestones in the community's development from its formative years through today. The official Ocean Pines logo will feature a 50th Anniversary Celebration seal. Merchandise with the anniversary seal will also go on sale in 2018.

"It's the largest birthday celebration in 2018, and the wonderful residents and guests of Ocean Pines are all invited."

Pilot program at Worcester schools to combat opiates

By Katie Tabeling

Staff Writer

(Feb. 9, 2017) Worcester County schools announced the addition of a new anti-heroin pilot program for eighth-graders at Stephen Decatur Middle School, a move designed to combat a nationwide increase in illegal drug use and overdoses.

The opioid lesson plan is one small piece in a larger plan to bridge the gap in health education between middle and high schools, according to district Coordinator of Instruction Tamara Mills.

"The specific unit on heroin came about because of [the] opioid epidemic we are seeing across the country, our state and our county," Mills said. "If we can change and improve children's behaviors early on, we can all hopefully reap the benefits of that in future generations."

This year, the middle school has partnered with Atlantic General Hospital to continue the health-literacy program that educates students on making healthy lifestyle choices. The program started in 2013 in Ocean City Elementary, and then expanded to lower grade levels.

Decatur seventh and eighthgraders are currently trying out the program, which should rollout to other middle schools in fall 2018.

State law requires a health-education component in every year of a child's education, from Pre-kindergarten to ninth grade. Mills said Worcester students would have health lessons blended with reading, math, science or social studies classes, from first grade through eighth grade. An example of such lessons could have students calculate proper medication dosages depending on their weight in math classes.

All students receive health education in tandem with gym classes before they enter high school. The health curriculum also adjusts depending on the school or grade level, Mills said.

"Pre-K, second, fourth and sixthgrade students participate in D.A.R.E.," she said, referencing the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program. The district's program is run through the Worcester County Sheriff's Office and is directed by Cpl. Matt Crisafulli. "[It teaches] students decision-making, making for safe and healthy living. Berlin Intermediate is also fortunate enough to have a certified health teacher for grades four through six."

Once students reach middle school, the lessons become more focused on practical application. Classes at this stage were called "Family and Consumer Sciences," which partially discuss the repercussions of drug use as well as other topics. That course has recently See MORE Page 17

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More community support needed in drug-education

Continued from Page 16 switched focus toward practical uses.

"Due to an increase of adolescents engaging in risky behaviors across the country, as well as locally, we have transformed our Family and Consumer Sciences classes into HealthFACS. This course is a hybrid of [Family and Consumer Sciences] curriculum and valuable health lessons [in] social and emotional development, substance abuse and nutrition," Mills said.

Reaching high school, ninth graders receive a comprehensive health program that tackles substance abuse and other topics including family life, mental growth and injury prevention. The high school program also includes health skills activities, where students can apply their knowledge with real-world applications.

Outside the classroom, district officials like Dr. Aaron Dale also participate in larger dialogues on heroin through the State's Attorney's opioid task force. Dale, the supervisor of student services, said one of his goals is to include any stakeholders in prevention tactics.

"Worcester Warriors [an anti-opiate group] meets at Stephen Decatur High School, Daniel Freeman [Stand Fast Recovery organizer] has spoken to our nurses. One thing we are doing is hosting speakers at the high schools. It's much more effective because students react differently to the information," he said.

Dale said one of the challenges of addressing drug prevention from an education standpoint is staying on top of up-to-date information.

"We're constantly updating our curriculum. It's a living document with state and federal laws and taking feedback from students and teachers."

From a teaching standpoint, Mills said that the current economic climate has hindered health-education overall. The district would ideally hire four additional health teachers, but that is not feasible under existing budgetary constraints.

While public support for drug prevention programs has had a direct impact in schools – as evidenced by the eighth-grade heroin lesson plan – the entire community needs to rally around its youth. Mills said.

"When speaking to Worcester County law enforcement officials about heroin issues, it was noted that none of the overdoses or deaths in recent years has included a school-age youth," she said. "While we will continue to educate our students in the most comprehensive way and continue to implement preventative health education, we as a community need to look at what is occurring after a student graduates high school."

Overnight with otters this weekend

By Brian Gilliland

Associate Editor

(Feb. 9, 2017) The Delmarva Discovery Center is featuring another otter-themed event this weekend, as it invites area children to come party for a while with Mac and Tuck, or spend the night at the museum to continue the otter event into Sunday.

Tickets are still available. The price for members to attend the sleepover is \$25 per child plus \$10 each for additional siblings, and \$35 per child plus \$10 each for additional siblings for nonmembers.

Children or parents of children who do not intend to spend the night can still attend the Friday festivities for a charge of \$8, plus \$5 for additional siblings for members and \$12 plus \$5 for additional siblings for nonmembers.

Sleepover guests should bring a sleeping bag, pillow, pajamas, toothbrush and toothpaste.

The party begins at 6 p.m. Friday night with puzzles, word searches and coloring for about 30 minutes until the pizza party starts. Following dinner, the children will decorate cupcakes and write Valentines for Mac and Tuck.

They will also cut out hearts from specially made otter treats, composed of gelatin and fish parts, to feed Mac and Tuck. Hearts made of ice will also be floated the otters' way.

After watching the otters play and eat their gifts, the center will offer an enrichment seminar to discuss how the handlers show Mac and Tuck affection. The evening will finish for those not spending the night with some party games until 9 p.m. For those staying over, the games continue until about 10 p.m. when the movie "Frozen" is featured.

After the movie it's lights out until the next morning when breakfast is served in front of the otter aquarium, when the otters will also be fed. Pickup is at 8 a.m.

The center can accommodate dietary restrictions with adequate notice. At least two staff members will be present at all times, Jordan Messick, education and programming coordinator said. Staff is trained in first aid.

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Er on side of inclusion

If local governments and community associations were marching bands, they would be moving to the beat of conun-

A bad pun that may be, but it is a good way to describe how small government operations find themselves in an endless struggle to keep assessments at a politically acceptable level, while also ensuring that services and amenities are available to as many people as possible.

In Ocean Pines this week, the discussion addressed a fundamental issue of this budget-balancing act: should amenities such as the gym aim to make a profit or strive only to break even?

Reasonable arguments can be made to support either approach. Making a profit could, depending on the budgetary bent of the leadership, be applied against assessments, thus benefitting all property owners whether or not they use the facility.

Conversely, a break-even approach would help to ensure that user fees for that amenity are within the financial reach of as many people as possible.

It's more of a philosophical debate than it is a financial one, as it hinges on the question of why the gym and similar facilities exist and whether they are supposed to be profit centers or public services that make living in Ocean Pines attractive.

Board of Directors members Dave Stevens and Cheryl Jacobs seem to subscribe to the latter approach and we agree. This and other amenities were created as value-added benefits of Ocean Pines living and should be operated on that

Attempting to generate profits, on the other hand, would make such facilities more exclusive, when that was never the community's original intention.

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Letters

Another successful event held for vets

Editor.

Star Charities wishes to thank the community and our generous sponsors for participating in our annual "Beef & Beer," an event that raises funds for wounded veterans.

It was held Friday, Jan. 27 at the Ocean Pines Community Center.

We are proud to be able to donate \$6,000 to the **Warrior Canine Connection** in Brookville, Maryland. **Warrior Canine Connection** enlists service members and veterans with combat stress in the critical mission of training service dogs for fellow wounded warriors.

Anna Foultz President Star Charities

Not in favor of proposed pergola

After hearing about the proposed plans to put a pergola or permanent structure on the water side of the patio at the yacht club facility [in Ocean Pines], I would ask the board of directors to really consider the consequences of this addition before making a decision.

My first concern is moving the band from the current location to one that will be facing the entire back of the yacht club building. When choosing to have dinner outside on the evenings a band is playing, the only location that provides a place where a conversation with your dinner guests is possible is to sit under the

The sound is partially blocked by the portion of the building where the bar extends toward the water. so you can have a conversation and still hear the music. By moving the band to the proposed location, facing the entire rear of the building, that will not be possible.

One of the reasons given for the move is to lessen the noise complaints from the condos across from the marina. Since the band will now have its back to those condos, the noise will be directed away from those buildings.

That sounds good, but I wonder how much of the noise is going to bounce

back off the yacht club building, causing the same problem? Will it really be any less than the current location? And how much louder is it going to be for those trying to have a conversation while eating?

My second concern is placing a permanent structure along the water, which will, at least partially, block the view from the yacht club building. If the board of directors decides to move the band to the proposed location, why do we need to spend \$18,000, or any amount, on a permanent structure? The portable tent has worked well when needed and can be stored out of sight when it is not.

As has been noted, the conduit is in place to run whatever electrical wires are needed, and an unobtrusive outlet box could be installed along the wall. There may have been a number of mistakes made while designing the yacht club facility, but turning the building to maximize the view was not one of them. Why would we want to spoil the best part?

> Gary Miller Ocean Pines

Worcester Tech H.S. seniors present capstone projects

By Kara Hallissey

Staff Writer

(Feb. 9, 2017) A toothbrush with dental floss attached, porta-potty covers and an apparatus to clean wine glasses efficiently were just some of the 10 capstone projects presented to six industry and community partners on Tuesday morning by senior preengineering students at Worcester Technical High School in Newark.

"The biggest achievement obstacle in our classrooms is making classroom work embody substantive intellectual engagement based on genuine connections between the material students discover in class and its relation to the real world," said Valerie Zienty, a pre-engineering teacher at Worcester Technical High School. "Having a capstone course helps my students prepare for future college classes and teaches them how to develop partnerships and relationships with professionals.'

Ten teams of two or three students were given the task of developing a solution to a real-world problem by designing and creating a product.

After identifying the problem, teams administered surveys to determine a need and researched other products already on the market that are similar.

in mind, students then began developing and creating their products by using a design concept before testing the finished projects' reliability.

"I thought that presentations went great," Zienty said. "My students were well prepared and had powerful presentations.

"Of course, as an educator, I always see little things I would've liked them to improve, but after hearing positive feedback from the panel of judges, I was very proud of my 'all-grown-up' kids," she added.

The following were projects introduced:

Nagty

Harrigan and Parker Gavin Williams presented an alerting device to help track global positioning systems (GPS) that may become lost or accidentally dropped in the field.

The product was inspired by foresters who are constantly climbing hills and trees to perform their jobs.

Harrigan and Williams presented Nagty in a number of sizes. It consists of a battery, adjustable pressure-sensitive light switch, noise maker and strap.

Hygenius

Alison Snead, Allie Burton and Elizabeth Janson created Hygenius, a toothbrush with dental floss dis-



Devon Hayes and Imani Hasell show the judges and audience how their product, I & D Covers, helps eliminating the porta-potty smell last Tuesday during their capstone project presentation at Worcester Technical High School.

Hygenius was created because gingivitis affects 50 percent of Americans, yet is preventable by flossing daily. Also, people claim they are more likely to floss if it's attached to their toothbrush.

The product is designed to hold 50 yards of floss, which should take about three months to use and is also when dentists recommend replacing toothbrushes.

MUC Toolbox

While researching for a problem, Ryan Sauer, Holly Adelhardt and Jacob Eash noticed mechanics were constantly having the same work-related injuries when getting up to get a

different tool, which is when the concept for MUC Toolbox came to fruition.

They designed a flat tray on wheels with different compartments that can easily be stored when not in use and holds up to 200 pounds.

Cupperware

Tyler Birch, Alec Beckelman and John Revel noticed many drivers had issues with the interior of their vehicles and the most common complaint was inadequate cup holders.

To eliminate drinks being spilled because the cup holder is not the right size, students created two connecting

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Pines resident to judge Westminster

By Kara Hallissey

Staff Writer

(Feb. 9, 2017) Ocean Pines resident Mary Ann Alston will participate in her third judging assignment at the 141st annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in New York City, Feb. 13-14.

"It is truly an honor to be invited to judge the Westminster Dog Show," Alston said. "Judges are chosen for their knowledge in the respective breeds. I have judged there twice before in 1999 and 2006. Both times I judged sporting breeds. In 1999, I judged the finals in the junior showmanship competition."

On Monday, Feb. 13, Alston will be judging some of the hound breeds and a preliminary junior showmanship class with 22 participants.

"Out of 22, I must choose two participants who will go on to the finals," Alston said. "There are four preliminary classes with two being judged on Monday and the other two on Tuesday. I will also be judging one of the preliminary classes on Tuesday."

Eight junior showmanship participants will compete in the final with



Mary Ann Alston

the top four being awarded scholarships, according to their placements.

"Junior showmanship is really important because we are trying to bring up kids who will stay in-

terested in the sport for years to come," Alston said. "Kids come from all over the country and they had to qualify to be invited to the show."

On Tuesday, Feb. 14, Alston will judge five sporting breeds with 27 champions taking part in the English springer spaniel competition.

"The judging for each individual breed is completed during the day and then breeds compete in their respective group in the evening," Alston said. "The judge for each group must decide which dog represents its breed the best. The group judge makes four placements and the winner of each group goes on to compete for the ultimate prize, which is Best in Show, taking place on Tuesday evening around 10:30 p.m."

Alston is licensed to judge the sporting, hound, working and Best

in Show groups and exhibited her first dog as a teenager during the 1950s.

"My father was presenting a gun dog exhibition at a local show in northern New Jersey and I showed my boxer," Alston said. "The first dog I showed to its championship was my English setter in the early 60's. I loved the competition and the bond you form with your dog."

After marrying her husband in 1970, the Alston's moved to Pasadena, Maryland, and bought a kennel.

"My husband had much more experience in showing dogs and he wanted to start a handling and boarding business, which we did," Alston said. "We were very successful showing many top winning animals for our clients."

Top winners included English setters, Irish setters, Gordon setters and English cocker spaniels.

Alston worked for the American Kennel Club for five years where she developed the registered handler program before being promoted to the director of judging operations. She retired in July 2005.

Students show off projects to local industry partners

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parts with a drain, which allows for excess liquid to be dumped out later on

The waterproof contraption was able to hold mugs, a coffee cup and Gatorade bottles efficiently without blocking the second cup holder.

El Cleano Vino

After finding out dirty glassware was the top restaurant turnoff, Megan McConnell, Ethan Call and Garrett Tinus decided to create the El Cleano Vino, which has adjustable electronic spinners resembling pipe cleaners.

All three students have worked in the restaurant industry and noted cleaning wine glasses during the dinner rush can be time consuming.

Benchfort

Wyatt Davy, Emma Leo and Ian Waggoner created Benchfort to eliminate wet and cold public benches.

Hollow tubes were used to make the bench and a retractable canvas cover protects it from the elements.

Codex Cradle

Erin Mowbray, Andrew Hoffman and Egor Reznikov noticed a couple problems with textbooks taking up too much space or closing when trying to do homework.

They created a stand for angled reading with a wooden base and rotatable clamps that attach to the pages. Codex Cradle is also collapsible, portable and compact.

Double-Take

While playing sports and drinking multiple liquids each day, Natalie Turner, Noah Shockley and Lindsay Kremer realized the need for a water bottle that can hold two different fluids at the same time.

The group created a product with a double lid and rubber partition in between the two liquids to prevent spills or mixing. Double-Take is insulated, dishwasher and microwave safe.

The product allows people to drink two different 15-ounce liquids out of the same bottle.

The End Bottle

Joshua Schmucki and Courtnee Logan created the End Bottle because one-third of customers throw away the last bit of product in a bottle, which wastes money and affects the environment negatively.

The key to the End Bottle was geometry and discovering a dome shape is the best for funneling products.

The End Bottle was able to funnel out 45 percent more product than a spray bottle sold in stores.

I & D Covers

Eliminating the porta-potty smell, seeing waste and being worried about germs and diseases were the inspirations for Imani Hasell's and Devon Hayes' product.

A circuit board running on batteries programs the motor and sensors, which opens two flaps when a person sits down and closes once they get up.

OPA Briefs

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Feb. 9, 2017) The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors discussed the following items during a public meeting on Jan. 28 in the community center.

Late agenda additions

One item, approval of seed money for the 50th Anniversary Committee, was removed from the agenda because the board approved that funding during a budget meeting the day before

Another, a motion to study the addition of two platform tennis courts, was added under new business. Later in the meeting, the board voted 7-0 to approve \$15,000 in funding for that engineering study.

Mumford's activities

Interim General Manager Brett Hill said Mumford's Landing, the new name for the yacht club, had recently hired a floor manager and 14 new service staff. Additionally, new furniture had been delivered and a new point of sale system was installed.

Hill said a Super Bowl party was planned there, with a new 4K TV and 11 other flat-screen televisions broadcasting the game, and that a grand reopening of the facility, following interior renovations and a rebranding that included the name change, would be held from Feb. 8 to Feb. 12.

Mumford's additions

A 7-0 vote approved an additional

\$20,000 for "Mumford's Landing purchases."

Hill said \$10,500, taken from replacement reserves, would pay for a new bar top on the first floor. The remaining funds, \$9,500 in new capital, would go towards heat and heat lamps on the second floor.

Project updates

Hill said the new White Horse Park bathrooms were nearly completed, about 95 percent done, and that the project would come in under the \$144,000 budget.

He said the conversion of Huntington Park sports fields, from baseball and softball to soccer and lacrosse, were about 85 percent finished and also projected to finish below budget estimates.

The Clubhouse Drive Bridge was about 75 percent done and the Ocean Parkway Bridge was 25 percent finished, according to Hill.

At the beach club, Hill said a contract to renovate the bathrooms there was awarded to Willow Construction, and that work was scheduled to start this week after a preconstruction meeting on Tuesday.

Other renovations at the country club should start soon. Hill gave a sixweek estimate on work and said the target date for completion was mid-March

Playground

The board voted 5-0 to award a \$212,577.84 contract, plus a 10-percent contingency, to River Valley Recreation for construction of a new

playground at the Manklin Meadows Recreation Center.

The company was the recommendation of the recreation and parks advisory committee, although Facilities Manager Jerry Aveta apparently favored another bidder.

Two directors, Slobodan Trendic and Vice President Dave Stevens, abstained from the vote.

Verizon

Although it was not on the agenda, the board voted 6-0 to approve a \$23,030.76 change order for relocation of Verizon lines related to bridge repairs.

Hill recused himself from the vote, citing a potential conflict of interest. He is the president of another tech company, FTS Fiber.

Board President Tom Herrick said Verizon was asked to pay for the work, but that legal counsel had advised the association would be responsible for the cost.

CPI violations

Two compliance, permit and inspections (CPI) violations, on 91 Bramblewood Drive and 20 Seagrave Lane, were found in continuing violation and sent to legal counsel for further action.

Racquet committee

With no discussion, the directors voted 7-0 to repeal resolution C-14, which had established the racquet sports advisory committee. The mo-

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OPA Briefs

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The three individual racquet sports in Ocean Pines, tennis, platform tennis and pickleball, each have a separate board that will now report to the directors directly.

Search committee

Director Cheryl Jacobs introduced a first reading to amend resolution M-09, stating that no board liaison shall be appointed to the search committee

The committee annually recruits candidates to run for the board of directors. Jacobs, an attorney, asserted that a potential conflict of interest could occur if a director who was appointed to the committee was also running for reelection.

The vote was 6-0, with Herrick abstaining.

Appointments

In a single motion, the board voted unanimously, 7-0, to approve three appointments to Ocean Pines advisory committees.

Kenneth Wolf was selected for a third term to serve on the environment and natural assets committee. T.J. Carter will join the communications committee and Tim Mullin will chair the marine activities commit-



'Behind the Scenes' at Assateague

(Feb. 9, 2017) Assateague Island Alliance, the Friends Group of Assateague Island National Seashore, will host a new program, "Behind the Scenes: Science of the National Seashore," on Saturday, Feb. 11.

Meet at 10:30 a.m. for refreshments prior to the program, which will begin at 11a.m.

Kelly Taylor, ASIS Interpretation and Education supervisor, will take participants on a journey behind the scenes to discover what National Seashore resource management staff are up to and how the research and projects are essential to the island. Taylor will cover everything from aquatics, vegetation and plover management, physical science monitoring and horse management.

"The science that our staff conducts on the island help us understand how to protect the park and its resources for the future, but they are also some of the most difficult programs to find funding for," said Park Superintendent Deborah Darden. "AIA is able to provide funding for some of these projects, which is one of the reasons our partnership is so valuable."

The program will be held in the Assateague Island Environmental Education Center, located at 7206 National Seashore Lane, Berlin, Maryland 21811.

The Assateague Island Alliance (AIA), a 501(c)3 organization, is the Friends Group to benefit Assateague Island National Seashore. AIA financially supports educational, interpretive, scientific and recreational programs. All funds raised by AIA are for the direct benefit of Assateague Island National Seashore. Donations are tax-deductible

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- 1 16-ounce container 6 Material commonly
- used during cathedral construction
- 14 Primitive timer
- 19 Pinnacles
- 20 Sidney Poitier's 1980 64 Overcome a certain autobiography
- 21 Moretz of "Carrie"
- 22 Performs, biblically
- 23 When soap operas first flourished 24 They're measured by
- pluviometers
- 25 Geneticist's study 26 Rage
- 28 Sheena who sang "U
- Got the Look" with
- 29 "No worries"
- 30 It helps you achieve balance
- 33 Highlighter shades
- 34 %: Abbr.
- 35 Reply to "No offense"
- 37 Aid after a computer crash, say
- 40 Get
- 41 Mark
- 44 Mosaic pieces
- 46 Question after a photo 87 Pub vessel finish
- 47 "How's it hangin'?"
- 48 Click "Going" on a Facebook event, e.g.
- 49 2013 best seller by Sheryl Sandberg
- Online subscriptions Today's puzzle and more than 4,000 past puzzles, times.com/crosswords (\$39.95 a year).

- 53 Pennsylvania vacation locale, with 106 Scrape (out)
- 56 Pokey's pal on TV
- 57 Spanish she-bear
- 60 Running a bit behind
- 61 Part of a stock exchange?
- career barrier ... or what the answers to the starred clues qo5
- 68 Heavy weight
- 69 "Same with me"
- 70 Move hastily 71 Also-ran in 2000
- 72 Gray squirrel, in slang
- 74 Send elsewhere for the night, as a roommate, in modern lingo
- 75 Easy-to-carry telescope
- 79 Cubs' home
- 80 Less safe for a plane landing, in a way
- 84 Change from blackand-white
- 86 Classical musician with a Presidential Medal of Freedom
- 91 Permeates
- 92 Behind
- 94 Fix, as an election
- 95 Cab destination?
- 100 Geometric toy whose sides change depending on how it's folded
- 101 Drop a bit
- 103 Arthurian princess

- 105 Poetic preposition
- 107 Go online
- 108 Remove fat from, as a soup
 - 110 Caramel candies from Hershey

 - 112 Opposite of standing
 - 113 Getting ready to swing
 - 114 Lake catch
 - 115 White who is the oldest person ever to host "S.N.L."
 - 116 Participate in deciding
 - 117 Took care of

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- 1 Superfluous part of an essay
- 2 *One who 64-Acrossed for Supreme Court justices ...
- 3 Emphatic refusal
- 4 After deductions
- 5 Gift-shop item
- 6 Hurriedly showed oneself out?
- 7 "J to L-O!" (Jennifer Lopez album)
- 8 *... for astronauts
- 9 Like over four billion people
- 10 "Victory is yours"
- 11 Mexican president Enrique Peña _
- 12 Zac of "Neighbors" 13 Professors answer to
- them 14 Reading material for a Hollywood agent

- 17 Texting while driving,
- 18 Anchor's place

- 32 Guido who painted "Massacre of the Innocents"

- 42 What boats shouldn't
- 44 Best Foreign Film of 2005, set in South
- 45 Kennedy who was
- 46 Aid for the handy,

- 55 Hit record?
- 58 Pacific
- skirt 62 Hillary Clinton in 1969 or Bill Clinton
- 63 Monster

- 15 *... for British prime
- 16 Most-wanted invitees
- 27 Enter, as data

- 36 Today
- ${f 38}$ Loo, for short
- _ Gay (W.W. II
- the mother of Maria
- 50 Alternative to a
- 54 Bills, e.g.
- 57 "Yi-i-ikes!"
- 59 Ending with teen
- in 1970

- ministers
- e.g.
- 31 Cousin of "OMG!"

- 37 "Hmm, guess so"
- 39 __ rally
- do
- plane)
- Shriver
- 49 Letters of "pride"
- 51 Emphatic agreement 52 Org. with a travel

- 61 Certain conservative

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- informally
- pound
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- 74 Two-
- **65** Fictional spacecraft created by the Time Lords

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73 Overly

66 Like lettuce 67 West Coast air hub

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- car) ___-fi 76 Yapping dog, for
- 77 *... for secretaries of state
- 78 "Don't be so dumb!" 81 Rip off, informally

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- 82 Clown (around) 83 [Yawn]
- 85 Rule by governing board 87 Altar constellation
- 89 Ranger's station
- 90 Che Guevara's real first name
 - 93 Puts forward, as effort
 - 95 Factor in area calculation
 - little silhouetto of a man" (Queen lyric)
- 88 * ... for Best Directors 97 Desert NE of the Sinai Peninsula
- 98 ... for Nobel laureates

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- **99** 1941 chart-topper "Maria _ 101 Slice for a hearty
- appetite 102 Miner's strike
- 104 Catches off base 109 Apologia pro vita
- 111 60 minuti

Cuisine

It's 'Wayne's World;' we're just living in it

I always find it fascinating how some things never change in our ever-evolving world. Our tastes seem to come and go, whether it be for a cer-



By Paul Suplee, MBA, CEC, PC-3

tain food or movie or musical genre. Many of our likes and wants are refined while others seem to regress backwards as we age, and if anyone could please tell me that there is rhyme or reason to any of it, I'd like to hear the argument, because the only two things that have remained steadfast for me over the decades are beer and beef. The music has evolved, other food and drinks have

evolved and even my pastimes have changed.

What happens in our adult life that precipitates a change in attitude towards movies and music to which we were never drawn before? I, for one, never found much humor in National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation in my younger days, and while I certainly did not despise Caddyshack, it also never made my top ten list of must-watch cinema.

In my youth I leaned more towards Monty Python dry humor with obscurity as the true measure to cinematic worthiness, but I have noticed something else as of late. The more that I recognize and salute the dysfunctionality in my family during the 80s and 90s, the more I can relate to the various Griswolds and Noonans in these standards, and I quite enjoy sitting down for an hour and a half and watching these movies even if I am a third of a century late.

Now, I've been able to quote these movies - as can most red, white and blue-blooded Americans but I can't say that I've ever sat through Christmas Vacation even one time before last season. There was just something so droll in the humor for me. Now, I guess it's time to relax and watch a movie whose purpose it is to be overly simplistic and stupid, all for the sake of slapstick comedy.

I'm pretty sure that I wrote about these movies a couple of months ago, but it bears repeating. I've seen Christmas Vacation at least six times this season alone. Caddyshack? I'm on my third showing at present, and as I keep finding glorious one-liners from Chase, Murray and Knight, I might have to make it four or five before I decide that I've had enough. Netflix streaming — thank you.

I remember when our kids asked to watch the kinds of movies that we watched when we were kids (meaning teenagers) and as I flipped through the search prompt, we ran across Wayne's World. Another one of those movies that did little to impress me when it came out, my kids shouted that they indeed wanted to suffer through what was destined to be a horrible flick, all while exacting their judgments on us.

They loved it. Hell, we loved it. I could not believe that I would find this particular movie to be so funny. Is that part of senility kicking in? Have I finally eaten out of enough aluminum pans that it's starting to have an effect on my capacity and faculties? (Please note that the use of aluminum cookware has yet to be proven as a cause of any aging disorders, and any correlation to the contrary is only suggested). I had forgotten the subtle nuances in the movie that made it clever in its incredibly not-clever manner.



No, there can be no simple answer on why we change our minds and attitudes, although I imagine that as we age, we realize that we're not here for very long, so wasting time on elitism gets a little old. So I guess I'll pour myself a beer and throw this flank steak on the grill so I can marathon a bunch of old movies tonight.

Flank Steak Yakitori

makes a full flank

1 Flank steak, cleaned and trimmed

1 cup Soy sauce

6 cloves garlic

2-1" pieces of ginger, peeled

1 cup Mirin

1 cup Sake

1/4 cup Rice vinegar

4 Scallions, charred

- 3 Tbsp. Brown sugar, to add to pan at the end for
- 1. Combine all ingredients except for the brown sugar in a bag, ensuring to mix well and to coat the flank well
 - 2. Preheat a sous vide water bath to 130F and

submerge your flank steak (in the bag with the yakitori ingredients)

- 3. Cook for 2-2 1/2 hours and remove the beef and set aside for the time being
- 4. Preheat a grill, a grill pan or a cast iron pan (the method on how you get the 'char' is up to you)
- 5. Place the liquid from the sous vide bag in a saucepan, add the brown sugar, reduce to a thin syrupy consistency and then strain. Set aside until ready to use
- 6. Spray/season your cooking surface (grill or pan) and sear the garbage out of the flank steak for only two or three minutes per side. The pan must be hot to pull this off! Make sure that you do not overcook the beef that you just cooked to a perfect doneness via the sous vide magic
- 7. Remove from the heat and allow to rest before slicing for at least ten minutes
 - 8. Slice and serve with the sauce drizzled on top
- 9. This goes great with steamed vegetables, rice pilaf, farro or myriad other grains and veggies
- Paul G. Suplee is an Associate Professor of Culinary Arts at Wor-Wic Community College. Find his ePortfolio at www.heartofakitchen.com.

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Feb. 11: Ricky & Lennon La Ricci, 7-

11 p.m.

Feb. 15: Open Mic, 8-11 p.m. Feb. 16: Chris Button & Dave Sher-

man, 7-10 p.m.

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Feb. 11: Aaron Howell Duo, 4:30-8:30 p.m.; Monkee Paw Trio, 9:30

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2-6 p.m.; DJ Jeremy T, 8 p.m.

Feb. 12: Opposite Directions, 2-6

p.m.; DJ Billy T, 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 15: Karaoke w/DJ Jeremy

Feb. 16: Opposite Directions, 9 p.m.

to 1 a.m.

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Feb. 16: Kevin Poole, 6-10 p.m.

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Ocean Pines

410-641-7501

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Feb. 10: On the Edge, 8 p.m.

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Feb. 15: Karaoke, 7 p.m.

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Feb. 10-11: Power Play

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Feb. 10: Benderz Trio, 9 p.m. to 1

Feb. 11: John McNutt Band, 5-9

p.m.; LUNASEA Full Moon Glow

Party, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; The Benderz, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Cruz, 10

p.m. to 1:50 a.m.

Feb. 16: Opposite Directions, 5-9

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66th Street, bayside

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410-723-6762

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Feb. 11: Test Kitchen, 4-8 p.m.

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67th Street and Coastal Highway, in the Holiday Inn Oceanfront

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302-703-3090

Every Tuesday: Piano Bar w/Bryan

Russo, 9 p.m.

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11070 Cathell Road, Suite 17 Pines Plaza, Ocean Pines

443-365-2576 www.whiskersbar.com

Feb. 10: Karaoke w/Donnie Berkey







Calendar

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

THU, FEB. 9

AARP CHAPTER 1917 MEETING

Ocean City Senior Center, 104 41st St., Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. Refreshments served at 9:30 a.m. The guest speaker will be from the Diakonia organization. A luncheon at BJs on the Water will follow. New members welcome. Bob Mc-Cluskey, 410-250-0980

'CONSTRUCTION ZONE'

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, 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

COASTAL HOSPICE GRIEF SUPPORT

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

TRI COUNTY GO RED FOR WOMEN

Worcester Technical High School, 6290 Worcester Highway, Newark, MD, 5 to 8 p.m. Free event for women about heart disease. Health screenings and education. Karen Bealla, pharmacist, will present "Hypertension Medication." Dr. Brandi Muscleman will present "Hormones and Heart Disease." Full dinner served. Pre-registration is required by calling or visiting the Web site. 410-632-0056 or 410-543-7028,

http://www.peninsula.org/GoRed

FRI, FEB. 10

AARP FREE TAX SERVICES

Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, All Day By appointment only. Call 410-957-0878.

SWEET AND SPICY VALENTINE'S DAY WEEKEND PACKAGE

Dunes Manor Hotel & Suites, 2800 Baltimore Ave., Ocean City, MD, All Day Featuring a special weekend stay package, Feb. 10-12, a four course gourmet dinner, salsa/bachata lessons and a dance party with music by DJ Louis of Radio Maxima 95.3FM. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Believe in Tomorrow Children's Foundation. 800-523-2888,

http://www.DunesManor.com

DELMARVA WOOL AND FIBER EXPO

Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 11



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

WPS GEOGRAPHY BEE

Seventh grader Pranay Sanwal, left, won first place in the annual Worcester Preparatory School Lower/Middle School (grades 4-8) Geography Bee on Jan. 11. Eighth grader John Arrington, center, came in second place and fifth grader Hunter Simons finished third. The eight semifinalists who advanced from the preliminary rounds, out of 63 Lower School students and 145 Middle School students were: fourth grader Danielle Carr, sixth graders Brody Bushnell and Ian Lewis, seventh grader Brooke Emeigh and eighth grader Adison Browne, along with Sanwal, Arrington and Simons.

a.m. to 5 p.m. Vendors will have many one-of-a-kind hand created products as well as the materials needed to make the products. On-going demonstrations at most booths as well as limited paid class offerings. Admission costs are \$3 for the day or \$5 for the weekend. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, http://woolandfiber.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

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Spaghetti, salad, bread, drink and dessert. Cost is \$10 for adults and free to children. Carryouts available for \$10. Second Friday fundraiser to benefit the organ fund.

'YOU OTTER BE MY VALENTINE' PARTY AND SI FEPOVER

Delmarva Discover Center & Museum, 2 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 6 p.m. The party, held from 6-9 p.m., will feature the center's River Otters, Mac & Tuck. Children will make Valentine's Day cards for Mac & Tuck, play games, decorate and eat cookies, and enjoy a pizza party. Cost for the party is \$8 for members and \$12 for non-members, with additional siblings being \$5. An optional sleepover will be held until 8 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11. The cost for the sleepover is \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members (which includes the party), with additional siblings being \$10. Pre-paid registration required. nakera@delmarvadiscoverycenter.org, 410-957-9933

SARA EVANS CONCERT

Ocean City Performing Arts Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 8 p.m. Featuring multi-platinum selling country singer and song writer, Sara Evans. Tickets cost \$55, \$49 and \$39 and can be purchased at www.ticketmaster.com or 800-551-SEAT. http://www.ocmdperformingartscenter.com

SAT, FEB. 11

DELMARVA WOOL AND FIBER EXPO

Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Vendors will have many one-of-a-kind hand created products as well as the materials needed to make the products. On-going demonstrations at most booths as well as limited paid class offerings. Admission costs are \$3 for the day or \$5 for the weekend. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, http://woolandfiber.com

BEHIND THE SCENES: SCIENCE OF THE NATIONAL SEASHORE

Assateague Island Environmental Education Center, 7206 National Seashore Lane, Berlin, MD, 10:30 a.m. Kelly Taylor, ASIS Interpretation and Education supervisor, will discuss the research and projects that are essential to Assateague Island. Taylor will cover everything from aquatics, vegetation and plover management, physical science monitoring and horse management. Refreshments begin at 10:30 a.m., presentation begins at 11 a.m. 410-629-6095, http://www.AssateagueIslandAlliance.org

WOMEN'S MARCH COMMUNITY HUDDLE

The Daily Brew Coffeehouse, 213 Snow Hill Road, Snow Hill, MD, 10:30 a.m. A peaceful local gathering of community members who will discuss and define the next steps to envision how to transform the energy of the Women's Marches into local and national action. Christina, 803-528-1309

VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER & DANCE

American Legion Post #166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD, 5 p.m. Dinner includes chicken cordon bleu, mashed potatoes, green beans almandine, roll with butter and coffee or tea. Dancing with DJ Andy. Dinner served from 5-7 p.m. Cost is \$8.50. 410-289-3166

SUN, FEB. 12

DELMARVA WOOL AND FIBER EXPO

Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Vendors will have many one-of-a-kind hand created products as well as the materials needed to make the products. On-going demonstrations at most booths as well as limited paid class offerings. Admission costs are \$3 for the day or \$5 for the weekend. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, http://woolandfiber.com

OCBP PRE-EMPLOYMENT TESTING

Maggs Gym, University of Salisbury
Campus, 1101 Camden Ave., Salisbury,
MD, 10 a.m. Applicants for the Ocean
City Beach Patrol should be prepared for
orientation and a full day of testing including a 500m swim, 400m run, simulated swimming rescues and timed
sprint races. Proper proof of age required for registration. Applicants must
be 17 years or older prior to June 26.
Candidates are strongly encouraged to
pre-register by visiting
www.ococean.com/ocbp. 410-289-7556

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 2, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 12 to 1 p.m. Group shares experi-

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ence, strength and hope to help others. Open to the community and to AGH patients. Rob, 443-783-3529

COOKING DEMONSTRATION

Hooked, 8003 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City, MD, 1 p.m. Executive Women's Golf Association members and guests are invited to attend. Sharing and demonstrating his cooking skills, Chef Christian Constantino, will be serving a poached pear salad, swordfish and braised short ribs. Judy Kight, judykight1968@gmail.com, 410-591-9201.

http://www.ewgaeasternshore.com

MON, FEB. 13

AARP FREE TAX SERVICES

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Open to walk-ins.

FREE FRIENDS & FAMILY CPR TRAINING

Avery W. Hall Educational Center Auditorium, 100 E. Carroll St., Salisbury, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. This class is for those who want to learn CPR but do not need a CPR course completion card. Idea for new parents, grandparents, babysitters and others interested in saving a life. Registration is required. 410-543-7028

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Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 3:45 p.m. Children, 6 years and older, will explore the Library's Homework Help Options by participating in a race for the answers. Practice coding and play some computer games. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

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

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

TUE, FEB. 14

SNOW HILL ROTARY CLUB MEETING

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

PLAY TIME

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, 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

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 2:30 to 4 p.m. For individuals suffering from Parkinson's. Group provides education on exercise, nutrition, coping techniques, medications and developments in treatment. Ron and Mary Leidner, 410-430-0456, http://www.DelmarvaParkinsonsAlliance.org

NAMI FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 2, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 6:30 to 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, gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org, 410-641-9725

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

WORCESTER COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 7 p.m. The group is looking for new members and auxiliary members. Grant Helvey, 410-430-7282

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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

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BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

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

HYPERTENSION CLINIC

Walgreens, 37088 W. Fenwick Boulevard, Selbyville, DE, 1 to 3 p.m. Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268

PARKINSON'S EDUCATION AND SUPPORT GROUP

Brandywine Living at Fenwick, 21111 Arrington Drive, Selbyville, DE, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. RSVP: Jeannie Elgin, 302-436-0808

OCEAN CITY/BERLIN ROTARY CLUB MEETING

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

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