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Berlin Mayor Gee Williams, left, and Gregory Purnell watched the racial progress in Berlin from opposite sides of the street.

Out-of-towners charged in Berlin vandalism case

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Feb. 12, 2015) Berlin Police charged three suspects Wednesday, two juveniles and one adult, in connection with the nighttime vandalism of more than 30 cars and three businesses in the downtown area on Jan. 25.

Ocean City resident Jordan Alexandria Denton, 18, and two Ocean Pines juveniles 16 and 18, were charged with 39 counts of malicious destruction with the damage total estimate at more than \$11,000, and one count of theft valued at less than \$100.

One of the juveniles was 17 at the time of the incident and thus was charged as a juvenile.

According to a Berlin Police Department press release issued Wednesday, the investigation revealed 36 separate victims, including the Town of Berlin, which had one vehicle, 10 electric meters and four trashcans damaged.

Three buildings and 33 additional cars were spray painted during the incident that spanned a dozen streets: Ann Court, Ann Drive, Branch Street, Buttercup Court, Harrison Ave, Henry's Mill, Littleworth Court, North Main Street, Pitts Street, Powell Circle, West Street and William Street.

Police said victim statements, citizen tips, interviews and reviews of surveillance cameras led law enforcement to the suspects.

More than half of the original 15 persons of interest were eliminated

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Examining racial progress in Berlin

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Feb. 12, 2015) Gregory Purnell and Gee Williams both grew up in Berlin, crossing paths occasionally, and watching the slow march of progress in a segregated, southern town from opposite sides of the street.

Both served in the United States Army and both left town for in-state colleges and then returned.

Williams, 66, is now the mayor of the reigning "Coolest Small Town in

America." Purnell, 65, retired as the arborist for the Town of Ocean City.

One graduated from Stephen Decatur High School in the class of '66, the other, from Worcester High School in the class of '67.

Recently, after a pair of incidents at Stephen Decatur High School and a racially offensive post on social media, outside sources began to imply that race had become an issue in Berlin.

Then, two weeks ago during a public meeting on Flower Street, Joyce

Ayers, Purnell's aunt, stood up and praised Williams for all he had done for the black community in Berlin.

It was a powerful moment not missed by Williams, who nearly fell backwards with gratitude, and a reminder that Berlin, though not perfect, should at least qualify as well adjusted, given all that has happened.

"If there were going to be racial tensions at Stephen Decatur it would have been '65, '66, '67, '68," Purnell

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Dramatic exit marks Pines budget meeting

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Feb. 12, 2015) Down two directors at the beginning of the meeting and three at the end, the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors on Saturday soldiered on during an impassioned budget session that saw one director walk out in frustration.

Still, progress was made as the board met for the first time to suggest specific changes to General Manager Bob Thompson's proposed \$10.9 million fiscal year 2016 budget.

Treasurer Jack Collins and Director Bill Cordwell were out of town during the meeting, and the remaining five directors reviewed dozens of

alterations.

"The most rationales to go down were [Vice President] Marty's [Clarke], along with some of mine and some of [Parliamentarian] Tom's [Terry]" Board President Dave Stevens said. "We're still at, I wouldn't say in impasse, but we're still considering some things."

Terry did say that the board "got a lot of things settled."

"I think we stayed focused on maintaining the capital reserves that this organization needs," he said. "I'm glad we did that. That's the essence of it as far as I'm concerned."

Vice President Marty Clarke pro-

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Pictured is one of three businesses vandalized on Jan. 25 in Berlin. Three suspects have been charged.

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Two juveniles, one adult, charged in Berlin vandalism

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following police interviews.

“We had a whole lot of people call in with different names and we had to go ahead and vet everyone one of those names,” Police Chief Arnold Downing said. “Once we get all these, ‘I think this person did it, I think this person was here,’ or whatever, then we go ahead and confirmed their alibis or where they were during the time frame in which the incident occurred.”

Downing added he was “quite certain we have everybody” involved in the incident.

No motivation is known and police said no additional information regarding the juveniles would be released to the public.

The majority of the spray paint on vehicles was removed with permanent damage, although a delivery truck parked behind Pitts Street still shows evidence of the incident. Police said all of the affected buildings have been repainted, meters replaced and trash-cans have been removed.

The investigation lasted several weeks, partly because police had difficulty contacting all the victims and collecting damage assessments.

“We couldn’t charge someone if we

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Mayor Gee Williams received high praise from black leaders in Berlin. "He'll go down in Berlin history, not just as the mayor, but as a catalyst for the culture and the Berlin experience," Gregory Purnell said.

Purnell: 'Kids ... don't know what real racism looks like'

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said. "That would have been when it would have been race and so forth. Now it's culture. Culture involves race, but it's not racism as it was.

"We were second-class then, and so you would have never even had that amount of confrontation," Purnell continued. "All the racist things would have been cross burnings."

Kids today, Purnell said, don't know what real racism looks like.

"Their racism is insignificant almost," he said. "Look at the mixing, look at everything that has happened that is commonplace, here, in this one town. We've got two black city council people. We've got black folks that own

businesses in town. We have a black police chief. That's growth.

"We have not moved passed racism; it's not perfect, but it's not an image that should even be discussed in the same sentence with Berlin," Purnell continued.

The atmosphere today is far from what it was in the 1960s, which Williams called the "most racially tense for the town."

"That was true for the entire country," he said.

Purnell described the Berlin of his youth as "textbook white and colored folks."

"I use those terms because they

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Victim statements, citizen tips, key to catching vandals

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didn't have all the victims making contact with us, because [we need] the values in determining what we're going to charge them with," Downing said.

Downing said he was pleased with the investigation and praised his personnel, who logged hundreds of hours, as well as the community response to the incident.

"Every one of the tips were a great help," Downing said. "It helped us build the case and put all of the puzzle pieces together. We checked all the videotapes from downtown that people allowed us to view, and it let us have images of where certain people were at certain times.

"All those sources were tools for us to go ahead and utilize," Downing added.

Downing urged Berlin residents to remain vigilant, and to call police at the first sign of suspicious behavior.

"We just have to continue to pay attention to our surroundings," Downing said. "We're talking about a group of people coming in and going throughout town. A lot of people didn't even look out their windows during that whole period of time.

"If you see anything suspicious go ahead and call right then and there," Downing continued. "We had quite a few people who remembered things later on who, in the end, were helpful to us, but if they had called immediately we could have probably caught them a little bit quicker, or maybe even caught them in the act."

'If you see anything suspicious go ahead and call right then and there'
Police Chief Arnold Downing

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Berlin of the 50s and 60s 'more like Berlin, Miss.'

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were white folks and we were colored folks, and colored folks had a place and white folks had a place and you dealt with it," he said. "You used to sit up on the top of the movie, and now we go up there and have a nice dinner."

Purnell recalled a "naive" moment from his youth when he was fascinated by the "colored" sign over the restrooms.

"The first time that I went in it was with the intent to see what color they were," he said.

"We grew up in a very segregated town where segregation was normal, but there was not an underlying hatred," Williams said. "There was prejudice, but there was not hate."

Berlin in the 1950s and '60s, according to Williams, was "more like Berlin, Miss. than the Berlin, Md. of today."

That deeply ingrained southern slant dated back to the Civil War era when, according to Williams, not one vote in Worcester County was cast for Abraham Lincoln during either of his two terms.

"We were a very southern community with a very deep, southern culture," he said. "You have to remember this town owes its existence to the plantation. The oldest families in this

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Gregory Purnell, 65, said although the town has not completely moved beyond racism, "it's not an image that should even be discussed in the same sentence with Berlin."

town are the African-Americans who can trace their roots back to that plantation. They are the most senior members of our community."

Purnell said he saw Williams around town while he attended Flower Street Elementary School and Worcester High School.

"He'll go down in Berlin history, not just as the mayor, but as a catalyst for the culture and the Berlin experience," Purnell said.

When he was 11 years old, Williams

landed his first job, working at his father's tavern as a cook and server for virtually the only bar in Berlin that served African-Americans.

"I got to know dozens and dozens of black members of the community of Berlin, and I served them," Williams said, "They were my customers. I waited on them, and we had a wonderful time."

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Racial progress in Berlin was ‘little by little’

it was the start of something.

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Soon, other businesses in Berlin, including Rayne’s Reef, began opening their doors to the black community as well, followed closely by transportation facilities, and finally schools in 1965.

“I was in the last class when it was illegal for African-American children to be in our class. Can you imagine that?” Williams said.

In the summer of 1965, the pervading conventional wisdom, according to Williams, was that integration would lead to massive increases in violence in the schools. As sort of a test run, the Worcester County Board of Education arranged for a basketball scrimmage between the two high schools.

“It was a Saturday morning,” Williams said. “The Stephen Decatur team dressed in the boy’s locker room and the Worcester team dressed in the girl’s locker. It couldn’t have been any other way.”

The inside of the gymnasium, Williams said, was overflowing with police.

“There must have been five for every

player,” he said. “We went out and, back then high fives hadn’t been invented, so we shook hands and said, ‘how are you doing?’ Some folks new each other by name, others just by face.

“The whole board of education was there, the sheriff, town police, Maryland State Police, everybody,” Williams continued. “They were in shock. We weren’t.”

At half-time school officials, still stunned by the casual ease of the event, pulled the players aside and asked how they all knew each other.

“We said, ‘You don’t understand, we’ve been playing together on Flower Street for years,’” Williams said. “The black kids weren’t allowed to come over here and play, but they had fields over there at the school, so we’d just get on our bicycles and go over there and play. We just didn’t tell anybody.”

By the end of the second half, the police had either dispersed or moved to the bleachers to enjoy the game.

“The board of education said, ‘I guess we’ve been worrying about the wrong thing,’ Williams said. “They knew we didn’t contrive this. How could we?”

A slow period of change continued in Berlin, with the local Lion’s club integrating a few years later.

“They had a special meeting and they told a few of the old fuddy duds that that day was over,” Williams said. “They had served in wars together, served in Korea, and they said ‘if these folks were good enough to fight for our freedom, then their kids can play on our Lion’s Club ground.’”

Then, in the early 1970s, Decatur’s fully integrated basketball team won the state championship.

“There were four Purnell’s on that team,” Purnell quipped.

“Once that line was crossed, it became commonplace in no time,” Williams said.

Little by little, people and events in Berlin began to “break down the walls.”

“Gee and I, both being in that same age group and both being able to see the different polar sides of the town, we saw generations dying out and the newer generations coming in to be where there was less tolerance for racism,” he said. “You’re too closely knitted here. You work every day with these people, you go to school every day with these people.”

Men like Joseph Purnell, who lost a bid for the Berlin council, paved the way for John Dale Smack to break the

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council color barrier in the 1970s.

Today, Elroy Brittingham and Dean Burrell are the two longest-serving members of the Berlin council.

"Once city hall is touched, everything starts to change," Purnell said.

In the 1980s, the mayor and council passed an ordinance returning Maryland Avenue to its original name, Branch Street, effectively erasing one of the town's major dividing lines.

"That, in my mind, was the beginning of Berlin changing its stripes," Purnell said. "When the law stood and said they had to change it back, that was the beginning of tensions changing, because you started to see people as a little more equal."

Less and less, the artificial lines in town became blurred. Soon, sidewalks began to creep down Flower Street for the first time.

"The first thought is always, 'well it's about time,' but the second thought is they're so thankful," Purnell said. "It says that we count, because we've always walked. We've always had less transportation, so we've always walked these roads."

"Those types of things have always made the black community feel that they were a part of this town," Purnell continued.

More recently the town responded to a fatal accident involving a white police officer and a pair of black teenagers by, rather than fighting or pointing fingers, joining to improve safety conditions.

"They represented Berlin," Williams said. "Not just East Berlin, not just downtown Berlin, it was a great sampling. They went to work and boy did they get results."

The next mark of progress, Purnell suggested, is that the story of Berlin begins to include both sides of its history. Alongside Linda Harrison, who starred in the original "Planet of the Apes," and gospel songwriting legend Charles Tindley, Purnell hopes to see the names of trailblazing doctors, judges and teachers, men and women who affected the change that continues to inch toward true equality.

Little things like the first state championship, Williams said, helped transform the culture "from being a novelty to an expectation."

"I think that's where we still are, it's just at different levels and it's becoming more and more commonplace to look at each other as people," Williams said. "We still have a ways to go, but the fact of your racial or your national origin in this town and in many parts of America is less important than it used to be."

"Your heritage should always be a point of pride," Williams continued. "You should always be proud of it, but it should be a kind of pride that you share, not one that makes you feel exclusive."

Officers installed during December Pine'er meeting

(Feb. 12, 2015) During its December holiday luncheon, the Pine'er Craft Club installed officers for 2015.

The officers are: President, Sharon Puser; First Vice President, Janet Rosensteel; Second Vice President, Lois Schultz; Recording Secretary, Linda Brindley; Corresponding Secretary, Louise Lassiter; Treasurer, Jane Wolnik; Assistant Treasurer, Grace McCor-

mac; Shop Manager, Jacki Kollar; Shop Treasurer, Luz Castillo and Assistant Shop Treasurer, Barbara Stilwell.

The club will hold its next meeting on Thursday, Feb. 19 at the Ocean Pines Community Center. Refreshments will be served at 9:45 a.m. followed by a business meeting at 10 a.m. Following the meeting, the group will work on beaded bracelets. Each month a different craft or activity is planned.

The Pine'er Craft Club also operates the Pine'er Gift Shop located between the Ocean Pines Community Center and White Horse Park. The shop will re-open in March with handmade and hand-crafted items.





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OP Director Clarke will not seek third term

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posed the board drastically lower assessments by adding \$314,068 for road depreciation and \$350,000 of golf drainage, among other things, and then remove the so-called “five-year plan,” essentially cutting \$1 million from the budget.

Thompson’s projected budget sees the assessment increasing \$25 over the previous year to \$934. Under Clarke’s plan, that number drops to \$827.65.

The additions appeared to stick, but the subtraction became a sticking point.

Stevens countered by suggesting the board eliminate the five-year plan, in name, “now and forever,” and rechristen it “legacy assets.”

“I have a feeling that the five-year plan was never a five-year plan, because it was an unending plan to collect money,” he said, adding that the original purpose of the funding tool was to “play catch-up” on a number of facilities in the community that needed to be repaired or replaced.

“All of that stuff was never really defined and it kind of went as we went along,” Stevens said.

Clarke, meanwhile, balked at the suggestion, cutting Stevens off as he began to discuss a possible end date for the five-year plan.

“Can I tell you my end date?” he said. “My end date is right now. I’m announcing to the press that I’m not running [for reelection].”

“Do whatever you need to do,” Stevens said during the meeting.

“I’ll do what makes me happy and it sure isn’t doing stupid budgets,” Clarke said.

Clarke packed his things and walked out of the meeting, while the four remaining directors continued the discussion.

After the meeting Clarke said, simply, “I got sick of it.”

“It’s the same s--- over and over and over and over,” he said. “If [Director] Sharyn [O’Hare] asks a question once, she asks it 30 times. I feel like I’m in a fourth-grade class talking about sex. It’s just unbelievable.

“I was done after five hours of listening to the same crap,” Clarke continued. “Dave Stevens didn’t get it. He was wearing sunglasses. I’m not sure he didn’t have a funnel of pot on his way to the meeting. Between him and Sharyn one and one is how much?”

Clarke is unsure if he will continue his current term, which ends in August.

“I’ve done all I can do,” he said. “I called a couple of my supporters yesterday and said, ‘I can only carry the torch so go-----d far.’ We get a majority and then they turn around and then knock the torch into the dirt. I’m done.

“I just want to gouge my eyes out when I’m at these meetings,” Clarke added.

For his part, Stevens said he hoped Clarke would return.

“I think I can point out a few obvious things that would incline him to remain until the end of the term, and maybe – it’s a long time between now and August – maybe even run again,” he said.

“People say, ‘Dave, why don’t you just reduce the assessment and do what Marty says?’ but I’m still looking at those deficits,” Stevens continued. “I’m looking at what we’ve done before and I can’t erase that. I can’t build a smaller yacht club; I can’t do any of that. All I

‘I just want to gouge my eyes out when I’m at these meetings’
Vice President Marty Clarke

can do is take what we have.”

Stevens speculated that Clarke was upset that the community is “continually operating in the hole, collecting money for something that you don’t know what you’re collecting for.”

“Marty’s solution to it is not acceptable to me, so we part ways,” he said.

“My proposal, and it’s on the table, is we continue to collect [the five-year plan] through next year, and possibly somewhat into the year after that. We’ll rename it and we’ll call it ‘legacy

assets’ or something like that, because that goes back to its original purpose and, arguably, its current purpose.”

Stevens would use the funding to “exclusively” pay off the debt from the yacht club, golf drainage and road depreciation, saying it would take “no more than two years” to accomplish.

The “exact mechanics aren’t laid out,” Stevens said, adding that Terry requested additional information.

Still, the two sides appear close.

“We settled a lot of issues on Saturday, some of which with passion,” Terry said. “There’s just no need to

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Majority of OP board agrees to continue ‘five-year plan’

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have someone representing our members to do what happened. You need to win the day with the right information and the right decision and have the ability to share your vision with other folks on the board and in the community.

“Clearly the majority of the board that was there sided with Dave Stevens at this point to continue to gather the \$130 to pay down some of the columns that have debts in them,” Terry continued. “The concept of maintaining a fund for future needs has to continue to be funded at a reasonable level, and you certainly do not get rid of capital funding just to artificially keep the assessment down. That’s just too shortsighted for the community.”

The next step in the budget process, Stevens said, is to provide answers to all the questions raised during the exhaustive four-and-a-half hour meeting.

“I’m going to put out a paper on what we agreed on and what we didn’t agree on and see if I can put that together so we’ll all be looking at the same thing,” he said. “I’m reasonably convinced in my own mind that this is what we have to do to back off where we were and to normalize it and get rid of all those deficits.”

“To me the big message was were are going to stay dedicated to making sure we have the appropriate capital to remove our debts and leave in place the methods to have the money for future needs,” Terry said.

Still at odds is the issue of payroll at the yacht club, which the board could tackle as soon as this week.

The assessment figure also remains fluid, although Terry expects the final number to be in the \$930-\$950 range.

“As much as we’d like to lower the dues, like we did last year, that’s just not doable every year,” Terry said. “The reality is we have a very good deal when it comes to Ocean Pines. There are other communities nearby us who pay \$1,200 a year and don’t have anywhere near the amount of facilities and space and things that have to be taken care of and their dues are above ours.

“That doesn’t give you an excuse to raise the assessment, but I think some understanding of the scope of this community and how big it is and the budgets that we use to run this place – it’s pretty phenomenal the amount of amenities and the amount of work our staff does with the levels of support that we give them,” Terry added.



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Federal regs. threaten operations at WCDC

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Feb. 12, 2015) Worcester County Developmental Center in Newark is fighting new federal regulations that threaten to compromise the ability of the center, and similar ones statewide, to assist people with disabilities with vocational training.

While the state is developing a plan to comply with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' rule on Home and Community Based Services [CMS], the developmental center is requesting letters of support during the public comment period that ends Feb. 15.

"CMS provides approximately half of the funding for services to people with disabilities across the country," Jack Ferry, the center's executive director said in a statement. "States do not want to take any chances with this large amount of money. CMS wants people with disabilities to be more integrated into the community and so do we. However, all people with a disability are being painted with a broad stroke, which could jeopardize individual choice."

Vocational training centers, like the developmental center, are being targeted by the Department of Justice, the agency that enforces the CMS ruling.

"Even though there is no rule against vocational training centers in

either the Olmstead ruling of 1999 or the CMS final rule, the DOJ has gone after these facilities in other parts of the country because they feel these centers treat certain clients differently and pay a commensurate wage to its clients that is below the minimum wage," Ferry said.

While Ferry said the center's goal is to "help everyone work and live independently in the community" the reality is often different.

"While we have a number of clients who have gone through our employment training programs and are now working successfully in the community, there are many more that come to our facility every day who are not yet ready for community employment but take steps towards independence by performing real work that is contracted through local employers," he said. "They also learn important skills of social interaction."

The CMS proposal, Ferry said, replaces facility-based employment and training with "community-based activities such as volunteering, recreation and socialization."

"While these activities are fine for some, and should be a choice for those who wish it, we believe employment is a better path to economic and social independence while more accurately reflecting the stated goals of the DDA," he said.

"Our clients are paid for all the

work they do," Ferry continued. "Work for all of us is not only a way to provide for ourselves and our families, but it is also a way we contribute to society. Our clients understand this. They may not know exactly what the dollar amount on the check means, but they know that check means they accomplished something. They know that they contributed to society."

Belinda Gulyas, principal at the Cedar Chapel Special School and a developmental center board member, worried the federal initiative would "eliminate work for any client who would like to work as part of their program at WCDC."

"It's not that WCDC is closing, it's not that they're not going to offer services, what this federal mandate is going to do is it's going to eliminate the work option for our clients who

have the most significant disabilities," she said.

Gulyas touted the center's ability to match different tasks and different jobs to a variety of clients with different abilities and aptitudes.

"Their job might be exactly what they are able to do," she said. "They may only be able to do a certain part of the job, given their physical and their cognitive disability, so they're paid for that part of the job that they're able to do."

Gulyas said the initiative would affect all similar organizations statewide, including the Somerset County Development Center and Dove Point.

"All of these agencies are facing the same thing," she said.

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams wrote a letter, on behalf of the town council, See WOR Page 12



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Stevens pleased with fire department budget meeting

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the department made while another unit is dispatched.

Roughly one in four calls in Ocean Pines qualify as second calls.

“That portion of our responses has increased to where we’ve had to add more staff to be able to answer those calls for service,” Bounds said. “We want to make sure that, besides providing a service to the community, we’re also looking out for our people that are taking care of these responses.”

Currently the department staffs 12 full-time employees and 10 part-time employees.

Bounds said the company tries to abide by National Fire Protection Association standards, including the “two in, two out rule.”

“In order for two people to go in and fight a fire or put themselves in a dangerous position, there’s got to be two people outside that are a safety net,” he said. “That puts four people that you have to put on a scene to be able to effectively mitigate that.

“It’s a benefit to our own safety as well as to the citizen’s safety,” Bounds added.

With an average of three employees working a shift together, not counting volunteers, the department uses a minimum-staffing standard of two ALS, or paramedic-level EMS technicians, and one BLS, or basic-level technician.

The department also follows NFPA standards on efficiency, with a goal of “putting an ambulance on the scene anywhere in Ocean Pines” within four minutes.

“We put an ALS ambulance on the scene in Ocean Pines in four minutes or less in excess of 90 percent of the time,” Bounds said.

With an approximate \$24 hike in resident dues tied to the increased funding request, Director Sharyn O’Hare asked if there was any room for compromise in the budget.

“I don’t want to say there’s never room for compromise, but when I tell from what our original request was going to be to what it is now, we went

line-for-line and there is nothing here that was untouched,” Bounds said.

Bounds said the department tried to “slowly move” into the increase “so that it wasn’t such a shock to the budget.”

“This isn’t just something we just decided,” Bounds said, adding that the proposed budget dramatically slashed funding for training, down from \$19,000 during the previous year to approximately \$5,500 in the next fiscal year.

“One thing I never thought I would do is cut training.” He said. “In this budget there is the bare minimum of training left. When I say that there is no meat left on the bone, there is no meat left on the bone.”

Stevens requested additional information before making a decision.

“I’d like to take the difference between this year and last year ... and I’d like to see what the major changes are,” he said. “We don’t have anything broken down.

Parliamentarian Tom Terry, meanwhile, praised the department.

“It makes our community different,” he said. “It makes it a better place to live.”

“The one downside to that is that’s one of the reasons we need [additional staff],” Bounds said. “We want to work with you, not against you. It’s always been a hand-in-hand relationship and I hope that continues.”

“Our ultimate goal is to provide the best EMS [and] fire protection in the county for our residents,” Healy said. “I think we’re doing that.”

Following the meeting, Stevens lamented that the “excellent presentation” was not heard by the community.

“I wish more people in Ocean Pines could have heard it,” he said. “It was a quiet meeting, which is what I was hoping for, and it was one of those cases where I was pretty much able let the rest of the board take the lead and ask the questions and just sit back and listen and learn some things. I thought that part of it went very well.”

Stevens had yet to see a specific

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OP directors seek more info before budget decision

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breakdown from the department, but said he was asking and hoping for more information.
On the issue of training, Stevens said he was unsure if the board would move to increase funding.
“They have to make and decide where to go,” he said. “It’s a fact that they made a substantial request for an increase [in overall funding]. They made their case for doing it and they regretted having to cut out some other things, but that’s standard when you do a budget. You have to make choices.
“I think training is obviously important, but it also sounds like they have training fairly well in hand using in-house personnel,” Stevens added.



Budget Travel Magazine named Berlin the “Coolest Small Town” in America in 2014. This year, Chincoteague, Va. is in the running for the designation.

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Chincoteague in mix for ‘Coolest’ town designation

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Feb. 12, 2015) Nearly a year after Berlin took home the “Coolest Small Town” honors, another community not that far away is in the running for the coveted designation by Budget Travel magazine.
Chincoteague, Va., which is less than 50 miles away and is home to pony swims, seafood and a seaside culture all its own, made the online magazine’s final 15 list for 2015.
According to Budget Travel, the “incredibly beautiful island town offers a mid-Atlantic summer getaway complete with perfect beaches with trails for cycling and walking, fresh seafood ... and its legendary wild ponies.”
The magazine also touted the town’s holiday parties and home tours, and called it “an ideal locale for watching NASA rocket launches from the nearby Wallops Visitor Center.”
Evelyn Shotwell, executive director of the Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce, See PONY Page 15

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Pony penning, seafood and Wallops make Va. town ‘cool’

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said the town is “cool” for many reasons.
“Misty,” the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, our beautiful beaches on neighboring Assateague Island to the east, Wallops Flight Facility to the west, and the genuine, small town charm of Chincoteague islanders in general make us pretty cool,” Shotwell said.

With the entire town rallying to “push the voting button,” according to Shotwell, the chamber launched an aggressive social media campaign on Facebook and Twitter, along with website updates and a regular email blast.

“Local organizations like the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company, Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, the Town of Chincoteague, Christmas by the Sea and many others have been encouraging their followers to vote daily,” she said. “We are gaining on Grand Marais, Minn. and I feel we have a very good chance to win.”

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams said he was delighted to see another town on the Delmarva Peninsula in the running for the designation.

“Chincoteague, Va. is a unique resort town, and much more laid back and full of cultural tradition than most beach-type resorts,” he said. “I think the annual pony penning must surely be a one-of-a-kind event in this entire nation, and I wish them all the best and hope they do achieve that distinction and that we have an opportunity to work together to bring

more guests to the Eastern Shore.”
The annual July pony swim, or Pony Penning, has taken place for 90 years, as the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company and its “saltwater cowboys” round up the wild ponies on Assateague and lead them across Assateague Channel to Chincoteague’s carnival grounds.

The swim’s purpose is to manage the size of the pony herd by selling the season’s foals at auction.

Berlin, meanwhile, continues to receive national accolades as well. Most recently, Best Choice Reviews named the town the 17th best small town downtown in America, citing the charming nature of the community, as well as its festivals and events, including the Fiddlers Convention and bathtub races.

“To be 17 out of the top 100 I was, again, surprised and thrilled,” Williams said. “Recently we got recognition from Trip Advisor and the thing that started this, of course, was ‘America’s Coolest Small Town.’

“The thing that is most rewarding is that we haven’t been out seeking these designations – they have found Berlin,” Williams continued. “That speaks volumes for the credibility of the recognition and the just rewards for the decades of work it took to get to this level. I think the town of Berlin is continuing to move forward at a faster rate than we’re used to, but the direction has been steadily improving in the right way for a long time.”

Historic Atlantic Hotel looks for ‘most romantic’ letters

(Feb. 12, 2015) The Atlantic Hotel in Berlin is celebrating its 120th anniversary this year.

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BERLIN BRIEFS

By Josh Davis

Staff Writer

(Feb. 12, 2015) The Berlin mayor and council discussed several issues during a public meeting at town hall on Monday, Feb. 10.

Tyson Park update

The Trice Group was awarded a \$3,400 bid to appraise the former Tyson plant in Berlin, with the cost split between the town and the current property owner.

The town sent requests for qualifications and received a favorable bid from Trice. Results of the appraisal are expected by March 10.

Power assurance

In parallel votes, the mayor and council voted to authorize membership in American Municipal Power and to authorize execution of the town's 2015 power supply schedule with American Municipal Power Inc.

Membership, based on the number of megawatt hours purchased and lasting 18 months, was estimated at approximately \$10,000. The period begins on June 1.

Town Administrator Laura Allen and several department heads explored the move for more than a year. It would provide an alternative way to buy energy "to make sure we can maintain the price ranged we've been dealing with for last three-to-four years."

"Even if we have another cold winter, we will not be at the mercy of Mother Nature in terms of something that's as important as individuals and business' monthly power bills," she said.

The Ohio-based company includes more than 130 municipalities in its membership.

"Instead of having to manage the instability of the market on our own ... this will give us a much stronger position," Allen said.

Planning meetings

Allen said the first two strategic planning sessions in Berlin were successful.

Two additional meetings follow on Thursday, Feb. 12, from 6-8:30 p.m. at Buckingham Elementary School and on Saturday, Feb. 21, from 9:30 a.m. to noon in the Multi-Purpose Building on Flower Street.

Worcester Youth and Family, on 124 North Main Street, will provide free babysitting for parents during both meetings.

Parents can drop off their children at Worcester Youth and Family 30 minutes before the start of the meetings and pick them up when the meeting is over.

Stop signs ignored

At-Large Councilmember Thom Gulyas said he had received several complaints about people running stop signs, and was nearly struck by a car himself.

Police Chief Arnold Downing said motorists who violate stop sign laws are generally residents and advised witnesses to report descriptions of the vehicles and their respective offenses to police.

Special event

The mayor and council approved Saturday, April 4 as the date of Spring Celebration. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"It's called Spring Celebration, but it's Berlin's way of honoring a lot of different things, including Easter," Mayor Gee Williams said.

Royal Farms and Arby's

By passing Resolution 2014-06, the mayor and council amended Growth Area 1 into the 2010 Comprehensive Plan of the Town of Berlin.

Attorney Joe Moore, representing property owners Steve and Karen Black, said the town's planning commission previously voted to recommend the move.

"We hope to locate a Royal Farms there along with a relocated Arby's," Moore said, adding the store would take the place of the current Arby's in Berlin, while a new Arby's moved across the street.

The county permit office, Moore added, expressed no reservations over the move, and the plan could lead to the property being annexed into Berlin town limits, pending a council vote.

Moore also said he believes the Royal Farms site plan fits into imminent architectural standards under development by the planning commission.

Developers will extend water and sewer to the property under Route 50 at their expense, and will ask the town to allocate the proper number of EDUs as development continues.

Train study moves forward

The mayor and council approved \$5,000 to Worcester County Economic Development for phase two of the tourist train study, using funds from the town's economic development budget.

Williams said phase one of the study showed Berlin has "50 percent" more than the market required to support such a train.

"I think this has tremendous potential," Williams said, adding an estimate that the community could see "wheels on the track" within two-to-three years.

Sustainable Maryland

The mayor and council approved \$5,000 to the Assateague Coastal Trust, through Grow Berlin Green, to pursue recertification of the Sustainable Maryland program.

Development Director Steve Farr said initial research leads him to be confident the town will achieve recertification.

OPA directors disagree over amenity amount in Gazette

Terry claims \$2 cost for residents, Clarke says \$101, Carmine goes -\$42

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Feb. 12, 2015) Marty Clarke, vice president of the OPA Board of Directors, took exception with a quote by Parliamentarian Tom Terry in last week's *Bayside Gazette*.

In a story about the upcoming public meeting on golf, Terry said, "At the end of the day, all the amenities together, after the revenues have been generated, it's a \$2 subsidy per member."

"It's a bogus number," Clarke said. "I don't know where it comes from."

According to Clarke, who provided an audited financial page to the Gazette, the total net revenue in 2014 in Ocean Pines was a negative of \$997,492. Subtracting the cost of membership, \$139,947, the total assessment cost is \$857,545. Divided by 8,452 households, the final number is \$101.46.

"I guess [Terry] is using the old timeshare technique, they'll believe anything," Clarke said. "It's ain't two bucks, it's \$101.46. You can get the same exact number from our

auditor."

Ocean Pines Controller Art Carmine, looking at the fiscal year 2016 budget, provided a third estimate, negative \$42.

"General operations, which is admin, CPI, general maintenance, fire, public works, police and recreation, is a total of \$604," Carmine said. "Then there's amenity operations, which is racquet sports, golf, beach parking, yacht club, marinas, which is negative \$42. In other words, it's bringing in a surplus of income as opposed to expenses."

"Most of that, obviously, comes from beach parking, beach club and the marinas, which all have net profits, you could say," Carmine continued. "That more than offsets what we have in losses from aquatics, golf and the yacht club. So it comes out to a negative of \$42 which offsets the \$604 from general operations."

Adding \$351 for reserves and \$21 for new capital and the sports core loan principal, Carmine said, brings the number to the \$934 budget assessment currently being examined by the board of directors.

In an assessment summary page provided by Carmine, amenity operations were negative \$51 during the previous fiscal year.



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Husband and wife team, Kelli and Bob Beck, celebrate the 10th anniversary of their restaurant DeNovo's Trattoria this month.

DeNovo's a labor of love for owners Bob and Kelli Beck

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Feb. 12, 2015) A decade ago, husband and wife Bob and Kelli Beck moved from New Jersey to the small community of Ocean Pines, dreaming of opening a successful restaurant and raising a family.

That dream celebrates a milestone, as DeNovo's Trattoria, a staple of the community, celebrates its 10th year in business.

Bob, who began working as a dishwasher at age 15, was fresh from a successful restaurant launch that started a modest franchise in the Garden State when the couple decided to move.

“He made the owner a huge success and opened two other restaurants for him,” Kelli said. “But he was working crazy hours and I was home with two small kids. I had given up my job because his job really had no flexibility.”

Looking for a slower pace, the Becks decided to relocate to Ocean Pines, where Kelli's parents lived.

"We liked the area," she said. "It seemed very family-friendly and a nice environment to raise kids in, so we picked up and moved down here."

After spending a year and a half doing their homework and learning about the makeup and needs of the community, the Becks bought a small former sub and pizza shop on Manklin Creek Road.

"It came up for sale and we jumped on it," Kelli said. "We took what worked for them and put an Italian base on it and made it work for us."

Bob supervised the food side of the operation, while Kelli, whose only previous restaurant experience was a brief stint in college, handed the organizational operations.

"We started it small on the other side of the shopping center, just wanting to be that casual, family-friendly everyday place," Kelli said.

eatery, Kelli said the menu leans more on the “eclectic” side.

"We do all the meatballs and spaghetti and raviolis and all that, but we also do a lot of fresh fish and salads and steaks," she said. "It's really a comfort food restaurant."

The formula was an instant success.

"It was a Friday night when we first opened and I'll never forget it," Kelli said. "We kept the number of the original business and the phone started ringing and we just got so excited."

"It was a success in that it had its own little niche here," Kelli continued. "A lot of people liked that you didn't have to leave the Pines to get something, and I think it has been such a nice draw because it is so eclectic. If you bring a large group of people in here and somebody wants a full entree, somebody else wants a salad, somebody else says, 'I'm in the mood for a sub or a cheesesteak' and a couple of kids want to split a pie, there's a little something for everyone."

In 2007, DeNovo's expanded into an adjacent unit, opening a second dining room and adding a bar.


"We worried about getting through each day back then, not even about tomorrow," Bob said.

"We dreamed it would be this successful and we worked really hard 24-7," Kelli said. "If anybody thinks that it takes anything less than that, they're wrong."

Closing the restaurant on Sundays, Kelli said, gave the couple some much needed family time, a tradition that remains today.

"That was so important to us," she said. "When we first opened, I was home a lot with the kids, so I would be in and out and I would help manage and organize things, but he was here constantly. Our kids were three and four years old at the time, and to have any sense of normalcy they needed to

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Chamber ribbon cutting celebrates DeNovo's, Feb. 12

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know their dad.”

Low turnover and a “great management team” also helped the restaurant run smoothly.

“It’s very unlike most restaurants in that sense,” Kelli said. “Our people are local, they’ve been in the industry and they realize it’s not late nights and it’s consistent here. We’re a little unusual in that way, but it works for us.”

On Thursday, the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce will hold celebratory ribbon-cutting ceremony at the restaurant at 5 p.m.

“We’re very excited about that,” Kelli said. “It’s a nice milestone, and a lot of the chamber members are regular customers. We see them all the time and I think they’re excited to be able to celebrate with us too.”

Kelli said the couple has considered remodeling and opening a second location, although that’s not definite.

“We serve comfort food in a comfortable establishment and that’s kind of what we’re all about,” she said. “Eleven years ago, when I wrote a business plan, that’s exactly what we were looking to do. We’re not the place when people want something special; we’re the place they want to go to every day.”

Bob said he was grateful for the community’s continued support, from Ocean Pines residents to those from Berlin, Newark and Snow Hill.

“We love our neighborhood, we love our surroundings and we love our customers,” he said. “Without their support and without them actually wanting us to be here, we’re nonexistent. This restaurant and this community changed my life, it changed my family and it was one of the smarter moves that I’ve ever done, besides marrying my wife.

“It’s nice to be appreciated, and in return we appreciate everything that everybody else does for us,” Bob continued. “You can be whatever you want to be, but if the people don’t come in to use you, you’ve got nothing. Our customers mean a lot to us.”

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Pines Players open house, Feb. 14

(Feb. 12, 2015) The Ocean Pines Players will host an open house, social and audition opportunity at the Ocean Pines Library on Saturday, Feb. 14, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The Players will be the featured entertainment at the Berlin Heritage Festival on April 25 and they have more than 30 speaking roles available in four short plays to be performed at various times during the festival. They are also seeking individuals of all ages who would be willing to dress in period clothing, to add authenticity and flavor to the festival atmosphere. No experience is necessary.

Guests can enjoy light refreshments while listening to music from several swinging eras, view sample costumes, and chat with event coordinators, Players’ directors, and Berlin historian, Pat Diniar, about the festival and ways to participate in the entertainment. Those who wish to audition can either do it during the open house or sign up for an appointment at a later date. The Players plan to finish casting before the end of February. There will also be information and sign-up sheets for those who are not seeking speaking parts.

Each play will be about 15 minutes long and parts are not challenging, even for beginners. Most of the characters are colorful, quirky and fun to play. Although many of the characters are fictional, several real life town heroes will also be portrayed, including Isaiah Fassett, the Reverend Charles Tindley, Rozelle Handy, Jesse Hollins and Anna Burbage. Rosie the Riveter will also guest star.

The plays are set in 1920, 1942, 1959 and 1975. Flappers, hippies, greasers, Downton Abbey types, beatniks, 50’s preppies, Andrews Sisters, Lucy and Ethel, Gatsby and Zelda, fedora-wearing businessmen, spats and gaiter-types, and the crazy fashions of the psychedelic 70’s are just a sampling of the looks needed.

Children can dress up as cowboys or cowgirls, Wally and the Beav, the Father Knows Best girls and the Our Gang, among others.

Actors will have to learn lines independently and be available for at least four rehearsals and for the performances on April 25 between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

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Berlin planning meetings set for Feb. 12 and Feb. 21

(Feb. 12, 2015) The Town of Berlin has held two successful strategic plan meetings over the past two weeks and is receiving suggestions from participants regarding where the town should focus its efforts over the next three years, Mayor Gee Williams said.

"The process is going better than I had hoped. Folks are coming to the meetings prepared to plan Berlin's future," Williams said. "I'm looking forward to the final report and the discussions that follow with the council and the department directors to prepare the action plan."

"Our first meeting at the Berlin Multi-Purpose Building had over 50 attendees, which exceeded our expectations," said Town Administrator Laura Allen. "We weren't sure how many people would be willing to spend a couple hours of their time talking with their neighbors about the Town's future. Clearly the community is engaged."

The next two community meetings are scheduled as follows:

Thursday, Feb. 12, 6-8:30 p.m. at Buckingham Elementary

Saturday, Feb. 21, 9:30 a.m. to noon in the Multi-Purpose Building

"After the Thursday night meeting,

we're holding an after-hours event at the Welcome Center (14 South Main St.), so the conversation and connection can continue," Allen said.

In addition to the after-hours event, the town is working with Worcester Youth and Family to provide free babysitting for parents attending these meetings. The Berlin Youth Club will offer a movie, activity and snack for children during the meeting.

Parents can leave their children at Worcester Youth and Family (124 North Main St.) 30 minutes before the start of the strategic planning meetings.

After the community meetings, the mayor, council and key staff will wrap up the strategic planning process with the facilitator at two work sessions in Town Hall on March 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on March 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"At the end of this process, we'll have a plan that will take us through the next couple of years in detail, and through the next five to 10 years conceptually," Allen said.

"I'm inviting everyone to take the opportunity to come to the community meetings and be a part of planning the town's future. Now that we're cool, now tell us what's next," Williams said.

Ocean Pines rec presents 2nd annual CPR Marathon

(Feb. 12, 2015) The Ocean Pines Recreation Department will present its second annual CPR Marathon on Friday, Feb. 13. There will be five one-hour sessions offered at the Community Center.

The first session is at 9 a.m. and the last is at 3:15 p.m. The cost is \$5. The one-hour sessions will cover CPR basics/AED use and choking rescue techniques for adults, children and infants.

Information covered in this class is ideal for those interested in learning this life-saving technique, but do not require certification. Ocean Pines EMS staff will be teaching all sessions. This

basic class does not offer CPR certification.

Pre-registration is required, as class space is limited. Call 410-641-7052, or stop by the Ocean Pines Community Center to register. The \$5 fee for this class is due at the time of registration.

For more information or to register, call the Ocean Pines Recreation & Parks Department at 410-641-7052. Information regarding this clinic as well as additional recreational programs, can be found in the Ocean Pines Fall 2014 Activity Guide. The current guide can also be found at www.Ocean-Pines.org under the Recreation tab.

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OPINION

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‘5-year’ plan feels slushy

The Ocean Pines board should reconsider its stance on continuing the so-called 5-year funding plan until a proposal for those monies is in place and put to referendum.

The special assessment was instituted about six years ago and billed as a short-term increase that would be dissolved after that timeframe. The intent was to bolster reserves, with a number of the association’s facilities having been neglected and in-need of replacement or significant repair.

Despite protests that implementing such a plan would cause future boards to hope members had short-term memories and be continued into eternity, the board was emphatic that this would not be the case.

It was also promised in short order that a working plan for use of the added reserve funding would be put together. This was sometimes referred to as a “rack-and-stack” of expected projects. To date no real plan has been put forth and the bulk, if not the entire amount, has been used for the new Yacht Club.

Just two short years ago, we took the board to task when it approved extending the 5-year plan into a sixth in order to cover a one-time IRS penalty. Shortly after that, we received a personal visit from members of the board to protest the unfairness of that coverage.

In their view it was a smart decision, allowing them to avoid raising the regular dues and insisted it was a special one-time occurrence.

Fast-forward and exactly what was feared initially has happened. Just two years after the board insisted that the one-year extension was only due to an unusual and unordinary circumstance, it has again decided to extend the funding.

Even worse, it was suggested that the plan be renamed. One can assume that’s for no other reason than to keep the heat off future board members who will have to contend with resident ire every year they vote to keep the funding in place.

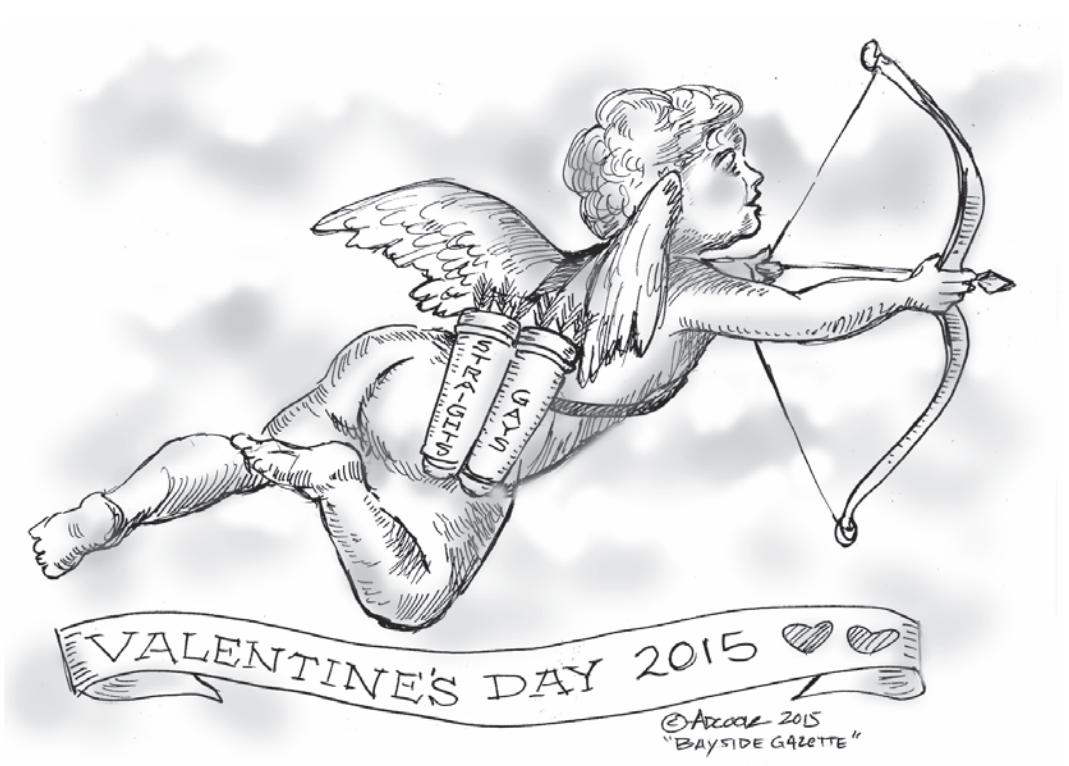
As with the Yacht Club, a plan for projected use of these funds should be established, a referendum put forth, and, if it passes, then re-institute funding. Collecting the money before this happens is simply creating a slush fund with no guarantee it won’t be used for projects that fall under the referendum radar.

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Assateague Nat’l Seashore turns 50

Two million visitors spent \$84.3 million near park in 2013

(Feb. 12, 2015) This year marks the 50th anniversary of Assateague Island National Seashore and the public is invited to celebrate.

Activities are planned each month this year. Event highlights are listed at www.nps.gov/asis for high-lights and also may be found by “liking” Assateague on Facebook at AssateagueNPS.

Assateague Island was identified in a 1934 survey by the National Park Service and Department of the Interior as one of 12 areas along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts suitable for a national seashore recreation area.

Numerous bills supporting establishment of the national seashore were introduced annually to Congress but with no action taken. In 1943, the Fish and Wildlife Service, another federal bureau interested in Assateague, and the Department of the Interior established the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge on the Virginia end of the island.

In the intervening years, most of the Maryland portion of Assateague was purchased for private development. Residential construction, road and infra-

structure development were well under way, including a failed attempt to build a bridge to the island.

On multiple occasions, Maryland proposed creation of a state park on Assateague without result. Then, in 1956, the developer donated 540 acres to Maryland in exchange for creation of a new state park and construction of a bridge. But in March 6, 1962, a powerful storm hit Assateague, washed over the island and destroyed most of the development’s roads and structures.

The infamous “Ash Wednesday” storm provided an unexpected opportunity for the Department of the Interior to acquire the remaining portion of Assateague Island as a national seashore.

Assateague Island National Seashore was officially established Sept. 21, 1965 by President Lyndon B. Johnson. Most of the Maryland district is managed by the National Park Service as Assateague Island National Seashore.

The state manages two miles of the Maryland district as Assateague State Park. The Virginia district is managed by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service as Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge. The National Park Service operates the Toms

Cove Visitor Center and a recreational beach within the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge.

Assateague Island is one of the largest and last surviving mid-Atlantic barrier islands containing intact coastal habitats where the full range of natural processes occur with little or no human interference.

The 32,000 acres of marine and estuarine waters within the seashore are a protected vestige of the high quality aquatic ecosystems that once occurred throughout the mid-Atlantic coastal region of the United States.

The seashore’s habitats support a broad array of aquatic and terrestrial species, many of which are rare, uniquely adapted to life at the edge of the sea, and dependent upon natural ecosystem processes undisturbed by humans. Amidst the highly developed Mid-Atlantic region, the seashore’s coastal resources provide unique opportunities for nature-based recreation, education, solitude and inspiration.

In 2013, the park saw 2,056,827 visitors who spent an estimated \$84.3 million in communities near the park. That spending supported 1,052 jobs in the local area, accord to the Park Service.

PLB Comics comes to 'home turf' for 2nd Friday display

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Feb. 12, 2015) A mainstay of Salisbury's monthly 3rd Friday arts event, PLB Comics is making its Berlin debut during February's 2nd Friday festivities this week.

Founding members Josh and Mathew Shockley, and James Dufendach, plan on bringing their entire line of books to the Welcome Center on 14 South Main Street, along with a series of original artwork and prints for sale, and a special behind-the-scenes look into comic book production.

Although PLB produced its first official book in 2006, brothers Josh and Matthew have collaborated on graphic novels since childhood.

Shortly after the initial launch, Dufendach came on-board as editor, writer, letter and marketing arm of the collective.

"Today we have 15 books in publication with two more in process right now," he said.

Along with "The Fall," now in its 12th printing and "Gideon and Sebastian," in its fourth printing, PLB annually produce a Halloween issue filled with graphic shorts.

The company connected with Berlin, in typical "coolest town" fashion, thanks to a close family tie.

"My father volunteers at the Welcome Center, and we've been involved with 3rd Friday [in Salisbury] and everything else for so long that we're pretty hip to the monthly art stroll," Dufendach said. "They needed an artist to show up and be there and be involved and we're good at showing up and being there and being involved.

"This is my home turf," Dufendach continued. "My parents live on Burley Street. I spent my high school career here and lived here for many years, but we just never made the connection here before."

The suggesting reading age of most PLB material, according to Dufendach, "really depends on your parents."

"It's a lot like cable after 9 p.m., and there's nothing in there that would get us fined," he said. "A lot times we'll get kids who will walk up and pick up a book and



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Mathew Shockley, left, Josh Shockley and James Dufendach from PLB Comics, will be at the Berlin Welcome Center during 2nd Friday on Feb. 13.

start to thumb through it, and of course we're all jumping on them like it's a live grenade. We're like, 'No, little Johnny – put down the book!' and then we turn to mom or dad or whoever is standing there and say, 'they're a little adult.'

"They ask us how adult and we say, 'well, violence and foul language,'" Dufendach continued. "Then they say, 'is there any open nudity,' and we say, 'no.' Nine times out of 10 they say, 'Give it to them. They play "Call of Duty" online. Go ahead and give them the book.'"

Dufendach said the company publishes to a specific audience, and is careful not to upset the masses.

"I would much rather not make \$5 and make sure that everybody is happy than make \$5 and have an angry parent and little Johnny learn his first F-word from us," he said. "It's a little bit of a point of pride, but at the same time I don't want to be responsible for that."

PLB plan on bringing the full line of books, each costing \$3, with the "massive" Halloween issues running \$4. Original prints cost \$7 each, or two for \$10, and original art is priced individually.

"I think we're up to 30 different prints right now, and we're going to have six new prints at this show that we've never had out before," Dufendach said. "We're also going to have art and production pages and other things on display. So you can actually come out and kind of

see the progression of how a comic book happens.

"It's simple to see a finished comic book and just not realize what goes into it," Dufendach continued. "We're collectively a little interested in process – I'm enamored with process – so I love to see pages in increments to see where things happen. You see pencils, then you see inks, then you see finish edits, then you see toning, then you see letters. It kind of gives you a window into the process and it's great way to see the nuts and bolts of how comic books are created."

PLB's new intern, Kelly Perna, will make her public debut during the event, and the group will offer "superhero" coloring sheets appropriate for small children.

While at the Welcome Center on Feb. 13, guests can also register to win the "Love Berlin" basket as part of the Valentine's Day "Indulge in Berlin" event, which coincides with 2nd Friday Art Stroll. More than a dozen participating shops and restaurants in Berlin will collaborate during the event that evening from 5-8 p.m., offering special sales and

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Salisbury's PLB Comics will bring all 15 of its books, along with original prints and artwork, to the Berlin Welcome Center as part of 2nd Friday on Feb. 13.

Comic ‘process’ on display, Fri.

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samples throughout the downtown area, along with coupons for area restaurants. A map of participating businesses is available at the center.

“It’s really cool to participate in an event like this,” Dufendach said. “We are very happy that the town of Berlin is welcoming us and making us a part of an event that not only focuses on local business and our local culture, but also has such a focus on the arts.”

Up next, the comic creators plan on prepping for the busy convention season.

“We’ve got the Dover Comic con sponsored by the Dover Public Library,” Dufendach said. “Middleton [Delaware] Comic con next, and it’s really shaping up to look like a nice event in their first year. Obviously we’ll be doing Baltimore Comic con, and two different ‘First State’ cons up in Delaware.”

In between events, PLB regularly hosts “creating comics” events at public libraries throughout the state.

For more information on PLB visit www.plbcomics.com or www.facebook.com/plb.comics.

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School to host events honoring local heritage

(Feb. 12, 2015) Beginning Feb. 13, and each Friday during the rest of the month, Germantown School will host events to celebrate Worcester County and Black History month.

The organization’s mission statement is to give the community an opportunity to learn, inspire, explain and research the rich history and culture of the county and the local area. Germantown School is located at 10223 Trappe Road in Berlin.

•Friday, Feb. 13, 6:30 p.m. – Dr. Clara Small, retired professor of history at Salisbury University, and author of Compass Points, will present little known facts about heritage and culture on the local level. Profiles and biographies of African Americans on the Delmarva Peninsula will be featured. Dr. Small will also be signing books.

•Friday, Feb. 20, 6:30 p.m. – Rev. David Briddell, a native son of Berlin and a retired minister and author, will speak on his recent publication about three local families in the area. He will discuss tracing our genealogy. Rev. Briddell will host a book signing as well. Also that evening, Martin Luther King will come alive when orator Gregory Purnell will deliver one of Dr. King’s famous speeches.

•Friday, Feb. 27, 6:30 p.m. – “Looking Back: A Trip Down Memory Lane.” Share in the celebration of the former teachers and students of the Flower Street, Germantown, and Sinepuxent Schools. Hear about their experiences and enjoy light refreshment, fun and fellowship.

Call Barbara Tingle Purnell at 410-641-0638 for further information on events.

Berlin natural grocer Go Organic going food co-op

(Feb. 12, 2015) Go Organic Natural Food Grocer in Berlin is converting to a food cooperative.

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The discussions will include: what is a food co-op?, what will Go Organic’s look like?, what will it take to make it happen and what are the next steps to achieve goals?

Meetings will take place at Beth Gourley’s house, 13 Vine St., Berlin Md. 21811. Date are:

- Monday, Feb. 16, 6-7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 19, 6-7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Feb. 22, 2-3:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 28 10-11:30 a.m.

Fresh fruits and beverages will be provided for the Feb. 28 gathering.

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RWWC MEETING

The Republican Women of Worcester County held its January luncheon meeting at the Lighthouse Sound Restaurant in Bishopville, Jan. 22. More than 60 people listened to Commissioner Jim Bunting talk about the challenges and opportunities that face Worcester County. He was joined by Commissioner Chip Bertino for a Q&A session. Pictured, from left, are Bunting, RWWC first vice president, Charlotte Cathell and Bertino.



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SNAKE LESSON

Lori Sullivan's first graders at Showell Elementary have been busy getting ready for the Science Fair. They have been researching snakes and discovering the differences between poisonous and non-poisonous ones. Each student also constructed their own snake model and shared their creations with their classmates. Pictured, in back row, from left, are Emma Walsh, Beckham Shaffer and Amelia Groves, and in front, Kelista Scholl, Leah Keithley, Tyler Englishmen and Colton Federighi.



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HAPPY HOUR

Platform tennis held a Thursday happy hour recently at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club. More than 45 people attended including, from left, Tony DiNicholas, John McNult, June Freeman and Scott Wheatley.



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KIWANIANS 'DAZZLED'

Joyce Landsman spoke to members of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City on Dec. 10 about her newest endeavor, her retail shop, Dazzle, located in Manklin Station at the Ocean Pines South Gate. Pictured with Landsman, center, are Programs and Speakers Chair, J. Graham Caldwell and Kiwanis Club President, Carolyn Dryzga.



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LIONESS CLUB MEETING

District Governor Joe Schanno attended the Berlin Lioness meeting on Jan. 19. Pictured with Schanno is Lioness Vice President, Elaine Anderson and President Mary Ann Moniodis. Vice District Governor Wayne Cole, Cabinet Secretary Dal Mann and Cabinet Treasurer Jeff Beever also attended.



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KIWANIS JUDGE SCIENCE FAIR

Members of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City and some of their spouses and friends on Sept. 8, evaluated 45 Science Fair projects created by Showell Elementary School students. Pictured in front row, from left, are Kiwanis Club President, Carolyn Dryzga, Candy Foreman, Dick Jacobs, Rita Landis and Jackie Todd, who currently serves as the club's liaison to the Showell Elementary School K-Kids student club, and in back, Roy Foreman, Chuck Choate, Al Levine, Jackie Choate, Showell Elementary Science Fair Coordinator and teacher MacKenzie Keyser and David Landis.

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GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNER

Fifth grader Pranay Sanwal is the 2015 winner in the Worcester Preparatory School Geography Bee. He is congratulated by Head of Lower School Celeste Bunting. Sanwal competed against all students in grades 4-8. Sanwal is the son of Drs. Pankaj and Vibha Sanwal.



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WPS BREAD SALE

Each year second grade students at Worcester Preparatory School take part in a unit that features learning science, social studies, and mathematics through baking bread. The breads—white, cinnamon and cinnamon raisin—they make are sold at their annual bread sale. Slices of bread complete with a variety of toppings and juice are sold for 25 cents each. Proceeds from the sale are donated to Atlantic General Hospital. Third grade students Hunter Simons, left, and Colin Savage, enjoy some bread.



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CANNED FOOD MONTH

The Worcester County Commissioners partner with the Maryland Food Bank (MFB) to recognize February as National Canned Food Month. Pictured on Feb. 3, from left, are Commissioners Chip Bertino, Jim Bunting and Bud Church; MFB Managing Director, Jennifer Small; Worcester County Volunteer Services Manager, Kelly Brinkley and Commissioners Joe Mitrecic, Diana Purnell and Ted Elder. County employees and the public partnered in a campaign and donated more than 1,200 pounds of food, the equivalent of nearly 1,000 meals, to the MFB in January as an early kickoff to Canned Food Month.



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TOP ENTRY

Colin Dang, a second grader at Showell Elementary School, wins first place at the Worcester County Science Fair with the project titled "Got Iron?"



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CAREER DAY

Showell Elementary School hosted its annual Career Day for third grade students on Jan. 30. Careers represented included information technology manager, emergency medical technician, orthopedic surgeon, security system tech, aquatics director, and oyster farmer. Denny Bontempo and Alysa Quinn learn about oyster farming from Ryan Murphy.



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GUEST SPEAKER

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City guest speaker during the Jan. 28 meeting was Kelly Brinkley, volunteer services manager of the Worcester County Department of Human Resources. Pictured, from left, are J. Graham Caldwell who arranges for the speakers, Brinkley and Immediate Past President, Dick Claggett.



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RELAY TOP TEAM

Tammy Simington and Connie Collins of the Atlantic Endoscopy Center Relay For Life North Worcester team, center, receive an award for being the top fundraiser last year from Relay For Life of North Worcester Chairwomen Dawn Hodge, left, and Jill Elliott, right, during the Relay For Life Kickoff at Community Church of Ocean Pines, Jan. 27. Their team raised \$15,188. The next event will be a Valentine's Day Survivor/Caregiver Social at Sisters in Berlin Friday, Feb. 13 during Berlin's 2nd Friday Art Stroll, 5-8 p.m. This year's Relay For Life will be held Friday, May 8 at Frontier Town off Route 611 in West Ocean City.

Pair of gardening seminars planned in Pines for Feb.

(Feb. 12, 2015) The Ocean Pines Recreation Department will present a pair of beginner's gardening seminars this month.

The Thursday, Feb. 12 seminar will take place, 11 a.m. to noon and the Tuesday, Feb. 17 event is scheduled from 6-7 p.m.

Seminar fee is \$15 for Ocean Pines residents and \$20 for nonresidents. Both seminars will be held in The Community Center in Ocean Pines.

Among the topics will be the importance of having good soil and how to care for transplanted additions. The seminar will cover basic information necessary to start planning a backyard oasis.

For more information or to register, call the Ocean Pines Recreation & Parks Department at 410-641-7052. Information regarding this seminar as well as additional recreational programs, can be found in the Ocean Pines Fall 2014 Activity Guide. The current guide can be found online at www.Ocean-Pines.org under the Recreation tab.

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Coastal Hospice collecting lap blankets for patients

(Feb. 12, 2015) Many hospice patients become chilled in the cold of winter, and Coastal Hospice has traditionally provided lap blankets to give them comfort and warmth. Several groups, including Loving Hands of Ocean City, regularly make and generously donate lap blankets for hospice patients. But this year, the demand is exceeding the supply on hand.

"Our patients — many of whom are bed ridden or in wheelchairs — truly appreciate the extra comfort and warmth these lap blankets provide," said Judy Hunt-Harris, volunteer services manager for Coastal Hospice. "It also makes them feel a little bit better knowing someone out there cares about them."

Most appropriate are knitted, crocheted or soft fleece lap blankets. Items must be new, and can be either handmade or purchased. The ideal size is approximately 36x42 inches.

Donations are being accepted during regular business hours at the Coastal Hospice main office at 2604 Old Ocean City Road in Salisbury or at Coastal Hospice at the Ocean at 10041 Race-track Road, Taylorville Center in Berlin.

For more information, call Judy Hunt-Harris at 410-543-2590.

Founded in 1980, Coastal Hospice is a nonprofit health care organization

Pines Chamber hosts murder mystery dinner

(Feb. 12, 2015) "For The Love of Money," a murder mystery dinner and show, will be presented on Friday, Feb. 20 at the Woodlands of Ocean Pines.

It will be performed by Get a Clue Productions and sponsored by the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce.

Tickets cost \$40 and include dinner and show. There will be prizes for the best detectives as the audience will become part of the murder investigation.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.OceanPinesChamber.org or at the Ocean Pines chamber office, 11031 Cathell Road Berlin, Md., or call 410-641-5306.



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CUISINE

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Admitted chicken junkie talks food ‘magic’

Dare I address the immaculate veal stock that we made in class on Monday and Tuesday? The stock had the viscosity of light olive oil and a flavor unrivaled by any you’ve ever had. We are no magicians, nor are we any better than anyone else; we just practice the skills that were handed down to us that we now



By Paul Suplee,
CEC PCIII

pass on to those who come after – a critical part of the chef’s code.

As I consider my options, I smell a random preparation of chili peppers and I’m immediately transported to a chain restaurant in Annapolis, Nando’s. This fine establishment of chicken, chicken and more chicken is host to its Portuguese-African specialty. Known throughout the UK and South Africa, Nando’s is finally on our shores and I can only hope that we get one down on our Shore some day soon.

As I write this, I am compelled to confess that I adore chicken. I am a chicken junkie. There is something about the stuff that makes me not care in the least about foie gras or dry-aged beef. In fact, the Peri-peri chicken has become one of my all-time favorites. The tart and spicy marinade on top of the char of the grill and the smoke of a plank all combine to make an exquisite meal, and one that is just as good – if not better – on day two.

As it goes with many international cuisines, Peri-peri (the name of a chili) chicken became a ubiquitous dish as the Portuguese settlers, merchants and slave traders melded their cooking traditions with those of the locals on the big continent. This amalgamation lent itself to a cuisine that celebrates the uniqueness of each culture while bringing them together in a magical and unified way.

Now, don’t go to Nando’s expecting a world-class meal. It is a fast-food casual dining spot in the same

genre as Chipotle or other fresh, quality-driven chains. But, it is worth stopping in and checking out, and make sure that you try the mashed peas with your peri-peri.

We ate there about six months ago, and one of my favorite parts was the self-service hot sauce table, where there was plenty of selection in sauces, from mild to melt-your-face-off hot. For me though, I have never understood the latter and quite frankly don’t care enough about badges of honor to burn out my esophagus by ingesting the insanely hot sauces. I’ll just stick with the mild and medium sauces.

But then I again catch myself having a Brian Williams moment, stretching the truth a touch to fit my mood. I like spicy food if it makes sense – an authentic Indian curry or Pad Thai. If the spice matches the flavor, and all of the flavor is not lost, then it’s a winner.

To make peri-peri chicken at home, I went to the store and picked up most everything from the produce section. And the freshness will show in the finished dish. Don’t use garlic powder; use the real deal. The freshness of the dish will pop when you serve it with rice and mashed peas. Six months later, I can still recall the smells and tastes of that fated chicken.

Another part of the recipe that is important is the cedar plank; not necessary but I like using them. Soak the planks in water for a few hours to overnight and use on top of the grill. The soaking prevents the planks from going immediately up in flames. The corners will burn a bit and the smoky flavors from the plank will only further enhance the smoke from your grill. All in all, I’d call that a match to be reckoned with.

I look forward to my next trip



through Annapolis so I can stop at Nando’s but until then, I will have to make my own. I can live with that, because as I said, I love chicken. And this marinade will make it a favorite of yours as well.

Peri-Peri Chicken

Enough for 4 people
1 3# chicken
Peri-peri marinade (recipe follows)
Cedar planks

Peri-Peri Marinade

10 ea. red chilies, medium heat
5 cloves garlic, peeled
1 shallot, peeled
Juice of 2 lemons
2 Tbsp. Sugar (optional)
1/2 c Olive oil
1/2 c. Good red wine vinegar
1 bunch scallions minced
1/2 bunch Italian parsley
Salt & Pepper to taste

Remove stems from the chilies but leave the seeds in if you want more heat. That’s what I did, and seeing as how it is a medium-heat chili pepper

there wasn’t any problem.

Place all ingredients in a food processor and puree.

In a bowl, coat the chicken well with the marinade and place in refrigerator. Allow to marinate for at least six hours or overnight.

Soak the planks in water for at least two hours so that they don’t burn up immediately upon being placed on the grill.

When you are ready to cook, heat the grill and place the chicken on the planks, evenly spaced.

Plank-roast the chicken on the grill, ensuring that the wood never catches on fire. If this means that you move the plank around to a cooler spot, then so be it.

When the chicken hits an internal temperature of 165F, the skin should be smoky, crispy and absolutely delicious.

— Paul G. Suplee is a certified executive chef and ProChef certified Level-3. He is a writer and assistant professor of Culinary Arts at Wor-Wic Community College. Find his ePortfolio at www.heartofakitchen.com.

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1 You may find it on your hands or side

5 Use a scalpel on

9 “O.G. Original Gangster” rapper

13 One connected with the force?

17 Not as brazen

19 It’s worth \$200 in Monopoly

21 Princess of Power from 1980s cartoons

22 Get noticed

24 Wiped

25 DuVernay who directed “Selma”

26 100%

27 Ring call, for short

28 More hot

30 “Sounds about right”

32 In stitches

34 Knocking

37 Load of money

38 Like some windows

40 Easily defeats, in sports

42 _____ Vogue

44 J.F.K. probers

45 You may put stock in it

46 Director Coen

47 Enterprise for which a 14-year-old Buffalo Bill worked

51 One of 15 until 1991: Abbr.

52 “Baywatch” stars often jogged in it

54 Brownie unit

55 Japanese “yes” rapper

57 _____ Nova (musical style)

60 Will, given the chance

62 Ninny

63 Dickens heroine

64 Cold-climate cryptid

66 End for an organisation’s name

67 Exploit a loophole, say

71 Radio-knob abbr.

72 Switch off

74 Unjammed

75 Cable airer of vintage films

76 Feeling low

78 Word between two last names

79 Trouble

80 Conductor announcements

82 Baloney

83 Newswoman Curry

85 Lean back and enjoy the ride?

88 Jumbo-size

91 _____ fide

92 A Giants giant

93 Pick out

96 Washington landmark that lent its name to a Senate committee

98 Equally

101 Get the show on the road

103 Pursued, as perfection

104 Big bra feature

106 Sticks in a purse?

108 Rotten

110 Little _____

111 Company also known as אל על

112 Lifesaver’s inits.

113 Facetious string?

115 Big fall from the sky?

119 Large shrimp

120 Wavering wail

121 Like crayons

122 One of the Ivies, informally

123 Organization with an Exalted Ruler

124 Aid in identifying a bird

125 Insignificant

13 *One making the rounds at a party, perhaps

14 Having an unfavorable outlook

15 Blunder

16 Bit of hope

18 Bad recollection?

20 Tattooed

21 Alternatives to cheddars

23 Peanut

29 Topmost part of a face

31 Persevere

33 Drill sgts., e.g.

35 What buckets are made in, for short

36 Ob-_____

39 It may be a high percent for the 1%

41 Football stat

43 Chinese- restaurant assurance

45 Natl. Courtesy Month

48 Disapproving (of)

49 Swank

50 *First spacecraft to orbit a comet (2014)

51 What always comes in halves?

52 With 59-Down, permanent ... or, literally, a feature of the answers to the seven starred clues

53 Cider server

56 Certain operatic voices

58 Energize

59 See 52-Down

60 Symbol of equality, briefly

DOWN

1 Hero in a John Irving best seller

2 “Eureka!”

3 Sainthood prerequisite

4 It was a dark period for Poe

5 Short supply

6 *Like puberty at age 16

7 Fatal ending?

8 *Biter in Niger

9 Following behind

10 Specialty of Industrial Light & Magic, for short

11 Alphas might clash over them

12 Buff

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61 Ahab’s father

63 Randy types

65 Variety

68 Underwater trap

69 Flat-bottomed boat

70 Hank’s wife on “Breaking Bad”

73 *Car-dealership option

77 Event with a cantina, maybe

80 _____ treatment

81 *Chooses in the end

84 Zombie Strike SlingFire Blaster, for one

86 Linear, informally

87 Amazon activity

88 Hurtful comments?

89 “Ridiculous!”

90 Agent 007, e.g.

91 Really involved

94 Long-reaching weapon of yore

95 More delish

97 Bit of baby talk

98 What a general may lead

99 *Goals for underdogs

100 “I’m such a _____” (klutz’s comment)

102 Givens on “Wheel of Fortune”

105 Weightlifter’s exercise

107 Went off

109 Yawn-inducing

113 Android runner, often

114 Poet’s “prior to”

116 Arctic flier

117 Olympics host after London

118 Spotlight hog

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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THURS. Feb. 12

OCEAN PINES GARDEN CLUB MEETING — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 10 a.m. Kim Reed will lead a demonstration on “Tai Chi for Health.” Open to the public.

VALENTINE'S PROGRESSIVE DINNER — Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at Pickles Pub, Philadelphia Avenue at 8th Street at 5 p.m. Dinner at The Captain's Table, 15th Street and the Boardwalk at 6:30 p.m. Dessert at Atlantic House Bed and Breakfast, Baltimore Avenue at 5th Street at 8 p.m. All attendees will be entered in a drawing for dinner for two. Cost is \$50. Reservations and advance payment required: 410-289-1413, 703-731-6515 or ocdowntownassociation@verizon.net.

CELIAC SUPPORT GROUP — Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 7-8 p.m. Support and information for those affected by Celiac Disease. Info: Betty Bellarin, 410-603-0210.

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

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

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

DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF WORCESTER COUNTY MEETING — Ocean Pines Community Center, Assateague Room, 235 Ocean Parkway, 6:30 p.m. After refreshments, Erin Swanson, RN, will speak on “Care Transitions” from hospital to home. Swanson will describe such services as medicine plans and household assistance. All Democrats and independents welcome. Info: 410-208-3232.

FRI. Feb. 13

SEASIDE BOAT SHOW — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Featuring approximately 350 boats and more than 140 exhibitors, including 50 boat dealers. Info: Charlie, cdorman1@yahoo.com or www.ocboatshow.com.

BINGO — Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway (rear of St. Luke's

Church) in Ocean City. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments for sale. Info: 410-524-7994.

2ND ANNUAL CPR MARATHON — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway. Five different one-hour sessions held from 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Covering CPR basics/AED use and choking rescue techniques for adults, children and infants. This basic class does not offer CPR certification. Cost is \$5. Pre-registration is required by calling 410-641-7052 or by stopping by the community center. Info: Vicki Magin, 410-641-7052 or vmagin@oceanpines.org.

VALENTINE SPAGHETTI DINNER — Steven-son United Methodist Church, 123 North Main St., Berlin, 4-7 p.m. Spaghetti with homemade sauce, sweet Italian sausage, garlic bread, fresh garden salad and drink. Bake Sale Table and carryouts available. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children ages 4-10 years and free to those 3 and younger. Info: 410-641-1137.

BLACK HISTORY EVENT — Germantown School, 10223 Trappe Road, Berlin, 6:30 p.m. Dr. Clara Small, retired professor of History at Salisbury University will present profiles and biographies of African Americans on the Delmarva Peninsula. Dr. Small will also be signing her book, “Compass Points.” Info: Barbara Purnell, 410-641-0638.

VALENTINE'S DAY SURVIVOR/CAREGIVER SOCIAL — Sister's Wine Bar & Gift Shop, 113 N. Main Street, Berlin, 5-9 p.m. Enter for a chance to win a Valentine's Day “Date Night” basket. All are welcome. Info: Dawn Hodge, 443-497-1198; Dj Thompson, 443-366-5440; Jill Elliott, 410-430-8131; www.relayforlife.org/northworcestermid; or 800-227-2345.

LOVEFEST — Pour House, 501 S. Baltimore Ave., Ocean City, 6 p.m. Musical fundraiser with five bands, dancing and silent auction. Featuring Tranzfusion, Smooth & Remy, Wes Davis, Old School and The Mood Swingers. A \$10 donation at the door. Proceeds benefit Mike Armstrong. Info: 410-289-7687.

SAT. Feb. 14

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ANNUAL KIWANIS WINTER PANCAKE BREAKFAST — Ocean Pines Community Center, Assateague Room, 235 Ocean Parkway, 8-11 a.m. Pancakes, sausages,

fruit cup, orange juice and coffee or tea. Tickets cost \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 5-11 years and free to those 4 and younger. Tickets available from any Kiwanis member, by calling 410-208-6719 or at the door. Carryouts available.

OCEAN PINES PLAYERS OPEN HOUSE — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Open house, social and audition opportunity. The Players will be the featured entertainment at the Berlin Heritage Festival on April 25 and they have more than 30 speaking roles available. The group is also seeking scores of individuals of all ages who would be willing to dress in period clothing as extras. Actors must be available for at least four rehearsals and the performance on April 25, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Info: 410-600-0462 or oceanpinesplayers@gmail.com.

CATS ADOPTION EVENT — Petco, White Marlin Mall, 12641-310 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Town Cats in Ocean Pines will have kittens and cats available for viewing and adoption. Also, information and help with spaying and neutering of feral cats. Info: Chris, 610-716-3704.

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

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

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

SALISBURY SALSA SOCIAL — The Dunes Manor Hotel, 2800 Baltimore Ave., Ocean City, 5-10 p.m. Aggie Beletsky will be on hand for dance instruction. Beletsky specializes in American Rhythm and Salsa. Info: 800-523-2888.

SUN. Feb. 15

SEASIDE BOAT SHOW — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Featuring approximately 350 boats and more than 140 exhibitors, including 50 boat dealers. Info: Charlie, cdorman1@yahoo.com or www.ocboatshow.com.

GOSPEL CONCERT — Friendship United

Methodist Church, 10537 Friendship Road, Berlin, 7 p.m. Featuring the local gospel group, “The Island Boys.” Info: 410-641-2578.

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

SHARING SUNDAY — The Democratic Women's Club will collect non-perishable food, toiletries and paper products at the South Fire Station, Ocean Parkway, 1-3 p.m. Supplies will be shared with a local food ministry. Info: 410-641-8553.

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

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

MON. Feb. 16

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

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

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

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB OF WORCESTER COUNTY MEETING — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 7-8 p.m. Continued on Page 34

CALENDAR

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Parkway, the third Monday of each month. Coffee at 9:30 a.m., meeting at 10 a.m. Shannon Hardester, the Outreach Coordinator for Diakonia's Supportive Services for Veteran Families, will be the speaker. All women are welcome to attend. Info: 814-322-2119.

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

TUES. Feb. 17

WORCESTER COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN MEETING — Worcester County Board of Education, 6270 Worcester Highway, Newark, 5-6.30 p.m. Open to the public and women of all ages are invited to attend. Info: L. Eloise Henry-Gordy, 443-235-3124.

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

ANNUAL SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER — All Hallows Episcopal Church, 109 W. Market St., Snow Hill, 4:30-7 p.m. Menu includes sausage, pancakes and baked apples. Tickets for dine-in costs \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 11 and younger. All take-out orders costs \$7. Advance ticket sales only by calling 410-546-1978.

SUMMER CAMP/ENRICHMENT FAIR — Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, 11242 Race Track Road, Berlin, 5-8 p.m. Featuring local and regional summer camps showcasing their programs. All are invited to meet with camp directors and see all of the different camp and enrichments program opportunities. Info: Rick Deale, rick.deale@gmail.com or the school office.

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

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

OLD FASHIONED SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER — St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, 302 N. Baltimore Ave., Ocean City, 5-7 p.m. Cost is \$5 for adults and free to children 9 and younger. Info: 410-289-3453 or 410-208-3864.

WED. Feb. 18

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

SUICIDE GRIEVERS' SUPPORT GROUP — Worcester County Health Department, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin, the third Wednesday of each month, 6 p.m. Open to anyone who has lost a friend or loved one to suicide. Free of charge. Info: 410-629-0164 or www.choosetolivemaryland.org.

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

DELMARVA HAND DANCE CLUB — Meets every Wednesday at Peak's Rooftop Restaurant & Bar, located in the Fenwick Inn, 13801 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. Beginner and intermediate lessons, 5:30-6:30 p.m., followed by dancing 6:30-9 p.m. Jitterbug, swing, cha-cha to the sounds of the '50s, '60s and Carolina beach music. All are welcome. Info: 302-200-DANCE (3262).

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

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

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

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Feb. 15: Everette Spells
Feb. 16: Bryan Clark

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Feb. 13: Philly George, 8 p.m.

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302-539-3095
Feb. 13: Dave Hawkins, 6-10 p.m.
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Feb. 19: Aaron Howell, 6-10 p.m.

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