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After 68 years in the business, 86-year-old Berlin Shoe Box owner Jesse Turner plans to retire next month. His legacy, he said, is as a businessman, but he has also been heavily involved in the Berlin and Germantown communities for most of his life.

‘Mayor of Germantown’ to retire

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Feb. 16, 2017) When 86-year-old Jesse Turner closes the Berlin Shoe Box next month, it will not only be the end of a 68-year career, but also the end of an era.

More than a mere cobbler, Turner is a U.S. Army veteran and the long-time organizer of the Old Fashioned Memorial Day Parade in Berlin as well as a past master of the Masonic Lodge, past president of the Berlin Chamber of Commerce and member of the American Legion Post 231 – not to mention a husband, father and grandfather – and the winningest racer in the history of the Berlin Bathtub Races.

In fact, Turner’s legacy and influence is so widespread that he is often referred to as “The Mayor of Germantown.”

Born in Accomack County, Virginia in 1930, Turner moved to the area when he was five years old. He described it, back then, as a horse-and-buggy town.

The unincorporated community, based around Germantown and

Bethel roads just southeast of modern-day Berlin, was the first African-American neighborhood established in northern Worcester County following the Civil War.

His grandmother, who worked in a tomato cannery, and his step-grandfather, I.B. Henry, raised him.

Henry was a farmer and a landowner who came into Turner’s life a year or two after the family moved to Worcester County. Along with being a father figure, he would become a mentor.

“We were working people [and] he owned half of Germantown,” Turner said. “He was a local preacher at New Bethel Church, and I would sit right in the front row.”

Despite coming from what would have been middle-class roots, Turner set about to make a name for himself independent of his upbringing. After high school, he landed a job in a chicken plant, although he only lasted for about a week.

“I said, ‘Man, I gotta come away from there.’ I had to wear boots in the water all the time. And a raincoat – on the inside,” he said.

Walking down Commerce Street in Berlin, Turner noticed a large “help wanted” sign in the window of Joe’s Shoe Store, a sales and repair shop run by Philadelphia native Joe Ciacco. The year was 1949.

“I came uptown where I could kick my boots off and that was it,” Turner said.

Rather than go to trade school, he learned on the job – partly by necessity. He apprenticed there under “Gard” Jarman.

“A lot of those other guys wouldn’t show up, so I’d be back in the shop banging away,” he said. “Then, on Fridays and Saturdays, Joe never wanted me to work in the back – he wanted me to be out here selling shoes. So, that’s where I got my experience.”

Business was steady, as buying new footwear was not a regular practice during the early 1950s. Turner said most people would “hang onto shoes and just keep getting them fixed,” having new heels and soles put on, rather than discarding them.

Those who could afford new shoes bought them at Joe Holland’s shop –
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Ocean Pines Board hopes new golf fee structure up to par

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Feb. 16, 2017) By unanimous consent, the Ocean Pines Association approved sweeping changes to the golf membership fee structure during a budget meeting on Friday.

Board Vice President Dave Stevens said he met with President Tom Herrick and homeowner Bob Kessler the day before, and the trio banged out a three-page plan for golf that included all-new membership rates.

The board voted 6-0 to adopt that plan after only a few changes. One director, Slobodan Trendic, was not present during the meeting.

Effective May 1, the new annual cost for an individual will be \$1,200. An annual individual membership that allows play only after noon is \$800.

By contrast, the individual membership rate was \$1,315 and the after-noon rate was \$875.

Annual family rates will be \$2,000 per year, or \$1,200 after noon. Adding a cart package would increase the family rate by \$1,600 and the individual rate by \$1,100.

All memberships come with preferred tee times, discounts at the Ocean Pines Golf pro shop and, a new feature, free play on the golf range.

The junior membership rate, 16 and under, was set at \$225. Golfers 16 and under can play for free with a paying member, after 3 p.m.

A limited membership package was also approved that would allow 30 18-hole rounds or 60 nine-hole rounds for \$1,200 – good for the entire family.

All membership packages are restricted to homeowners and year-round renters.

A single-day rate for homeowners was set at \$25 during the summer and \$15 during the offseason, which includes a cart rental.

For the first time, Ocean Pines will also sell an all-amenity membership: good for golf, the pool and racquet sports, for \$2,500.

In order to make up for the across-the-board decrease in fees, Herrick
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Delmarva Discovery Center staff members, from left, Christine Okerblom, Jill Kane, Hannah Murphy, Stacey Weisner and Dan Hall show off the new ADA accessible touch tank featuring horseshoe crabs, hermit crabs and other common, yet harmless, critters at the Pocomoke facility.

BRIAN GILLILAND/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Bipartisan bill could save Snow Hill almost \$18K

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

(Feb. 16, 2017) Late last year when it was revealed Comptroller Peter Franchot’s office misallocated a total of about \$21.4 million, it was discovered that Snow Hill was the lone Worcester town to owe the state money.

A new bill aims to forgive that debt.

The matter wasn’t exactly pressing, since the state had already agreed to a 17-year payback schedule, outlined by Franchot in response to the discovery.

“For those jurisdictions that owe money as a result of this reconciliation process, we are mitigating the financial impacts by providing ample time for long-term budget planning,” the statement read. “Those jurisdictions will not have to begin repaying what is owed until 2024, and they will

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Council discusses speed cameras vs. humps

Pocomoke City examines how to slow down drivers that use roads for racing

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

(Feb. 16, 2017) The long, flat and straight roads of Pocomoke City are being used as drag strips, and the town is tussling with how to prevent local speedsters from using them in this manner.

On the one side, much of the city council appears to be in favor of installing speed cameras along the affected streets, at least in the areas available to them. If not outright in favor, the council members seem at least interested in hearing from a vendor on the topic.

City Manager/City Attorney Ernie Crofoot has offered a solution he’s used in other jurisdictions that he said is very successful: speed humps. Not the humps in the asphalt drivers see

in local parking lots, speed humps are a great deal taller and far more likely to damage an offending vehicle that attempts to conquer them at higher than the recommended rate of speed.

The closest local analogue is on St. Louis Ave. in Ocean City, behind the Ocean Bowl Skate Park. Humps are generally broader and taller than normal speed bumps.

Speed cameras, per state law, can only be installed in school zones, with the Pocomoke High School area getting frequent mention during the ongoing discussions, among other restrictions, like hours of operation and velocity thresholds to determine when a citation is issued.

Crofoot said the installation of each hump would cost about \$10,000. However, once they are in place there is little maintenance or upkeep required to keep them in good working order.

Speed cameras could potentially make money, with the town realizing

a share of the funds collected by the camera operator. Pocomoke City council members used the example of Snow Hill’s camera as a revenue source, though no one at last Monday’s meeting knew just how much the camera located near Snow Hill Elementary and Middle schools brought in each year.

According to Snow Hill City Manager Kelly Pruitt, the town realized \$12,720 in revenue in 2014, \$20,550 in 2015 and \$18,881 in 2016 from the camera.

Speed cameras, according to state law, may operate during the hours between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. Monday-Friday, and won’t issue a citation for less than 12 miles per hour over the imposed limit.

Crofoot said speed humps would meet the goal of reducing the rates of speed of cars on the roads. Cameras, on the other hand, would only penalize those for engaging in the activity of speeding, should the drivers be

caught under specific circumstances.

Councilwoman Esther Troast said she wanted a meeting with a vendor to discuss installing a speed camera, and she was tired of the city’s inaction on the issue.

Crofoot said her statements were at cross purposes, because the vendor often requires certain legislation be passed or mechanisms be put into place before even evaluating a site for camera installation.

He said his idea was essentially shovel ready, but the council did not support his solution.

Troast reiterated how frustrated she’d become with the process, which was a sentiment shared by Crofoot.

Crofoot said he was tired of being blamed for issues, or being accused of inaction, on issues that have been happening for decades, like the water issues in Pocomoke Heights.

Crofoot began his tenure in August 2015. His predecessor, Russ Blake, retired in 2015 after 40 years on the job.

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More road closures could come to Berlin's Flower St.

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Feb. 16, 2017) Stormwater improvements on Flower Street in Berlin are in still in progress and more road closures could be coming, according to Town Administrator Laura Allen.

"We're in what we consider to be a transition period toward the end of the project where we're wrapping a few details up," Allen said.

The construction is part of the town's four-phase stormwater mediation plan designed to alleviate flooding and improve water quality along the Hudson Branch.

A large stormwater retention pond was built behind the multipurpose building on Flower Street last year, and the current portion of work is focused on replacement of the existing stormwater piping under Flower Street and softening the angles of the streambed coming away from Route 113.

That work started in December and was scheduled to finish last month, but weather and other delays have persisted.

Allen said some maintenance was being done to the newly installed culverts, and that the town would install gabion baskets, which help control erosion, to shore up the side of the creek bed.

The contractor was apparently having difficulty getting materials to close out portions of the project, including road resurfacing, because many asphalt plants have closed for the season.

"The contractor has an obligation to finish the project, which includes the paving," Allen said. "As part of that process they may have to manage the road so that it's open, and come back and clean it up and keep it appropriate until they get it paved."

"I know it's frustrating for people when the road has to stay closed for a period of time or it looks like it's not completely finished, but there are elements that we're working with that are outside of our control [including] the weather, and this time of year it's always a challenge to get asphalt,"

Allen continued. "Between those two things, the final paving of the road may be delayed a little bit, but the culvert is functioning as it should."

She said Public Works and Water Resources Director Jane Kreiter has kept in close contact with residents on Flower Street during construction, and that no major issues – or complaints – had occurred.

"Jane and her crew are doing a really good job of helping out with contact with the residents, I've been out there a bunch, and then I think the contractor is doing a decent job of working with the folks that are in the neighborhood," she said.

Elsewhere on Flower Street, Allen said the town was still working to close out Cannery Village, but that the developer had addressed that most of the town's major concerns.

"We have not accepted Cannery Way yet," Allen said, referring to the entrance road to the development that would be deeded to the town once the project has closed. "There's a couple of issues that we're working with them on. There's a reimbursement process that these projects go through, so we're tidying up the accounting and making sure we're getting all the things they're supposed to pay for paid."

Allen said she requested additional information from the developer and was also waiting to receive a report on the roadway.

"It's very close," she said. "And it's not unusual for these types of projects to linger at the end while you're getting all the details worked out."

The town will next move onto stormwater projects on William Street, and then on Graham, Grice and Nelson streets.

Allen said preplanning had already started on William Street, and that grants from FEMA and Department of Natural Resources had already been obtained to pay for that work.

The town used about \$800,000 in funding from the Community Development Block Grant program for the offline wetland and culvert installation on Flower Street, Allen said.

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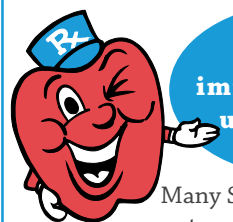
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Bridging gulf on golf: Pines sets new course, cuts rates

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said golf would have to add about 22 new memberships and 1,200 rounds of individual play. That’s assuming current budget projections for fiscal year 2018 are accurate, which show a \$90,000 loss.

Herrick said he believed that was a reasonable goal.

“I, personally, think we need to make an impact,” Herrick said. “We’ve got to show the association members we mean business. We want [homeowners] to come play our golf course.”

“If that’s not a reasonable target, then we might as well pack up and go home,” Stevens said. “The general objective of this is to make memberships more attractive ... all of these things, put together, are worth trying.”

The board agreed to leave the budget projections in place and reevaluate the rates during the budget process next year for fiscal 2019.

Interim General Manager Brett Hill worried the sudden change – coming at the end of budget talks for fiscal 2018 – would absolve golf manage-

ment company Landscapes Unlimited from any culpability.

“At the end of the day, if we make changes to LU’s proposal then all accountability to their budget goes out the window,” he said. “They are accountable for their budget, by their contract, for their fee structure. And they’ve advised a fee structure to us and if we change it, by their contract, then they wipe their hands of their responsibility to make any money there.”

Golf has traditionally not been a moneymaker in Ocean Pines. Last year homeowners subsidized the amenity by \$16 each, according to the fiscal 2017 budget. Projections have homeowners paying \$11 in assessment dollars in the proposed 2018 budget.

At the end of the meeting, the directors adjourned to a closed session to discuss Ocean Pines’ contract with Landscapes Unlimited, which expires this year.

The company took over, replacing Billy Casper Golf, in May 2015.

Fins owner makes public show of affection for Berlin

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Feb. 16, 2017) In a somewhat unusual move, the first item on the council agenda Monday night in Berlin was a presentation from Fin’s Ale House and Raw Bar owner Jeff Hamer.

Hamer recently had a positive experience opening a restaurant in the town, and he contrasted that with running eight other businesses in the Rehoboth, Delaware area.

“I’ve had a love affair with [Berlin] for almost 11 years now,” he said. “I watched this town grow and blossom and never actually thought I would be able to participate and be part of it.”

Despite advice from friends and colleagues to “never do business in Maryland,” he took a few calls last summer when a location opened up on Main Street.

At the time, he said, he had been working for close to a year on two other projects. Those – both based in Delaware – are still pending, while his Berlin restaurant opened in October.

“Literally every part of the process and permitting worked out great. We had our liquor license in 36 days,” he said.

He raved about a long talk he had with a member of town staff, which he said was unparalleled in his 25 years as a business owner, and said he was blown away by the participation during a recent Berlin Main Street and Berlin Chamber of Commerce meeting.

“There must have been 13 person-

nel from the city there and the focus of the meeting was how can we make all the events better,” he said. “We’ve never had a meeting, in my entire time in the city of Rehoboth, like that.”

“That’s the difference about a city that wants to work with the businesses and a city that really doesn’t want to,” Hamer continued. “You can see why this Main Street and this town is flourishing.”

Hamer said the town was well run from the top down, and that approach was evident in the success of the downtown businesses and the pride of a community at large.

“We’ve had such great support ... and I think that that’s all part of people loving their town and taking pride in what they have here. I’m very happy to be a part of it,” he said.

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams said the town was “trying to think of itself more as a family.”

“The folks that live here, we’re sharing this community,” he said. “They’re all family.”

“We encourage all of our businesses to support each other. The days when everybody cut everybody’s throat basically ended with everybody bleeding to death,” Williams continued. “Wherever collaboration and cooperation is possible, we encourage it. And we have tremendous support and belief in that family system in our business community.”

Councilman Zack Tyndall agreed.

“Thank you for taking a chance on Maryland the Town of Berlin,” Tyndall said.

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A&E Committee will again receive funding from town

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Feb. 16, 2017) Town of Berlin funding will be restored to the Berlin Arts & Entertainment Committee, ending a nearly three-year dry spell.

The committee had operated during that span using public donations and self-funding, as well as in-kind services from the town.

Before that, former Economic and Community Development Director Michael Day had earmarked \$2,000 in annual support for the nonprofit group, taken from his annual departmental budget. That level of support will now, apparently, resume.

Members of the committee met with Berlin Mayor Gee Williams, Town Administrator Laura Allen and current Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells last month in what both sides described as a productive summit.

“We had a good meeting. It was something I think we’ll be doing on a regular basis,” Town Administrator Laura Allen said. “I think it was a good way to kick off the year and make sure we’re all on the same page and coming up with good ideas to keep things coordinated.”

Berlin Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Larnet St. Amant was also present during the meeting.

“Ivy felt comfortable with an allocation within her budget of about \$2,000 [annually, for the committee],” Allen said, adding the town asked for written proposals of exactly what the committee would use those funds for. “We’re responsible to the taxpayers to be able to account for any expenditures, so we asked them to put a proposal together so that we could understand how they would want to use that money.”

“I haven’t seen that, but I expect it will be here shortly,” Allen added.

Committee members present during the meeting, Jan. 24, were President Heather Layton, Vice President Robin Tomaselli, Treasurer Patty Gregorio and board member Anna Mullis, who is also the executive director of the Worcester County Arts Council.

“It was a very positive meeting that we had with the town,” Gregorio said. “The town expressed their dedication to supporting the Berlin Arts & Entertainment Committee with financial support, as well as continuing their in-kind donations. They’re very supportive and very energetic about what we want to do.”

Also part of the discussion was the division of town events – specifically which group would be responsible for each. Committee-specific events include the Outdoor Movie Nights, the monthly 2nd Friday art strolls and Maker’s Markets.

Last November, the committee hosted the first Artists Giving Back:

Meals for the Hungry event. Gregorio said two such dinners were planned for 2017.

Along with hosting events, the committee supports the community of artists within Berlin. For instance, Gregorio said those living in the Berlin Arts and Entertainment District can acquire tax-incentive forms by visiting the committee website at artsinberlin.org/a-e-district.html, or in person at the Berlin

Visitor’s Center on 14 South Main Street.

“Artists can get either benefits or discounts on their taxes that they pay, simply by being an artist within an A&E District,” she said.

She said the committee was also working on a project involving public bicycle racks, as well as raising funds to complete the third panel in an outdoor public mural currently hanging at the visitor’s center.

On that front, the committee has come up with a series of incentives for anyone who donates money for the mural. Donors who contribute \$5, for instance, will receive a Berlin A&E Committee coozie and a handwritten thank-you note. Incentives are tiered up to \$5,000, which is the cost to produce one mural panel.

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Mayor Dorman endorses bill that would forgive town debt

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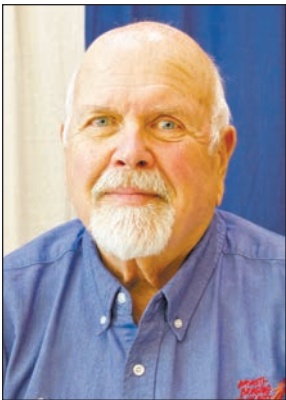
Senate Bill 397, sponsored by George Edwards (R-1) and Richard Madaleno (D-18), is known as House Bill 1433 in the other chamber of the state’s legislature and is co-sponsored by more than a dozen delegates including several from Prince George’s County. Neither Sen. Jim Mathias nor Del. Mary Beth Carozza have signed onto the legislation, but lower shore delegates Chris Adams (R-37B) and Carl Anderton (R-38B) have.

“We’re the county seat and we always seem to get the short end of the stick,” Snow Hill Mayor Charlie Dorman said. “We’re paddling upstream. We’re set to open four new businesses soon, and could finally be turning things around.”

Dorman wholeheartedly supports the measure and has penned a letter to the members of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee to that effect. The legislation is scheduled for a public hearing on Feb. 15.

Dorman said the amount of money isn’t huge, but comes on top of several other state mandates requiring local funding.

“This comes on the heels of eight years of drastically reduced state-shared highway user revenues and word that our future allocations of local income taxes will be reduced to reflect the smaller income tax distri-



Charlie Dorman

butions called for because of the recent state audit,” Dorman wrote in the letter. “The required payback is therefore exacerbated by

the permanent loss of local tax income tax revenues that our municipality has relied on.”

According to the bill analysis, performed by the nonpartisan Department of Legislative Services, the local effect of the bill will prevent revenue losses of between \$21 million and \$24 million statewide, while state finances and small businesses are not affected.

Worcester’s other municipalities were actually owed money by the state.

Berlin was owed the most, as Town Manager Laura Allen said she received notice that the municipality is owed \$134,779.

Ocean City is next, but only got a little more than half of what Berlin did at \$76,800, according to Doug Miller, city manager.

Pocomoke City got back about \$31,000 due to the error, according to City Manager/City Attorney Ernie Crofoot.

Water interruption, Wed., cut nursery school classes short

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

(Feb. 16, 2017) Parents and caregivers had to scramble last Wednesday as the Snow Hill Christian Nursery School, the largest daycare facility in town, had to close early because of an interruption in water service.

Wendy Kemmet, director of the school, said state law forbids a child care facility to remain open longer than 30 minutes without water service.

The school, just north of town, does not use municipal water or sewer.

“Comcast, for years, has been trying to sell us Internet access, but wanted us to pay to install the lines,” Kemmet said. “Finally, they were installing lines underground,” that the center wouldn’t have to pay for.

During that work, the installers severed the power line running from the school’s well to the junction box, interrupting the pump from doing its job, Kemmet said.

She said the installers used a loca-

tor service to determine where the other utility lines serving the building were, but they missed one.

“The state doesn’t require electric or heat,” she said. “But we have a separate generator for that anyway — we’re not going to be without electric or heat.”

The water is a different story.

Shortly before 2 p.m. on Wednesday, the school sent an emergency text-message notifying parents the school needed to close at 3 p.m. because of an interruption in water service.

The text also alerted guardians that the afterschool program was canceled, and the bus service that normally delivers students to the afterschool program was interrupted.

Parents used to picking up their children from the nursery school around 5 p.m. had to pick up their children from the elementary school at 3 p.m. instead.

“The problem was fixed that very same day. It was great that they took care of it so quickly,” Kemmet said.



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Among his many accomplishments, Berlin resident Jesse Turner turned in an unprecedented winning streak of Bathtub Race victories. He attributed the victories to “faster runners.”

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Turner’s legacy extends well past Berlin shoe shop

■ BERLIN SHOE BOX continued essentially a booth inside a department store on the corner of Main Street – and had them mended at Joe’s Shoe Store.

The clientele at the time was a melting pot of the county – rural and middle-class, black and white, from field hands and factory workers to schoolteachers, all coming to the same place for the same reason.

Work was briefly interrupted when Turner was drafted into the army in 1954. He served for two years, taking basic training in Columbia, South Carolina and then moving between bases in Georgia and Arizona. After his tour of duty ended, he resumed his job in Berlin.

During the 1960s, Joe’s Shoe Store moved to 112 North Main Street.

It became Berlin Shoe Box when Ciacco retired and Norman Bunting took over during the mid-1980s. Turner would buy the business in 1988.

Still, Turner did much more during that span than simply cobble and wait for his turn to own the business. He joined the American Legion upon his return from the army, and has been a leading member of the Masons for more than 50 years.

He also sold cars in the 1960s, learning from Wilmore Teagle, and became a landowner and landlord during that time – using whatever money he made to buy small pieces of property, one-by-one. He also started what would become the largest grass-cutting service in the county.

Turner was instrumental in the development of the Germantown School, and he helped resurrect the Memorial Day Parade on Flower Street in Berlin.

Before U.S. 113 cut through town, that event – during the 1930s and 1940s – ran through all of Berlin and was the major happening of its time, drawing thousands and earning comparisons to a local version of Mardi Gras.

The parade stalled out around 1970 and lay dormant for decades, before Turner and a handful of volunteers brought it back to life. Today, the parade is once again one of Berlin’s biggest annual events.

Around 1990, Turner became active in the Berlin Chamber of Commerce. He was president of that organization when the late Jim Barrett launched the Bathtub Races – now a tent pole event in the town – and he later became the most-successful entrant.

“The businesses were into it. They had their little buggies and things,” Turner said. “I won about four or five times in a row [because] I had faster runners. And then I decided to quit while I was on top.”

He remained an integral part of Berlin during the last decade, when

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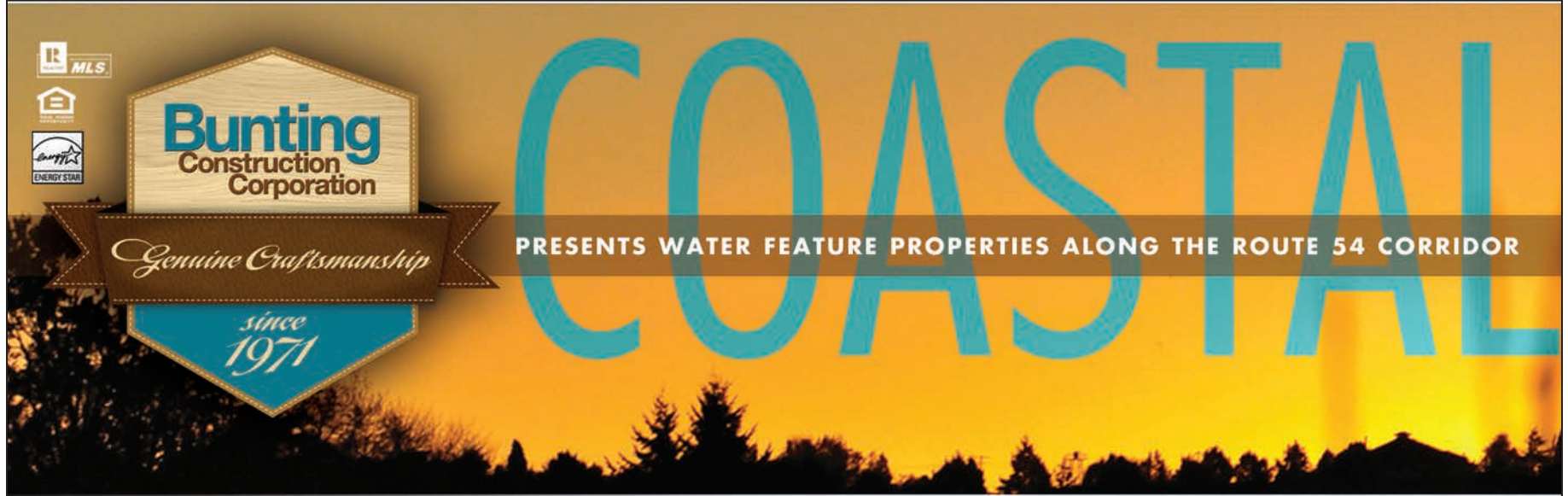
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The Berlin Town Council, on Monday, approved spending for new permanent restrooms at Dr. William Henry Park, similar to the building pictured here. A state grant will cover the majority of the cost.

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Funding approved for new restrooms at Dr. Henry Park

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Feb. 16, 2017) The Berlin Town Council, during a meeting on Monday, unanimously approved new permanent bathrooms for Dr. William Henry Park.

The town will pay \$119,885 to winning bidder Green Flush Technologies for the prefabricated outdoor restroom building.

Administrative Services Director Mary Bohlen said the majority of funding for the project, about \$96,000, would come from Community Parks and Playgrounds state grant. The total cost of the bathrooms, including hookups to town water, sewer and electric, was estimated at \$135,035.

Green Flush Technologies won an earlier round of bidding, but an apparent error in the process led the town to resubmit a request for proposals, causing a delay of several months.

“The same vendor was again successful,” Bohlen said. “Several of the staff members have gone over the plans ... and the unanimous decision was the Green Flush Technologies product was the superior product.”

Councilman Elroy Brittingham joked that he wanted a “Dean’s House” sign on the new building. Councilman Dean Burrell has been a proponent of installing permanent bathrooms and both Henry Park and Stephen Decatur Park.

“I have been pushing for these permanent restrooms,” he said. “It came about when I took my preschool age granddaughter to Stephen Decatur Park and, just like children do, she had to use the bathroom.”

The experience was apparently not pleasant.

“It ruined her day, trying to use the port-a-potty,” Burrell said. “This is for Henry Park, but we hope this time next year we will be doing the same thing for Stephen Decatur Park.”

Bohlen said a grant application for those restrooms had already been submitted to the state.

“We typically get the final word on those in August of every year,” she said.

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The Town of Pocomoke recently donated almost \$4,000 to the United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore. Pictured, from left, are City Manager Ernie Crofoot, Councilman Brian Hirshman, Pocomoke High School Principal Dr. Annette Wallace, Councilman Dale Trotter, Mayor Bruce Morrison, Councilwoman Diane Downing, Councilwoman Esther Troast, City Clerk Carol Sullivan and Councilman George Tasker.

Monna Van Ess to challenge Trotter in Pocomoke Dist. 3

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

(Feb. 16, 2017) Since her retirement as Pocomoke City's finance coordinator in 2013, Monna Van Ess has been a fixture at council meetings.

Now, she has decided to attempt to transition from the gallery to the dais as she seeks election to the District 3 seat, currently held by Dale Trotter.

"I think I can make a difference. I know the people and I think I can bring them to the forefront," Van Ess said. "I can get them to come volunteer, and come to the council meetings to express their opinions."

Van Ess said there are plenty of people in town who think there's no point to coming to town meetings because their voices won't be heard or acted upon.

"I'm from the other side of the fence — I've seen government work from the inside," she said. "I know the language they're speaking and I'm up to speed on everything."

Van Ess said, if elected, she would focus on improving the town's infrastructure — everything from the basic look of the town to public safety and communications.

She said the town could stand to improve its social media presence, and said by way of example the recent unveiling of the town's water study was not properly advertised.

"People can't find what I do because I'm used to it," she said.

She also said the town's website could be more user friendly.

As an accountant with 35 years of experience, Van Ess said she would be more likely to be stricter with the town's finances.

"We should tighten our belts. There are lots of places money has been misspent, but not in a bad way — there's just no forethought."

She said recent moves by the council to borrow money, and the recent circuit rider deal between Pocomoke and Crisfield to share a support employee as examples.

Tuesday, March 7 is the last day to register to vote in the election. According to Pocomoke City Clerk Carol Jacobs, voter registrations forms are available at the Pocomoke Library, the Post Office and the Motor Vehicle Administration in Salisbury. Voters in Worcester County remain registered to vote until they miss two federal elections, according to the Worcester County Board of Elections.

The city election is scheduled for April 4, and only District 3 is voting this year. The election will be held at the community center at the Pocomoke Volunteer Fire Company instead of the library, because of the anticipated town-wide mayoral contest, but no candidate filed to oppose incumbent Bruce Morrison, so he will retain his office for another term.



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Pickleball clashes with Pines board over gym-use fees

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Feb. 16, 2017) Assertions that Ocean Pines is considering running the community center gym as a profit center are completely unrealistic, according to Board President Tom Herrick.

Pickleball players that use the gym, however, are not convinced that is true, and drop-in rates were set last week for that group, which previously did not have to pay to play indoors.

Annual membership fees had covered indoor play in the gym.

Herrick began a Feb. 10 budget meeting with a statement related to the community center controversy.

"There were some public comments made recently and there is also an article in the local newspaper giving the false impression that this board may want to run the community center like a profit center," Herrick said. "It's completely unrealistic to believe that to be true. It could never happen and nor should it happen – it's a service to the community."

What the board was doing, he said, was attempting to make up for large operational losses. Herrick said in 2011 the parks and recreation department, which oversees gym usage, ended with a net operating loss of \$356,000.

"It's increased every year since then to a staggering \$554,000 in 2016," Herrick said, adding that Program Supervisor Debbie Donahue and Aquatics Director Colby Phillips were trying to reverse that trend by taking "the proper steps to control the exorbitant losses and to exhibit fiscal responsibility to the entire association by doing so."

"Bayside Gazette, please don't give us too much credit. We're not that good," Herrick continued, referencing a prior article. "We're trying to do the best we can, but that's pretty unrealistic to believe that it could ever be run like profit center. I don't even think Donald Trump could accomplish that goal."

Homeowner Neil Gottesman, a spokesman for pickleball, countered the directors had, in fact, discussed running the gym as a profit center during a meeting on Feb. 2.

"We can pull up the meeting notes, etc. and look at the video, but that was the impression," he said.

Gottesman said pickleball members sent several letters to the board, but had yet to receive the courtesy of a response.

"That would be a nice courtesy to have," he said. "I shall assume one of two things: you didn't receive the letters or ... you didn't read the letters."

He produced numbers from Ocean Pines' audited report related to tennis, platform tennis and pickleball – the three groups included under the racquet sports amenity. According to those numbers, pickleball is the only sport that regularly turns a profit.

"Pickleball income generated over the past three years [was] \$55,478 and expenditures were \$34,327, leaving a

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Ocean Pines Pickleball spokesman Neil Gottesman addresses the board of directors during a meeting held last Friday. Gottesman asked to be included in the conversation related to fees for use of the community center gym.



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Interim General Manager Brett Hill discusses new rates for tennis, platform tennis and pickleball during a budget meeting in Ocean Pines, last Friday.

Racquet sports amenity in Pines gets fee overhaul

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surplus over those three years of \$21,151,” Gottesman said. “The other two racquet sports did not show a similar pattern.”

Gottesman said he would like to start a dialogue with the board.

“We have been asking and been asking and been writing letters,” he said. “To me, it seems pretty much one-sided.”

That notion was short lived. Following the comments by Gottesman, the directors unanimously agreed to set new fees across racquet sports, most of which were lower than current rates.

Family tennis memberships dropped from \$525 to \$425. Individual memberships decreased from \$315 to \$260.

Platform tennis rates remained the same, \$250 for a family membership or \$150 for an individual.

Pickleball memberships, previously \$250 for families or \$150 for individuals, dropped to \$175 and \$100, respectively.

However, pickleball members will now pay a \$3 drop-in fee to use the gym. The nonmember fee is \$5.

A family membership covering all three racquet-sports was set at \$625.

Interim General Manager Brett Hill said the drop-in fees were “right in line” with those at other facilities in the county.

“I think the number is very reasonable and it helps cover our cost to facilitate [play],” he said.

WCAC to present free grant-writing workshop, Feb. 25

(Feb. 16, 2017) The Worcester County Arts Council will conduct a free grant-writing workshop for representatives of local, nonprofit organizations that are seeking funding support from the council for arts-related projects and activities.

All new and returning grant applicants, as well as new grant writers, are required to attend the workshop on Saturday, Feb. 25 from 10 a.m. to noon at the arts council at 6 Jefferson Street in downtown Berlin.

Grant guidelines and application forms have been revised as of Jan. 1. The next application-submission deadline for Worcester County Arts Council grants is April 15.

The workshop will focus on Community Arts Development (CAD) grant and CAD mini-grant guidelines, and will provide tools and updates on the process of submission, grant policies and requirements, evaluation criteria, reporting procedures and application assistance.

To attend, RSVP by Feb. 20 by calling the arts council office at 410-641-0809, or email curator@worces-tercountyyartscouncil.org.



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Pocomoke Council adopts solar change to zoning code

By Brian Gilliland

Associate Editor

(Feb. 16, 2017) Prices keep falling as alternative energy-system usage keeps rising, and the Pocomoke City Council made changes to its code to make the transition even easier, following a public hearing on the matter last Monday.

The change was no trivial matter, as at least 10 sections of the city zoning code were altered to accommodate solar panels.

Previously, solar equipment required a special exception to the zoning code, which required an appearance before the Board of Zoning Appeals and possibly, for the petitioner, the services of an attorney.

City Manager/City Attorney Ernie Crofoot said during the meeting the costs of getting the exception could run as high as \$600. This figure likely includes the \$350 fee associated with requesting a zoning exception the town charges.

Now as an accessory use, City Clerk Carol Sullivan said, the costs involved only getting a building permit. Building permit costs, in Pocomoke City, are based on a percentage of the costs of the construction, with a minimum charge of \$75. No hearings before the Board of Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission or City Council are required, Sullivan said.

The changed code states the town's preference for roof-mounted solar energy equipment, so long as it does not increase the height of the principal structure it's attached to. Also, such equipment is prohibited, under normal circumstances, from being placed in the front-yard setback. The town's zoning administrator can overrule the code in this instance if it's found to be adequately screened from neighbors' views and glare from the devices does not negatively impact passing vehicle traffic.

Ground-mounted solar panels require fencing or vegetative screening to be installed. Vegetative screening has a specific definition when it comes to zoning, and is different from another similar requirement, vegetative buffering. Essentially, vegetative screening is a complete block, unable to be seen through with the naked eye. Buffers are intended to allow a certain amount of visibility, and are a step down from vegetative screening.

As for fencing, natural colors are preferred by the town.

The affected zoning designations are R1, R2, R3, B1 and B2. No change was made to the M1 light industrial district, except for the removal of the Board of Zoning Appeals requirement, streamlining the process into something closer to the residential rules.



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Berlin Briefs

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Feb. 16, 2017) The Berlin Mayor and Council discussed the following items during a meeting at town hall on Monday, Feb. 13.

Maryland's Healthiest Biz

Kathy Wool, dietician for the Worcester County Health Department, spoke to the mayor and council about the statewide Maryland's Healthiest Business initiative. The program promotes employee wellness.

"It's a great program because it actually encourages employers to take employee wellness by the horns and

really push it," she said. "The whole idea is to keep your employees well."

Wool said about 20 businesses and the towns of Berlin, Snow Hill and Ocean City had already signed up, and that Pocomoke was close to joining.

Ocean Pines, she added, was another story.

"We're hoping to move into the district of Ocean Pines, because they're not really a place, but they want to be a place," Wool said with a laugh. "I'm not sure what they do, but we'll find out."

Tree houses and duplexes

Planning Director Dave Engelhart

said questions about accessory living quarters had come up during a meeting in January.

He read an excerpt of town code that stated such dwellings were defined as "an accessory building used solely as a temporary dwelling of guests of the occupants of an existing principal use," as in existing single-family homes.

Kitchen facilities were not permitted in those units and rent could not be exchanged. Engelhart used converting a garage into an apartment as a common example.

Town Attorney David Gaskill added that having multiple families living in a single-family dwelling was also not

permitted under the code.

Engelhart said he had also received complaints about a tree house in Berlin.

"There is no mention of the word 'tree house' in our code," he said, adding that he examined the property and his only concern was whether it was too close to another property line.

He added that it was difficult to enforce every infraction.

"We can't be in every neighborhood in front of every house every week," he added.

Complaints of housing code violations should be addressed to Engelhart.

OPA Briefs

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Feb. 16, 2017) The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors discussed the following items during a budget meeting in the administration building on Feb. 10.

New auditor

The board voted unanimously to hire SC&H Group as Ocean Pines' new auditing firm. The company is based in the unincorporated community of Sparks, Maryland.

Interim General Manager Brett Hill said the firm could start as soon as

next week.

A vote to approve the motion was 6-0. One director, Slobodan Trendic, was not present because his wife had a medical emergency, according to Director Cheryl Jacobs.

Authorized signers

The board voted 6-0 to appoint President Tom Herrick, Finance Director Mary Bosack, Treasurer Pat Supik and Assistant Treasurer Gene Ringsdorf as authorized signers of association checks. Hill said the corporate resolution was necessary for legal and banking purposes.

He said he was not included in that list because of his interim role, adding that a separate resolution would be required to include the general manager when Ocean Pines hired someone to fill that position.

Credit debate

The directors considered allowing homeowners to pay annual assessments by credit card, but that was ultimately put off for discussion until next year, when work begins on the fiscal 2019 budget.

Currently, homeowners can only pay assessments by cash or check.

Hill said a 2.5 percent processing fee would be charged to the association, and the directors considered either absorbing that cost or charging a convenience fee for the opportunity to pay in-person or online by credit card. A convenience fee for the basic annual assessment of \$921, for example, would have increased to about \$945 with the proposed fee.

All of the directors present during the meeting appeared to be in favor of accepting credit payments, but ultimately decided it was too late in the budget process to make the change.



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Berlin moving closer to new commercial design standards

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Feb. 16, 2017) Progress continues towards new commercial design standards in Berlin.

Planning Director Dave Engelhart said the Berlin Planning Commission spent its most recent meeting, last Wednesday, going over the county design standards document and working to apply it to the town.

A January commission meeting was devoted to the same subject.

"We're getting closer with that," Engelhart said in a phone interview, Monday. "We made notes last month to revisit and we addressed those, and the members had a few more tweaks to it."

He said photos in the county document would also have to be replaced with images related to the town.

"It was a good meeting. At least we made progress," Engelhart said.

Last year, the Town of Berlin budgeted \$35,000 to hire an outside firm to develop design standards. One bidder came in under that number, but later backed out, and a second bidder was more than \$10,000 over budget. When that happened, the planning commission and Engelhart started work on drafting the text in-house.

Engelhart said he believed the commission was more than capable.

"I think we can do it ourselves. That's my opinion," he said. "I think we'll have a draft document in the next couple of meetings – two meetings maybe."

"We've added a few sentences here and there, and the main thing is going to be, when you go through the other document where it refers to Worcester County and maybe a section of their ordinance, you've got to plug in Berlin Town Code and the number. That takes time, but it's just edits then," Engelhart continued. "If I can, just on our corrections, get them to make a motion to accept it contingent on seeing the draft, I'll consider it a victory."

If that happens, the town council would then vote on whether to accept the new standards as a text amendment to town code, Engelhart said. He did not expect any issues to that end.

During the meeting the commission also reelected Chris Denny as chairman.

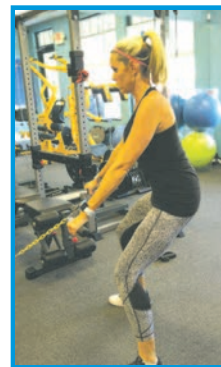
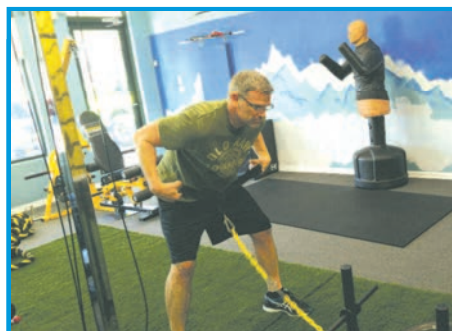
The Berlin Commission will meet again on March 8 at 6 p.m. in town hall. Engelhart said that session would also include approval of a steel office building adjacent to the new Arby's on Ocean Gateway.

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Local business vies for prize to create jobs

(Feb. 16, 2017) When Kim Shanahan, owner of Gifts Fulfilled, saw the theme of this year's SCORE/Sam's Club small business contest, "What Makes Your Business Unique," she knew she had to enter. What makes her business unique is its mission to provide jobs for people with disabilities.

Shanahan created her business, which sells baby, birthday, get well and special occasion gift baskets, specifically to provide employment for adults who live with a disability. She saw a great need for jobs, and decided to start a business that would enable people of differing abilities the opportunity to have a fulfilling work experience and earn a paycheck. In the social service field this is called an Affirmative Business or a Social Enterprise. To Shanahan, it was simply the right thing to do.

Shanahan started her business in 2015 and shortly after teamed up with the Worcester County Developmental Center in Newark, Maryland, to provide employment for WCDC clients.

"I first started thinking about employing disabled adults about six years ago when I was pregnant," she said. "As a mature woman in pregnancy there are more risks, and I began to wonder how I would help my child if it were born with a disability. I realized a business could be set up in such a way as to employ disabled people, and the fire was lit in my heart to make it happen."

Shanahan and WCDC have created a program where the clients assemble and create themed gift baskets that are then sold on Amazon and the Gifts Fulfilled website.

The story of her partnership with WCDC, and the clients who eagerly

look forward to crafting baskets, has spread quickly on Facebook and has touched people across the country and from as far away as the United Kingdom. The story she submitted for entry into the contest has moved more than 4,000 people to date to vote for her business and support providing more employment for the clients of WCDC.

SCORE is a volunteer organization of retired business executives who provide guidance and training to small businesses. Every year, SCORE partners with Sam's Club to offer this contest. The contest Shanahan entered has three grand prizes of \$25,000 each as well as business mentorship from a SCORE volunteer. There are also two \$1,000 prizes which will be awarded in each state. That prize also includes SCORE mentorship.

The Gifts Fulfilled story and contest entry is on the WCDC Facebook page. To vote for this enterprise and help provide more work for people with disabilities in Worcester County, go to the Worcester County Developmental Center Facebook page, look for the Gifts Fulfilled picture and link to the voting page. The link will take guests to a video that shows the clients assembling the gift baskets. Below the video is a "Vote" button. Hit that button to vote. Visitors can vote 10 times every hour to support Gifts Fulfilled. The direct link is https://championship.score.org/contest_entries/217180. The contest runs until Monday, Feb. 20.

If Shanahan wins, she will use the expertise and money to grow her business and employ more people with disabilities. Her goal for 2017 is to create 20 new jobs and find a permanent home for her enterprise.

Berlin Parks Briefs

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Additionally, "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" will screen on Oct. 21. The series, now in its third year, is run in conjunction with the Berlin Arts & Entertainment Committee.

Dates for the spring and fall Just Walk event will be May 6 and Nov. 11, respectively. A suggestion was made to host the spring event downtown and the fall event at Stephen Decatur Park. Generally, one, two and three-mile courses are offered, along with free health screenings from the Worcester County Health Department.

Project updates

The Maryland Urban and Community Forestry Committee have awarded the town a \$1,500 grant to purchase trees. That amount is the maximum allowed under the grant, and the check will go directly to the Worcester County Forestry Board, where the money will then be credited to the town.

Administrative Services Director Mary Bohlen said the town was making a second attempt to go forward with installing prefabricated bathrooms at William Henry Park. Two bids were initially received and staff selected a winning bidder, but an error by the vendor was later discovered that caused the process to start again.

Ironically, the same bidder won the second round, although that estimate came in slightly over the project's budget. Bohlen said that was a surmountable problem and that grant money could still cover the entire cost, as originally planned.

Surveys were sent to residents near Henry Park in order to gauge interest – or objections – to installing lights on the basketball courts there. Out of 52 surveys sent, 10 were received. Nine of those were in favor of the lights. Bohlen said the town council would likely address that project next.

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Shoes off to Jesse Turner

Now that Jesse Turner is moving on at the age of 86, thousands of people in the area will no doubt will be wondering, “Now what will we do?”

Turner, who’s owned the Berlin Shoe Box for decades and seems to have worked there since the beginning of time, is one of those people out-of-towners might not have seen on a regular basis, but they knew where he was when you needed him.

By “out-of-towners,” we mean Ocean Pines, Ocean City, West Ocean City and the surrounding area, because everyone who ever had a favorite pair of shoes or boots that were too good to give up, but too worn to wear knew exactly what to do — take them to the Shoe Box, where this exceptionally nice gentleman would bring them back to life.

Berliners, of course, know Mr. Turner best. Besides his seemingly eternal business presence, he has involved himself in the community for decades.

But alas, time passes and businesses like the Shoe Box are fading into history. We’re more inclined these days to throw things away and replace them rather than have them returned to their nearly original condition.

It’s just easier, a good many people would be apt to say, but then they would have deprived themselves of the opportunity to encounter a truly nice man and one of the few remaining craftsman of an earlier era.

True, repairing shoes is not writing computer algorithms, or developing the next smartphone app or engineering driverless vehicles, but then again we don’t know those people. We do, however, know Mr. Turner and will miss his Main Street presence.

We hope he enjoys his retirement after 68 years of work in this and his other business enterprises, but the question remains for many of us, what will we do now?



“Rumor has it that they’ve torn down the new Ocean Pines Yacht Club and replaced it with The Cove at Mumford Landing. I think we should go see for ourselves.”

Letters

Main St. Patriots

Editor,
Patriotic groups and individuals having been playing defense for a very long time, and yet now that we are the winners too many of us are doing nothing even as the losers refuse to accept the results of an election, and are engaging in riots and attacks on police, as well as assaulting, harassing, and intimidating those with whom they disagree.

The anti-American, anti-Trump protests and riots dominate the news, and one would be led to believe that they represent the views of all Americans. If we allow the voice of the people who worry more about our enemies having their feelings hurt than they are about the safety of Americans to be the only voice, this country will be right back to where it was for the last eight years in a very short time.

Join us, the Eastern Shore chapter of Main Street Patriots, participate in Liberty Rallies, attend town halls to support Congressman Andy Harris, and if you have writing skills join our Truth Squad.

Our country, our cultural traditions, our Christian heritage and our constitution are all being dismantled at a rapid pace, and all this is being accomplished by a

small, far-left segment of our population while the rest of us sit back silently.

Contact Steve Lind and Brian Nygaard at DoNothing.LoseAll@gmail.com for further info and/or to sign up to participate in this activist movement. And when you sign up don’t expect monthly meetings with guest speakers and discussion groups, there is too much at stake to spend time on that sort of thing.

We will instead communicate via Facebook, email and a newsletter so that we have more time to do what is vital and necessary, and that is to make our voices heard.

*Steve Lind
Ocean Pines*

Stop complaining

Editor,
Referring to a previous comment letter; questioning the state of our democracy.

First, we are a republic, not a democracy. Secondly, all votes did count toward each voter’s state electoral vote.

Our forefathers, who seem to have had a better vision of the future than we do, never wanted elections to be decided by just a few states, but by giving all states a voice. This was their vision of the fairest way for everyone to have a stake in their government.
This decision was decided

way before we had 50 states. There is no voter suppression; all that is being asked is that you are able to prove who you are. You must show a picture ID at any agency where you maybe applying for assistance, to cash a check, return an item to a store, apply for credit card, BJ’s card, Sam’s card, etc., etc., etc.

Why is it so much to ask to have a picture ID to vote? This is the most important thing that any American can do for their country and themselves and if you don’t vote don’t complain.

Presidents appoint individuals for the Supreme Court, then the Senate Judiciary confirms the nomination. Finally, we now have a cabinet made up of individuals who sign the front of a check, not just the back.

We all need to stop complaining about what we think we don’t have and look at other countries that do not have the freedoms we do. We must all remember the sacrifices that have been made by our military, past, present and future that provide us with the freedoms we all have and want to keep. I agree, we should not view one news source, but view all and also do our own research and not rely on journalists for their version.

*Jo Roland
Berlin*

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Letters

Revisit decision on Pines Pickleball fees

Editor,

The Ocean Pines Board of Directors' recent decision to start charging Ocean Pines Pickleball members a daily fee for the use of the pickleball courts in the community center gym will have a major financial impact on our pickleball members.

Pickleball has been a fee-based amenity in Ocean Pines for three full years now, and a membership has always included the use of both the outdoor and the indoor courts. Now, with this decision, a couple wishing to play indoors an average of four times a week during the six colder months will spend an additional \$624 on top of their family pickleball amenity fee (note, pickleball cannot be played outside below 45 degrees due to the type of ball).

This new policy will be particularly discriminatory against those pickleball players who have medical issues with the heat and/or with exposure to the sun due to prescriptions or previous skin cancer. Unlike platform tennis and tennis, the new outside pickleball courts (once completed) will not have lights, so these players cannot play at night and must play indoors 12 months a year.

The OP Pickleball amenity, ac-

cording to the Ocean Pines audited reports, has had a net positive income to Ocean Pines of \$21,151 over the past three years, so it is very difficult to understand the OP Board of Directors' reasoning.

If the BoD is concerned about allocating the cost of the gym operation to all of its different user groups, we feel it would be fair to allocate to the pickleball amenity its share of this expense, and we believe the amenity would still show a net positive income on the financial reports.

There are other fee-based amenities in Ocean Pines that are actually showing a loss on the financial reports, and yet those members are not being charged an extra user fee.

The Ocean Pines Pickleball Club urges the OP Board of Directors to revisit this decision and understand the impact it will have on our pickleball members.

Neil Gottesman
Ocean Pines Pickleball Club

Opposing Pines Shore Golf Course rezoning

Editor,

I was recently made aware of a request to rezone the Pine Shore Golf Course South property, from E-1 (as decided upon in the Worcester County Comprehensive Plan) to A-2

zoning that could allow for the development of a campground off Routes 611 and 376.

I oppose the precedent of making this change in such a critical, fragile area. I live in South Point, and the impact of the proposed high density sites, bringing 311 families and their corresponding vehicles into an area that is our one way out for evacuation purposes, is alarming.

I understand that a proposed increase of 213 sites in Frontier Town will extend the property all the way to the Route 611 and Route 376 intersection.

Traffic has already noticeably increased along these two routes in the summer months in the past couple of years. We already have existing campgrounds in our immediate area off of Route 611: Frontier Town, (585 + 213 sites = 798 sites); Castaways, (394 sites); and Assateague State and Federal campground sites, (498 sites).

These numbers do not even take into account the large number of day visitors to each of these parks, or to the Rum Pointe, Ocean City and Eagles' Landing golf courses. Nor does it include the high density sites in Assateague Pointe and Bayside developments. Increasing the population density along this corridor could be creating a very dangerous situation for visitors and residents alike.

Please do not permit this rezoning to A-2. Not only would it be dangerous for evacuation purposes and affect traffic safety of bicyclists, joggers and vehicles, but it would also compound the water quality issues in Ayres Creek, and would change the character of the fragile and pristine area that we love and care for.

Please let us not destroy what makes our area so unique. Please be on alert for notice of the public hearing to be held on this matter.

Jan L. Adamchak
Berlin

Have an opinion?

We invite you to share it, but all letters are subject to verification, so please include your name and phone number. All letters are subject to editing for space and to protect the author and this newspaper from legal action. Email letters to editor@baysidegazette.com. For questions, call 410-723-6397.



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Saturday 11am-2pm	20 Wood Duck Dr. Ocean Pines	4BR/2.5BA	Single Family	\$489,200	Nancy Arminger/Berkshire Hathaway PenFed
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Film and television workshop at Worcester Prep, Saturday

By Kara Hallissey
Staff Writer

(Feb. 16, 2017) Berlin native and Stephen Decatur High School alum Josh Chamberlain will present a film and television workshop from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. this Saturday at Worcester Preparatory School.

The cost to attend is \$34 in advance, or \$50 at the door. This event was originally set to take place Jan. 7, but was rescheduled because of a snowstorm.

There will be a number of demonstrations from the film and television industry focusing on a range of topics including previsualization editing, graphics, trailer editing, color correction and sound.

"I'm bringing over a decade of experience and contacts to the workshop," Chamberlain said. "You cannot find these types of resources in a classroom, on the internet or in a book. If you are searching for a career in television or film, this is it."

Chamberlain will discuss his personal story and journey from high school to his career as a Hollywood entertainment professional in addition to sharing lessons he has learned along the way.

The workshop is for all ages and skill levels looking for tips on how to pursue a career in the entertainment industry. Seating is limited to 100 guests.

"Video testimonials are from my colleagues in the industry and will be exclusive to my event only," Chamberlain said. "The event will be broken into multiple sections from who I am, industry jobs, finding direction, secrets to making it, my personal resources, live demonstrations, video testimonials and my best personal advice."

During the previsualization editing demonstration, Chamberlain will explain how he became a lead animatic editor on the Sony Pictures feature, "After Earth," and assisted with the "Clash of Clans" commercial. He will talk about the industry jobs available and the best places to look.

"I will walk everyone through the world of previsualization from storyboard animatics to 3D," Chamberlain said. "They will also hear from an animatic editor and storyboard artist who has worked on blockbuster hits like the '5th Wave,' 'Spiderman Homecoming,' 'Jungle Book' and the 'Jumanji' reboot."

From main title show graphics to animation, Chamberlain will demonstrate the many ways he creates graphics and attendees will also hear from a graphics company who works with some of the biggest studios in Hollywood.

"Everyone watches trailers, but what really goes into making one? I will break them down piece by piece and explain the formula into making theatrical trailers, which is very ex-

citing," Chamberlain said. "Color correction is one of the most underlooked careers in the industry. I will demonstrate how I use color correction to enhance the visual style of my finished pieces."

Chamberlain said 50 percent of the material he receives needs some type of sound editing, which he will explain how to fix quickly during the workshop.

Look forward to video testimonials from actors, editors, artists and producers.

"These individuals have worked on some of the biggest theatrical blockbusters including the 'Fast & Furious' franchise, 'Spiderman Homecoming,' the '5th Wave,' 'Jumanji,' 'Marco Polo' season 2, 'Dark Tower' and 'Passengers,'" Chamberlain said.

Information on composing music, directing, producing, managing, writing, acting and working behind the camera will all be included in the workshop.

A contest giveaway will take place with donations from Melrose Mac and Sony Pictures as prizes.

"Who doesn't love free movie memorabilia and other goodies for your computer and phone?" Chamberlain said.

Included in the purchase of a ticket is a Mexican fajita bar from Mac Catering with chicken, steak and veggie strips, cheese, rice, beans, shredded lettuce, diced tomatoes, sour cream, salsa and flour tortillas.

"I approached several schools and teachers in the area but Nancy [Raskauskas] at WPS ignited the conversation and immediately jumped on the opportunity," Chamberlain said. "WPS is donating the space and has been incredibly supportive of the event by opening the doors to the entire community. I am thankful for their generosity."

Chamberlain said Raskauskas, a computer teacher at WPS, deserves recognition because "she has worked countless hours with me on this event and should receive a standing ovation from students."

Chamberlain is a global marketing content film and television editor who has more than a decade of professional entertainment experience.

He was born and raised in Berlin and graduated from Stephen Decatur High School and Salisbury University. He moved to Los Angeles in 2004 and returned to Berlin in 2014 to raise his family in addition to running his company, Stickman Productions.

Chamberlain has worked on post-production for several television shows including "Ace of Cakes," "Best Thing I Ever Ate," "Ellen" and "FX Movie Download." In addition, he has worked as a lead animatic ed-

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‘Ghostbusters’ vet brings expertise to local residents

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itor for “After Earth,” “Annie” and a number of theatrical films still in development.

After producing and editing more than 20 reality television pilots for development, Chamberlain spent time working on a number of movies such as “Ghostbusters,” “Angry Birds Movie,” “Miracles from Heaven,” “5th Wave,” “Goosebumps,” “The Walk” and “Hotel Transylvania 2.”

Throughout his years in the industry, Chamberlain has worked for TLC, History, Discovery, Bravo, Overbrook Entertainment, Franklin Entertainment, BET and the Food Network.

Currently, Chamberlain is working on “Resident Evil 6” and looking forward to the 2017 season.

“Because of my hard work and the resources I have built over time, I was granted special permission to return to Maryland and continue working for the industry, which is extremely rare,” Chamberlain said. “In the workshop, I will explain how I did it. If you are interested in pursuing a career in film or television you are guaranteed to walk away motivated and inspired to follow your dream.”

To purchase tickets in advance, visit Eventbrite.com. For more information, call WPS at 410-641-3575.

Counterfeit bills may have passed though Pocomoke

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

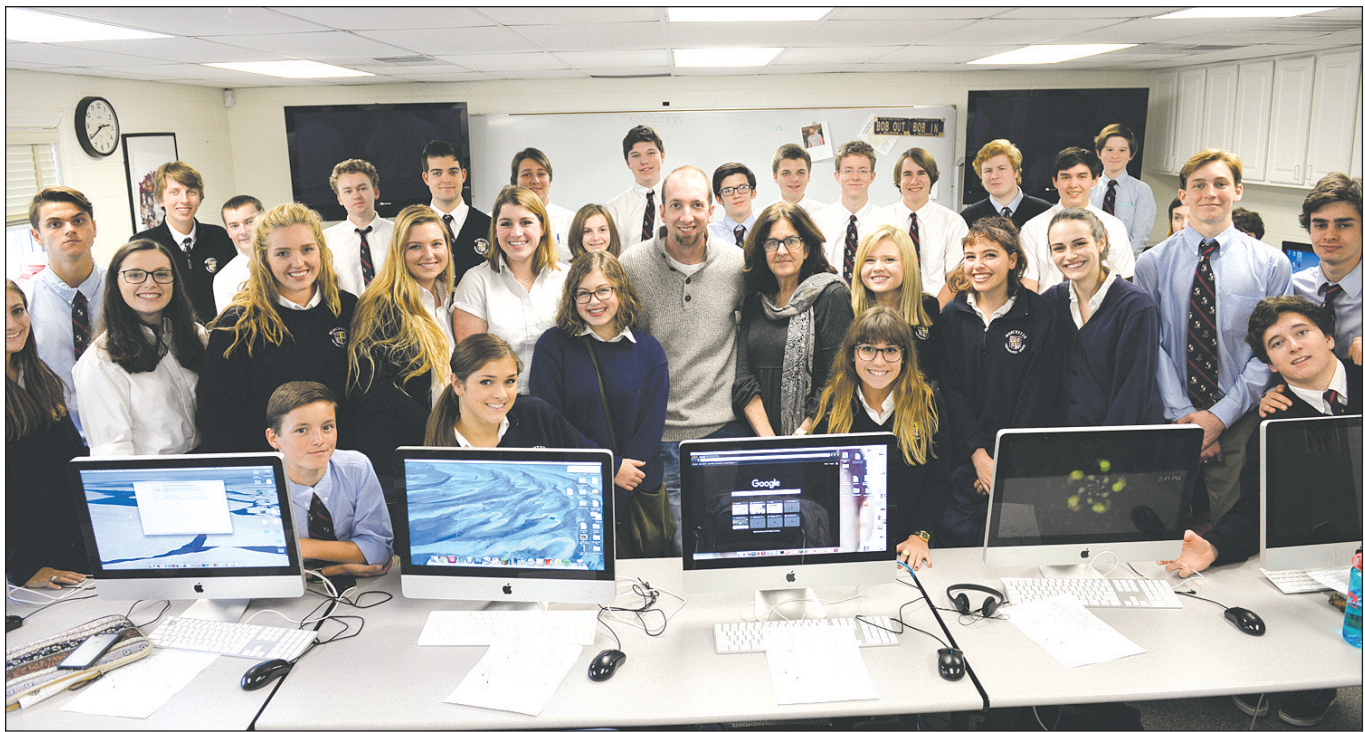
(Feb. 16, 2017) The Worcester County Bureau of Investigations is looking into two suspected fake \$100 bills passed within Pocomoke City that might be connected to earlier instances of counterfeit currency in the area.

Lt. Ed Schreier said this case might be connected to two others, but declined to comment specifically, as the investigation is ongoing.

Last Wednesday, the Pocomoke City Police Department issued a warning via its Facebook page that two fake \$100 bills were reported within its jurisdiction. According to Chief William Harden, the investigation has been turned over to CBI, which now has authority over it.

Police announced they are looking for a black male in his mid-20s, with dreadlock-styled hair.

The Pocomoke Police ask anyone who believes they might have encountered fake currency, or has any information related to this or other instances of counterfeit bills to call 410-957-1600.



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Josh Chamberlain, center, Hollywood entertainment professional and Berlin native, will host a film and television workshop at Worcester Prep in Berlin this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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KIWANIS CLOTHING DRIVE

Winter coats, hats, gloves and sweaters were collected by the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City in partnership with St. Peters Church in Ocean City. Pictured during a recent Kiwanis meeting, from left, are Co-chairs Char and Ted Vanvick and Fred Kauffman with Vice President Ralph Chinn. St. Peters Church handles the disbursement of the clothes to those in need in Ocean City.



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PREMIER ATHLETES

Stephen Decatur High School seniors Bethany Williams and Jian Joobeen were named the Premier Driving School December Athletes of the Month for track and wrestling, respectively. They are pictured with Assistant Principal Ryan Cowder and Premier Driving School representative Geri Riden.



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FOR THE VETS

BJ's Wholesale Club, in partnership with the Ocean Pines Association, donated \$500 to the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines as a part of its fall 2016 membership offer. BJ's donated \$5 of each membership fee paid as a part of the promotion to the foundation in addition to offering special benefits for members. Marie Gilmore, president of the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation, right, was presented a check by Ocean Pines Association Director of Marketing and Public Relations Denise Sawyer on Jan. 11.



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CRAFT TIME!

Clients at the Berlin Senior Center enjoy craft time with members of the Pine'er Craft Club. They created heart-shaped flowers out of foam and "planted" them in small flower pots which they painted and decorated.



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INVESTING PRO

Planning out what to do with \$100,000 may not be a challenge for many teenagers, but planning an investment strategy may not be so easy. However, for Stephen Decatur High School ninth grader Chris Kaufman, the challenge of turning a profit was answered. Kaufman placed first in the fall session of the Maryland Council on Economic Education's Stock Market Challenge while participating in the After School Academy Investment Club. The SMG is an educational simulation that teaches students about the stock market, the American economic system and the global economy. Kaufman earned just over a 10 percent return on a virtual \$100,000 investment. Kaufman is pictured with Investment Club advisor and economics teacher Kurt Marx.



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DAR HONORS VOLUNTEERS

The General Levin Winder Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recognized community volunteers for their service to veterans during a recent meeting. Regent Patricia Ayers presented Geri Palmer and Pamela Egnatovich with Certificates of Appreciation for the many lap robes they have crocheted for veterans over the years. Pictured, from left, are General Levin Winder Chapter DAR Service for Veterans Committee Chair Janet Cassidy, Palmer, Egnatovich and Ayers. The DAR is a women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history and securing America's future through better education. The group meets on the third Wednesday of the month at noon. Visit www.dar.org or <http://GeneralLevinWinder.marylanddar.org>.

Psychic medium Bloom helps with directions in life

By Kara Hallissey
Staff Writer

(Feb. 16, 2017) Those looking for clarification about a situation in their life or want to connect with a deceased loved one can make an appointment with psychic medium Jessie Bloom in Ocean Pines.

"People have a certain perception of what a psychic medium does or what information we receive," Bloom said. "The information may come through clearly or somewhat vaguely. It all depends on what the spirit brings through and what they feel needs to be conveyed."

Psychic readings occur when Bloom focuses her ability to read what is currently going on in the recipient's life, which can also bring up issues from the past.

"There will always be issues from the past and present," Bloom said. "The future is not always certain because free will plays a huge part in somebody's future."

Bloom notes how a prediction could come true if a person continues on their current path, but nothing is for certain and a drastic change in life can alter future forecasts.

"The benefit of a psychic reading is I might be able to shed light on an aspect of a situation that is not known to them or provide a better understanding and clarify something that happened or is happening in their life," Bloom said.

Mediumship is the ability to bring messages from the spirits of loved ones who have passed on.

"I will get impressions of a spirit, words, images and messages," Bloom said. "I wanted to be able to bring people



KARA HALLISSEY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Those looking for clarification about a situation in their life or want to connect with a deceased loved one should make an appointment with psychic medium Jessie Bloom in Ocean Pines.

comfort and closure with the loss of loved ones. Let them know and see that there is love and spiritual life after a physical death and those loved ones are always with them. Love and energy never die."

During a psychic reading it is essential to be open minded, she said. Verifying information Bloom receives or putting messages into a better perspective helps bring meaning to the experience.

Bloom does not receive as much information and readings are diminished if people are skeptical, uncomfortable or close themselves down.

"Readings are dependent on the recipient and it's a joint effort," Bloom said. "By verifying the information such as the identity of the spirit I am bringing through allows me to draw on and ask the spirit more questions to get a fuller message of what they are trying to convey. Being willing to open themselves up allows the energy to flow and makes the reading more meaningful."

Bloom said she could ask a particular loved one to come through, but ultimately it is up to the spirit. Sometimes people want a specific answer to something, which does not always appear.

She said there are often tears as well as laughter when a spirit brings its personality through or a positive energy is picked up.

"What brings me satisfaction in doing this work is to know I have helped someone," Bloom said. "Having a mediumship reading helps connect with the

spirits of loved ones to realize they are okay and in a place of peace and joy. It brings comfort and closure to the recipient."

In the next several weeks, classes will start on meditation and how intuition can change lives.

"When your life is in turmoil or you're going through difficult times, your intuition is stronger and steps in to help, because you are emotionally weaker: Pay attention," Bloom said. "It helps in your life to be more spiritually minded particularly through meditation."

Bloom has been practicing for about a year, although she said her abilities became stronger about 15 years ago. She is originally from Pennsylvania, worked in the financial industry in Washington D.C. and moved to the Worcester County area in 2003.

"I wanted to follow my passion and have always been a nurturer," Bloom said. "This is something that has been a part of my family. Past generations on my mother's side had the ability as well. My goal for readings is for the recipient to have a meaningful experience and take something from it that will give them comfort, closure and a better understanding."

To make an appointment, call 443-669-3404 or email info@jessiebloom.com. Her hours are Monday through Friday 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Nicholas Lane in Ocean Pines and arrangements can be made for Saturday readings. For more information, visit www.jessiebloom.com.

Nominate seniors for Hall of Fame

(Feb. 16, 2017) The Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame, Inc. (MSCHF) is seeking nominations of Maryland residents, 65 years of age or older, who as active volunteers (since age 65) have made outstanding contributions to improve the lives of others in the community.

Nominations are accepted beginning in January and ending on April 10. A Selection Committee reviews nominations and selects up to 50 qualified nominees to be presented to the MSCHF board for approval.

Approved nominees will be inducted into the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame during the annual Awards Luncheon held in October at Michael's Eighth Avenue in Glen Burnie.

The nomination form and specific details for eligibility are available at mschf.org or by contacting Tom Kline at mschf1@verizon.net or 410-322-5193.

Many seniors are dedicating their golden years to making contributions to society and helping others as volunteers. All nomination forms must be received by April 10.

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Snapshots



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WPS BREAD SALE

Worcester Prep second grade students hosted the annual Bread Sale as part of a hands-on learning lesson combining English, science, social studies, mathematics and philanthropy, on Jan. 19. The month-long project is modeled like a small business, with the students making the bread and then selling it in their classroom cafe to other students and faculty. The project involves researching ingredients, creating posters, oral reports and rotating jobs - from busboy to cashier - to learn all the facets of running a business. Proceeds are donated to Atlantic General Hospital. (Left) WPS Headmaster Dr. Barry Tull purchases a slice of bread for 25 cents from second graders, from left, Cora Conway, Ben Holloway, Dade Kappes, Jack Wells, Bella Fernley and Chloe Antonov. (Right) Third grader Sasha To enjoys her icing-topped slice of bread.



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HISTORY-MAKING CHECK

Atlantic General Hospital Associates completed the 2016 United Way pledge drive with the largest monetary pledge in history for the hospital. Atlantic General Hospital President and CEO, Michael Franklin, and associate campaign co-Chair, Sherry Whitt, director of MedSurg, presented Kasey Decker, Donor Relations coordinator, United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore, right, with a check in the amount of \$28,600.



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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Germantown School Community Heritage Center representatives, in front, from left, Gabe Purnell, Tom Pitts, and Barbara Purnell, accept a proclamation recognizing February as Black History Month from Worcester County Commissioner. They are joined by Worcester County Commissioners, Vice President Diana Purnell, in front, second from right, and President Jim Bunting, right, and in back, Commissioners Chip Bertino, Ted Elder, Joe Mitrelec, and Bud Church.



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WPS MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL AWARDS

Several Worcester Prep middle school students received awards for their performance during the girls' and boys' basketball seasons. (Left) Award winners for the seventh grade girls' team, in front, from left, are Abbey Miller and Lily Baeurle (co-MVPs), Maggie Miller (co-Most Improved Player) and Morgan White (Coaches Award). Recipients of awards for the eighth grade team, in back, from left, are C.C. Lizas (MVP), Ava Gerachis (Coaches Award) and Tenley Pelot (Most Improved Player). Award winners for the seventh grade boys' basketball team, in front, from left, are Mac Gates (Most Improved Player), Pranay Sanwal (Coaches Award) and Brice Richins (MVP). Players who won awards for the eighth grade team, in back, from left, are Mason Brown (MVP) and John Arrington (Most Improved Player), Not Pictured: Adison Browne (Coaches Award).

Business Briefs

Jones joins EXIT

EXIT Realty At The Beach in Ocean Pines announces the addition of Karena Jones to its team of real estate professionals.



Karena Jones

Jones graduated from Fleet Business School in Annapolis in 1994 and she had the advantage of some on-line courses with Ashworth Career College in Georgia. She also completed the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Realty classes before obtaining her real estate license.

EXIT Realty is a by-invitation-only company focused on the business of real estate. A portion of every transaction fee collected by EXIT Realty Corp. International is applied to its charitable fund. To date, \$3.5 million has been pledged to Habitat for Humanity.

EXIT Realty At The Beach is located at 11002 Manklin Meadows Lane Suite 3. For more information, call 410-208-3948.

Betten welcomed

Jeannie Betten recently joined Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices PenFed Realty in Ocean City.



Jeannie Betten

Betten has 11 years of real estate experience that focuses on resort properties near the ocean. As a child, her family vacationed in Ocean City. She attended college in San Diego and when she moved back to Maryland and became a Realtor, Ocean City was where she wanted to work.

During her career, Betten has worked in a variety of professional occupations: banking, lending, marketing and public relations before becoming a sales professional.

Betten can be reached at 443-365-7021 or by email at Jeannie@Sharingoc.com.

Hall earns designation

Amy Miller, CPM, managing director of SVN – Miller Commercial Real Estate announces that Property Manager Lindsay Hall has earned the Certified Property Manager (CPM) designation through the Institute of Real Estate Management (IREM).



Lindsay Hall

Hall has been with SVN-Miller since 2009 and has handled in-house property management and lease administration for the last six years.

The IREM, an affiliate of the National Association of Realtors, is an association of professional property and asset managers who have met strict criteria in the areas of education, experience and a commitment to a code of ethics.

The CPM designation is the industry's premier real estate management

credential. Hall went through rigorous training comprised of seven classes on topics including but not limited to Financial Tools, Marketing & Leasing, and Managing the Physical Asset. The week-long final exam was two-part; a management plan and skills analysis test, and a general knowledge exam.

For more information about SVN-Miller Property Management Services, contact Miller, CPM, at amy.miller@svn.com or call 410-543-2440.

Newton certified

Anna Newton, a Merrill Lynch financial advisor, recently obtained the Certified Financial Planner (CFP) certification awarded by the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc.

The CFP mark of distinction is one of the most recognized and respected credentials in the financial services profession. It requires meeting Certified



Anna Newton

Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc.'s rigorous standards of education, examination, experience and ethics. Earning a CFP professional certification is more than just an important career achievement, it can also be an important benefit because it complements the knowledge and understanding that Newton can draw upon in understanding client's life and helping them develop a personal investment strategy.

Brushmiller CRM

Certified Risk Managers International recently conferred the designation of Certified Risk Manager on a select number of individuals who completed the rigorous five-course program. Nicole Brushmiller with Atlantic/Smith



N. Brushmiller

Cropper & Deeley was one of this elite group of risk management professionals. Certified Risk Managers International is a nonprofit organization founded by The National Alliance for Insurance Education & Research, nationally recognized as the premier source of insurance and risk management education.

To attain the CRM designation, Brushmiller completed all five courses in the program and passed extensive examinations in each of the following subject areas: Principles of Risk Management, Analysis of Risk, Control of Risk, Financing of Risk, and Practice of Risk Management. The CRM Program features practical, "hands-on" course content, designed to be applied immediately to the risk manager's daily work.

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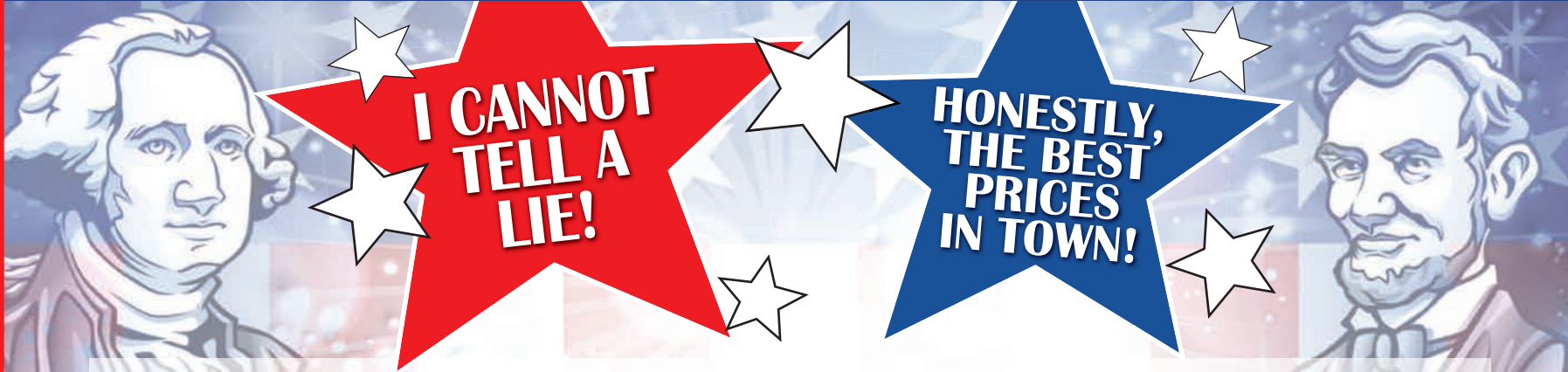
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Fill in the blank spaces in the grid so that every vertical column, every horizontal row and every 3 by 3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9, without repeating any. There is really only one solution to each puzzle.

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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DO THE SPLITS

BY LYNN LEMPEL / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

ACROSS

1 Topic for Dr. Ruth

7 Reimbursed expense for a commuter, maybe

14 As yet

19 Sound system?

21 Major export of Florida

22 Blue hue

23 Berate some guy for getting too much sun?

25 Like most “Quo Vadis” characters

26 Altar spot

27 “A bit of talcum / Is always walcum” writer

28 Banquet

29 For whom Nancy was first lady

30 Gives an order

32 Remain undecided

33 Fabric from flax

34 Bearded animal

37 Suggestion to a bored short-story writer?

40 Book reviewer?: Abbr.

43 Having less heft

45 Swinging Ernie

46 35-nation alliance, briefly

47 Drive____

48 Fasten

49 Kids’ TV character who refers to himself in the third person

51 Greenhorn on the force

54 Horse for hire

55 Result of a serious wardrobe malfunction at the beach?

57 Hit one out

58 Clean with a pressurized spray

60 First name in daredevilry

61 Turbid

62 Weighty matters?

63 He can be seen at the western end of the National Mall, informally

64 Pens for hens

65 Toast word

67 M, on a form

69 March movement

73 It may deliver a punch

74 Scientist’s dilemma regarding work vs. play?

76 “My only love sprung from my only ____!”: Juliet

77 Entry

79 Wild revelry

80 Archives material

81 Gist

82 Sight at Tanzania’s Gombe Stream National Park

83 Gist

84 It’s a drain

85 Entry on an I.R.S. form: Abbr.

86 Dismaying announcement about disaster aid?

91 What’s right in front of the tee?

92 Photographer Arbus

94 Old gang weapons

95 Heart of the matter?

97 Bit of cushioning

99 Arrears

100 Glitch

101 “Waterloo” band

105 Corroded

106 Roker’s appeal before gastric bypass surgery?

109 Turn aside

110 Bad look

111 Five-alarmer

112 Irritable

113 Spreadsheet contents

114 Dripping

DOWN

1 Tour grp. since 1950

2 Breakfast chain

3 Disapproving sounds

4 Gather

5 “What’s the ____?”

6 Alito’s Supreme Court predecessor

7 Creature on the movie poster for “The Silence of the Lambs”

8 With 34-Down, longtime public radio host

9 Some space vehicles

10 It must turn over to start

11 Docket

12 With 42-Down, “Frosty the Snowman” singer

13 Super suffix?

14 Pacific island wrap

15 Worry of stratospheric proportions

16 “That villain in comics has sure gotta be sore!”?

17 Desiccated ____ Sea

18 Tear apart

20 Plunger alternative

24 Deputy: Abbr.

29 Dentist’s directive

31 Tip

32 Traffic cone

33 Those who need sound memories, per Montaigne

34 See 8-Down

35 W. Hemisphere treaty of 1994

36 What a cash-strapped beau might take you on?

38 Pay

39 Certain rod

41 Was a busybody

42 See 12-Down

44 Beatrix Potter’s genre

47 Conveyance for soldiers

49 Timeline sections

50 ____ Palmas (Spanish province)

51 Talk wildly

52 Way to go: Abbr.

53 Pricey French fashion label

55 Club cousins

56 Utah’s ____ State University

59 Cap similar to a tam-o-shanter

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61 London tea accessory

63 Fleshy-leaved succulent

64 1950s French president René

65 Steamed seafood dish

66 Abductor of Persephone

67 Exhibitor at 1863’s Salon des Refusés

68 Something easy, so they say

69 “Grand Hotel” star, 1932

70 A.A. or AAA

71 Group’s basic beliefs

72 Tool parts used for bending things

74 Run out

75 High hairdos

78 Jeer

80 Take some shots

83 Annoys

84 Ad-agency output

86 Devil-may-care

87 “Aha!”

88 Mystical doctrine

89 Talk wildly

90 Gaming trailblazer

93 Sluggish

96 Having no room for more

97 Fuel from a fen

98 Building’s rain diverter

99 Sobel who wrote the Pulitzer-nominated “Galileo’s Daughter”

100 Editor’s override

102 One with a lot of tweets

103 Treat for a dog

104 Presently

106 Supplied

107 Parliamentary support

108 Corp. bigwig

Cuisine

What to do with all that pesky leftover duck

Our oldest son just made a trip to California, helping his half-brother move out to Camp Pendleton, his new duty station in the Marine Corps. I can't sit here and tell you that I wasn't jealous, because I most certainly was.



By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3

Visiting Carlsbad and Oceanside, Tyler was able to see where I lived/was stationed for well over three years back in the late 80s and early 90s when I myself was a young Marine. I'm glad that he had a chance to see it, and all I could think about was the true-blue Mexican food. Oh, the taco stands, sit-down restaurants and bars out there. But I don't tell the full truth. I miss a whole lot more than that.

I haven't set foot in Cali for over 25 years, but I still remember it like it was yesterday; the beaches, the waves, regular trips to Mexico, miserable runs in the foothills on Camp Pendleton, forced swims in the Pacific (it always humored me how much fun and how much misery one could have in this watery medium depending on the circumstance), and of course the scenery.

It was nothing to surf in the morning, enjoying a solid "Dawn Patrol" as it is referred to, skating in the latter parts of the morning and then heading up to Big Bear for a little skiing or snowboarding. To do that in Maryland entails 6 mm wet-suits, lots of hand warmers and no arthritis. It was much more manageable back then, and back there.

I'm pretty darned excited that Tyler is bringing me home a t-shirt from my favorite surf shop that is still open out there, Witt's Carlsbad Pipeline. The crew was always laid back, helpful in all aspects of surfing and great surfers; it reminds me of Malibu's on the boards in OC. I ran into the owner, Witt, a number of times at DMJs (Del Mar Jetties) on base, a great wave that was frequented by service members and civilians alike.

On other occasions we'd see such locals up at San Onofre, or Lower Trestles, which is one of Southern California's legendary breaks. The way it would break on a solid day and wrap around (if you were willing to do a little extra paddling and pumping) into Church's ensured a nice long ride and an exhilarating sunset session.



Back then, we would take advantage of deals through MWR (which is the Marine Corps' Morale, Welfare and Recreation division) and rent one of the trailers on San O for some ridiculous sum like \$50 a night. As the trailers would sleep about eight people (formally), we would naturally add about 10 more, so it cost us practically nothing to stay there all weekend, surf, cook, drink, sunbathe and otherwise frolic. I do so love that word: "frolic." And frolic we did.

It was in Southern California during this time while I was serving that I moonlighted at the Oceanside Chart House, and it is also where I was introduced to some pretty interesting foods such as sea urchin, abalone and, well, duck. Really, you might be thinking? Yes, though I was raised in Maryland, duck wasn't served at our family table when we were growing up, and in fact I never had it until I moved out west.

I fell in love with it and learned how to make some wonderful things out of it, ranging from Peking duck, duck confit, seared duck with a glaze de cerise, chilled duck salad and of course duck wontons.

Whenever you have roasted duck or Peking duck leftovers (I mean,

who doesn't have Peking duck laying around on a daily basis?) there is no reason to let it go to waste, and this is one of my favorite things to do with it. And it is very easy to make.

The most important part about this is to seek out the correct hoisin sauce, which is made by Koon Chun. Once you have this in-hand, the rest is a piece of cake. Well, duck cake, that is.

And to think that it all started in California when Maryland is such a hotbed for waterfowl still amazes me. But sometimes, we just need that travel, that wanderlust, to help us grow in our minds and hearts.

Or it just takes orders. That happens, too.

Duck Wontons

Makes about 30 wontons
1 Tbsp. Sesame oil
1/4 cup carrots, fine diced
2 slices fresh ginger, finely minced
1 package Enoki mushrooms
1 egg, scrambled raw
Oil, for frying (or a fryer)
8 ounces Shredded roasted duck
30 Wonton wrappers
Heat oil and sauté carrots and ginger for three minutes

Add mushrooms and remove from heat, but keep in pan

Either shred the duck or dice it and combine with vegetable mixture
Lay out your wontons three at a time and brush with egg wash

Put duck mixture in the middle of the wontons

Seal them corner to corner to make triangles, ensuring that they are tightly sealed

Heat fryer to 350F

When ready to serve, fry the wontons until golden brown

Serve with that scrumptious sauce

Wonton Dipping Sauce

Makes about 1 cup
1/4 cup, plus 2 Tbsp. Koon Chun Hoisin sauce
1/4 cup soy sauce
2 Tbsp. Mirin
2 Tbsp. Sesame seeds
Combine all ingredients and rest for two hours

— Paul G. Suplee is an Associate Professor of Culinary Arts at Wor-Wic Community College. Find his ePortfolio at www.heartofakitchen.com.

Calendar

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

THU, FEB. 16

PINE'EER CRAFT CLUB MEETING
Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 9:45 a.m. Refreshments served at 9:45 a.m., business meeting at 10 a.m. Followed by creation of St. Patrick's Day favors for Meals on Wheels in Ocean Pines and Ocean City. Guests are welcome.

'CONSTRUCTION ZONE'
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10:30 a.m. Children, ages 3-7 years, will create with a variety of building material from Duple and K'Nex to Giant Pipe Builders and Giant Waffle Blocks. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

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

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

MINI GOLF TOURNAMENT
Old Pro Indoor Golf Course, 6801 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 4:30

p.m. Sponsored by the Ocean Pines Boat Club. Happy hour starts at 4:30. BYOB and bring a small snack to share. After the tournament, everyone is invited to dinner at Taylor's Restaurant. Cost is \$10 for golf only, \$20 for golf and dinner or \$15 for dinner only. Open to the public. Walt or Barb, 410-600-0021, <http://www.wblischak@yahoo.com>

COMMUNITY PARKS MEETING
Council Chambers at City Hall, 301 N. Baltimore Ave., Ocean City, MD, 6 p.m. Share ideas about the Ocean Bowl Skate Park and tennis and basketball courts. Open to the public. All feedback will ultimately help develop Ocean City's Parks Master Plan. Recreation and Parks Department, 410-250-0125

FRI, FEB. 17

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

34TH ANNUAL SEASIDE BOAT SHOW
Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The "Boat Show That Works For Kids" will feature more than 350 boats, electronics, dock builders, boat lifts, crafts, canvas, archery display, fishing rods, fishing tackle, paddle boards, artists and food vendors. Sponsored by the Ocean City/Berlin Optimist Club, all proceeds go to area youth. Admission costs are \$10 for adults and \$1

for children. Weekend passes cost \$15. Charlie, cdorman1@yahoo.com, 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, <http://www.ocboatshow.com>

MAKE AND TAKE POTTERY NIGHT FUNDRAISER
Ocean City Art League, 502 94th St, Ocean City, MD, 6 to 8 p.m. Participants will be making a cute birdhouse of pottery for \$40 per person. There will be refreshments for sale and you may bring your own wine. Sign up at the Ocean City Art League by calling 410-524-9433 or online at www.artleagueofoceancity.org and click on events. Sponsored by Town Cats.

LASERTRON LASER TAG TOURNAMENT
Planet Maze, 3305 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, MD, 7 to 9 p.m. Best score wins. Prizes will be given. Cost is \$25. 410-524-4386

SAT, FEB. 18

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT SPAGHETTI DINNER
Ocean City Fire Department Headquarters, 1409 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 4 to 8 p.m. Spaghetti, salad, dessert, tea or lemonade. Cost is \$10 for adults and free to children 5 years and younger. All proceeds benefit the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company Cadet Program.

OCEAN CITY COLD WEATHER SHELTER TRAINING CLASS
St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 10301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers are needed. RSVP: Amy Morgan, 410-524-7474, Ext. 112.

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

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

AARP FREE TAX SERVICES
Ocean City Senior Center, 104 41st St., Ocean City, MD, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Open to walk-ins.

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ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRIED CHICKEN DINNER
New Hope United Methodist Church, 7338 New Hope Road, Willards, MD, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Menu includes mashed potatoes, greens, string beans, macaroni and cheese, beets, biscuits, dessert and coffee. Cost is \$13 for adults. Carry-outs available. 410-543-8244 or 443-235-0251

QUARTER AUCTION AND VENDOR SALE
The Selbyville Elks Lodge, Route 113, Bishopville, MD, 4 to 8 p.m. Paddles for the auction are \$10 for the first paddle and \$5 for additional paddles. Food and drinks available for purchase. Vendors including Pampered Chef, Scentsy, Lu-Larue and more. All proceeds benefit FORGE Youth and Family Academy, Inc. Tara Barrett-Shrieves, info@forgeyouth.org, 443-513-1048, <http://www.forgeyouth.org>

SUN, FEB. 19

ALL-U-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET
Berlin Fire Hall, 214 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Menu includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, creamed chipped beef, hash browns, waffles, biscuits, coffee, milk and juice. Cost is \$9 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5-12 years and free to those 4 and younger. Carry-outs cost \$7.

34TH ANNUAL SEASIDE BOAT SHOW
Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The "Boat Show That Works For Kids" will feature more than 350 boats, electronics, dock builders, boat lifts, crafts, canvas, archery display, fishing rods, fishing tackle, paddle boards, artists and food vendors. Sponsored by the Ocean City/Berlin Optimist Club, all proceeds go to area youth. Admission costs are \$10 for adults and \$1 for children. Weekend passes cost \$15. Charlie, cdorman1@yahoo.com, 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, <http://www.ocboatshow.com>

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



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FREE CLASSES
Terry Riley, a Realtor with Vantage Resort Realty in Ocean City, was the winner of a drawing sponsored by the Coastal Association of Realtors for members who donated blood during this year's OC Cares Blood Drive. Riley won 10.5 hours of required Continuing Education (CE), valued at over \$100. The classes Riley will be able to complete at no cost are Legal Update, Fair Housing, Ethics, Predatory Lending & Flipping, and MDREC Agency.

Calendar

MON, FEB. 20

CPAP MASK FITTING

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

AARP FREE TAX SERVICES

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

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING

Ocean Pines Community Center, As-sateague Room, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. Coffee served at 9:30 a.m. Featuring a panel discussion with representatives from the NAACP and Stand Up for Racial Justice.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

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

DELMARVA SWEET ADELINE CHORUS

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

TUE, FEB. 21

AARP FREE TAX SERVICES

MAC Center, 909 Progress Circle, Salisbury, MD, All Day By appointment only. Call 410-742-0505.

SNOW HILL ROTARY CLUB MEETING

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

BLIND SIGHT PRESENTATION

Brandywine Living at Fenwick, 21111 Arrington Drive, Selbyville, DE, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Blind Sight presents Improving the quality of life for blind and visually impaired residents. Jeannie Elgin, 302-436-0808

PLAY TIME

Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Children, infant to 5 years old, will read, sing, talk, write and play with educational toys. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Berlin Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 9715 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Support group for caregivers of Alzheimer's patients. It meets the third Tuesday of each month.

Open to the community. Info: Heather Cormack, 410-641-4400, Ext. 6123 or Kenneth Lewis, 410-208-1701 or 410-430-4818

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 166 MONTHLY MEETING

American Legion Synepuxent Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD, 7 p.m. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. The group meets the third Tuesday of each month. Current members and those interested in becoming a member are encouraged to attend.

BINGO

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

WED, FEB. 22

KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OCEAN PINES/OCEAN CITY

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

LUNCH AND BINGO BENEFIT

St. Andrew Catholic Center, 14401 Sinepuxent Ave., Ocean City, MD, 11:30 a.m. Enjoy a baked ziti lunch followed by 18 games of bingo. Tickets cost \$25 and may be purchased by calling Pat Luckett at 302-436-0351. Proceeds benefit St. Luke's Church. 410-250-0300

DELMARVA HAND DANCE CLUB

Ocean City Elks Lodge, 13708 Sinepuxent Ave., Ocean City, MD, 5:30 to 9 p.m. The group meets every Wednesday. Jitterbug, swing, cha-cha to the sounds of the '50s, '60s and Carolina Beach music.

A \$5 donation per person to benefit local Veterans. Elk members and their guests welcome. dance@delmarvahanddancing.com, 302-200-3262, <http://delmarvahanddancing.com>

OCEAN CITY/BERLIN ROTARY CLUB MEETING

Captain's Table Restaurant in the Courtyard by Marriott, 2 15th St, Ocean City, MD, 6 p.m. The group meets every Wednesday. cliffo917@aol.com, 410-641-1700

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 7 to 8 p.m. The group gathers the fourth Wednesday of each month. Pre-registration is not necessary. Pastoral Care Services, gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org, 410-641-9725

ONGOING EVENTS

STAR CHARITIES MONTHLY MEETING

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

CHURCH FUNDRAISER

Taylorville United Methodist Church will be collecting gently worn shoes, of any kind until April 1. Money raised will be used to repair the church's foundation. Drop off under the church pavilion at 12252 Adkins Road, Berlin or have them picked up by calling 410-208-1233 or 410-202-9341.

FORGE FRIDAY

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

KIWANIS WINTER PANCAKE BREAKFAST

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

WIDOWS & WIDOWERS SOCIAL CLUB

Luncheon meeting, third Tuesday, 1 p.m., Ocean Pines. Info: 410-208-1398.

CPR/AED, BLS AND FIRST AID COURSES

The American Heart Association is offering these life saving skills. Great for families, communities with pools, teachers, construction workers, lifeguards, coaches, physical trainers, camp counselors. Also Basic Life Support training for medical professionals, pharmacists, dentists, doctors, CNA's, LPN's, RN's or nursing students. Weekly classes offered. Sign up: 302-462-5594.

FREE DIABETES SUPPORT GROUPS

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

HELP FOR VETERANS

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, third Wednesday of each month, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Michelle Licata, a representative from the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs, is on hand to help veterans (of any conflict) with whatever help they need in navigating available VA programs, need special assistance, etc. Info: Licata, 410-713-3482.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Quilters by the Sea members recently celebrated the 91st birthday of founding member Light Henderson, third from left.

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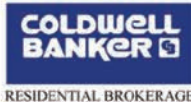


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Town of Ocean City, Md.

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