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Josephine Clark Anderson, left, Juanita Harrell White and Leola Armstrong Smack, right, all taught at Flower Street School in Berlin in the days before integration.

## Consulting error leads to increase in electric rates

By Josh Davis  
Staff Writer

(Feb. 18, 2016) A missed peak in November will cause electric rates in Berlin to go up roughly \$2 a month, as the town pays back a more than \$400,000 deficiency over the next three years.

Berlin Town Administrator Laura Allen said she became aware of the "peak-shaving issue" on Nov. 23, after receiving an email from Steve Miller, an analyst at Booth & Associates, Inc.

Booth & Associates was contracted by the town to identify when it should be generating power in order to hit certain peaks that trigger price breaks from Delmarva Power, which coordinates the movement of wholesale electricity through the regional transmission organization PJM.

"There are five coincident peaks [per year] that you have to hit in PJM to get a break on your electric rates," Allen said. "On the 20th of February [2015], Booth didn't tell us to peak shave ... They were under the impression that the single-transmission peak only happened during the summer, and that turned out not to be the case."

Peak shaving is the process of reducing the amount of energy purchased from a utility company during peak hours when charges are the highest. One way to reduce consumption is to generate a certain amount of offset energy back onto the grid.

Berlin's electric utility uses Delmarva Power infrastructure to deliver energy to homes in the town, but purchases the actual power from an outside source. That system had helped lower the average electric bill in town during five of the last six years.

When Allen learned about the missed peak, she alerted Mayor Gee Williams and Electric Utilities Director Tim Lawrence, and contacted an attorney who advises the town on matters relating to the electric department.

The town was facing additional costs totaling \$435,000, roughly half of which were triggered by the missed peak, Allen said. Other factors included anomalous weather and natural fluctuations within the system.

The additional costs would have led

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## Then & now: Pre-integration schools

With limited resources and in small spaces, teachers still found ways to succeed

By Josh Davis  
Staff Writer

(Feb. 18, 2016) Today, the Worcester County system has 14 public schools serving some 7,700 students and operating on an annual budget of nearly \$100 million.

Compare that to conditions during the middle of the last century, when, for instance, Wi-Fi was decades off, and giving a book to a high school freshman would have sounded revolutionary – to say nothing of a laptop computer.

There was a time, between the end of World War II and the beginning of integration, when teachers in the United States were forced to get by on far less. That was especially true here, a primarily rural county on the lower Eastern Shore of Maryland.

Josephine Clark Anderson, 95, grew up in Whaleyville and attended the Flower Street School in Berlin, currently the site of the Multipurpose Building. In 1939, she enrolled in the Maryland Normal and Industrial

School at Bowie, which today is known as Bowie State University.

"I was in the first class that had a degree, in 1941. There was 14 of us," she said. "It's like a city there now."

After Bowie, she became a teacher-principal in Stockton, Maryland, instructing dozens of students in grades 1-7 simultaneously, tucked inside a small classroom with limited resources. Her first monthly paycheck was \$65.

She worked for the federal government for several years during the war, then moved back home to German-town, where she taught grades 4-6, before moving on to Flower Street School. Far from a brick-and-mortar building, the school was made up of five small, portable schoolrooms. At times, Anderson said, there were 40-50 students in a single class, with two classes operating at once.

"I still wonder how in the world did we teach all the subjects to every grade during that short period during the day," she said. "I'm still puzzled about that. After a while, I guess you get the knack of it and you just do it."

In 1970, when Flower Street students were integrated into other schools, all the students had to help

pack up the books and school supplies from the old portables. Anderson assumed those, too, would be integrated into the new schools.

"The day that man came to pick up the boxes, I said, 'What school will these books go to?' He says, 'to the dump.' My first year at the Berlin Middle School, we needed those books and we didn't even have them," she said. "All those supplies they had gathered from the black schools – they carried them to the dump."

Leola Armstrong Smack, 76, followed a similar path, attending Flower Street School as a child, and then earning a degree at Bowie, which, by then was called the Maryland State Teacher's College. In 1956, she returned to Berlin to teach first grade at Flower Street.

"My first grade students had no Head Start, no kindergarten, no pre-school experience – I got them, right from mom and dad," she said. "I taught them everything. They didn't leave my room until they went home. I was their mother, their teacher, their music teacher, their phys. ed. teacher – I was their everything."

Smack had almost 40 students in

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# Berlin electric bills to increase about \$2

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to a \$10 per month increase in the average electric bill.

"Based on my conversations with the mayor, he and I decided that we wanted to try to figure out something to try and mitigate the impact on the customer," Allen said.

To lessen the blow to consumers, the town used \$100,000 in contingency funds budgeted for the electric department, and spread out the remaining balance over three years, starting this month.

That had to be approved by the Public Service Commission, which signed

off on the plan on Dec. 8.

In the future, Allen said American Municipal Power Inc. [AMP] would take on some of the responsibilities of Booth & Associates, including identifying peak shaving. Berlin signed with AMP in February of last year, joining a pool of more than 130 municipalities to increase its purchasing power.

Despite the problem, Allen said the town has largely had good dealings with Booth & Associates, dating back to 2008.

"They've done a good job for us," she said. "They helped us drop the cost of power pretty consistently over the years,

and they've saved the town over \$3 million from this peak shaving process.

"It's difficult when you're working with somebody who makes a mistake because you start to wonder, can I really trust these people, but they understand the reason for the mistake," Allen continued. "We've set it up so we never have that problem again, but I don't want to lose sight of the fact that they have done a good job by the town up until this point."

She added that town does not plan to take any additional actions – for now.

"We're looking at what our options

might be in that area to figure out what would be the best course of action," Allen said.

Overall, she said the town's electric rates were still "lower than most" municipalities in the area.

"My understanding is, at one point Berlin was the most expensive in the nation," Allen said. "That's certainly not the case anymore. We're very competitive, and we're even significantly lower today than we have been in the last couple of years. The customer will be paying more for electricity, but the rate overall is still lower than it has been historically."

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# Remembering Flower Street School

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her class during that first year. She remembers making \$1,200 a year, and spending a considerable amount of that on school supplies for her students.

"The white teachers got more than the black teachers," she said, adding that the majority of books and furniture were "hand-me-downs" from the white schools.

"We started each day with a prayer," she said. "Then, after the morning session, we cleared our desk and then we had our grace for lunch, and then back to work in the same classroom. They stayed with me for everything."

She taught a first and second grade "combination class" for five years, then taught third grade for another five years.

In 1967, she was called into the superintendent's office and told her next assignment would be as a fourth-grade teacher at Buckingham Elementary.

"I told the superintendent, 'I'm fine where I am, so I'll just stay there.' He said, 'if you want to continue to teach, you will go to Buckingham.' So off I went, that September, the only black teacher at that school," she said.

Smack had two black students in that class, allowed into the school thanks to the federally enacted "Free-

dom of Choice" plan. She said she was nervous at first – bringing her husband with her as a safety net to an early PTA meeting – but that her integrated students never presented any real problems.

"To the students, I was their teacher. They didn't see any color," she said. "And they treated me royally. I didn't have any trouble at all."

Like the teachers, Smack said many administrators did not have a say in school choice, and several were forced into lower positions. That included longtime Flower Street supervisor Elaine Spry, who was named vice principal at Berlin Middle School.

"The person they made principal was Tom Dorman, who was out of one of the [white] schools. Tom has told me himself he knew nothing about running a school back then, and that Ms. Spry was the one who helped him get the foundation laid out. She did most of the work."

Juanita Harrell White, 81, was born in North Carolina and moved to the Eastern Shore in 1960, when she found work as a teacher at Flower Street, making \$280 a month. Her rent, living with a family in Germantown, was \$9 a week.

She was hired in October, replacing another teacher who had just lost her job.

"There was a teacher who started

showing, and back in those days if you were pregnant, you weren't supposed to teach," she said. "When they found out that she was pregnant, she had to resign."

Black teachers were required to take at least eight months of unpaid maternity leave after their children were born. Unwed mothers were simply let go, as well as any male teachers who contributed to a pregnancy conceived outside of marriage.

Along with the unfamiliar working conditions, White said the portable buildings themselves astonished her when she first arrived.

"Coming from North Carolina, from a much larger school, I never experienced nothing like that. It was strange-looking to me when I went into those units," she said. "There was no library, no cafeteria."

She also had to share 16 math textbooks with the other teacher in her unit, despite having upwards of 30 students in each class.

Then, in 1965, White herself was forced to go on maternity leave. She later found out her supervisor planned to let her go outright.

"The black supervisor came in my classroom and gave me one of the worst write-ups you could ever have," she said. "It was heartbreaking, because I just had a baby. I had bills. You can't imagine how that af-

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# Black WC teachers ‘could teach anywhere in the world’

fected me. But, I went on.”

She found part-time work in Somerset County, and in the Indian River school district, in Delaware. A year later, her substitute work led to a full-time position there.

“I was the first black person hired [in the Indian River district] in 1966,” she said. “They let all black teachers go with the exception of two, and I was the second one. I had to take [work] where I could get it to get my foot in the door.”

It might not have been what she was initially looking for, but White found herself thriving there, teaching language arts to fifth and sixth graders.

“I was treated fine. I really enjoyed it,” she said. “When one door closes another one opens, and it was an excellent door. I stayed there for 33 years.”

White retired in 1980. Anderson retired in 1983, after teaching for 38 years. Smack retired in 1992, after 35 years, although she continued to substitute, offer in-home tutoring and leading an afterschool program at her church.

Despite all the hardships during the years before integration, she looks back on those days with pride – and fondness.

“It was very rewarding,” Smack said. “Even with the limited resources that we had, we turned out teachers, we turned out lawyers, we turned out nurses, secretaries, ministers, doctors and judges.

“The reason we were successful is because of the parent involvement, the dedicated teachers and the obedient students,” she continued. “They were pillars of strength, and they were successful because we had to do the very best for them.”

Anderson said it was not in spite of, but precisely because of those adverse conditions that so many black teachers in Berlin became so adept at their

jobs – and so many of their students went on to earn advance degrees and become successful in their own careers.

“If you could teach in Worcester County as a black teacher, you could teach anywhere in the world,” she said. “It was the same thing in Wicomico County, and it was the same thing in Dorchester County. Any of those black teachers during any of those years – if they went anywhere else to teach, they had no problems.”

Smack went so far as to suggest the stringent guidelines actually ended up benefiting the students.

“The principals were very strict on the black teachers, in the black schools, during segregation. But I think that was because they wanted the best for our children, and they demanded us, as teachers, to give our best,” she said. “The accomplishments and the success of our students all seem worthwhile. They have really, really accomplished wonderful things.”

Despite all the complications, all three women dearly loved their jobs, and all three said they operated under the same motto: “Take the child as God has made him or her, the last teacher left ... Take them and go on from there.”

All three women said they still think about their former students every day. Because each of them taught for more than three decades, it’s almost impossible not to run into someone who, in a former life, was a little boy, or a little girl, learning about reading, writing and arithmetic inside a small, portable classroom on Flower Street.

“My grandchildren say to me, ‘Grandma you know everybody.’ From Willards to Ocean City, from Newark to Selbyville – everywhere I go I see somebody I used to teach. Wherever I go, it’s always somebody that knows me,” Anderson said.



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# Director Cheryl Jacobs opens up about OPA

Bridges, country club top agenda and retaining her independence also priority

**By Josh Davis**

Staff Writer

(Feb. 18, 2016) Cheryl Jacobs and Tom Herrick won election to the seven-member board of directors in Ocean Pines last August. Both ran with the promise of being independent thinkers, while the board was perceived as being divided into two factions, and each declined requests for interviews early into their terms.

Now, six months into her three-year first term, Jacobs said she is ready to talk. On Monday, between periods of snow and rain and sleet, she did just that.

"I've limited my communication with the media for, originally, what I believed was an agreement that the board had come up with at our orientation [in September]," she said. "I later learned that was tossed out the window."

"I felt like, now, it was important for people who voted for me to have a look behind the scenes at what's been going on," Jacobs added.

Coming onto the board, Jacobs said she had high hopes that she could help bring about a new level of fairness and civility. She said she wanted to be a "professional, rea-

soned voice" for the majority of Ocean Pines residents.

"I, like everybody, read what's in the papers," she said. "The majority of the press is always negative, because the characters that have been on the board – and some that continue to be – are great fodder."

"I really wanted to make a difference in the community and do more things that I felt had been languishing," she continued. "I wanted to learn as much as possible about the inner workings of the community, and, while you can read the papers and show up at the meetings or watch the videos, it's not at all like being a part of the board and seeing firsthand what goes on."

She also wanted to work closely with Ocean Pines General Manager Bob Thompson for two reasons – so she could judge his performance better, and to "try to understand why he is so controversial."

"Sometimes, I think he's his own worst enemy," she said. "There is also a history with some people who won't let it go. No matter how much good he would do, they're not going to recognize that and they're going to hold onto whatever it was that made them feel negative about him."

"I think he does a tremendous job here," Jacobs added. "This is a great place, and you can't say he's terrible for it to still be a great place. He's only

enhanced the community."

Jacobs said she worries about any director who operates with a strict agenda, especially those who have fixated on removing Thompson. Instead, her focus is on making Ocean Pines "as good a community as possible."

An early sign of success, in her mind, is that she is still viewed as an independent.

"Both sides of whatever clique exists think they have me on their side," Jacobs said. "Perfect. That means I'm doing exactly what I want to do."

"I'm on nobody's side, except for the residents of this community," she added. "I've definitely been cast as the swing vote and that's really unfortunate, because that says there are still distinct factions."

Later this month, Jacobs will retire from her position as special counsel to the Office of Child Support Enforcement under the Attorney General's Office in Baltimore. It's a job, she said, that has helped her probe the personalities of the different board members "both from a psychological and a personal perspective."

"I want to know how to best deal with people and their little quirks, because if I want to try to win somebody over to my position about something, I need to understand what's going on with them and how they're thinking and reacting to things," she said. "It continues to be challenging."

She said the complexity of the job has surprised her, with a large amount of information coming at each director in a short span, especially during budget season.

"While I'm an attorney and I'm used to rules and regulations, we have our own set of things here that impact how you make decisions," she said. "You're trying to come up to speed with all of that. At the same time, you're hit with the budget process. It's a lot."

The board has also had to digest a new reserve study and a capital facilities plan. A comprehensive planning document is also on the way.

Jacobs said it was intriguing that some budget items – a \$55,000 allotment for a food truck, for instance –



Cheryl Jacobs

became so controversial, while others, like creating a multiyear funding plan went largely unnoticed.

She is unsure if the board will be able to pass a fiscal-year 2017 budget before the Feb. 25 deadline, which she called "artificial," and said she was concerned with some aspects of the comprehensive plan, which was approved by the previous board.

"I definitely would not have voted for that," she said.

The recent contract with Sandpiper Energy, which will allow the company to convert propane lines in Ocean Pines to natural gas, is one of Jacobs' proudest early accomplishments. While she wouldn't go as far as saying she offered legal advice during the negotiations, she did admit to giving her "opinion as a lawyer" during the process. She also recommended a local attorney who looked over the contract before it was signed in December.

Repairing or replacing a pair of bridges tops her remaining list of priorities, followed by addressing the country club, which she favors replacing with a smaller, more efficient building.

"It is ridiculous," she said, citing the January budget meetings, when several board members could be seen wearing hats, coats and scarves inside the building. According to Jacobs, Thompson has developed a concept

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# Jacobs: Talk about positive things in Pines

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for the building that resembles a “very scaled-down version of Light-house Sound with a cart barn underneath.”

“If you build new – shrink it. Bring the cost down,” she said. “It makes all the sense in the world to me.”

She would also like to streamline the Compliance, Permits and Inspections [CPI] violations process, fill information technology and human resources positons, improve marketing and public relations efforts and see certain enhancements at the yacht club. Specifically, she has been pushing for the restaurant to give out comment cards with each check.

“That is a big investment that we all made, and I want it to be successful. I want people to want to go there,” she said.

Also important, she said, are funding maintenance at the golf course, addressing the Beach Club bath-

rooms, and finding an interim solution for the lack of space at the police department. She does not support building a new station, as Thompson proposed in the capital facilities plan.

Jacobs prides herself on seeming dispassionate during meetings, although she admitted her emotions got the better of her when Herrick recently introduced a motion that, on the surface, asked the directors to explore alternatives to the current general manager system, in case Thompson abruptly decided to resign.

“I did not think he was being genuine about his motivation, and I call people out on it when I think that they’re being, from a legal perspective, pretextual,” she said. “This is not what’s really behind making this motion. This is not one bit about [Herrick] caring about the association being left holding the bag if Mr. Thompson decides to up and leave us. That’s not at all what was going on there and everybody knew it.

“It was totally political and that’s upsetting to me,” she continued. “Be your own person. If you think Bob Thompson ought to be fired, then you take whatever steps you think are appropriate and try to get him fired. If you build a case and everybody goes for it and that’s the outcome, well, then that’s what happens. But don’t do this kind of crap.”

Overall, Jacobs said she feels bullish about the strength of the association – with one caveat.

“I feel very good about it if – and it’s a big if for me – the board will continue to fund the reserves sufficiently to address our immediate needs, as well as making sure that we maintain all of our facilities and infrastructure going forward, and not let things deteriorate around us,” she said. “Every decision the board makes should be for the purpose of making people feel happier, safer, and making the community a better place to live.”

With another election cycle starting soon in Ocean Pines – three seats are up for grabs, with a vote due in August – Jacobs said she would love to see another woman on the board. She has at least one candidate in mind.

“I’m hopeful that I can convince one woman – who would be outstanding – to agree to run,” she said. “There’s no doubt in my mind she would be elected if she ran, and there’s a real need for someone of her caliber to replace some of the outgoing members of the board. I’m doing my best – but so far, she’s not biting.”

At the same time, Jacobs said she was concerned that “prior members of the board” might attempt to run again in order to “create chaos.”

“This community doesn’t need

that, and I hope that’s not the case. I worry that some people are recruiting [candidates] with agendas, versus people who could be independent thinkers. That’s not good for the community at large,” she said. “I worry some new board members will attempt to derail some of the things that I believe are best for the community at large, and create a climate of immature, uncivil behavior.”

Following the election, Jacobs was named vice president of the board by a 5-2 vote. Perhaps ironically, Herrick nominated her to the position.

As for the speculation that she could be tapped to succeed Pat Renaud as president in August, Jacobs said she is not seeking the position.

“Of course, that will be totally dependent on who gets elected,” she said. “I have no desire, necessarily, to be the president, but I have very much enjoyed being the vice president.

“This is a wonderful place to live. Sure, we have some problems and we have some issues that have been languishing over time, but now’s the time to get them done,” Jacobs added. “I also don’t think we do a good enough job of marketing ourselves and getting our message out there, and I urge people to talk about the positive things and what are we doing right, as well as the things we think are our problems.”

## Pickleball clinics for beginners and advanced players

### Recreation and parks to offer two-sessions lessons

(Feb. 18, 2016) Ocean Pines will be offering two-session clinics this winter for beginners and advanced players interested in learning pickleball.

Pickleball, which combines elements of tennis, badminton and pingpong, is played with a whiffle ball and wooden paddles on a surface half the size of a tennis court. The game is family-friendly and accessible to almost everyone, regardless of age or athletic ability.

Clinic dates are Feb. 19 and 26 and March 18 and 25. All clinics will be held from 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center, located at 235 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines.

The cost is for each clinic is \$10 per person, and preregistration is required. Each clinic will be limited to 12 players.

In addition to instruction, Ocean Pines offers drop-in indoor pickleball at the community center through May 31. Drop-in times are 1:30-5:30 p.m. on Sundays, 7-9 p.m. on Mondays and 1:30-4:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The cost is \$5 per person.

Ocean Pines pickleball courts and programs are open to the public; membership is not required to participate.

For more information or to register, call the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052. Information regarding additional recreational programs, including an online version of the Ocean Pines Activity Guide, is available at OceanPines.org.



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Patrick Vorsteg asks the Berlin Planning Commission for a zoning change during a meeting last Wednesday. The commission voted 5-1 to rezone four properties on Gay Street and add them to the town's historic district. The recommendation will next go to the town council, and will require a public hearing.

## Berlin commission approves rezoning request on Gay St.

By Josh Davis

Staff Writer

(Feb. 18, 2016) Asked to consider rezoning four properties on Gay Street, the Berlin Planning Commission on Wednesday briefly debated its own authority within the scope of town planning.

Patrick Vorsteg, who recently purchased an empty lot on 15 Gay Street, asked for a zoning change from R-1 residential to B-1 town center district. His intention, he said, was to build a two-story building similar to others in downtown Berlin, with storefronts on the ground floor and apartments overhead.

He said he envisioned a square-front building with glass front windows and awnings. The property borders Wainwright's Tire Center, and is close to Berlin Coffee House and The Globe restaurant.

Vorsteg gathered signatures from three other property owners, on 13, 19 and 21 Gay Street, who all endorsed the idea and asked to be included in the zoning change.

Planning Director Dave Engelhart said Berlin staff, including the town administrator, favored the idea, and that he and Vorsteg had discussed the project for more than a year.

"We were going to do some kind of overlay districts, adjoining the downtown, in the future anyway," he said. "That would give [the area] a little more flexibility."

Commission member Pete Cosby said he liked the idea, but wondered if the entire street could be redeveloped at once. Vorsteg, however, said the owners of the adjoining properties— all currently residences — did not appear to be interested in selling or mutually developing at this time.

He added that he was not in a position to buy up the entire street, either.

"I'm still very much a carpenter," he said. "I was doing pretty good to get this piece of property."

Two other commission members, Ron Casio and John Barrett, also appeared to sign off on the zoning change — although both expressed concerns about the flexibility it would offer others in the future. Both mentioned the possibility of "metal buildings" several times.

"If you do this right, it would be a huge improvement and a sign to other people with how they could improve their properties," Casio said. "This is going to increase the tax base without any downsides ... however we can work with you, let's do it."

"I think it's a great idea. I think this is how the town needs to grow — from within, rather than [through] annexation," Casio continued. "I'm all for it. The only concern is what it looks like."

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# Zoning change could grow Historic District in Berlin

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In order to protect the area, Casio suggested the commission amend the motion to include the entire area within the town's historic district. Engelhart disagreed, saying that addition was not necessary.

"I'm of the opinion you don't need the historic guidelines – you don't need to make that a stipulation," he said, adding that the commission would have the protection of reviewing any other developments on that street. "It's in the ordinance. You passed an ordinance last year that you have to approve any [new developments]."

Casio argued that the commission essentially had no authority in Berlin "if you bring the right lawyer in."

"You're worried about nothing," Engelhart said. "If that's your criteria, you should decide nothing."

"The historic district, at this point, is the only tool that we have to

possibly control the looks of the building," Casio said. "If we had what we've been asking for a while – this power everywhere – then we probably wouldn't be talking about [adding the historic district]."

The commission briefly considered tabling the motion entirely, asking Vorsteg if he would come back next month with signed letters from each homeowner endorsing the addition of the historic district stipulation.

Engelhart, however, reminded the commission that at this point they were simply recommending something to the Berlin Town Council. Final approval would require at least two more public meetings, and a public hearing.

The final motion, to rezone all four parcels commercial and enter them into the historic district – with the consent of each property owner – passed 5-1. Chris Denny opposed.

# CAR receives \$2,000 grant for community art kiosk in Berlin

(Feb. 18, 2016) The Coastal Association of Realtors [CAR] received a \$2,000 place-making micro grant from the National Association of Realtors to help transform unused public space in downtown Berlin.

The grant is intended to help realtor associations partner with others to plan, organize, implement and maintain place-making activities in their communities.

CAR is the first Realtor association in Maryland to receive an NAR place-making micro grant. CAR will also contribute \$300 to the project, for a total downtown improvement valued at \$2,300.

CAR and Berlin's economic development office will use the funds to construct a community art kiosk at the Berlin Visitor's Center on Main Street. The kiosk will contain a chalkboard, intended to bolster

community interaction. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place at 4 p.m. on Friday in the visitor's center.

Each month, the town will write a different question on the board. The questions are designed to bring residents and visitors together by making them think about what a positive, strong community is made of. An example question could be, "What's your definition of a community?"

The entire community will be welcome to write their answers on the board.

While visiting the kiosk, residents will be encouraged to get more information about Berlin. There is also seating available in the area of the kiosk, as well as various locally owned shops and restaurants. Free Wi-Fi access is also available in downtown Berlin.

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# OPA taking 'wait and see' approach to traffic

**By Josh Davis**  
Staff Writer

(Feb. 18, 2016) Although it might have appeared that the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors agreed two weeks ago to create a committee to work on traffic questions tied to the new Delmarva Health Pavilion, that is not the case, OPA board President Pat Renaud said in a phone interview last Friday.

Following the public March 5 meeting, the board did seem to agree that a committee might be helpful, but Renaud said the board is taking a "wait and see" approach, at least for now.

"I would like to see the results of the summer traffic coming through," Renaud said. "I think we ought to wait for any decision to see what happens."

Renaud said a traffic study could be helpful, adding that he was not in favor of developer Palmer Gillis's proposal, introduced during the meeting, to build an access road to Ocean Parkway. Currently, drivers can only make right turns in and out of the pavilion.

"I think there's a lot of danger in it," Renaud said. "I still think it's a matter for the county and particularly the State Highway administration."

He said he agreed with Board Vice President Cheryl Jacobs, who sug-

gested widening a portion of Route 589 to allow left-hand turns into the facility. Renaud also cited Director Bill Cordwell, who said Ocean Pines residents should simply adapt their behavior to the center, and take the long way around Ocean Parkway and use the existing traffic patterns.

"I don't really think it's a problem from the standpoint of traffic – I don't think it's a serious issue," Renaud said. "As far as making a solution now, I think it's a wait and see kind of a solution."

Renaud added that, for now, he did not intend to form a committee to explore the issue further.

"I don't have any plans right now, and I don't know of any other directors who have any plans," he said.

He went on to say he was bothered by Gillis' implication that future development could be halted if Ocean Pines did not allow access to Ocean Parkway.

"I don't like that at all. I don't like threats and I'm not sure that PRMC [who anchors the pavilion] wants that either," Renaud said. "Giving them access to Ocean Parkway would make it even worse. I can't imagine up to 1,000 cars coming in and out of Ocean Pines every day. That would be a nightmare."

For his part, Gillis admitted he was more than a little blindsided by the format of the meeting, which he

expected to be an address to the board of directors. Instead, dozens of residents and nearly two hours of public comments greeted him last week. All of them were negative, and some of them became personal.

"My first response was, I thought public flogging was outlawed years ago," he said. "I really, honestly was there to ask for input. I didn't know I was having a public meeting. I was totally unprepared for the public meeting. That said, I really totally get [the residents'] point of view."

When he first purchased the property, more than six years ago, Gillis said the county was pushing him to develop a large residential complex.

"That's not what the neighbors should want there," he said. "And I'm not putting a strip club or a tattoo parlor or whatever either – I'm putting in high-level medical services."

He went on to say it was by design that he waited until now to address traffic concerns.

"The question kept coming up, why didn't I [find a solution to the traffic issues] six years ago. Well – I didn't have PRMC six years ago," Gillis said. "People like to feel, touch and see, and I waited strategically for this time because I wanted people to see who was going in there. But, more importantly, I wanted them to see the facility. I wanted them to get comfortable with what we were building."

"A drawing on a piece of paper doesn't mean anything to anybody, but if they can walk up to it and walk in the building, it really, truly means something," he added.

Now, Gillis said he is offering funding solutions to problems Ocean Pines would be having, with or without a new medical facility going up near its north gate.

He said his team of traffic engineers is also creating four options to present to the State Highway Administration. Gillis would not comment on the specifics, but said, "Donnie [Drewer, SHA district engineer] mentioned during the meeting that even a full access is probably not unreasonable at this stage."

"What's ironic here is, people complain about public entities not doing the right thing. All Donnie is trying to say, in his wisdom, is the taxpayers are going to have to solve this problem later on if you don't solve it today," Gillis said. "Today, you have a developer who is going to pay for it. Tomorrow, it's going to be the public that's going to have to pay for it."

"I really, truly feel that widening the [North Gate] bridge or replacing the bridge is the right way to go," he continued. "That being said, it's up to the citizens and the leadership of Ocean Pines to make that decision. I can't keep knocking on the door and having them close it on me."



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# Sewer lines back up Cannery Village approval

‘Belly’ in system not solved; builders working on fixes as move-in date moved again

**By Josh Davis**  
Staff Writer

(Feb. 18, 2016) The 26 families who were approved for homes inside Berlin’s new Cannery Village complex probably will have to wait at least a few more weeks before they can move in.

Jim Tone, a site manager with Harkins Builders Inc., said the company is still working to correct prob-

lems with sewer lines, which have not been able to pass testing needed to gain approval from the town.

Berlin Planning Director Dave Engelhart said the lines were not installed correctly and had a “belly,” essentially a segment that has lost its positive slope. When that happens, water flow loses momentum and tends to settle and create a clog.

“I don’t think that’s been resolved yet,” he said. “It’s got to come up to a certain level to be accepted, and they haven’t achieved that. The last testing they did, didn’t pass.”

Engelhart said these types of set-

backs do happen with new construction and were not necessarily unusual.

“I remember when we did a Wal-Mart when I was working down in Virginia. It was one thing after another,” he said. “It was the worst monsoon year, and drainage and mud and everything was a problem, and they had stormwater ponds that they just couldn’t make work right. It was frustrating [the builders], but they couldn’t get the inspection signed off.

“Stuff wasn’t working right until they did some remedial action, and that’s what they’re doing here,” Engel-

hart added. “It’s nothing [the town] is holding up.”

When ground was broken on the site in June, developer Andrew Hanson said he was hoping the first units would be ready by September, with full build possibly done by January.

On Tuesday, Tone said it could be weeks – or more than a month – before the lines are repaired.

“We’re hoping it’s soon,” he said. “We’ve been hoping since December, but the weather hasn’t cooperated.”

Tone said 22 of the 44 homes in the complex should be ready to go as soon as the sewer issues are cleared.

# Ocean Pines files 66 suits totaling over \$100K

Actions set in District Court, association trying to make up for unpaid assessments

**By Josh Davis**  
Staff Writer

(Feb. 18, 2016) Looking to recoup unpaid assessments from the previous year, Ocean Pines has filed 66 separate lawsuits against association members who apparently owe more than \$100,000.

All of those cases were filed in Worcester County District Court in

Snow Hill.

General Manager Bob Thompson said the majority of the suits were against homeowners whose assessments were overdue by more than a year. Several of the cases had damages totaling thousands of dollars.

Last year’s annual assessment was \$921.

“What happens is, we file liens against the properties. That’s the way we protect ourselves,” Thompson said. “Through that lien process, we can then go to court and see if there is a way to collect.”

Thompson said the cases rarely go to trial. Of 53 similar cases filed last year, he said 27 resulted in full payment of derelict funds. Another 16 are repaying assessments on installment plans.

Both instances included repayment of all legal fees, and only 10 cases did not result in some form of restitution for Ocean Pines.

“The majority of them, when we go through this process, actually work toward a resolution, which is very nice,” he said. “It’s a process we started a few years back, carrying it to this level, but that’s also why our collection rates are

up.

Although the Ocean Pines Association filed 13 more cases in court this year versus the previous year, Thompson said that did not necessarily indicate an upward trend. Still, he said the association takes overdue assessments very seriously.

“Protecting the association has to be a priority, and protecting ourselves from our overdue assessments is one of the things we focus on,” Thompson said. “With that being said, we do try our very best to work our way through this in a reasonable way.”

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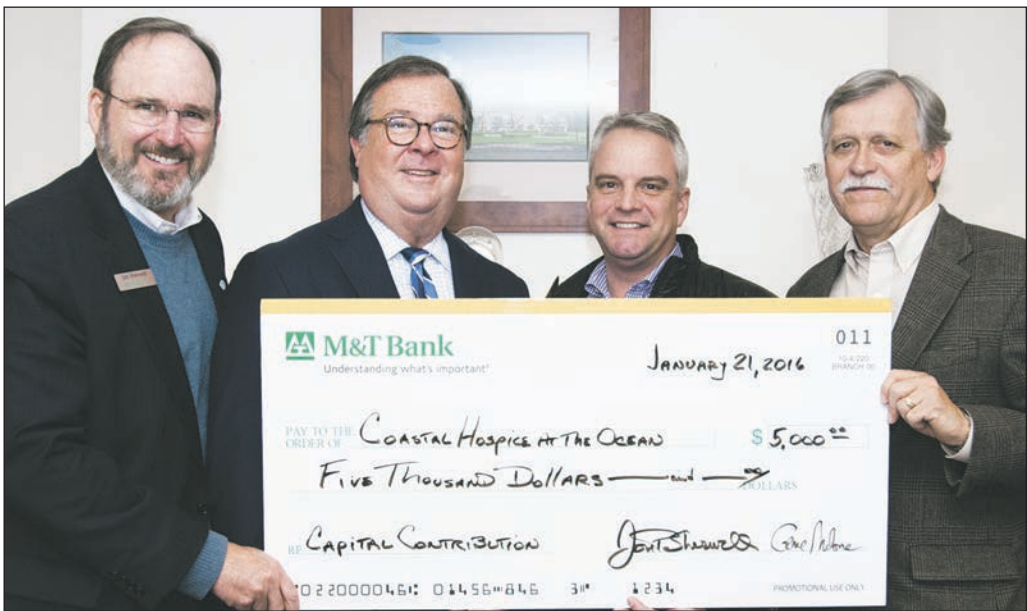
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## BLOOD DRIVE DRAWING

Bill O'Donnell, a Realtor with Montego Bay Realty in Ocean City, was the winner of a drawing sponsored by the Coastal Association of Realtors (CAR) for members who donated blood during the Jan. 20, OC Cares Blood Drive at the Ocean City convention center on 40th Street. CAR Executive Vice President Page Browning presents O'Donnell with a certificate for free Continuing Education. He won 10.5 hours of required Continuing Education (CE), valued at more than \$100.



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## COASTAL HOSPICE DONATION

The M&T Charitable Foundation presents a check for \$5,000 to support the campaign to build Coastal Hospice at the Ocean in Worcester County. Pictured, from left, are M&T Bank Vice President Jon P. Sherwell; attorney Dirk Widdowson, co-chairman of the Coastal Hospice at the Ocean capital campaign committee; Michael Abercrombie, Jr., member of the M&T Bank Director's Advisory Committee; and M&T Bank Vice President Gene Malone.

## SCIENCE FAIR JUDGES

Members of the Ocean Pines-Ocean City Kiwanis Club recently helped judge Showell Elementary School students' science fair projects. Pictured, from left, are Roy Foremen, Irene Daly, Doris Lloyd, Rita Landis, Jackie Todd, Carolyn Dryzga and Dave Landis.

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## FILM FEST WINNERS

WPS junior filmmakers/actors, in front, from left, Paul Townsend and Riley Dickerson, and in back, Amy Lizas, Davis Mears, Zachary Wilson, Jonathan Ruddo, Clare Riley, Thomas Polk, Alex Abbott, Jordan Welch, Allie Van Orden and technology teacher Nancy Raskauskas. The group's film, "Knock Knock," won Honorable Mention for "Best Audience Reaction" during the Toronto 50-Hour Film Competition.



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## WALTON SPEAKS TO KIWANIS

Ocean Pines AARP Chapter #4507 President Larry Walton, left, was the guest speaker during the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City's Feb. 10 meeting. He is pictured with Kiwanis President Mark Joseph. Chapter #4507 has more than 200 members and meets the first Monday of the month in the Ocean Pines Community Center starting at 9:30 a.m.



# SNAPSHOTS



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## DAY TO SERVE

Local citizens, contractors and businesses were contacted and stepped up to participate in the “Day To Serve” project at Cedar Chapel Special School. On Jan. 20, these volunteers were recognized during the Kiwanis Club meeting. Pictured, from left, are Kiwanis Club Immediate Past-President Carolyn Dryzga who organized and coordinated the event; Joe Tamarelli of Clean All Exteriors, who did the power washing and sanitizing of the playground equipment and sign; Scott Elliott of Atlantic Stonewall & Patio, who refurbished the school’s memorial garden; Kiwanis Club President Mark Joseph; CCSS Principal Belinda Gulyas; Bill Ludlam of “Team Home Depot,” who installed chair rails to protect the school’s two murals; Worcester County Volunteer Services Manager Kelly Brinkley; Bill Roache, also of “Team Home Depot,” and William Carper, who refurbished the playground sign.



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## ASPIRING WRITER

Michael Johnson has taught all of his students that revise, edit, polish and rewrite are the steps all great writers go through. An aspiring great writer at Showell Elementary, Chaniah Bernier, uses these strategies in her third grade classroom.



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## COUNTY PROCLAMATION

The Worcester County Commissioners present Kara Neel of Big Brothers/Big Sisters (BBBS) of the Greater Chesapeake with a proclamation on Jan. 5 recognizing January as National Mentoring Month. Roughly 75 children and 80 adult mentors are matched on the Eastern Shore through the BBBS, and about 80 children are still awaiting mentors. Learn more about BBBS at [www.biglittle.org](http://www.biglittle.org), [www.facebook.com/BBBSES](http://www.facebook.com/BBBSES) or call BBBS Outreach Coordinator Addie Cropper at 443-521-3028.



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## INVESTORS IN STOCK

Stephen Decatur High School students participated in the fall session of the Maryland Stock Market Game challenge organized by the Maryland Council on Economic Education. Evan Marlowe, a sophomore, placed first in the state. He was able to earn an 18 percent gain on his \$100,000 investment. The team of seniors Cole Mumford, Will Sass and Nick Matha placed second in the state and earned a 14 percent profit on their investments. More than 700 Maryland students participated in the Stock Market Game. Economics and Personal Finance teacher Kurt Marx guided the students as they navigated through their stock options during class and with the After School Academy Investment Club.



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## COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

The Worcester County Commission for Women committee met recently to plan the Women’s History Month luncheon. The co-chairs of the event, Carol Rose, front row, second from left, and Cheryl Jacobs, front, right, are busy making arrangements for the event, which honors and recognizes the history and accomplishments of women in throughout Worcester County. The luncheon will take place on Wednesday, March 16 at the Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel on 101st Street in Ocean City. For more information, call Rose at 410-641-2070 or Jacobs at 410-208-6798.



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## SUNNY OUTLOOK

The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore recently awarded Worcester County Humane Society with a mini grant of \$1,500 to help with the cost of a security system for the shelter. Pictured is 8-month-old, Sunny, who is available for adoption, with the check.



## PREMIER ATHLETES

Stephen Decatur High School and Premier Driving School recognized seniors Dayona Godwin and Brett Kim as the December Athletes of the Month. This season, Godwin broke the career point record for Decatur girls' basketball. Kim is a captain of the wrestling team. Each month, Premier Driving School honors two outstanding athletes who excel in the classroom and in their sport. Pictured, from left, are Assistant Principal Ryan Cowder, Godwin, Kim and Premier Driving School representative Geri Riden.

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## BERLIN BRIEFS

By Josh Davis

Staff Writer

(Feb. 18, 2016) The Berlin Planning Commission discussed the following items during a meeting at town hall on Feb. 10.

### Zoning change

Paving the way for a new police station at 109 Decatur Street, the commission voted 5-1 to approve a zoning change from B-2 shopping district to R-1 residential. Ron Casio cast the lone dissenting vote.

"I think it's a commercial piece of property that should be used for commerce rather than a police station," he said.

The rezoning will now move to the Berlin Town Council, which will vote on the matter and after a public hearing.

### Up next

Planning Director Dave Engelhart said he had a meeting scheduled with a contract purchaser of the former Merial Select property near the intersection of Route 50 and North Main Street. Currently zoned light industrial, he said the buyer's intention was to subdivide the land into several commercial sections.

"The primary use would be for a church, on the largest part of the property," he said, adding that a church would require residential zoning.

Engelhart said the buyer asked for a text amendment to the town code allowing for exceptions within B-2 business district zoning. That was not a popular notion among the commissioners.

"My thought would be to make it all B-2, and then they can go to the board of zoning appeals for that single [residential] use," Engelhart said.

The request will likely be part of the next planning commission meeting, in March.

### Design guidelines

Also likely on the agenda during the March 9 meeting is naming a company to work on the architectural design guidelines. Engelhart said an outside company wished to make a presentation about its services. The town and the commission have been working toward developing such a document for more than a year.

Engelhart said he and other members of town staff reviewed proposals from five different companies. Their first choice backed out when the town tabled a larger, long-term planning project that would have included the architectural design guidelines. Engelhart said the second-choice company would be meeting with the commission.

"I was happy with what they had, and what they can do for us, I think, would be good," he said, adding that the unnamed company developed similar standards for Chestertown, Rehoboth and Bethany Beach.

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# Ninth annual 'Death By Chocolate' in West OC

Free event, Saturday, invites public on scavenger hunt; 15 merchants participating

**By Kara Hallissey**  
Staff Writer

(Feb. 18, 2016) Chocolate lovers will gather in West Ocean City on Saturday, Feb. 20, to play a free game, which leads participants to 15 merchants while searching for clues.

During the ninth annual "Death By Chocolate" game, participants 18 and older will search for a clue inside each business, figure out the answer and get their card validated. A free chocolate indulgence will be available as guests visit each store.

Players who complete the game will have a chance to take home a variety of prizes ranging from gift certificates to a set of Alex & Ani bracelets.

"There is nothing else to do when its two degrees outside and it is an opportunity to see new local merchants," said Jan Patterson-Hohman, who organizes Death By Chocolate with Louise Reardon. "It is a great day to gather the girlfriends, go on a date or bring the family. Enjoy the day."

Patterson-Hohman and Reardon own CraZy LadyZ!, one of the businesses taking part in the event.

"The CraZy LadyZ had a dipping frenzy and we made our own [chocolate]," Patterson-Hohman said. "We will have an array of items dipped in chocolate. We can guarantee it will melt in your mouth, but can't say it won't melt in your hand."

To play Death By Chocolate, players will pick up a "Whose Logo is it?" game card at any of the 15 participating stores on Saturday. To be eligible for prizes, players must visit all of the merchants, in any order, and figure out the clue to get their

card validated, while indulging in chocolate. The answers to this year's clues will be universal logos including hotels, car manufacturers, airlines and retail stores, Patterson-Hohman said.

"It should be a blast," Patterson-Hohman said. "The clues bend the mind a little bit and there is a stumper or two in there."

The stores will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and participants can leave their completed cards at the last stop on their route or bring them to Sunset Grille, on Sunset Avenue in West Ocean City, by 6 p.m. for a chance to win prizes.

Everyone who turns in a completed card has a chance to win one of the 15 prizes at Sunset Grille's 7 p.m. drawing. Players do not need to be present to win. Winners will be notified on Monday, Feb. 22.

Sunset Grille will turn the restaurant into a huge party, where drink specials will start at 1 p.m. and include \$4 house wine, \$2.50 domestic beer, \$5 orange crushes and \$5 chocolate martinis. Also, buy one entrée and appetizer, get a second entrée free from 4-7 p.m. To get this dinner deal, participants must make a reservation under "Death By Chocolate."

"It has always been a fun and wonderful day," said Patti Price, a manager at Sunset Grille. "We always have a great turnout and it is an opportunity to check out local businesses. We have great dinner and drink specials."

Patterson-Hohman and Reardon brought the Death By Chocolate idea from another town to West Ocean City nine years ago.

The event continues to grow with more than 600 people participating last year. There are people who have never missed a year and others who travel from Washington D.C. and Philadelphia to take part in activi-

ties, she said.

Pet Threadz will make its debut this year and Park Place Jewelers has been participating in Death By Chocolate since its inception.

"Eat chocolate and have fun," said Todd Ferrante, who owns Park Place Jewelers with his wife, Jill. "It is an adventure with rewards along the way. We enjoy being a part of it."

The event gives the Ferrante's time to see friends and meet others in the community at their jewelry store.

"The CraZy LadyZ's, Jan and Louise, do an outstanding job putting it together," Ferrante said. "Our chocolate has taken a twist and it will be different. Come in and find out."

Horn & Shell on Route 50 will also be offering lunch specials.

"Go in each store, you will have to look up, down and all around for the logos," Patterson-Hohman said. "Organic, sugar free, milk and dark. Make sure to enjoy the chocolate."

Death By Chocolate starts at 10 a.m. Saturday and continues until 5 p.m. followed by a celebration at Sunset Grille.

Call 410-213-8110 to make dinner reservations at the restaurant. For more information about the game, call 410-213-2085.

## Participating merchants

**CraZy LadyZ!** - \$50 gift certificate

**Monkey's Trunk** - \$50 gift certificate

**Kendall Furniture** - \$100 gift certificate and bed pillow

**OC Floor Gallery** - \$200 gift certificate and product giveaways

**OC Chamber of Commerce** - beach bag of goodies

**IMPACT Home Technology** - Yamaha wireless speaker valued at \$250

**Bomshell Boutique** - \$25 gift certificate

**Pet Threadz** - \$45 gift certificate

**OC Organics** - \$25 gift card and organic gift basket

**Buddhas & Beads** - \$50 gift certificate

**Bungalow 7** - \$50 gift certificate

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## Electric hike not shocking

The flap over Berlin’s electric rate miscue turned out to be somewhat less exciting than the major municipal malfunction it originally appeared to be.

This was a case of a misunderstanding between town officials and Booth & Associates, the company with which it contracts to advise it on the operation of its electric utility. That advice includes telling the town when it needs to fire up its generators to put power back into the grid to avoid paying peak prices to its provider via a process called “peak shaving.”

That didn’t happen, according to town officials, because Booth apparently thought these peak-shaving opportunities occurred only in the summer and didn’t have one in November included in its schedule.

The result, as everyone now knows, was that Berlin consumers paid what they would have owed under optimum circumstances instead of what they truly owed at that peak rate.

That was, by all admissions, a bad and costly mistake, especially considering that Booth’s job is to keep an eye on such things so Berlin consumers don’t have to pay more than necessary for their electricity.

This was not, however, the fault of the town, which rightly figured that it had handed over to its consultants the matter of power management. There would be no point, after all, in monitoring the monitor, when Booth had already proved its worth to the town through services already rendered.

Although it might be argued that Berlin officials should have alerted consumers immediately once it discovered the problem, it was better in this instance to work out a solution so they could deliver a bad news/good news announcement.

The additional \$2 month on the electric bill to cover that unpaid balance isn’t the worst thing that could have happened given the scope of the mistake.

In addition, town officials shifted some of the responsibility for watching the peak shaving calendar from Booth to its other partner in the electricity business, American Municipal Power Inc.

As it is, the town has done what needed to be done – it lessened the blow to consumers, dealt with the firm that made the mistake and instituted another layer of protection. Its response was well thought out and appropriate.

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## WP film students win another award

### Raskauskas, 11th graders earn nod at Toronto competition

(Feb. 18, 2016) Worcester Preparatory School technology teacher Nancy Raskauskas and a group of 11th graders from her film class have once again received an award for their short film entry in the Toronto 50-Hour Film Competition.

The film, titled “Knock Knock,” won Honorable Mention for “Best Audience Reaction.” Going by the name “Aevus Media,” the 11 members of the film’s cast and crew include WPS juniors Alex Abbott, Riley Dickerson, Amy Lizas, Davis Mears, Paul Townsend, Allie Van Orden, Thomas Polk, Clare Riley, Jonathan Ruddo, Jordan Welch, Zachary Wilson, and Raskauskas.

This is the fourth annual Genre Film Fest sponsored by the Lost Episode Festival Toronto (LEFT). Winning films are screened at [www.facebook.com/lostepisodefest/](http://www.facebook.com/lostepisodefest/) \t “\_blank” Lost Episode Fest Toronto: LEFT.

To view the two WPS short films “Little Time” and “Knock Knock,” visit the Aevus Media YouTube Channel [www.youtube.com/channel/UC8\\_ZhIrvCftP91l92lWto8A](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8_ZhIrvCftP91l92lWto8A) \t “\_blank.”

This is the second time WPS students entered the LEFT contest. All participating teams received an email at 7 p.m. on Friday night, Dec. 4, stating the requirements of the contest including a character, a prop and a line that had to be used in the short film. Once they received the rules, they had to spontaneously plan, script, film, direct, score, edit and produce a genre horror video in just 50 hours.

The edited film could be no longer than seven minutes and had to be completed and uploaded for entry by 9 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 6. After two cold nights of marathon filming, the sleep deprived crew met at WPS on Sunday to score and edit their final product.

With each film they make, the students improve their skills, hone their craft and gain self-confidence with every contest they enter.

This time they completed and uploaded “Knock Knock” to the contest site by 4p.m., five hours before the deadline.

Last July, the team’s first film attempt, “Little Time,” production went down to the wire, entering just minutes before the deadline. “Little Time” won an award for “Best Use of the Dialog Line” and was chosen for screening at the festival. The team was also honored for its fine use of special effects used in such a short window of time to produce a film.

Now with two award-winning films under their belts, Aevus Media plans to create films to enter a 48-Hour Film Contest in March, a Baltimore City Student Film Contest and a Baltimore Friend’s School Film Contest in May, and another 50-Hour Contest in July.

The production group Aevus Media was created in Raskauskas’ film elective class. Raskauskas has taught digital media for more than 20 years at WPS. Many of her past students have won film awards and have gone on to work in the film industry.



# EXIT Realty opens boutique-style OP South Gate office

New independent franchise focusing on relationships

(Feb. 18, 2016) EXIT Realty At The Beach recently celebrated the opening of its Ocean Pines office. ERATB is a boutique-style independent franchise focusing on a strong relationship, encompassing the experience of buying or selling real estate with local and professional, educated, full-time Realtors that have the confidence to sell, negotiate and build relationships within the community. With a strong focus on the importance of the Broker/Owner-to-Realtor Associate relationship, the team includes Realtor Joyce Timmons, who joined ERATB with more than 30 years of expertise in local real estate sales; Realtor Andy Rayne, who brings local area knowledge and specializes in horse and chicken farms in



EXIT Realty At The Beach recently celebrated the opening of its Ocean Pines office. Pictured, from left, are Realtor Andy Rayne, Don Flax, Broker/Franchisee Bernie Flax, and Realtors Joyce Timmons (seated), Ann Holtz and Kathy Lowing.

Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset counties; Realtor Kathy Lowing, a Women's Council of Realtors member focusing on residential homes and condo sales; and Realtor Ann

Holtz, a Women's Council of Realtors member who has a long family history in the real estate industry and brings knowledge and expertise not only in the residential field, but in the leasing, sales and development of commercial real estate. Broker/Franchisee, Bernie Flax, has received the designations as an Accredited Buyer Representative, Seller Representative Specialist and Resort & Second Home Property Specialist. She is a member of the local Coastal Delmarva Women's Council of Realtors, serving as its

chairperson in 2014 and 2015 and currently serves as secretary of the Maryland State Women's Council of Realtors. As a member of the Coastal Association of Realtors, she serves on the current board as a director. Flax is past committee chair and continues to serve on the Ocean Pines Communications Committee in Ocean Pines. EXIT Realty At The Beach, which opened in October, is located at 11002 Manklin Meadows Lane, Unit 3, inside the South Gate of Ocean Pines.

# AGH Thrift Shop celebrates 10 years, \$1.5M in revenue

(Feb. 18, 2016) On Thursday, Feb. 25, the Atlantic General Hospital/Health System Auxiliary Board of Directors invites the community to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the AGH Thrift Shop, located in the Berlin Shopping Center off Route 50. Since opening on Dec. 17, 2005, the shop has generated approximately \$1.5 million in revenue for Atlantic General Hospital and Health System, a not-for-profit health care organization serving the residents and visitors of Worcester County and the surrounding area.

The Thrift Shop also donates clothing, household items and furniture to those in need through Worcester Gold, Worcester Youth and Family Services and the Worcester County Department of Social Services, as well as inpatients without sufficient clothing at discharge. The event will take place from 10 a.m. to noon with a commemoration at 11 a.m. To celebrate this milestone, the AGH Thrift Shop will be offering a 10 percent discount on all purchases throughout the day.

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## Pot stickers only limited by imagination

As I sit here looking at the maddening schedule that comprises my spring semester, I realize just how much I look forward to summertime. The flurry of student activities, classes, extracurricular events and networking events leaves no time to slow down; no rest for the weary, as it were ...



By Paul Suplee,  
CEC PCIII

Or at least unless it snows, or more to the point, “snow-rains” or “snains,” as it has a number of times recently.

Expecting to go into work a couple hours late on Monday, I was surprised to learn that the college was closed, so losing no time we donned our snow bibs, gloves and hats in order to have one more snowball fight. Who knows? Maybe that will be the last one of the year. Regardless, we were happy to imbibe in the snowy slaughter before the rain set in.

We were fortunate enough to build yet another snowman taller than my two younger kids before it was rapidly reduced to one big ice ball on Monday. I know we have been fortunate for the past few years with real snow storms, but sometimes all it takes is a bizarre freak of nature of a storm to bring the lower-slower to its knees in an abysmally long and dreary damp winter, such as the one in which we find ourselves at present.

After an hour or so, soaking wet and with a few red marks where we were hit by the fluffy missiles, my youngest son and I set out to cook something good in the kitchen. As he had never made pot stickers before, and as I had a hankering for aforementioned pot stickers, I decided that was the logical choice.

Known as Chinese pan-fried and steamed dumplings, pot stickers are actually found throughout Asia, and you are only limited by your imagination as to what you will put inside of them.

Basically, you make wontons with a flat bottom, fry them in a small amount of sesame oil (which typically makes them stick to the bottom of the pot – get it?) and then zap them with a little chicken stock and place a lid on top immediately. This steams them to completion and leaves them doughy on the top part of the dumpling with a nice toasty (albeit



now soft) bottom. Served with a simple sauce of good soy sauce and ginger, nothing else is needed.

I like to put raw mushrooms inside my filling, as they are primarily water with a little fungus attached. As the dumplings steam, the moisture from the mushrooms stays inside with the filling, lending their moisture to the already delicious filling. In fact, this trick is great with all kinds of stuffing. Just keep the mushrooms raw, and they'll release their water and their essence into the finished dish.

It can be a bit difficult for me to teach my own kids to cook, a common plight I hear from most parents, in that kids typically don't take direction from their own. That seems to be a fact of life. However, on a rare occasion I will get the opportunity to spend time with the kids and teach them a thing or two in the kitchen.

For Valentine's Day dinner (the most romantic dinner-for-eight ever) my son and his girlfriend made an absolutely perfect pastry cream. It was wonderful to watch them work through the process, and in the end the profiteroles were perfect.

So, as I wait for summer to come and dread my schedule for the next two months, I will relish in the fact

that I have had more kids cooking in my kitchen this week than I have in a very long time. Hopefully, that will make this spring fly by, and the upcoming summer a season to remember.

### My Version of Pot stickers

*Makes about 32 pot stickers*

1/2 cup Finely sliced leeks  
Sesame oil, as needed  
2 Tbsp. Minced garlic  
2 Tbsp. Minced ginger  
1/2 pound Ground beef  
1/2 pound Ground pork  
Juice of 1 lime  
1 tsp. Fish sauce  
Ground black pepper, to taste  
Soy sauce, to taste  
1/4 cup Finely chopped, raw mushrooms  
32 Wonton wrappers  
1/2 cup Chicken stock  
1 cup Kikkoman's soy sauce  
1 Tbsp. Smashed ginger (for the soy)  
Scallions, for garnish

1. Sauté leeks, garlic and ginger in a small amount of sesame oil and allow to cool

2. Combine with beef, pork, lime juice, fish sauce, pepper, soy and mushrooms

3. Heat a pan and cook a small

“tester”: patty up a small piece and cook it to check the flavors. Adjust as needed

4. For dipping sauce, combine one cup of soy sauce with the smashed ginger and allow to steep

5. The wonton wrappers are typically square, so cut them round with a cutter to make the classic shape easier to attain

6. Place 1/2 ounce of filling on a wonton wrapper and wipe the edges with a little water

7. Close the wonton up and seal the edge

8. Water the outsides, and then crimp the wrapper to give it the classic pot sticker shape

9. When all of the pot stickers are ready, heat some sesame oil and cook the bottom until they are crispy and brown

10. Add the chicken stock and place a lid on top to steam

11. When they are cooked throughout, remove from heat and place on a plate with the sauce and some scallions for garnish

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Feb. 21: Just Jay, 4-7 p.m.

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10218 Racetrack Road  
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410-641-0600  
www.oceandowns.com

Feb. 20: Sol Knopf, 4:30-8:30 p.m.;  
Everett Spells, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30  
a.m.

## DUFFY'S TAVERN

130th Street in the  
Montego Bay Shopping Center  
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www.duffysoc.com  
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Ocean City  
410-524-5500  
www.fagers.com  
Feb. 19: "unwind" Happy Hour w/DJ  
RobCee, 5 p.m.; DJ Hook, 9 p.m.  
Feb. 20: DJ Goove, 9 p.m.; Naked  
Nation, 10 p.m.  
Feb. 21: Everett Spells, 10 a.m.  
Feb. 22: Bryan Clark, 5:30 p.m.

## HARBORSIDE BAR & GRILL

12841 S. Harbor Road  
West Ocean City  
410-213-1846  
www.ocharborside.com  
Feb. 19: DJ Billy T, 4 p.m.  
Feb. 20: Simple Truth, 2-6 p.m.; DJ  
Jeremy, 9 p.m.  
Feb. 21: Opposite Directions, 2-6  
p.m.; DJ Billy T, 7 p.m.  
Feb. 25: Opposite Directions, 9 p.m.

to 1 a.m.

## HARPOON HANNA'S

Route 54 and the bay  
Fenwick Island, Del.  
800-227-0525  
302-539-3095  
www.harpoonhannasrestaurant.com  
Feb. 19: Dave Hawkins, 5-10 p.m.  
Feb. 20: Dave Sherman, 5-10 p.m.  
Feb. 25: Melissa Alesi, 5-9 p.m.

## HOOTERS

Rt. 50 & Keyser Point Road  
West Ocean City  
410-213-1841  
www.hootersofoc.com  
Feb. 20: DJ BK, 8 p.m.

## JOHNNY'S PIZZA & PUB

56th Street, bayside  
Ocean City  
410-524-7499  
www.johnnyspizzapub.com  
Feb 19: Harry O, 9 p.m.  
Feb 20: Rusty Nails, 9 p.m.  
Feb. 24: Randy Lee Ashcraft and the  
Saltwater Cowboys, 6 p.m.

## KY WEST RESTAURANT & BAR

54th Street  
Ocean City  
443-664-2836  
www.kywestoceancity.com

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In the Horizons Restaurant  
In the Clarion Fontainebleau Hotel  
101st Street and the ocean  
Ocean City  
410-524-3535  
www.clarionoc.com  
Feb. 19-20: Power Play, 9:30 p.m. to  
2 a.m.

## SEACRETS

49th Street and the bay  
Ocean City  
410-524-4900  
www.secrets.com  
Feb. 19: Element K, 10 p.m. to 2  
a.m.  
Feb. 20: Shore Craft Beer Fest  
w/The Whiskeyhickon Boys, 1-4  
p.m.; Full Circle, 5-9 p.m.; The JJ  
Rupp Band, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.  
Feb. 25: Opposite Directions, 5-9  
p.m.

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ACROSS

1 The Beatles' first single, 1962

6 Cold-shoulder

10 Not fight all-out

14 1951 #1 Mario Lanza hit with lyrics written by 36-Down

19 Containing element #56

20 Jerry-rigging material

21 Musical lead-in to -smith

22 "See ya!"

23 Inappropriate

24 Kind of arch

25 Pelvic bones

26 Watch 10 episodes in a row, say

27 Circulates

29 Comment accompanying "That's your problem, not mine"

31 Romantic date

33 Belittled

37 Scapegoat for the Fab Four breakup

38 \_\_\_\_ criminal

43 "Enough!," in Ensenada

44 Mil. authority

47 One waiting in line at an airport?

50 Get back together, as 57-Acrosses

51 Camera feature

52 Apprise

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54 Took a chance

56 Make a splash

57 See 50-Across

58 Big dipper

59 Some old Harper's Bazaar covers

60 Bananas

61 1994 Oscar- and Grammy-winning song for Elton John

65 Cinephile's channel

66 Ones doing needlework?

67 Here, on une carte

68 Smooth over

71 Much I.R.S. mail

72 1990s-2000s tennis champ nicknamed "The Punisher"

75 Hit song title for Bob Marley, Whitesnake and Survivor

77 Symptoms

78 2010 R. Kelly top 10 album

79 Like some care

81 Basic ones are above 7"

82 Eyes impolitely

83 G.M.'s Mary Barra, for one

85 Opposite of vert.

86 1990 #1 hit for Mariah Carey

93 1967 #1 hit for Lulu

100 One of two circuit court characters?

101 Quiet coastal spot

103 Spirited horse

104 Foreign currency unit worth about a third of a dollar

105 Relative of ecru

106 Where Pamplona is located

107 Overrule

108 Breast implant filler

109 Inflate

110 Former telecom giant

111 The pack in a six-pack

112 "Well, whaddya know!"

113 Bad beginning?

114 Eyes impolitely

115 Court call

116 Mars from the vantage point of Earth, e.g.

117 Hindu honorific

118 Comedian

119 Approximates

120 Shogun capital

121 Where there may be openings in the medical field?

DOWN

1 Insect also called a honeymoon fly

2 Stable locks?

3 Q.E.F. part

4 Showy ballroom moves

5 A piano has seven of them

6 Bar fixture

7 \_\_\_\_ Tribunal

8 Wharton's sch.

9 Must

10 Declined

11 Martinique volcano

12 Met expectations?

13 Explorer Amundsen

14 Commemorative Yevtushenko poem

15 Change one's story?

16 Ho Chi \_\_\_\_ City

17 One seeking enlightenment

18 6-0

28 "Sweet!"

30 Female W.W. II enlistee

32 Smitten

33 Soldier from Down Under

34 When doubled, an old college cry

35 Totals

36 See 14-Across

39 Copy

40 Kirk Douglas, Robert Wagner and Gregory Peck, for Frank Sinatra

41 Methuselah's father

42 Transplant

44 Skill

45 Like some stud piercings

46 X's

47 Turns at high speed

48 Aesthetes

49 Borscht base

52 \_\_\_\_-ray

53 What's the point of marking things?

54 Renders harmless, as a bull

55 Brit. honor

62 Amor vincit \_\_\_\_

63 Sending a child to military camp, say

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64 River to the Gulf of Guinea

68 \_\_\_\_ Tin Tin

69 Reverse of WNW

70 Summer hrs.

72 Resembling

73 Antarctica's Amundsen \_\_\_\_

74 N.Y.C. subway line

76 2003 Hugh Grant romantic comedy

78 Rick, Ilsa and Victor, in "Casablanca"

80 Hawaiian Airlines extra

82 It has three dashes in the middle

84 Head of Olympus?

85 Spectacularly disordered sort

86 Serenades, e.g.

87 Like each line of an eye chart vis-à-vis the one above

88 \_\_\_\_ Kosygin, longtime Soviet premier

89 Nickelodeon's "Kenan & \_\_\_\_"

90 Perplexity

91 Follower of live or down

92 Bring to a boil

93 Come-on

94 Risqué, say

95 Silently greet

96 Basketball Hall-of-Famer Hank

97 Rant

98 Hold, as secret feelings

99 Tryst sites

102 Bizet priestess



# CALENDAR

## BAYSIDE GAZETTE

### THURS. Feb. 18

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

**NETWORKING WORKSHOP** — Ocean City Chamber of Commerce, 12320 Ocean Gateway, 12-1:30 p.m. Learn how to effectively formulate, express and sell ideas. Cost is \$20 and includes lunch. Pre-registration is required by contacting Lisa at 410-641-1900 or [ltwilley@marylandcapital.org](mailto:ltwilley@marylandcapital.org).

**WORCESTER COUNTY TEA PARTY** — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., meeting begins at 7 p.m. Worcester County Board of Elections will discuss "Learning All About the New Maryland Voting System. Free and open to the public. Info: [WCTPPatriots@gmail.com](mailto:WCTPPatriots@gmail.com), [www.worcestercountyteaparty.com](http://www.worcestercountyteaparty.com), <http://www.facebook.com/WorcesterCountyTeaParty> or 443-614-7214.

**YOUNG & RESTLESS 'CRAZY SCIENCE LAB'** — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Fun and educational science experiments for 3 to 7 year old children. Info: [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org) or 410-208-4014.

**STORY TIME** — Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. For 2-5 year old children. Info: [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org) or 410-632-3495.

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

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

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

**CHAIR AEROBICS** — St. Peter's Lutheran Church Community Life Center, 10301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 1-2 p.m.

Free will offering appreciated. Sponsored by St. Peter's Senior Adult Ministry. Info: 410-524-7474.

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

### FRI. Feb. 19

**JOSHUA M. FREEMAN VALOR AWARDS LUNCHEON** — The Den at Bear Trap Dunes, 7 Clubhouse Way, Ocean View, Del., noon. Representatives of local towns and public-safety organizations, government officials and the Chamber will gather to honor members of area fire companies and police departments for their work. Info: Lauren Weaver, 302-539-2100, Ext. 118 or [www.theequietresorts.com](http://www.theequietresorts.com).

**DELMARVA WOOL AND FIBER EXPO** — Elks Lodge, 13708 Sinepuxent Ave., Ocean City, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Custom finished products and the materials available to create the same product. All vendors have products that are "fiber" related — wool, needles, carders and finished products. Admission costs \$3 per day or \$5 for the weekend. Info: Susan Childs, 443-235-2926 or [schild2@verizon.net](mailto:schild2@verizon.net).

**INDOOR PICKLEBALL CLINIC** — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Feb. 19 and 26, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Beginner and advanced players clinic for all ages. This sport combines elements of badminton, tennis and ping-pong. Cost is \$10. Pre-registration required: 410-641-7052.

**STORY TIME** — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. For 2-5 year old children. Info: [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org) or 410-208-4014.

**THE ART STUDIO** — Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 3:30 p.m. Children, 8 years and older, will learn how to draw, paint and create with artist Dale Rohl. Supplies limited. RSVP: [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org) or 410-957-0878.

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

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

### SAT. Feb. 20

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**MOTHER AND DAUGHTER COOKING CLASS** — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 2-3:30 p.m. Mothers and daughters are invited to join Ocean Pines Yacht Club Executive Chef Tim Ulrich for an afternoon of bonding, learning and making appetizers and desserts at this class designed just for them. Cost is \$40 for Ocean Pines residents and \$50 for nonresidents and includes all materials and food. Preregistration is required: 410-641-7052.

**DENIM AND DIAMONDS - A COUNTRY CASINO GALA** — Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, 11242 Race Track Road, Berlin, 6 p.m. to midnight. Featuring music, dancing, blackjack, poker, Texas Hold'em, cash games and live and silent auctions. Tickets cost \$45 in advance or \$50 at the door. Tickets: [www.mostblessedsacramentschool.com](http://www.mostblessedsacramentschool.com). Info: [mb-scasinonight@gmail.com](mailto:mb-scasinonight@gmail.com) or 410-208-1600.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER AND HYMN SING** — Powellville United Methodist Church, 35606 Mt. Hermon Road, Powellville, 4 p.m. Spaghetti with homemade sauces, garden salad, breadsticks, beverage and desserts. Eat-in or carry-out. Cost are \$9 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5-10 and free to those 4 and younger. The Island Boys will be in concert in the sanctuary beginning at 6 p.m. A love offering will be accepted to benefit their ministry. Info: 443-880-8804.

**ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRIED CHICKEN DINNER** — New Hope United Methodist Church, 35815 Woodyard Road, Willards, 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 \$12 for adults. Carry-outs available. Info: 410-543-8244 or 443-235-0251.

**'BIRDS OF ASSATEAGUE AND THE COASTAL BAYS: 25 YEARS OF SCIENCE AND CONSERVATION'** — Assateague Island Visitor Center, 11800 Marsh View Lane, Berlin. Coffee and refreshments at 10:30 a.m., program begins at 11 a.m. Dave Brinker, a regional ecologist with the Natural Heritage Program since 1990, will share his perspectives on the history and future of birds and their conservation in coastal Maryland. Info: 443-614-3547 or [outreachAIA@gmail.com](mailto:outreachAIA@gmail.com).

**BUILD IT!** — Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 10 a.m. to noon. Children, 18 months and older, will participate in

hands on construction free play and build-it-yourself activities. Info: [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org) or 410-957-0878.

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

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

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

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

**LIVE BETTER FIT CLUB** — Urban Nectar, 10019 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin. Registration is at 10:15 a.m., workout is 10:30-11:30 a.m. Come workout with the famous trainers you've seen on T.V., such as Autumn Calabrese, Shaun T and others. Cost is \$5. Take water and a mat (optional). Info: Sandy: 443-340-0988.

### SUN. Feb. 21

**DELMARVA WOOL AND FIBER EXPO** — Elks Lodge, 13708 Sinepuxent Ave., Ocean City, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Custom finished products and the materials available to create the same product. All vendors have products that are "fiber" related — wool, needles, carders and finished products. Admission costs \$3 per day. Info: Susan Childs, 443-235-2926 or [schild2@verizon.net](mailto:schild2@verizon.net).

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

**COLLECTION FOR FOOD MINISTRY** — Ocean Pines South Fire Station, 911 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 1-3 p.m. Continued on Page 22



# CALENDAR

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The Democratic Women’s Club of Worcester County will collect non-perishable food, toiletries and paper products to be shared with a local food ministry. Info: 410-641-8553.

**2016 PROM FASHION SHOW/LUNCHEON** — 28th St. Pit & Pub, 2706 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Featuring \$6.99 lunch specials and a raffle to win a prom dress and a tux rental. Proceeds to be donated to the Humane Society. Reservations: 410-390-5160.

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

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

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

## MON. Feb. 22

**SPAGHETTI DINNER** — Denovo’s Trattoria, 11310 Manklin Creek Road, South Gate, Ocean Pines, 5-7:30 p.m. Spaghetti dinner and door prizes. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$5 for children in advance or \$15 at the door. Sponsored by Star Charities to benefit Girl Scouts. Tickets: 410-641-7667 or 443-235-1019.

**NEW VOTING MACHINE DEMONSTRATION** — Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 2:30-5:30 p.m. The Worcester County Election Office will host drop-in demonstrations of Maryland’s new voting machines. Handouts concerning early voting, Election Day and absentee ballot information available. Info: 410-632-1320.

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

**AARP FOUNDATION TAX AIDE TCE MD** — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Mondays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Feb. 1 through April 11. No appointments taken. First come, first served using a number system.

**DELMARVA SWEET ADELINE CHORUS MEETS WEEKLY** — The Delmarva Chorus, Sweet Adeline’s, meets each Monday

from 7-9 p.m., at the Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway. Women interested in learning the craft of a cappella singing welcome. Info: 410-641-6876.

**LINE DANCING** — Urban Nectar, 10019 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, 7-10 p.m. Lessons and dancing. Cost is \$8 per person. BYOB. Info: Sandy, 443-340-0988.

## TUES. Feb. 23

**YOUNG & RESTLESS ‘CRAZY SCIENCE LAB’** — Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 10:30 a.m. Fun and educational science experiments for 3 to 7 year old children. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-641-0650.

**LAPTIME** — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and finger plays for children 2 and younger. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-208-4014.

**EARLY STEAM STORIES & ACTIVITIES** — Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 10:30 a.m. Children, ages 3 years and older, will be introduced to science, technology, engineering and math. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-957-0878.

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

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

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

## WED. Feb. 24

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SIMPLE SUPPER** — Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway (behind St. Luke’s Church), Ocean City, fourth Wednesday of each month, 5-7 p.m. Cost is \$7. Cash bar. Info: 410-524-7994.

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

**DENTAL HEALTH MONTH STORY TIME ‘YOUR TEETH’** — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. For 2-5 year old children. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-524-1818.

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**FAMILY NIGHT ‘OUR FAVORITE THINGS’** — Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 5:30-6:30 p.m. Favorite activities for everyone: board games, puppet-making and shows. Crafts for the children too. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-641-0650.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## ONGOING EVENTS

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

www.delmarvahanddancing.com/membership.php.

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

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

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

**MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT & ADVOCACY GROUP** — St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, 10301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, noon to 1:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Fridays of every month. Info: 410-524-7474.

**WORCESTER COUNTY PARKINSON’S SUPPORT GROUP** — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, second Tuesday of each month, 2:30 p.m. Speakers, exercise, discussions and more. Info: 410-208-3132.

**STAR CHARITIES MEETING** — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m., on the first Friday of each month. Meeting of volunteers. Info: Anna Fultz, 410-641-7667.

**PINE’ER CRAFT AND GIFT SHOP OPEN** — Pine’er Craft and Gift Shop, White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines. Shop will be open every Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and every Sunday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Featuring the latest creations by members of the Pine’er Craft Club.

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

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

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



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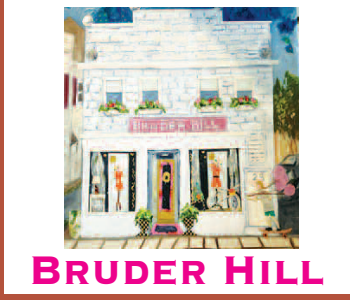
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