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Flower Street in Berlin remained closed last week as workers installed gabion baskets related to stormwater improvements. Full or partial closures of a stretch of the road are expected to continue for several more weeks.

# **GM Hill makes public budget pitch**

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Feb. 23, 2017) A sparse crowd made for a – mostly – trouble-free budget presentation by Ocean Pines Association interim General Manager Brett Hill on Monday night.

Hill presented his \$13.5 million fiscal year 2018 budget to about a dozen homeowners in the Assateague Room of the community center.

He first presented a draft of the budget during a board meeting on Jan. 20. The directors were involved in four additional board meetings in January and February, although no substantial changes have been made to the bottom line.

The basic annual assessment remains unchanged from the previous year at \$921, and the waterfront lot rate is also flat at \$1,386.

"We've managed to keep the reserve balance within 5 percent of the current fiscal year-end while undertaking several large projects for the community," Hill said.

That includes about \$400,000 for renovations to the second floor of the

country club, \$300,000 for a reorientation of the administration building and \$225,000 for an addition at the sports core pool.

Hill said the addition, 24 feet by 80 feet, would allow for more aquatics offerings, including exercise classes and an afterschool program for children.

"The most important part, from the board's perspective, was that we're doing all this while keeping the assessments the same," Hill said.

Many of the fees related to amenities are projected to decrease, and Hill said the major difference this year was the phasing out of associate memberships related to individual programs. Instead, an overall associate membership would cost \$250 and cover an entire household.

Associate memberships allow nonhomeowners to purchase amenity passes at lower, homeowner rates.

The only Ocean Pines amenity with a fee increase is the beach club. Annual parking pass fees would go up from \$175 to \$200, or from \$75 to \$100 when purchased with an amenity membership.

Hill said aquatics and platform ten-

nis rates would stay the same, while golf rates would decrease about 10 percent, tennis rates would drop 20 percent and pickleball fees would be lowered by about 30 percent.

He said there were significant deviations in the operating budget caused by an uptick in payroll, as more workers were being hired for public works, facilities, the beach club and Mumford's Landing. As a result, public works expenses were estimated to rise 10 percent, along with a 31 percent increase in general maintenance, a 31 percent increase at the beach club and a 14 percent rise at Mumford's.

He said the federally mandated minimum wage hike and compliance with the Affordable Care Act also drove some of those numbers higher.

However, Hill was also budgeting for significant increases in revenues in two of those departments. He said the 38 percent increase in beach club revenue was driven by longer hours during the summer and extended operations overall, now from May through October.

The 26 percent projected increase in

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# Stormwater work continues to close parts of Flower St.

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Feb. 23, 2017) An apparent equipment mix-up and a shortage of asphalt have further delayed stormwater improvements on Flower Street, and full or partial road closures will likely continue for another few weeks at least.

During a Town Council meeting last Monday, Water Resources and Public Works Director Jane Kreiter said construction could wrap "hopefully [in] the next two weeks."

One of the issues was with installation of gabion baskets, which help control erosion.

"It's my understanding that the gabions arrived last week, but they're the wrong ones," Kreiter said. "We're seeing what we can do."

Installation of the gabions started last Thursday.

"We appreciate everyone's patience. It's been quite a project, to say the least," Kreiter said.

Town Administrator Laura Allen said installation of the gabions would continue through this week, but another issue — the lack of asphalt to repair the roads — caused the project to hit an additional snag.

"The asphalt plants have closed until March 1," Allen said last Friday. "We're working with the contractor to get the road open as soon as possible, perhaps with just a base layer, if getting ahold of asphalt is a challenge.

"Timing is everything on these projects. The weather has presented some challenges, but we're working through them," Allen continued.

When work on Flower Street wraps, the town will next move onto stormwater projects on William Street, and then on Graham, Grice and Nelson streets.

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

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



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#### SNOW GEESE IN FLIGHT

Thousands of snow geese took up residence on a farm field just north of Snow Hill Tuesday evening, and took flight after being spooked by road traffic iust before sunset.

# Overpayment bill advances in Senate

#### **By Brian Gilliland**

Associate Editor

(Feb. 23, 2017) The legislation to allow municipalities, like Snow Hill, that received an overpayment of local taxes to keep the misdirected funds advanced to third reading in the State Senate after it advanced out of committee, last week.

The Budget and Taxation committee voted unanimously to give the legislation a favorable review, with amendments offered by the commit-

The bill also picked up a sponsor, with Sen. Addie Eckardt (R-37), representing Wicomico, Talbot, Dorchester and Caroline counties, joining the effort.

In the report, Eckardt and Sen. Nancy King (D-39) both offered amendments to the bill, and both were accepted. It is not made clear in

the report which senator is responsible for either amendment, but the first was to include Eckardt as a sponsor to the legislation.

The second amendment, along with a minor text change, includes a provision requiring the Comptroller return any payments made by any municipality towards the debt.

Trish Goodsell, assistant to the town manager of Snow Hill, confirmed the town has not made any payments toward the debt. However, the towns, at the time the apparent error was discovered, were granted a generous repayment schedule of about 17 years total to repay the money, with no payments due for a decade.

Snow Hill owes the state about \$18,000, according to the Comptroller's office.

The county seat is the only munic-

ipality in Worcester to owe money, as Berlin is owed about \$135,000, Ocean City is owed more than half of that at about \$77,000 and Pocomoke City is owed a little less than half that amount at approximately \$31,000.

According to Comptroller Peter Franchot's Press Secretary Alan Brody, the payments were remitted to the municipalities that were owed money almost immediately. He said he couldn't guarantee all of money had actually been deposited, but the process of refunding the overpayments had long since been completed.

The bill now proceeds to third reading in the senate. If it passes, it then goes to the House of Delegates for a new round of hearings and possible amendments.

The House of Delegates is working its own version of the bill, HB1433.

# 'Shrove Tuesday' pancake dinner at **Snow Hill church**

By Brian Gilliland

Associate Editor

(Feb. 23, 2017) Outside of the United States, in many of the former territories of Great Britain, Shrove Tuesday is often called "Pancake Tuesday" or "Pancake day," while inside the U.S. it might be better known as "Fat Tuesday" or Mardi Gras.

Shrove Tuesday, this year on Feb. 28, is the day before Ash Wednesday - the start of Lent for many Christian denominations.

At the macro level, all of the assorted festivities have the same basic genesis — to clear out the cabinets, cupboards and pantries before the fasting season of Lent, marked by voluntary abstention and reflection, which ends on Easter.

In some places, carnivals are held, while in Snow Hill at All Hallows Episcopal Church at the corner of Church and Market Streets, they have a pancake dinner between 4:30 and 7

Tickets are \$7 each for adults and \$4 for children aged 12 and under. Carryout is available, but eating inhouse conveys all-you-can-eat pancakes and apples, while carryout has only fixed portions. Sausage will also be served.

Tickets are not available at the door, but can be purchased through members of the congregation, including representatives at Town Hall and the Olde Town Candy Company.

Additionally, tickets can be reserved by calling 410-632-2773.

"All of the raised money goes back to outreach and is turned back into the community by funding projects like Worcester GOLD, the Samaritan Shelter in Pocomoke and the Snow Hill Christian Nursery School," Gibb

For those outside of the church, it's a chance to see inside one of the oldest congregations – and churches - in the United States. In fact, the building predates the formation of the United States from the British colonies by more than 20 years.

According to the church's website, See LAST Page 8

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# Mumford's soft opening gets passing grade from 'Clubs'

Members of Ocean Pines Association advisory cmte. attended event, Feb. 3-4

#### By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Feb. 23, 2017) Reviews of the recent soft opening at Mumford's Landing – formerly the yacht club – were mostly positive during an Ocean Pines Association Clubs Committee meeting last Thursday.

The committee is the official advisory panel for the board of directors on matters at Mumford's Landing, the country club and beach club.

Many of the members attended the soft opening, Feb. 3 and Feb. 4, which was intended as a stress test for the newly hired staff, a reveal of new interior improvements and changes to the menu.

Board of Directors Vice President Dave Stevens, the committee liaison, noted the renovations were done in house by existing staff, using items purchased at Home Goods in Salisbury. A professional decorator was apparently consulted, but did not ask for compensation.

"Everybody pretty much agrees the decorations and the new format looks really nice," committee member Gary Miller said.

Reviews of the food were mixed, but also mostly positive.

Stevens, for instance, raved about the seafood Alfredo, but said it was occasionally difficult to see the actual seafood.

"I loved it, but I was fishing around for more and more pieces of shrimp," he said. "I had a big bowl of pasta left when I was done."

Committee Chairman Les Purcell ordered a meatloaf that he enjoyed, but said he overheard another customer who was not as impressed.

"I thought it was real good. It was delicious for me," he said. "But I went out to the bar and there was somebody out there bitching as loud as he could about a meatloaf he had that was rock hard."

Miller had a theory.

"Depending on how long it's been sitting, how long it's been under the heat lamp, whether it was microwaved to get it hot again, all those things play into what the final product is," he said. "You could've had a great one and five minutes later somebody else [did not]."

Committee member Donna Hickey said she had been to Mumford's four times since the soft opening, often with large groups. She said for the most part her friends had enjoyed the food – with one exception.

"Most came through pretty well, except for mine," she said of her experience during the soft opening.

She ordered a \$9 salad and added chicken, doubling the price of the dish. The large, uncut piece of grilled chicken placed atop her salad, she said, "Could've bounced off the wall."

"I literally couldn't eat it. It was rubbery. And, again, I think it got zapped in the microwave," she said. "I could barely get a knife through it."

Inconsistent food and service has been the major complaint of customers at the yacht club. Stevens noted that, for the first time, a floor manager had been hired to specifically address those problem areas.

"Skeptical is not the right word, but I'm not jumping up and down about this yet because consistency is the most important thing," he said.

"The real test is going to be this summer," committee member Herb Roe said. "During the soft opening we got great service ... but I don't know if you're going to get that [during the busy season]."

The committee will likely discuss promotions during its next meeting, March 16 at 4 p.m. at Mumford's Landing.

Stevens said the board was open to new ideas, "just to try it and then we'll keep our fingers crossed it's good the night that they come in."

He added it was not uncommon to hear Ocean Pines residents say they have no plans to come back after a previous bad experience.







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WHEN: Tuesday, March 14, 2017, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Pocomoke Library (Conference Room), 301 Market Street, Pocomoke City, MD 21851

Jeff Robert, SHA Design Manager, Maryland State Highway Administration, 707 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202, Mail Stop C-203; 410-545-8327 (toll-free: 1-888-375-1084); jrobert@sha.state.md.us. For more information on this project, visit SHA's website at www.roads.maryland.gov. Click on Projects, SHA Projects Page, Projects Advanced Search, Select Somerset from the County dropdown menu, click the Search button, select MD 364, Dividing Creek Road BRIDGE 1901000 OVER DIVIDING CREEK.

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# **Home Need Improvements?** variety of local contractors

# Some public pushback on pickleball and beach club

■ BUDGET continued

Mumford's Landing revenue, Hill said, was related to the expansion of the carryout program at the new Tuffy's Tavern bar area and several operational upgrades through the facility.

Hill allowed public comments at any time during the presentation. Two areas where concerns were repeatedly expressed were pickleball and the beach club.

Neil Gottesman, a spokesman for Ocean Pines Pickleball, argued that fees were not really decreasing at all, because a membership to that amenity would no longer cover indoor play. Instead, pickleball players will pay a drop-in fee to use the gym.

Several homeowners also voiced frustration with the increase in rates at the beach club and the fact that the association was doing away with open pool passes. Previously, an annual parking pass came with four pool passes that were not assigned.

Because of apparent exploitation by rental agencies and others, parking passes now come with a family membership to the beach club pool that is assigned to the purchaser.

"There's been a trend of abuse on those passes across Realtors and landlords," Hill said, adding those passes were easy to find and purchase online through sites like AirBnb, HomeAway and Craig's List. "Other people are charging for weekly use of our passes. We have a huge problem."

He added that Ocean Pines generally sells about 2,500 passes, but only has 230 parking spots.

"In some way we have to curtail the abuse of the passes and make sure that they provide a true benefit to our residents," Hill said. "That's what the board is trying to do and there's not an easy solution without changing things."

Hill admitted the board was still ironing out the details of how the passes could work, especially the somewhat nebulous definition of "family." He said the discussion would be part of the agenda during a regular meeting on Saturday.

That session starts at 10 a.m. in the Assateague Room.

An agenda released on Wednesday includes a motion to approve the fiscal year 2018 budget, along with two related points of discussion.

# Pines VP says country club improvements progressing

**By Josh Davis** 

Associate Editor

(Feb. 23, 2017) The Ocean Pines Association Country Club currently "looks like a big, fat mess," according to Board Vice President Dave Stevens, but that's not exactly a bad thing.

Stevens gave an update on improvements at the club during a meeting last Thursday. The board green lit more than \$800,000 in spending, spread out over two years, to extensively renovate the first and second floors and replace the HVAC systems and roof of the building.

'We're doing some really heavy-duty renovations," he said. "I think it's going to be great."

The first floor improvements include expanding the Tern Grill restaurant and kitchen and upgrading the bathrooms. To free up space, the footprint of one of the locker rooms will be reduced.

'[It's] coming along nicely," Stevens said, adding the new floor plan would provide more open space and have a longer bar area. "The thing that we're giving up, in terms of space, is the men's locker room. It'll be cut in half."

He said the first-floor renovations should be finished by spring. Work on the roof and interior mold remediation finished last year.

The second floor will be completely reoriented, adding even more room for the Tern Grill and golf banquets, and creating several meeting spaces that will include a permanent setup for board of directors meetings. No timetable for that was given.

Stevens said "a total lack of maintenance" necessitated the renovations.

"I think the whole thing will be a better thing," Stevens said. "If they do as good a job as they did [at Mumford's Landing] it's going to be an attraction."

When work is finished at the country club, meeting rooms in the administration building will be eliminated to enlarge the police facilities there.

This is expanding the police in the building that we have and moving the board out of there," Stevens said. "We're killing three birds with one stone."

The association is also saving millions by renovating rather than replacing several buildings.

"We were looking at a \$3.5 million golf club building," Stevens said. "Now we're looking at [spending] under \$1

The board also approved across-theboard rate reductions at the golf course during a meeting earlier this month. Play at the course had been down and the directors hoped the lower prices could attract more golfers.

"We'll see what happens," Stevens said. "Maybe we'll lose our shirts, but we're losing our shirts anyway. I'd rather have more people over there and lose our shirts."

Stevens said planned improvements at the beach club, in Ocean City, were moving slowly. He said Ocean Pines had not yet acquired all of the necessary permits, but added there was not "necessarily any issue with going and getting them."

# **Equal protection claim against town still locked in talks**

#### By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Feb. 23, 2017) The deadline to settle an alleged equal protection claim against the Town of Berlin was Jan. 15. Then, it was Jan. 31.

Last week, Luke Rommel, a Salisbury attorney representing Ronshell Shockley, said there was no longer a set deadline and that talks with the town were continuing.

"The Town of Berlin made a new settlement offer; we are not quite there yet but still hopeful the matter can be resolved. We have agreed to hold off with the lawsuit as long as the sides are moving closer together," Rommel said.

"My usual approach is to set a deadline and stick to it, but in this instance a few things came up behind the scenes which led to relaxing the deadline," he continued. "At this time, our plan is to consider the Town of Berlin's best offer; if we cannot accept it we will file suit immediately thereafter. As of now, settlement discussions have been slow but relatively productive."

Shockley contends she was forced to leave a public park – under threat of arrest – after an officer with the Berlin Police Department found her sitting on top of a picnic table at Dr. William Henry Park on June 30. Shockley is African-American and the officer was white.

Rommel stated in an interview last month that both sides had previously presented settlement offers, adding that if a deal could not be reached, "the alternative probably would be two or three years of federal litigation."

Town officials declined to comment on the matter.



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# **Continuing march momentum**

By Kara Hallissey

Staff Writer

(Feb. 23, 2017) More than 50 women – and a few men – met at the Daily Brew Coffee House in Snow Hill on Feb. 11 to continue the energy generated during the women's marches last month.

"For us, it was a great turnout with it only being planned a week before," organizer Christina Seelaus Hulslander said. "We had no idea how many would come. It was remarkable and wonderful."

The gathering was the first official meeting of a new group calling itself the Eastern Shore Community Action Network.

"[We are] reaching out to others who are motivated and ready to improve our local situations and try not to buy into the notion of 'the other,'" Hulslander said. "We are all human beings."

Attendees spoke about what motivated them to attend. Frustration and feeling overwhelmed emerged as consistent themes.

'Everyone kept repeating they were happy to find solidarity and not be alone in their feelings'

organizer

Christina Seelaus Hulslander

"Everyone kept repeating they were happy to find solidarity and not be alone in their feelings," Hulslander said. "A lot of people in the room felt frustrated the same issues from 20, 30 and 40 years ago are still needing to be addressed, but it's important for future generations."

The goal is to continue convening on a regular basis to work on action items that improve the community – and the nation – and to share perspectives on a range of different issues.

A second meeting of the Eastern Shore Community Action Network is planned for Saturday, March 4 at Daily Brew Coffee House on Washington Street in Snow Hill at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

For more information, contact Hulslander at 803-528-1309 or ploverbug@msn.com.

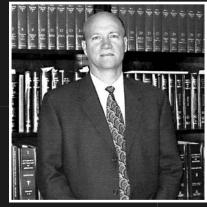




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the parish was formed in 1692 by an act of the General Assembly. Many of those early records were lost when the Court House burned in 1834, however in 1748 an act of the Colonial Assembly assessed a levy of 80,000 pounds of tobacco for the building of a brick church on the site where All Hallows now stands. An additional levy of 45,000 pounds was assessed before the church could be completed in 1756.

"The congregation has about 70-80 members, but the attendance group is about 30-60 people," Kathy Fisher, church member, said. "The interior is similar to what it was, except for new ceilings and updated pews."

Fisher said there is one remaining original pew, but isn't sure where it's located.

Last year, this group served 233 take-out meals, with about 135 eat-in supporters.

# Atlantic General must find different venues for funding

By Brian Gilliland

Associate Editor

(Feb. 23, 2017) While a bold, statewide strategy in Annapolis adopted by the Maryland Hospital Association could have paid off big for Atlantic General Hospital's new cancer center, the local hospital ended up with about half of the requested \$1.3 million and a plan to make up for the shortfall.

According to Michael Franklin, chief executive officer, AGH submitted its funding proposal through the regular funding process, which usually ends up with a share of about \$5 million in total each year. During the past few years, Franklin said, participating hospitals have ended up not using all the available funding.

This led to a more ambitious request, as member hospitals' needs grew, to nearly \$9 million this year, he said.

"If it were successful it would have resulted in \$1.3 million for AGH, but it resulted in a little better than half," Franklin said.

During a press conference in Salisbury two weeks ago, Gov. Larry Hogan announced a commitment from his office of about \$681,000 for AGH's cancer center. The Regional Cancer Care Center is a proposed 18,000-square-foot facility on the hospital's main campus at the corner of Route 113 and Old Ocean City Boulevard.

Services proposed to be included at the center include outpatient chemotherapy, hematology, general medical oncology and radiation oncology physicians, PET scanning, education and support facilities, telemedicine capabilities and a private boutique for education and supplies unique to cancer treatment patients.

Franklin said the center's ground-breaking ceremony is scheduled for July, with the facility coming online by March 2018.

"It's enough to get started," Franklin said. "We're waiting until July to get it into the budget, and we can't start until the budget is signed anyway."

Franklin said he wouldn't be able to reapply to the state to get this particular project funded, so the money has to come from elsewhere.

"The remainder has to come from our campaign and how we typically fund these sorts of projects," he said.

Those mechanisms can be a little obscure, but the process is generally a two-pronged approach drawing from what Franklin calls "operational reserves" and public fundraising.

AGH is a nonprofit hospital, and so the leftover money from revenues and expenditures must go into "expanding services to the community," Franklin said, rather than going into shareholders' pockets. Most of the money in operational reserves comes from that source, he said.

This spring, Franklin said the cancer center would join a few other projects as the hospital launches a \$10 million campaign later this

"The \$10 million in funding will lead us to about \$35 million in investment," he said.

Expansions of both emergency and operating room services are included in the campaign. Franklin said the fundraising effort has already been underway for private investors for a while now, and has collected between \$2.5 and \$3 million already.

#### **Clarification**

There are several styles of speed control devices available to municipalities. The one advocated by City Manager/City Attorney Ernie Crofoot in Pocomoke City does not match the description in the article in last week's issue. His recommended speed humps are only 3-4 inches in height. We apologize for the discrepancy.

# **Former school thrives** now as heritage center

By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(Feb. 23, 2017) Born and raised during the era of racial segregation, Berlin resident Barbara Purnell continues to work for a unified society.

Purnell, 74, attended the African-American-only tworoom Germantown School on Trappe Road in Berlin, which was shuttered in 1953, and more recently has helped preserve and transform the symbol of racial intolerance into a historical monument to further community

"I experienced an all-black school," she said. "We didn't know any difference, that was what we were used to."

Beginning in 1962, the building was repurposed as a county highway garage facility until Joseph Purnell spearheaded an effort in 2001 to reclaim the historic site.

"He got a group of people together and he says, 'How come we can't try to get that school back in the community and do something with it?" she said. "We jumped on the bandwagon."

For over a decade, Purnell has served as president of the committee overseeing the Germantown School Community Heritage Center project.

Purnell, who had completed fourth grade when Germantown School was closed, ironically the same year as the landmark Supreme Court decision in Brown v. Board of Education that declared separate schools as "inherently unequal," has idyllic memories from that time.

"I lived across the field and we walked to school," she said. "It used to be an apple orchard and it bordered my parents property.'

Despite the Supreme Court unanimous decision outlawing racially segregated schools, change was not imminent on the Eastern Shore.

"When we left from here we went to the Flower Street School," she said. "That was the black school and it was larger.

Although a new chapter in race relations was unfolding nationally, Purnell said her childhood was less turbulent.

"There were some changes going on and we weren't naïve to what was happening," she said. "But they were good days because that's all we knew."

She also recognizes advantages to an intimate educational setting.

"It was two rooms and two teachers with three classes in each room," she said. "One of the advantages of having three grades in one room, in the first grade you paid attention to second grade lessons because you would hear what was going on. One class would learn from the other."

She also marveled at the adaptability of the instructors, who also doubled as school staff.

"We had black teachers," she said. "The teachers were janitors, nurses and counselors. They were everything and had to do all these roles.

The varied duties did little to distract educators from their primary focus, Purnell said.

"Our teachers were very stern but they were good because their goal was to teach us and for us to learn," she



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Barhara Purnell has been instrumental in the restoration of the two-room Germantown School in Berlin that was a segregated educational institution prior to being closed in the 1950's.

said. "The parents were very involved with education. They had PTAs and the parents always backed the teachers up.

Although, as is sometimes still the case, the cost of purchasing supplies often fell into the lap of teachers, Purnell said parents regularly lent financial support, but community backing was sorely lacking.

The books that we received when we got them they came from other schools and a lot of times pages were torn out or written over," she said. "So we got these secondhand books but we still learned. We got our foundation."

Racial segregation wasn't the only cultural difference impacting education during Purnell's youth.

What happened here a lot of times, some of the children would have to come out of school, maybe in May, say to pick strawberries," she said. "They didn't start school until October because they were helping with the field work.'

Unlike many of her parent's generation, Purnell was fortunate to complete high school.

'Some went as far as the seventh grade or eighth grade because of the same conditions," she said. "It was the way of life and how it was. You have to do what you have to

After finishing her formal education and entering the working world during the early 1960's, Purnell said she watched national civil rights advances hardly impact the

"In the Town of Berlin, they had drinking fountains for whites and coloreds and the bathrooms were the same,' she said. "Then the movies, where the Globe Theater is now, you couldn't mix in the seating. The blacks went upstairs and the whites were downstairs. This was through See PURNELL Page 10



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# Purnell hopes to engage younger generation

Continued from Page 9 most of the 60's."

While the changes may have arrived later, Purnell said the level of prejudice on the shore was not as severe as the "deep south."

"We were still separated and it was still two worlds," she said. "But living right here in a way you did pay it some mind and you didn't."

As a shore native, Purnell may have become conditioned to local racial divisions, but during her time working at Assateague National Seashore she encountered numerous cohorts who transferred from metro areas that were aghast at the lack of cultural advancement.

"I noticed quite a few of them when they came in they were talking about things being prejudice," she said. "They were coming out of the cities and it wasn't like that for them."

In addition to fully embracing the fight for racial equality, Purnell has had numerous life challenges, which she always approached with grace and fortitude, starting with her first child, James Tingle, who almost sidetracked her high school career.

"I unfortunately got pregnant and dropped out of school," she said. "I did not graduate with my class, however, I did graduate." Purnell's son, born under her maiden name, is a well-known fixture in Berlin who recently retired after spending three decades delivering mail, while simultaneously helping to foster a sense of community.

"There's so many children he's seen born, that he knew when they were babies," she said. "They know James now and he's given some of them jobs and stuff. It's just so much he's been through with the people in town and they've all been connected to him."

Gushing with a mother's pride, Purnell said her son is the embodiment of a people person.

"The older ladies, or even the men that lived alone, they didn't have to come out to get their mail," she said. "He hand delivered it right in the house to them."

Purnell's strength of character was evidenced more recently when she was diagnosed with cancer in 2014, a battle she took in stride.

"It never put me down," she said.
"Everyday I went to chemotherapy I could come back home, sit, eat my lunch, and get busy working."

Luckily since groundbreaking on the Germantown School Community Heritage Center took place in June 2010, Purnell has remained singularly focused on continuing to develop the site.

"It just became my job and I enjoy what I'm doing," she said. "I saw when we got the school back in the community that it would bring people together."

Just last month, Purnell helped promote an evening of jazz and blues at the facility, which included an array of culinary delights. The event was a sellout.

"We had a live band and people went wild. They loved it," she said.

Other events have included a gospel cabaret dinner.

"Last year in June we did a summer fun kickoff for the children when they got out of school," she said. "The national park, the state park and the Discovery Center were here and they each had tables with displays."

Children were able to explore firefighting equipment, hop on a miniature train and even take pony rides. Plus, food and drinks were provided at no cost.

"The parents enjoyed socializing and meeting new people," she said. "That's in the planning stages for this year."

Purnell also hopes the restored school will begin to attract those intrigued by history. "We're hoping to become a tourist attraction," she said. "When things are taking place in Berlin they can stop in here and check us out."

Purnell said she continues to formulate plans to create engaging historical displays inside the school.

"This is sort of a full-time thing for me because my mind is steady rolling all the time about what we can do to improve it," she said. "At night I sleep with a pencil and pad because sometimes something comes into my mind while I'm lying in bed and I'm scribbling so I wont forget it."

Moving forward, Purnell hopes to engage younger people to carry on the mission.

"What I'm trying to do is get some of these young people in here to teach them the history," she said. "We're older and are not going to be here forever. We didn't put this building up here to just let it go down after we're gone."

For now, Purnell is grateful the Germantown School project has provided a space for all races to gather and celebrate.

"It's bringing people together and they're enjoying themselves together," she said.

For more information, visit www.thegermantownschool.org.

# Program promotes job training outside school

SHORE UP! working with Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset counties' youth

By Kara Hallissey

Staff Writer

(Feb. 23, 2017) SHORE UP! Inc., a nonprofit and community action partnership in the area, encourages young people from Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset counties to apply for job training opportunities.

The program is looking for anyone 16 to 24 years old who is unemployed or under-employed and not presently enrolled in school or a vocational training program.

"We are focusing on helping high school graduates and low income young people get a decent paying job," said Alicia Robinson, planning coordinator for SHORE UP! Inc.

The program offers employment training, pays for tuition and continuously gives support.

"We help with studying or any hardships and follow up with people for a year after they find employment," Robinson said. "The program is designed to help train out-ofschool youth. Many people are not receiving an adequate income."

After SHORE UP! Inc. received a Lower Shore Workforce Alliance grant, the youth job training initiative began in the fall of 2015 with programs for certified nursing assistants.

In its second year, the program has expanded to include in-demand jobs such as operating an aircraft, school bus drivers, child care workers, truck drivers and additional occupations in the health care industry.

"As long as someone can get a certificate," Robinson said. "It is a great program because it pays the tuition and gets people into a job where there is a need."

Atlantic General Hospital, local nursing homes and clinics currently employ people who went through job training programs at SHORE UP! Inc.

Referrals for the youth job training program are ongoing. The best way to apply is to call Orville Pen at 410-749-1142 extension 360.

SHORE UP! Inc. was formed in 1965 to help combat the war on poverty in Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset counties.

The private nonprofit has a number of programs for children and their families including energy assistance, weatherization services, senior employment, a free tax preparation program, and housing and foreclosure counseling. Additionally, the organization has a low income housing complex in Princess Anne.



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# Mary Mac Foundation has continuing impact

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Feb. 23, 2017) Although Mary McMullen passed away in 2012 of scleroderma, her legacy as a benefactor of youth activities lives on through the Mary Mac Foundation.

The nonprofit, started by her husband Tim McMullen, has funded recreation programs and charitable organizations geared towards young people in Anne Arundel County and Baltimore, New York and Pennsylvania, and as far away as Haiti.

Locally, the foundation has given to Camp Barnes, Diakonia, Gina's Warrior Comfort Fund, the Nandua High School Food Drive, the Ravens Roost #44 Scholarship Fund, the Worcester County Veterans Memorial and youth programs at Ocean Pines Recreations and Parks.

Miller, 69, is the chairman of the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks advisory committee. His late wife helped to establish the department during the 1970s.

He was formerly an AP History teacher and the athletic director at Broadneck High School in Annapolis and Mary was a special education teacher in Severna Park.

"I think I can speak for Mary when I say we really, really loved being in education," he said. "And being involved with young people is one of the really, really neat things you can

do when you retire. I really enjoy it."

Commitment to the community, he said, has also been important to the Miller family. Four of his seven siblings own homes in the Pines and are active in boating and golf groups, his nephews have worked as lifeguards for the aquatics program and all three of his children worked at the vacht club.

"The recreational facilities here are the best on the Eastern Shore, and we really believe in our community," Miller said. "We felt it was time for us to give back to Ocean Pines, and that's why we're involved in the recreation department and in specialty programs for young people."

During the last two years, Miller and the recreation and parks committee helped to vet bids for a new playground at Manklin Meadows, approved by the board last month. The committee also had a hand in renovations at the Huntington Park sports fields and the addition of bathrooms at Whitehorse Park.

He also coaches basketball and tennis at Worcester Preparatory School.

Recently, there was a small amount of controversy related to Miller and the foundation because of a \$15,000 donation to the recreation and parks department. The money will fund a pirate ship playground at Mumford's Landing, formerly known

as the yacht club.

Some residents had complained the location, near the yacht club pool, would create a nuisance.

Miller said the donation was spread out over four years and the only stipulation was that it be earmarked for recreation programs or facilities. Former recreation and parks director Sonya Bounds, Miller said, made the suggestion to build a new playground and interim General Manager Brett Hill decided on the pirate theme and the location.

"We always had a big interest in young people, so when we got the foundation started we said let's make sure the Ocean Pines Recreation gets a check every year," he said. "Brett Hill approached me at a recreation meeting in December and told me he had come up with a thought about having a pirate ship at the yacht club to try to attract families.

"I told Brett, all along, we wanted a children's playground somewhere in Ocean Pines," Miller continued. "We did not care where. I think that every time we invest money in projects for young people it enhances everything you do in Ocean Pines."

Miller stood up during a recent public meeting in Ocean Pines to address detractors of the proposed playground. He noted that, when youth programs started in the 1970s, there was immediate pushback from some older members of the community.

nity.

"The vast majority of people in Ocean Pines support programs for young people," he said. "I think the major concern was that they were going to lose the yacht club as the adults-only pool. I use the yacht club pool almost every day during the summer – I go over there and read and I absolutely enjoy it. I hope people realize that the yacht club pool is still going to be an adults-only pool.

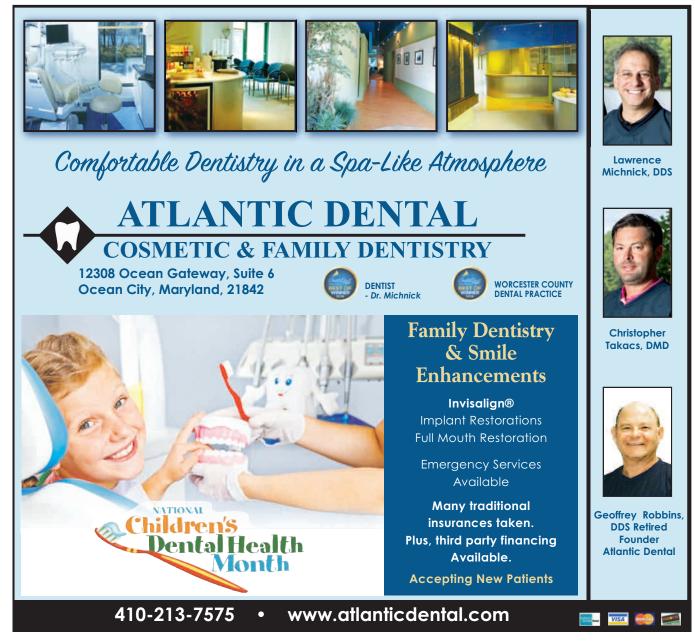
"But, you do need families at the yacht club," Miller added. "If this helps them attract families I think that's a good thing."

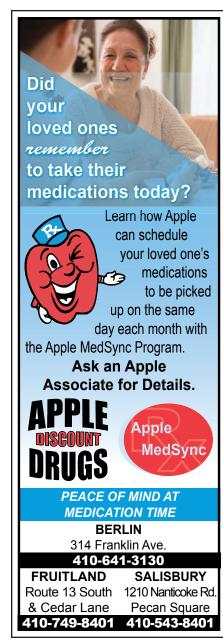
Miller said he expected the playground to be open by Memorial Day.

Also that month, the foundation will host its first Mary Mac Night at Camden Yards, on May 19. Miller said he expected several hundred people to take part in the event. The cost is \$25 and proceeds will benefit the foundation.

The sixth annual Mary Mac Memorial Golf Tournament will be held at the Ocean Pines Golf and Country Club on Friday, Aug. 4 starting at 8 a.m. The tournament has sold out each year it has been held.

For more information on the Mary Mac Foundation, Inc., visit www.marymac.org. Donations to the nonprofit can be made online or by calling Miller at 443-827-2091.





# New women's org. to make donations to local charities

By Kara Hallissey

Staff Writer

(Feb. 23, 2017) Women in Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset counties looking to raise funds for local charities are invited to attend the first 100+ Women Who Care on the Shore meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at Sisters in Berlin.

Members directly contribute \$100 to three different charities each year.

"We are excited to bring it to the Eastern Shore. Women should join our new group if they are interested in making a difference in our community and are willing to write a \$100 check, three times a year to a local charity," Janelle Mulholland, an organizer of 100+ Women Who Care on the Shore along with Susanna Eisenman and Anna Newton, said

"[The] 100+ Women Who Care provides a way for women to make a small contribution and see a large impact," she continued. "A \$100 individual check can turn into a \$10,000 contribution. That is a lot of money, especially for our smaller, local nonprofit agencies."

All meetings are one hour long. During the meetings, each woman will fill out a nomination form with their favorite nonprofit charity from Worcester, Wicomico or Somerset counties. The submissions will go into a basket and three potential winners will be picked.

"Those three women will present their nominations by telling the group about why they are passionate about their charity and what great work the charity does for the commu-



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Organizers of 100+ Women Who Care on the Shore, from left, Susanna Eisenman, Anna Newton and Janelle Mulholland. Members directly contribute \$100 to three different charities each year.

nity," Mulholland said.

After presentations, each member will vote for their favorite choice and the charity with the most votes will receive checks from all 100+ Women Who Care on the Shore members.

The \$100 checks are written directly to the charity and delivered. All donations are tax deductible.

Beer and wine will be available with 20 percent of alcohol and store purchases donated to the selected charity as well.

"Charities can be nominated over and over again," Mulholland said. "But once a charity has been chosen, it cannot be nominated again for one year. Charities must be 501(c)(3). The money must also stay on the shore to help our residents in Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset counties."

The nonprofit organization, 100+

Women Who Care, began in Michigan more than a decade ago. Currently, there are more than 400 active chapters across the world.

"I first heard of the organization while visiting my mother in Iowa last May," Mulholland said. "Her friends started their own chapter and I loved the idea of a group of women getting together and discussing charities in their community and then writing checks to the chosen local charity."

The local chapter will have meetings on Feb. 28, May 16 and Oct. 17 at Sisters on North Main Street in Berlin from 5:15-6:15 p.m.

"Our goal is to get to 100 women and more," Mulholland said. "There is no limit. Our membership should grow each time we have a meeting, as members will invite more women." All \$100 cash or check donations should be brought to the meeting on Feb. 28.

"I think what is different about 100+ Women Who Care is that it's fast and easy," Mulholland said. "There's no selling raffle tickets, no parties, no events, no bake sales ... just a bunch of women getting together for one hour discussing how they can make a difference in their community and writing a check."

"Personally, I am most looking forward to meeting new friends, hearing about what is happening in my community and making a difference right where I live," she continued.

For more information, email Mulholland at mjmulholland@mchsi.com or visit www.facebook.com/100womenwhocareontheshore.

# **Committee inching closer on survey**

If all goes well, comp. plan questionnaire could go in March assessment mailing

**By Josh Davis** 

Associate Editor

(Feb. 23, 2017) Members of the Ocean Pines Association Comprehensive Planning Committee believe they're seeing the light at the end of a long tunnel that has been completing – and getting approval for – a community-wide survey.

Chairman Frank Daly said the committee recently sent two-dozen survey questions to the board of directors for review. The questions were posted on the OPA website, www.oceanpines.org, this week.

The survey is meant to inform a strategic planning document for the Pines. Daly said the committee also finished an outline for the plan and submitted it to the board last week.

The only feedback Daly received, as of Monday, was from committee liaison and Board Vice President Dave Stevens.

"Dave Stevens called and asked me to convene another meeting of the committee, not to specifically discuss either the questions or the outline, but the board wants us to put in a question regarding the use of the community center," Daly said. "I think the issue with the community center that they want us to get at is: what should be an amenity or what should be paid in it."

That meeting will occur today, Thursday, at 4:30 p.m. in the Marlin Room of the community center.

If all goes well, the committee hopes to have the survey included in the annual assessment mailings next month. The cost of that, Daly said, is believed to be negligible.

The committee also proposed a web-based version of the survey. Whether that would be an online tool like Survey Monkey, which Daly said would cost about \$300, has yet to be decided.

Daly said the committee, overall, has been upbeat. A year ago the en-

tire project was in doubt after the Ocean Pines Board voted to cut ties with a Salisbury University firm hired to assist the committee in developing the survey. The members regrouped and instead worked on the questions themselves.

"We've had pretty much our full compliment of people attending the meetings with the exception of when they've had personal things going on," he said. "I think the general mood of the committee is that we are nearing, probably, completion of the most difficult portion of the assignment.

"It's kind of tough to find out exactly what the community-wide interests are, and then to scope questions that we can get a committee to agree to is tough, and then to get the board to agree to it is tough. That's a very complicated process that really involves 12 different people in two layers, and I think everybody realizes we're near the end — unless something completely out of the blue happens to disrupt it," Daly added.

# Women's History Month luncheon

(Feb. 23, 2017) Celebrate Women's History Month during a luncheon on Wednesday, March 22 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Clarion Resort Hotel on 101st Street in Ocean City.

Ann Lockhart Showell (1924-2010) will be honored as the 2017 Woman in History and Rina Thaler will be honored as the 2017 Woman of the Year. Thaler was the driving force in the effort to build a new center for the arts in Ocean City.

During the event, six Worcester County students will also be honored as Women of Tomorrow.

Tickets are \$37 and include admission to the luncheon, awards, exhibitors and raffles. Tables of eight may be reserved.

To make a reservation, call 410-208-6798 or email hfgowl@mediacombb.net.

Checks are payable to FWCCW and must be mailed to P.O. Box 1712, Berlin, Maryland 21811 by March 10. Indicate a choice of entrée: chicken filled with a spinach and mushroom roulade, roasted top sirloin of beef with a sherry mushroom sauce served to the side, or vegetarian/gluten-free.

# Fathom brings taste of city to downtown Berlin

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Feb. 23, 2017) Sisters Hunter Smith and Devon Donahue have moved off Artisan's Way onto Main Street in Berlin with their new, urbaninspired clothing and gift store Fathom.

That's "Fathom." with a period at the end of the word, regardless of its placement in a sentence, Donahue noted with a laugh. Her sister is apparently a stickler.

The shop officially opened last Friday, following about a year of renovations to the building. Smith said the new space only took about a week to furnish once construction wrapped.

The entire façade was remade and the doorway was restored to its original look when it was a barbershop, complete with floor-to-ceiling glass windows. A rear entrance was also added, which opens next to The Globe restaurant on Broad Street.

Exposed brick walls, minimalist wooden shelves and metal display racks evocative of industrial plumbing fixtures were inspired by visits to showrooms in New York City, according to Smith.

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"Every time we walk in, it's just stunning," she said. "We originally planned to open in March, but everything kind of came together all at once and we just figured the weather would be great."

The weather did hold, and sunny skies and unseasonably warm temperatures greeted the soft opening and drove scores of customers through the doors.

"It went great," Smith said. "The town was super busy and we've gotten a lot of support from the other businesses on Main Street. It's been wonderful."

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JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Hunter Smith, left, and Devon Donahue opened Fathom in Berlin last week. After formerly running Sea La Vie, on Artisan's Way, the sisters moved onto Main Street and took on a more contemporary, urban approach toward fashion and gift items.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETT

Exposed brick walls, minimalist wooden shelves and metal display racks inside Fathom were inspired by trips to the Fashion District in New York City.







#### **BLANKET GATHERING**

Members of Quilters by the Sea of Ocean Pines gather for a photo during their holiday party at The Big Easy in Ocean City last month.

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# **New clothing shop** owned by sisters opens on Main St.

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The sisters previously operated Sea La Vie on Artisan's Way, a small side street near the edge of the downtown area that is also home to the Go Organic Grocer store.

"It's a totally different world [on Main Street]," Smith said. "We're quickly finding that out, and it's been a lot of fun.

Donahue said the new space is more modern and contemporary than Sea La Vie.

"We wanted to bring in a kind of urban feel and to create a light and airy space where people can shop without being pressured," she said. "We're not here to pressure a sale or anything - just come in and feel comfortable and enjoy shopping."

The focus of the stock, much like the walls and fixtures, has also shifted.

"Sea La Vie was a lot more about home and gifts items," Smith said. "When we eventually tapped into clothing there we got a huge response from our customer base, and the more and more we went to trade shows we thought maybe this is something we need to bring into town. [Sea La Vie] was shabby chic and this is totally more urban and city-like."

The plan was originally to keep both shops up and running simultaneously, but that all changed with the birth of Donahue's son in January.

"Until about a month ago we planned to do both, but when that happened we sat down and had kind of an emergency meeting to talk about how we were going to do that," Smith

Newborns, as any new parent knows, rarely sleep more than a few hours at a time and are generally uncooperative with any previously written business plan - no matter how creative.

"The whole reason we went into business together was to be together," Smith added. "We're sisters and we work so well together. That part of it was so important to us."

It's also important to continue to develop new idea and tap into markets, Smith said. One area that's particularly lacking in Berlin is men's clothing.

"We're constantly looking for new brands - things that aren't in this area," Smith said. "We're also working on a men's section. We do have a little bit right now, but that's something that's totally missing [in Berlin]. Over the weekend we had a lot of gentlemen come in who were so excited that they'll have something to shop for."

Fathom is open Thursday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Extended hours will likely begin next month.

Visit the shop on 14 North Main Street or Facebook by searching "Fathom Berlin."

# **Bertino will host** town meeting, Sat.

(Feb. 23, 2017) Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino will host his first town meeting of 2017 on Saturday, Feb. 25, at 10 a.m. at the Ocean Pines library.

He will discuss issues and developments impacting the Ocean Pines district and the county. Commissioner Bertino's guests include Health Officer Debbie Goeller, Commissioner President Jim Bunting and Commissioner Vice President Diana Purnell.

Commissioner Bertino will present a mid-term review of county government since taking office in December 2014 including the budget and relations with other departments and agencies within the county and the state.

Goeller has been the health officer for Worcester County for more than 20 years and will discuss the responsibilities of her office that ensure the health needs of county residents are met and that state and county health laws are enforced.

Debbie is an asset to our county. She and her staff do much that goes unnoticed. Attendees to this meeting will find her presentation interesting and informative," Bertino said. "Diana is a talented individual who brings much to the commissioners' dais. I think Ocean Pines residents will be interested in hearing Diana talk about her community and her perspective of county government." Commissioner Purnell was elected in 2014 and represents District 2. Commissioner Bunting represents District 6 which includes portions of Ocean Pines.

'I appreciate that Jim attends and participates in the town meetings," Bertino said. "I think it's good for residents to know that he and I have a very good working relationship that benefits the communities we serve."

This town meeting will be the ninth Commissioner Bertino has hosted since being sworn in.

"These meetings are an opportunity for residents to learn and understand what is going on within our county and it gives them the chance to ask questions and comment on topics of interest," Bertino said.

For more information, contact Bertino 443-783-3248 at cbertino@co.worcester.md.us.





#### **HONORING SERVICE**

The 49th anniversary of the TET Offense in Vietnam was recognized at noon on Jan. 31 at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial. Those who served, those who did not return, and their families, were honored. The recognition of the anniversary was started in 2008 at the WCVM and is held each year. Synepuxent Post #166 American Legion Commander Tom Wengert, left, was involved in the TET during the invasion in 1968, serving in the U.S. Air Force. Post #166 First Vice Commander Robert Smith was also in the TET Offense, serving in the U.S. Army during the 1968 attack. They are pictured placing the TET 49 wreath during the annual program at the Worcester **County Veterans Memorial.** 

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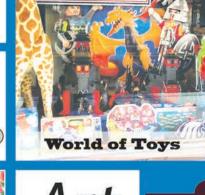






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# Opinion

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## Third time's the charm?

Don't be too hasty in making judgments on the quality of the food and service at the yacht club, now rebranded as Mumford's Landing, since the Ocean Pines restaurant and club is going through the same thing all new restaurants do.

As veteran diners know — and Ocean Pines has plenty of them — the first few weeks of any food service operation are tough, and it's even more difficult for Mumford's Landing as a community-owned facility.

It's going to get more scrutiny than most other restaurants would, with a clientele drawn initially from a base that largely consists of stakeholders in the operation.

No restaurant likes unhappy guests, but the one advantage private operations have is that the disappointed few can't go to a board of directors to complain about it.

No matter how much association members might want Mumford's Landing to produce revenue quickly, the kitchen, the wait staff, the procurement people, the bus staff - everyone - will need several weeks to learn their customers and to function smoothly.

Every restaurant in the area has gone through the same thing — a big rush of first-timers in its opening weeks, followed by a drop-off while its staff works its way into fullswing mode.

No restaurant should be discounted based on a single visit, because things happen at the best of them. So give this one some time and go again - and maybe a third time - before deciding if it's your kind of place.

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"Welcome to the wedding of Amanda and Matthew. Would you like to be seated on the Pro Trump side or the Anti Trump side?

# **Letters**

#### In defense of free. unfettered press

Editor,

The new administration's attack on the press as an 'enemy" of the people of the U.S. should be viewed with suspicion.

The Constitution has inviand institutional olable guarantees for free speech and for a free press in the First Amendment to the Constitution: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.'

Mr. Trump and his advisers repeatedly attack the media and ask us, as Americans, to view the press as heralds of "fake news, not fair, not friendly" whenever a story or a media question is not to their liking. While I am not a Constitutional or historical scholar, I know

enough from my education and upbringing to feel a chill when I hear our President express such scorn for the press, or indeed for anyone, legitimately critiquing or questioning administrative policy or language.

The Constitution does not stipulate that the press must be necessarily "fair." What I might consider fair is very likely not going to line up with another's definition and that is a good thing as it encourages that most democratic of processes to take place: free, informed and well-rounded discussion of issues from all sides and all perspectives. The press does not need to be "friendly," ei-

What it does need to be is free to serve as a watchdog, a guardian so that no branch of government, no individual or group, has dictatorial power that squelches or diminishes the democratic ideals and principles on which our great country was

Eminent First Fathers, historians and jurists have said it much better than I ever could. As Chief Justice Hughes, speaking for the Court in the De Jonge case, involving real and alleged communist activities in the 1950s said, "The greater the importance of safeguarding the community from incitements to the overthrow of our institutions by force and violence, the more imperative is the need to preserve inviolate the constitutional rights of free speech, free press, and free assembly in order to maintain the opportunity for free political discussion, to the end that government may be responsive to the will of the people and that changes, if desired, may be obtained by peaceful means. Therein lies the security of the Republic, the very foundation of constitutional government."

I would urge all concerned citizens to be vigilant in protecting and standing up for a free and unfettered press. Indeed, we should insist on it.

> Ann Augustine Berlin

### Have an opinion?

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

'When the shad come up

**Newport Bay, bald eagles** 

amass there for easy food.'

guide Dave Wilson

# Beans, Birds & Beers event this Sat.

Tours hit spaces normally closed to public; stops at Burley and Urban Nectar

#### By Brian Gilliland

Associate Editor

(Feb. 23, 2017) With the owners' permission, two tours this weekend will explore a few areas normally closed to birders, and more than a couple that are open to the public all year.

On Saturday, preregistered guests are meeting at Urban Nectar on Old Ocean City Boulevard in Berlin at 8 a.m. for a cup of coffee, and will then head out to Newport farm and its varied range of habitats to see what they can find along with guides Jim Rapp, Dave Wilson, Scott Housten and Russ Kovach.

"It's about a 15 minute drive to the farm from Urban Nectar, and once there we'll walk for a mile or a mile and a half to explore the 2,200 acre farm," Wilson, event organizer, said. "We'll see between 50-65 species."

Because of the farm's placement, and size, it offers a host of options to the bird watchers.

"When the shad come up Newport Bay, bald eagles amass there for easy food," Wilson said.

White pelicans roost there too, but are just as likely to remain unde-

tected, as they are to make an appearance. Several species of ducks are likely to be found in this area.

Wilson said field and marsh habitats would offer their own surprises.

In the afternoon, the trip will either convene or reconvene, depending on whether or not participants sign up for one or both sessions, at the Assateague Island Visitors' Center at 11800 Marsh View Lane in Berlin.

"We'll walk around the Sinepux-

ent Bay and we'll see loons, maybe some brant. From there, we'll make a stop at the ponds along Route 611 to look at the many species of ducks there on our way up

to the inlet," Wilson said. "The Ocean City Inlet is a super duper hotspot: Purple sandpipers, the Harlequin ducks are still there and maybe, for a break, we'll look at some seals."

Seal sightings are on the rise in the Ocean City area.

"We'll leave the inlet for Berlin Falls Park where there are just tons and tons of ducks in winter, plus all the eagles and hawks hunting those ducks," Wilson said. "We could be lucky and see otters."

From there, Wilson said all are

welcome to return with the group to Burley Oak Brewing Company, across the street from Urban Nectar, for a review of the day's sightings.

"We'll saunter right over to Burley Oak and finish with some of the best beer on the East Coast," Wilson said. "If you couldn't come or didn't want to go on the afternoon trip, you can still come down and do a tally at the end of the day."

The gathering will take place around 5 p.m.

"Bring your binoculars and dress for the weather. If you have a scope, bring it — but we will have some. It could be windy, and you may want to pack a

snack or some water," Wilson said.

The trips can hold about 24 people each, and reservations are going well, Wilson said.

"You should sign up soon if you haven't already — they should sell out soon if things keep going as they have been," Wilson said.

Another outing is scheduled for next month, focusing on the Lewes and Rehoboth Beach areas.

Register for the Beans, Birds & Beers event at www.delmarvabird-ing.com.

# Ocean City Power Squadron to offer course for boating

Four weeks of classes run from Feb. 27 to March 20

(Feb. 23, 2017) Ocean City Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, will present a fourweek instructional program, "America's Boating Course," Feb. 27 through March 20.

The course will be given at the Worcester County Library, Ocean Pines branch, held over four consecutive Monday evenings. It is an eighthour course with an exam given on the last day, March 20.

First-day registration starts at 6:30 p.m., followed by the class at 7 p.m. Additional courses run from 7-9 p.m.

There is a \$15 fee for the course and materials. Middle school and high school students are free.

Anyone born after July 1, 1972 must satisfactorily complete a safe-boating class to operate a recreational vessel or personal watercraft in Maryland. The course covers basic boat handling, navigation, federal and state regulations, rules of the road, aids to navigation and required equipment.

For more information or to register, call 410-641-6535 or 410-641-8040.





# **WPS** teacher to present lecture during convention

(Feb. 23, 2017) Worcester Prep Lower School art teacher Rebecca Tittermary was once again selected to present a lecture in a session titled, "Utilizing Technology to Bring Museum Experiences to Students," during the 2017 National Art Education Association Convention, in New York, March 2-4.

She will co-present with art teacher Jennifer Moore from the Darlington School in Georgia and museum educator Justina Yee from the National Gallery of

The presentation is one of 784 sessions selected out of a record number of 2,263 applications to participate in the convention.

Their lecture will focus on a project inspired by the National Gallery's special exhibit, "Stuart Davis: In Full Swing." In addition to video conferencing with the National Gallery, students from WPS have been collaborating with the Darlington School students via FaceTime to study Davis.

The students then emulated Davis' style as they created works of art they exchanged between their sister schools.

Last March at the 2016 NAEA Convention in Chicago, Tittermary, along with copresenters Moore and Yee, presented a lecture in a session titled, "Leading From Multiple Viewpoints: Integrating Studio, Art History, and Museum Best Practices."

The NAEA Convention is the world's largest art education convention to showcase leadership, professional contribution, advancing research and practice in visual arts education.

# **Coastal Hospice** announces new board of directors

(Feb. 23, 2017) Coastal Hospice recently announced its new board of direc-

Michael P. Dunn, formerly the Coastal Hospice board's executive committee member at large, assumes the chair position from Immediate Past Chair Glenna Heckathorn.

Stephen R. Farrow is now vice chair; Lorie Phillips is treasurer; Diana L. Barber is secretary; and Byron D. Braniff is member at large.

New members of the board include Anthony S. Sarbanes and Michael E. Schrader. They join returning board members Colleen "Cam" Bunting, Roger L. Harrell, Madalaine Leszcz How, Barbara W. Jackson, Richard M. Laws, Barbara C. Long, Ingrid A. Parker, Robert M. Purcell, Kathryn H. Washburn and Dirk W. Widdowson, Esq.

Founded in 1980, Coastal Hospice is a nonprofit health care organization that cares for individuals facing life-limiting conditions but who want to remain as active and engaged as possible. Coastal Hospice serves Somerset, Dorchester, Wicomico and Worcester counties.



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#### KIWANIS SCHOOL CLUBS INTERACT

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City sponsors Kiwanis student leadership clubs in local schools, namely "K-Kids" in Buckingham Elementary and Showell Elementary, "Builders Clubs" in Berlin Intermediate School and Stephen Decatur Middle School and "Key Clubs" in Stephen Decatur High School and The Salisbury School. SDHS Key Club install the officers of the SDMS Builders Club during the first meeting of 2017. SDMS teacher-adviser Mindy Ouelette is pictured with some club members.



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#### **HARD - 16**

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#### **Answers to last** week's puzzles

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#### UH-OH! BY BRUCE HAIGHT / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

#### ACROSS 1 Bloblike "Star Wars" character

- 6 Give over
- 10 Great shakes?
- 15 Low rolls
- 19 Auto feature
- 20 Julia of Hollywood
- 21 Ham-handed
- 22 Enthralled
- 23 Office for decoding messages?
- 26 The average size of its stores is 300,000
- square feet 27 Had more than an
- inkling
- 28 "Rats!"
- 29 Bringing to mind
- 31 "Indubitably!"
- 32 Anxious condition, briefly
- at a Cheech & Chong 71 Nickname for a movie?
- 37 "Puppy Love" singer, 1960
- 38 Election Day affirmation
- 39 Oomph
- 40 Hauled (away)
- 42 WikiLeaks associates
- 45 Inspiration
- 46 Herder's mantra?
- 48 Virtual dog or cat, maybe
- 50 Glaciate
- Online subscriptions: Today's puzzle and more than 4,000 past puzzles, nytimes.com/crosswords (\$39.95 a year).

- 51 Fake news site, with
- 52 Sign on a jar at a bar
- 53 Mass. neighbor
- 54 In a pretentious manner
- 56 Series opener
- 58 Fall behind
- 61 Quality-control problem at Oscar Mayer?
- 63 Title of a book about Southern Reconstruction?
- 65 Nav. rank
- 66 Word before or after nothing
- 67 Doohickeys
- 68 Sword handle
- 69 They may be decorated for the holidays
- 33 What one might sit in 70 Sauce
  - Miami 12-time N.B.A. All-Star
  - 72 Goddess usually pictured with a helmet
  - 75 Two sights in a yacht's galley?
  - 79 Prey for a heron or garter snake
  - 80 French pilgrimage site
  - 81 Stranger
  - 82 Off-road transport, informally
  - Johnson, a.k.a The Rock
  - 85 Sound heard by an exam proctor, say

- 86 Helpful things for killing time
- 92 Number of French kings named
- Charles 95 Catch's partner
- 96 Prefix with therapy
- 98 Draw
- 99 "Sign me up!"
- 100 Pigeon trainer, at times?
- 105 Crook, e.g.
- 106 Book of (ancient Jewish text)
- 107 "Who
- 108 Kind of pad
- 109 Past partners
- 110 1988 Olympics site
- 111 Studied
- 112 Ancient manuscript

#### DOWN

- 1 Of poor quality, in modern slang
- 2 Set apart
- 3 College in Lewiston,
- Me. 4 Steep 5 Big movie-theater
- chain 6 Miniature lobster lookalikes
- 7 Every
- 8 They may be put up before a fight 9 President-

- emails
- nowadays? 91 Fraternity letter minister
  - Waikiki

    - 14 Singer/guitarist
    - 15 Early wheels
    - 16 Rousing
    - 17 Unsolved crime
  - 18 Theater backdrop 24 Clamor

    - 30 Trite

    - 36 Fishing vessel

    - 40 Changing room?
    - 42 Fine-tuning

    - 44 Be overly sweet
    - 46 Cubbyhole
    - 47 Performing beneath one's usual level

    - 49 Bigger than big
    - much of their career
    - **55** Ruth's 2,214
      - arrive in square boxes
    - 57 Lumberjacks

- 10 Starts of many
- 11 Burma's first prime

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- 12 Warm welcome at
- 13 Exams for some H.S. students
- \_ Ray Vaughan

- 25 Onetime MGM rival
- 32 Coming up
- 34 Canon rival
- 35 Hardly
- 37 In the neighborhood
- 41 Go-betweens
- 43 Acrobatic
- 45 Hip-hop's Def
- 48 Late times, in ads
- 52 The Bee Gees, for
- 54 Ancient market
- 56 Circular things that
- 69 Hiking group, with
- 58 Narcotic
- 59 One carrying a torch? 60 Ending with poly-
- 62 Valhalla V.I.P. 63 Certain vacuum tube "Actually, come to

think of it ...'

- 67 Egg on
- "the"?
- in the Acts of the Apostles

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- 74 Motor oil brand 75 "The Lord of the
- Rings" actor Billy 76 Step up or down

77 Relied (on)

70 Greek city mentioned 78 Theme for an annual city-magazine issue

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- 80 The inside track
- 88 Cold War flier
- 89 Glow in the
- 92 Dressed to the nines, with "up"
- 93 Goddess of peace
- 94 Canon rival 97 \_\_\_\_ Major

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- 101 Farm call 102 Post-O.R. stop
- 71 Backs, anatomically 83 Narc's org. 72 With consequences 84 Arroyos 73 As much as possible
  - 87 Spanish kids
  - dark?

- 98 Mother of
  - 103 Grp. of Senators
- 104 PC kev
- 90 "Say cheese!"

# Cuisine

# Still crazy about manoes after all these yrs.

This column originally ran in a Feb. 19, 2015 edition of the Bayside Gazette.

Many times over, I am sure, my wife has ques-



By Paul Suplee, MBA, CEC, PC-3

tioned her sanity as to why she married me. During the first few years of dating, we would drive from Baltimore to Denton to visit my mother, and every time we would pass a certain store, I would audibly wonder as to whether they were selling manoes, or softshell clams.

We probably made that trip 40 times, and I asked the same question at the same portion of every blasted trip.

It drove her crazy, but she still said "yes," so I guess that says something.

For me, manoes hold a special place in my heart because I have adored them ever since I was in the highchair. I would fight for them tooth and nail when an older sibling would mess with me and pretend to take them away.

As a child, I was often tormented by my older siblings, and there were a lot of them. Vicki and Christi were a good number of years older than me, as were Brian and Mary, although the latter was at least a part of my generation (I only wrote that in the off chance that any of my siblings actually read this). Then there were Andy, Fred and Danny.

To add to the list, we sponsored midshipmen at the academy for years, so our summer seafood feasts would number in the 20s or 30s with crabs, manoes, fresh corn and other area tidbits for which we yearned.

We would also frequent Cantler's Riverside Inn, a shanty-style seafood joint outside of Annapolis that owns its boats, a great advantage when offering expensive shellfish by the boatload. A bucket of steamers and a couple of beers was all that one would need to enjoy the back creek view. Added to the ambiance of country music in the background and all beers coming in cans-only, it made for a good day.

When we moved to this area 16 years ago, I figured it would be easy to find manoes, but I was sadly mistaken. I was informed that these fine mollusks are rockfish bait and nothing more. But I pressed on in my quest for the perfect bivalve. So far, the only place I have been able to find them is Harris Teeter in Selbyville and even there they are sporadic, as they don't last long. They are delicious. There's just something about these shellfish that I absolutely adore.

Now if you decided to try some, which you should, I need to tell you that you can offer them up with melted whole butter, clarified butter or brown butter. Any of them are equally right in that you know what you want. If you want a flavorless oil, choose clarified. If you would like the body of butter and the flavors of the milk solids and proteins that complete the package, then dip in melted whole butter (with salt, of course).

If, however, you were drawn (get it?) into the brown butter debate in one of my recent articles, then go for this final option. There is something about brown butter that goes wonderfully with lobster, clams, shrimp et al.

And now I must address the final piece of the puzzle – the seafood seasoning. You know how I



feel about Old Bay, so I won't go there. I respect the company and the product, especially considering its longevity, but I prefer JO Spice, another Baltimore favorite.

Recently, a coworker gave me a jar of his Smith Island Seafood Spice that he will be pushing out to market soon. I was pleased that it was a happy medium between Old Bay and JO Spice and I like a good compromise, and this promised to be just that.

And as I finish my first bowl of steamers in a few years, I relish the thought of finding them again and reliving a little piece of my childhood that I hold so dear.

#### **Nap Town Steamers**

Enough for me
3# Fresh manoes
1 c. white wine
1 lemon, cut in wedges
1 c. Drawn butter (See article)
Seafood seasoning of your liking

1. Fill tub with salted water so that it is approximately the same salinity level as our local bays.

Ensure that the water is cool, so maybe 75 degrees

- 2. Place the clams in the water for at least two hours to help them purge some of the sand that will be in their system.
- 3. When you are confident that the clams are clean enough to eat, heat about 1 cup of water and the wine in a pan with a tight fitting lid.
- 4. Add the clams and steam until all of the clams are open and the meat is firm, and this will depend on the level of steam, etc. Today when I made them it took about 7 minutes. Monitor and experiment. The happy part is that you still get to eat the failed experiments after you fix them.
- 5. When done, remove to a bowl and strain liquid into another bowl for dipping.
- 6. Arrange some other bowls with lemon wedges, melted butter and seafood seasoning and serve.
- 7. To eat, peel skin off of the "snout" and dip the clam in the broth, butter and seasoning.
- Paul G. Suplee is an Associate Professor of Culinary Arts at Wor-Wic Community College.
   Find his ePortfolio at www.heartofakitchen.com.

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www.bourbonstreetonthebeach.com Feb. 24: Baltimore Boys, 7-11 p.m. Feb. 25: Randy Lee Ashcraft, 8-11

Feb. 28: Fat Tuesday w/Randy Lee Ashcraft, 6-9 p.m.

March 1: Open Mic, 8-11 p.m. March 2: Chris Button, 7-10 p.m.

#### **CAPTAIN'S TABLE**

15th St. & Baltimore Ave.
Ocean City
410-289-7192

Every Friday & Saturday: Phil Perdue, 5:30 p.m.

#### **CASINO AT OCEAN DOWNS**

10218 Racetrack Road

Berlin 410-641-0600 www.oceandowns.com Feb. 25: Monkee Paw Trio, 4:30-8:30 p.m.; Tear the Roof Off, 9:30 p.m. to

#### **DUFFY'S TAVERN**

1:30 a.m.

130th Street in the Montego Bay Shopping Center 410-250-1449 www.duffysoc.com Every Friday: Bob Hughes, 5-9 p.m.

#### **FAGER'S ISLAND**

60th Street and the bay Ocean City 410-524-5500 www.fagers.com Feb. 24: DJ Hook, 9 p.m. Feb. 25: DJ Muve, 9 p.m.; The Loop, 9:30 p.m.

#### **HARBORSIDE BAR & GRILL**

12841 S. Harbor Road West Ocean City 410-213-1846 www.ocharborside.com Feb. 24: DJ Billy T, 4 p.m. Feb. 25: Simple Truth/Side Project, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Jeremy T, 8 p.m. Feb. 26: Opposite Directions, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Billy T, 6:30 p.m.

March 1: Karaoke w/DJ Jeremy

March 2: 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. 24: Dave Hawkins, 5 p.m. Feb. 25: Dave Sherman, 5 p.m. March 1: Bobby Burns, 2 p.m. March 2: Kevin Poole, 6-10 p.m.

### MUMFORD'S LANDING OCEAN

1 Mumford's Landing Road Ocean Pines 410-641-7501 www.oceanpines.org Feb. 24: Bryan Clark, 6 p.m. Feb. 25: First Class Duo 8 p.m. March 1: Karaoke, 7 p.m.

#### **OCEAN CLUB NIGHTCLUB**

In the Horizons Restaurant
In the Clarion Fontainebleau Hotel
101st Street and the ocean
Ocean City
410-524-3535
www.clarionoc.com
Feb. 24-25: On the Edge
March 1: Bryan Clark

#### **SEACRETS**

Ocean City 410-524-4900 www.seacrets.com Feb. 24: Nowhere Slow, 9 p.m. to 1

49th Street and the bay

Feb. 25: Shore Craft Beer Fest: Love on Tap, 1-4 p.m.; The 19th Street Band, 5-9 p.m.; Steal The Sky, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.

#### **SKYE RAW BAR & GRILLE**

66th Street, bayside Ocean City 410-723-6762 www.skyebaroc.com

Feb. 24: Aaron Howell, 4-8 p.m.

#### **TOUCH OF ITALY**

67th Street and Coastal Highway, in the Holiday Inn Oceanfront Ocean City 302-703-3090 Every Tuesday: Piano Bar w/Bryan

Russo, 9 p.m.

#### WHISKER'S BAR & GRILL

11070 Cathell Road, Suite 17 Pines Plaza, Ocean Pines 410-208-3922 www.whiskersbar.com

Feb. 24: Karaoke w/Donnie Berkey



call: 302-732-3744 or visit:

www.theclaytontheatre.com



# Calendar

THU, FEB. 23

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Children, infant to 5 years old, will read, sing, talk, write and play with educational toys. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### **COASTAL HOSPICE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

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

#### **STROKE SUPPORT GROUP**

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 2 to 3 p.m. Providing physical and emotional support for survivors and caregivers to share personal experiences and challenges. Coping strategies also discussed. Ann Waples, awaples@atlanticgeneral.org, 410-641-9243 or 443-614-5720

#### **BEACH SINGLES**

Harpoon Hanna's, 39064 Harpoon Road, Fenwick Island, DE, 4 to 7 p.m. Every Thursday, Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour. Arlene or Kate,

302-436-9577 or 410-524-0649

### **DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF WORCESTER**

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 6:30 p.m. After refreshments, Dr. Timothy Dunn, Sociology Professor at Salisbury University, will speak on the timely and important issue of "Immigration as it manifests nationally and locally." All Dems and Independents welcome.

## **FRI, FEB. 24**

#### **AARP FREE TAX SERVICES**

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

#### **FEBREWARY: LOVE ON TAP WEEKEND PACKAGE**

Dunes Manor Hotel & Suites, 2800 Baltimore Ave., Ocean City, MD, All Day Features a special weekend stay package, Feb. 24-25, two tickets to the Shore-Craft Beer Fest at Seacrets (with live music, unlimited free tastings and a complimentary pint glass) and two complimentary craft beers at the Dunes Manor's Zippy Lewis Lounge. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Believe

in Tomorrow Children's Foundation. 800-523-2888, http://www.Dunes-Manor.com

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#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO**

Columbus Hall (behind St. Luke's Church), 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 6:30 p.m. Held each Friday night. Doors open at 5 p.m., games begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments for sale. 410-524-7994

#### **WPS ADDAMS FAMILY MUSICAL**

Worcester Preparatory School, 508 South Main St., Berlin, MD, 7 p.m. Worcester Prep School is presenting a musical, The Addams Family, featuring a talented cast of students from the Upper School. Showtime for both nights is 7:00 p.m., with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. in the WPS Athletics and Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. To purchase tickets in advance, please call WPS. The show is open to the public. 410-641-3575

# **SAT, FEB. 25**

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#### **FARMERS MARKET**

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

#### AARP FREE TAX SERVICES

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

#### **BERTINO TO HOLD TOWN MEETING**

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino will provide information on issues and developments occurring within the district and the county. Health Officer Debbie Goeller and Diana Purnell, vice president of the Worcester County Commissioners, are his guest speakers. Commissioner President Jim Bunting will join Bertino during the question and answer portion of the meeting.

#### **CHURCH LUNCHEON**

Bowen United Methodist Church, 8421 Newark Road, Newark, MD, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Featuring oyster sandwiches, soups, hot dogs, baked goods and beverages. Author Bonnie Mae Evans, who grew up in Libertytown, will be present to sign copies of her newly published book, "The Trees Will Clap."

#### FREE GRANT ASSISTANCE WORKSHOP

Worcester County Arts Council, 6 Jefferson St., Berlin, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. All new and returning grant applications as well as new grant writers are required to attend this grant workshop. For representatives of local, nonprofit organizations who are seeking funding support for arts-related projects and activities. RSVP: 410-641-0809 or curator@worcestercountyartscouncil.org.

#### SHORE CRAFT BEER FEST: LOVE ON TAP

Seacrets, 117 49th St., Ocean City, MD, 12 to 4 p.m. The culmination of the month-long "Love on Tap" celebration will be the Shore Craft Beer Fest.The



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#### **WPS BREAD SALE**

Worcester Prep second grade students hosted the annual Bread Sale as part of a hands-on learning lesson combining English, science, social studies, mathematics and philanthropy, on Jan. 19. The month-long project is modeled like a small business, with the students making the bread and then selling it in their classroom cafe to other students and faculty. The project involves researching ingredients, creating posters, oral reports and rotating jobs to learn all the facets of running a business. Proceeds are donated to Atlantic General Hospital. Gavin Mann and Alyson Ray are prepared to add tasty toppings to slices of bread.

# **Calendar**

event also highlights Ocean City as an off-season "Beercation" destination with local hotels offering packages to beer travelers. For tickets, visit http://www.ShoreCraftBeerFest.com.

#### SUPPORT THE TROOPS SOUP COOK OFF

American Legion Post #166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD, 1 to 4 p.m. Tickets include snacks, light food, soup for all, draft beer and soda. Cash bar. Plus 50/50s and music by DJ Andy. Open to the public. Tickets cost \$15 at the door. Contestant tickets are \$5. Lisa.Anderson0214@gmail.com, 443-944-1607

#### SPAGHETTI DINNER AND GOSPEL MUSIC

Powellville UM Church, 35606 Mt. Hermon Rd., Powellville, MD, 4 p.m. Spaghetti with homemade sauces, salad, breadsticks, desserts and beverages will be served from 4-6 p.m. Eat in or carry out. Proceeds benefit the United Methodist Men ministry. The Island Boys, southern gospel music, will begin at 6:30 p.m. 443-880-8804

#### **CASINO NIGHT**

Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, 11242 Racetrack Road, Berlin, MD, 6 p.m. to 12 a.m. Blackjack, poker, 50/50 and more. Live and silent auctions, catering by Touch of Italy and all your local favorites. Full cash bar and dancing. Tickets cost \$50 and are available at www.mostblessedsacramentschool.com, 410-208-1600 and at the door.

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#### **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

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

#### **SPRING FEVER DINNER AND DANCE**

St. Andrew's Catholic Center, 14401 Sinepuxent Ave., Ocean City, MD, 2 to 6 p.m. St. Luke's Catholic Parish presents Frank and Trish ... "Dancing through the Decades." Tickets cost \$25 and may be purchased at the Parish Office. Table reservations taken for groups of 6 or 10 only and full payments is due at time of reservation. 410-250-0300

## **MON, FEB. 27**

#### **LIFE LINE SCREENING**

St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, 302 N. Baltimore Ave., Ocean City MD, All Day To register for your appointment and to receive a \$10 discount, call 888-653-6450 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.

#### AARP FREE TAX SERVICES

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

#### TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

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

#### **AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE**

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 7 to 9 p.m. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. on the first night. This eight-hour course will be held Feb. 27, March 6, 13 and 20. An exam will be given on the last night. There is a minimal \$15 fee for the course and materials. Middle school and high school students attend for free. The State of Maryland requires anyone born after July 1, 2971 to satisfactory complete a safe boating class. Call for early registration. 410-641-6535 or 410-641-8040

#### **DELMARVA SWEET ADELINE CHORUS**

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

## **TUE, FEB. 28**

#### **AARP FREE TAX SERVICES**

MAC Center, 909 Progress Circle, Salis-

bury, MD, All Day By appointment only. Call 410-742-0505.

#### **SNOW HILL ROTARY CLUB MEETING**

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

#### **'CONSTRUCTION ZONE'**

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 10:30 a.m. Children, ages 3-7 years, will create with a variety of building material from Duple and K'Nex to Giant Pipe Builders and Giant Waffle Blocks. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

## PANCAKE & SAUSAGE DINNER YOUTH FUNDRAISER

Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 4 to 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$5 for ages 6-12 and free to those 5 years and younger. Eat in or carryout. Kathy, 443-235-6761

#### **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER**

All Hallows Episcopal Church, 109 W. Market St., Snow Hill, MD, 4:30 to 7 p.m. Menu includes sausage, pancakes and baked apples. Dine-in tickets cost \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 11 years and younger. Cost for take-out is \$7. Advance ticket sales only by calling 410-632-2773.

### 100+ WOMEN WHO CARE ON THE SHORE MEETING

Sisters, 113 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 5:15 p.m. The group meets three times a year for one hour and learns about local non-profit agencies, nominated by members. Voted on by the group, one agency is selected to receive individual checks of \$100 from each member. Open to all women interested in donating to local charities. Janelle Mulholland, mjmulholland@mchsi.com, 410-352-3910

#### DRUG ADDICTION SEMINAR

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 6 to 8 p.m. Inspired by the epidemic of opiate and heroin overdoses in the area, Worcester County residents Ruthie and Brian Shofi of Growing Hope are raising funds for drug addiction prevention in local schools and a series of seminars featuring Michael DeLeon, founder and educational speaker of Steered Straight, Inc. DeLeon will hold a free seminar for the public at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center on 40th Street in Ocean City. The presentation is planned to be both informative and interactive, supplying tools and information essential to combatting the addiction pandemic. Ruthie Shofi, Mrs513@comcast.net, 443-783-9723

#### BINGO

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

## MARYLAND SALTWATER SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION MEETING

Ocean City Lion's Club, 12534 Airport

Road, Ocean City, MD, 7:30 p.m. The Maryland Saltwater Sportfishing Association, Atlantic Coast Chapter, will host Alltackle manager John, who will speak on new tackle and fishing equipment and tips on how to use them. A representative from US Tow will speak about their services and discounted rates available to members. Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

## WED, MAR. 1

### GRACE PARKER ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAK-

First Presbyterian Church, 1301 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD, 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. Eggs any style, pancakes, buckwheat pancakes, sausage, country ham, homemade biscuits, hash brown potatoes, grits, coffee and tea. Cost is \$8 to eat in or \$6 to carry out. Milk, soda and orange juice available. 410-289-9340

## KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OCEAN PINES/OCEAN CITY

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

#### **DELMARVA HAND DANCE CLUB**

Ocean City Elks Lodge, 13708 Sinepuxent Ave., Ocean City, MD, 5:30 to 9 p.m. The group meets every Wednesday. Jitterbug, swing, cha-cha to the sounds of the '50s, '60s and Carolina Beach music. A \$5 donation per person to benefit local Veterans. Elk members and their guests welcome. dance@delmarvahanddancing.com, 302-200-3262, http://delmarvahanddancing.com

## 'CHASING THE DRAGON: THE LIFE OF AN OPIATE ADDICT'

Ocean City Performing Arts Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 6 p.m. Free screening of a documentary about the dangers of opiate addiction. Doors open at 5 p.m. Prior to the screening, federal, state and local law enforcement officials will discuss the issues we face in Worcester County surrounding opioid abuse. Representatives from area treatment, prevention and public health organizations will be on hand. The film contains adult topics and language. Register at ocpdmd.eventbrite.com.

#### **OCEAN CITY/BERLIN ROTARY CLUB MEETING**

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

## **ONGOING EVENTS**

#### CHURCH FUNDRAISER

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







Classifieds now appear in Ocean City Today & the Bayside Gazette each week and online at oceancitytoday.net and baysideoc.com.

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Please call Jeff at (443)493-3865 or email resume to treeman@oceanpinesstumpandtree.com.

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Email resume to: ddconstructionmanager@gmail.com Fax to 410-520-0199/ Apply online:

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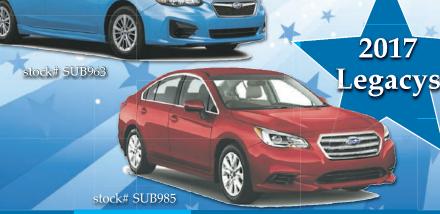


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