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The Berlin Youth Club, which offers free programs for children ages 6-11, presented an update on recent activities to the town council in Berlin on Monday. Pictured, clockwise from left, are Alex Navarro, 10, at the Delmarva Discovery Center in Pocomoke, Jhy'sier Purnell, 7, and Jamien Purnell, 11, at Zenna Wellness Studio in Berlin, Lydia Navarro, 6, at the Delmarva Discovery Center and Ameera Dale, 9, at Ayres Creek in Snow Hill.

Youth Club offerings keep coming

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Feb. 25, 2016) The Berlin Youth Club provides free activities for children ages 6-11 that are designed to broaden cultural education, encourage volunteerism and strengthen ties to the community.

That was the message during a Berlin Council meeting on Monday night, when leadership from the club, a program of Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services, presented an update on activities.

Last year, the council approved \$24,000 in funding for the youth program, along with \$8,000 for general expenses and \$2,500 to hire an intern.

On Monday, WYFCS Director Steven

Taylor praised Youth Club Coordinator Amanda Chaffee, a Berlin resident who, Taylor said, keeps a close eye on children in the program.

"When she's around town, if she sees any of the BYC kids out and about, maybe doing some things they shouldn't be doing, she goes over to them – no, she charges over to them – and says, 'What are you doing? Do I need to call your mom?'" Taylor said. "They say, 'no, Ms. Amanda. Everything is OK. I'm going home right now.'"

"She's very good with the kids, and she's done an exceptional job," Taylor added.

Last year, Chaffee said, children in the program made cards for troops, helped

with a police department school supply giveaway at Henry Park, and watered and weeded gardens at the Multipurpose Building on Flower Street.

Participants enjoyed field trips to Jolly Roger Amusement Park in Ocean City, the Stratosphere Trampoline Park in Delmar, Regal Cinemas in Salisbury and Assateague State Park. Children also visited three Worcester County towns: Snow Hill, Pocomoke and Ocean City.

In Berlin, several businesses participated in a scavenger hunt, including Baked Dessert Café and Church Mouse, as well as the post office, police department and town hall. The event finished with a picnic at Stephen Decatur Park.

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Budget compromise means no increase in 2017 Pines dues

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Feb. 25, 2016) Thanks to a last-minute budget compromise, homeowners in Ocean Pines will not see their assessments increase this year.

During a meeting in the administration building last Friday, the directors voted 6-1 to trim an unspecified amount of money collected for legacy reserves in order to offset an expected rise in dues. The basic annual assessment was expected to go up about \$20, but, because of the vote, will now remain at \$921.

The board met to iron out several details of the fiscal year 2017 budget, when Director Dave Stevens introduced a plan to reduce legacy reserves, formerly called the "five-year funding plan," by \$50 per property.

For several years, the association has annually collected \$130 for legacy reserves from each homeowner. The exact use of that money, as well as the lifespan of the funding plan, has been a controversial topic.

Director Tom Terry said legacy reserves allow the board to borrow money from itself, at no interest, and pay itself back over time, putting just over \$1 million into reserves each year. He used the yacht club as a recent example, although he admitted that, politically, the issue has been a difficult one.

"Ultimately, it would have been a whole lot easier in the Ocean Pines arena that we live in if we had borrowed the money," he said. "Then we would have had a real loan and a real debt ... that we would have had to pay off, and it would have cost us about \$60,000 per million to build the [yacht club]."

He argued that the yacht club payment plan was spelled out in a referendum passed by homeowners several years ago, and that Ocean Pines was still required to pay down a portion of that \$5 million cost.

"We told folks how we were going to do it. All I'm suggesting is, we need to stay [with] what we said we were going to do," he said.

"I think you're not being honest," Stevens said, calling Terry "disingenuous."

"I totally reject the argument about the yacht club," he said. "I don't think anybody even understood it at the time

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WYFCS program fosters citizenship, character

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At the Berlin Fire Company, children learned about the equipment used by firefighters and got a lesson in basic fire safety. During a trip to Salisbury University, the kids met several student athletes and watched the football team win its last home game of 2015.

Chaffee said a trip to Shad Landing last year taught her that the majority of children in the youth club could not swim. This year, she's planning an event centered on swimming lessons.

"We find these trips to be very valuable, as they help teach the children

more about their community," she said.

Coming up, the youth club will hold a "kick-off dinner" on June 23 at Henry Park. Chaffee said BYC is also recruiting new participants, as well as volunteers and interns, and is exploring plans for community service projects in the county.

Last year, 40 area children signed up, and 30 actively participated in BYC programs.

"We're teaching kids how to give back to the community," Taylor said, adding, "We're doing things within our own community, looking at the resources

that are here ... we're taking full advantage of what this area has to offer. That's really the key behind how BYC operates.

"Kids love it," Taylor added. "They don't typically get out of their neighborhood too much, so these things that they're seeing that aren't that far for the rest of us are quite a journey for them."

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams said the youth club fostered citizenship and helped build character.

"I think it gives them exposure to a larger community," he said. "That, I think, is important. It's good to have good neighbors, but it's also good to

know that there's a larger community that's your extended family."

Councilmember Dean Burrell said his neighbor has grandchildren who are in the youth club.

"Sometimes I've had to pick them for her [and] they seem to be very enthusiastic and happy about going," he said. "That is a true sign that your organization is doing a good job ... I thank you for what you're doing."

On May 20, WYFCS will have its 8th annual Pirate Party fundraiser at Sunset Grille in West Ocean City. For more information, visit www.gowoyo.org.

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The OPA board and general manager square off during a budget meeting last Friday in Ocean Pines. Pictured, left, Director Tom Herrick backs a plan to zero out dues for fiscal year 2017. Directors Jack Collins, center, and Bill Cordwell look on. General Manager Bob Thompson, right, lobbied against a reduction in legacy reserves. OPA Board President Pat Renaud looks on.

JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

OPA basic annual assessment will stay flat at \$921

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we said it, and I certainly don't think they understand it now."

Stevens said the board voted last year to spend reserve funds on several new projects that were not spelled out when the plan was created, and proposed what he called a "modest" reduction in the amount collected, followed by an evaluation next year.

"Stop funding something when you don't know how you're going to spend the money," he said. "I believe we should slow down the rate at which we're collecting it and give the people in Ocean Pines a break."

General Manager Bob Thompson disagreed.

"We know we have items that still need to be paid [for], the yacht club being one of them," he said. "There is no mixed message in that. It's a fact ... you may not like it, and that's fine, but you can't rewrite history."

He went on to say he and the directors were still in the process of going over the first draft of a study on reserves, released in January.

"We've got two compelling reasons to leave it alone this year," Thompson said. "Why would we change direction before we've had time to validate that study? From a business standpoint, that doesn't make sense."

By reducing the fund, Director Cheryl Jacobs said the association was effectively "pushing [several issues] down the road."

Earlier during the meeting, the board earmarked more than \$100,000 to study several major capital replacement items, including a new country club and new police station. Those projects would likely cost OPA millions of dollars to fulfill.

"We're going to have to have some money to do that, folks," she said. "You're saying we don't know what [legacy reserves] are going to be spent on – we absolutely do know what it's going to be spent on."

Director Bill Cordwell moved that the board simply rename the fund "major projects," and continue to collect \$130 from homeowners. That motion fell, 3-4.

Terry then introduced a compromise – albeit somewhat reluctantly.

"I'm going to shoot myself and probably slit my wrists when this day is over with," he said. "But ... what if we decided that the number [collected for legacy reserves] that we established was based on the dues staying exactly where they are?"

"We can argue all day as to what the number is going to be. The bottom line is we're looking for a compromise here, which I believe is a workable compromise that gets us to next year when we have the information we need ... understanding every dollar you don't collect is a dollar you're going to have to collect at some point in the future," Terry continued.

Cordwell was the lone "no" vote.

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OPA Director Bill Cordwell explains 'no' vote on budget

(Feb. 25, 2016) When the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors voted 6-1 last Friday to trim the legacy reserves collection in order to provide a zero increase in assessments, Bill Cordwell was the lone 'no' vote.



Bill Cordwell

In a statement provided to the Gazette, Cordwell offers some background on his decision.

"Unfortunately, this so called 'compromise' is typical Ocean Pines, and we keep doing stuff like this to ourselves. Oh yeah, we will be heroes for not raising assessments, but let's look at reality.

We just paid a lot of money for a reserves study, which shows our reserves are in the less-than-poor category. We are supposed to have \$14 million dollars in reserves, and we have less than \$4 million. So, now we just cut some more out of the reserves. If we do everything we talked about doing, we will not have any reserves and will be \$5 million in debt. We have done things like this over the years to artificially keep the assessments lower, which is the reason for us being short now.

As a retiree, I would much rather pay \$20 now than get hit with a big increase in the future. This whole thing started with efforts to reduce the so-called 'five year plan.' I keep hearing that same myth, from the usual suspects, that this fund was supposed to go away after five years. BULL. It was supposed to be increased a little at a time for five years, but was supposed to be used for the 'major projects' that we have facing us: the yacht club, bridges, Beach Club, police station and country club.

After all the 'major projects' are completed, then this fund can be done away with and assessments lowered. But, if we do away with this fund now, then we don't have money to repair or replace our major amenities, which is exactly what these people want.

Other communities and associations raise these funds by doing a large special assessment, but we don't. The justification I heard at the meeting the other day was that we shouldn't collect it until we have something that needs to be done. First off, everything I named previously needed to be done years ago! But, we are also doing things now like repairing the bridges, and we should be doing something with the police station, Beach Club – not just the bathrooms – and the country club.

These projects should have all been done years ago, and at probably a third of the cost today. So, if we just started collecting now for these projects, it would be years before we could do even the cheapest of them.

To put it in personal terms, if your car breaks down tomorrow and you are living check to check, like many of us, and you haven't saved money for things like this, how long will you have to walk until you can save enough money to get it fixed? But, of course, if we don't have the money and we use the wait until we need to do something before we collect it [approach], then we will hear the same screechy voices say, 'oh, no we can't do that because we don't have the money.'

It's the old chicken before the egg trick used by those that have been on the board for many years and have used this trick to do nothing and let our community deteriorate. That's why we have rotting buildings with employees falling through floors. For a community this size, our buildings are a disgrace.

And then they will blame a lack of maintenance. More garbage. We have and continue to spend a ton of money on maintenance – so much so that we probably could have replaced each building by now. You can only put so much paint over rot!

Our police station, in my opinion, needs to be addressed, but we are having a major push to renovate the Beach Club bathrooms, because one director will use this to get re-elected. It's a little funny I didn't hear a word about doing these last year.

I am all for doing something with the Beach Club and its bathrooms, but if we put that ahead of our employees, then our priorities are really screwed up!"

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BERLIN BRIEFS

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Feb. 25, 2016) The Berlin Mayor and Council discussed the following items during a meeting at town hall on Monday, Feb. 22.

Peach Pageant

This year's Peach Pageant will coincide with the "Summer Movie Nights" series. The council approved the annual pageant, now set for June 18 at 5 p.m. on Main Street.

Either "Tuck Everlasting" or "Runaway Bride" will screen later that evening, presented by the Berlin Arts and Entertainment District committee and the Berlin Parks Commission.

The parks commission will meet on March 1, at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall, with plans to finalize Summer Movie Nights. Also on Monday, the town announced on its Facebook page that the six-film screening series would include "Finding Nemo," "The Wizard of Oz," "Goonies" and "Princess Bride."

Rezoning first reading

Two rezoning items, both recommended by the Berlin Planning Commission this month, received first readings.

A parcel on 109 Decatur Street, where the town hopes to build a new police station, requires a change from B-2 shopping district to R-1 residential.

Four parcels on Gay Street are requesting a change from R-2 residential to B-1 town center. Patrick Vorsteg, who recently purchased the empty lot on 15 Gay Street, hopes to build a two-story building similar to others in downtown Berlin, with storefronts on the ground floor and apartments overhead.

Three homeowners, at 13, 19 and 21 Gay Street, asked to be included in the change. If approved, all four properties would also become part of the town's historic district.

A public hearing on both items will occur during the next mayor and council meeting, on March 14 at 7 p.m. at town hall.

Highway user revenues

The council unanimously approved a resolution to back the reinstatement of highway user revenues from the state.

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams said the

Maryland Municipal League and the local mayor's association has taken up the issue during recent years. The purpose of the resolution, he said, was to encourage the restoration of funding.

"We see the light at the end of the tunnel," he said. "The new administration, under Gov. Hogan, has made a commitment to steadily restore these funds over the next few years – assuming it gets legislative approval."

Because of the sharp decline in funding from the state, many towns in Maryland have not made highway improvements for years, Williams said.

Town Administrator Laura Allen said Berlin experienced a 91 percent decrease in funding from the state between 2008 and 2013. Current Highway User Revenues, she said, were 50 percent less than what the town received in 2008.

Water safety

Water Resources and Public Works Director Jane Kreiter said she has received several calls from concerned citizens following the water crisis in Flint, Michigan.

Kreiter said the town, the Maryland Department of the Environment, and an independent third party, checks Berlin's water for safety each year. Recent tests have shown no harmful contaminants and Kreiter said lead, specifically, has not been an issue in the Berlin water supply.

Cannery update

Asked about the Cannery Village Development on Flower Street, Kreiter said the builder was still working to fix sewer lines as of this week.

"The ball's in their court," she said. "We're waiting to put meters in, but the sewer line still has not been corrected ... it's really up to them at this point."


Zika virus

Allen said she had received calls about the town's preparedness for a potential Zika virus outbreak.

"We do have a page on our website with a list of information from Worcester County Health Department [about the virus]," she said. "They're relying on the Centers for Disease Control."

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Anna Foulty, center, holding check, and Mary Evans, pictured to her right, of Star Charities, donate a check for \$6,600 to the Maryland VFW Wounded Warriors program to help finance the annual spring pilgrimage of injured soldiers to Ocean City.

Local nonprofit gives to Wounded Warriors

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Feb. 25, 2016) Star Charities presented a check for \$6,600 to help finance the annual spring pilgrimage of injured soldiers to Ocean City during its meeting on Thursday, Feb. 18.

Now in its 11th year, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Maryland Wounded Warriors pro-

gram will bring military members and their families to the beach on June 7 for three days and two nights of relaxation to coincide with the VFW Department of Maryland's 96th annual convention.

Tom Kimball and Jack Lewis, from VFW #194 in Salisbury, accepted the donation and shared some background on the program and their ra-

tionale for the altruistic pursuit.

Starting in 2006, the program has brought a multitude of soldiers from nearby military medical and treatment centers for a tranquil visit to the shore.

"It gives them a couple of days away from therapy and they understand that people appreciate what they've done," Lewis said.

All of the money raised goes to the program with no administration costs, Kimball explained.

"Some of these kids have never put their feet in the ocean," he said. "They flew over the sea, but never had a chance to put a toe in the water."

Kimball, who has served as chair-
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Area VFW program assisted nearly 300 people in 2015

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man of the VFW program since its inception, shared his experience when returning from the Vietnam War. He was stunned to return to the U.S. in the midst of riots following the 1968 assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., when National Guard troops were dispatched to quell the violence in Washington, D.C. As with many who fought in Vietnam, he returned home to a country sharply divided over U.S. foreign policy.

"I could not believe I came back during that period," he said. "I could not say I was a Vietnam vet for 25 years. It didn't seem like it mattered to anybody."

Feeding off Kimball's comments, Lewis said the only thing people have in life are memories.

"Some are negative, some are positive and some you're not sure about," he said. "I choose not to remember the bad."

The VFW program touched the lives of 91 wounded warriors and their families in 2015.

"We had close to 300 people we took care of last year," Lewis said. "They can bring their families and even pets along."

Anna Foultz and her cohorts in Star Charities have donated to the

VFW program for the last two years, but the group has worked to raise money for veteran's causes since its inception.

"Once Anna and her group heard about it they got involved," Lewis said.

Star Charities was the brainchild of Foultz and her late husband, Carl, who formed the all-volunteer group in 2006. The couple also started the Wounded Soldiers of Maryland in 1998 to assist veterans returning home with injuries or disabilities. Since that time, Foultz, who at 90 years of age is the oldest active Girl Scout in the U.S., has received numerous honors for her philanthropic efforts.

Deflecting attention from herself, Foultz praised her fellow volunteers in Star Charities.

"I couldn't do it alone," she said.

Like many who wonder what percentage of charitable donations support the stated cause, Foultz said the group was formed with the ideal that all money raised would be channeled into the proper hands.

"This is from my heart," she said. "When I do a fundraiser I want to donate too."

Another supporter of the VFW

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Star Charities and Shorebirds collect thousands for vets

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program is the Delmarva Shorebirds. The single-A baseball team, an affiliate of the Baltimore Orioles, compete in the South Atlantic League. One again this year the team will auction off game jerseys to help finance wounded soldiers visiting Ocean City.

Steve Uhlmann, Shorebirds communications and marketing manager, said last year's team raised more than \$6,500 from auctioning jerseys. This year the club will sell off jerseys from the July 4 home game against the Lakewood BlueClaws.

"It's been a great partnership," Uhlmann said. "It's a great night for the community to have fun watching baseball and supporting a great cause."

Not surprisingly, since it is Independence Day, Uhlmann said fans would also be treated to the biggest fireworks show of the season. Lewis said his group would pass out about 4,000 American flags during the game, as a stadium full of people waving the stars and stripes provide quite an emotional backdrop.

"It's a win-win all the way around," he said. "We're helping those who helped us."

The program has also been aided by Salisbury-based Holloway Tours, which Lewis said provides buses at a discounted rate. He also said the soldiers, who likely enjoy some time away from military medical facilities, are not wholly removed from treatment.

"We bring down medical people and nurses from Walter Reed [National Military Medical Center]," he said.

The hope is that injured military members can simply enjoy themselves and be reminded how much their sacrifice means to the American public. Lewis had one piece of advice for those unsure how to honor those wounded in battle.

"Come down there and say a couple of magic words, 'Thank you,'" he said.



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The Pocomoke River in Snow Hill is the subject of an article in Canoe & Kayak magazine that has local tourism officials excited.

Snow Hill touted as paddling town

By Josh Davis

Staff Writer

(Feb. 25, 2016) Two years ago, Berlin used the national attention it received from a magazine article in order to rebrand itself using the now-ubiquitous word "cool."

This month, neighboring Snow Hill received a similar, albeit slightly more low-key, write up in Canoe &

Kayak magazine, which called it one of the "(Next) Best Paddling Towns" in the U.S.

Coincidence? Snow Hill Economic Development Director Michael Day – who once held that title in Berlin – would have you think not.

"The article helps put us on the map as a paddling town, and that's exactly what we're trying to do," he

said. "I think it's going to take a while – Berlin took a few years to get to the point where it was the 'coolest small town' – but we want to become the outdoor recreation capital of the Eastern Shore."

Day said the town had been working with Jim Rapp and Conservation Community Consulting LLC. In the See MAGAZINE Page 11

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CELEBRATING PARTNERSHIP

Kacey Decker is the donor relations coordinator of the United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore and a member of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City. She is pictured with Kiwanis members holding pictures of some of the local programs with which United Way is partnered, from left, Vice President Tom Southwell; Speakers & Programs Chair Graham Caldwell and President Mark Joseph.



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LOCAL LEGEND

Pioneering deejay Francis “Jocko” Graye receives commendations from state officials during an event at the Duncan-Showell American Legion last Saturday. Pictured, from left, are Sen. Jim Mathias, Graye, Francine Graye and Del. Mary Beth Carozza.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The Republican Women of Worcester County held its monthly meeting on Jan. 28 at the Captain’s Table restaurant on 15th Street in Ocean City. Member Anna Foults, second from right, was presented a proclamation honoring her 90th birthday and thanking her for her continued service to the community. She is pictured with Pat Schrawder, Mary Pat Carozza and Carol Rose.



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GUEST SPEAKER GULYAS

The guest speaker during the January meeting of the Republican Women of Worcester County was Belinda Gulyas, principal of Cedar Chapel Special School in Snow Hill. She is pictured with Beverly Bigler, president of RWWC, left.



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Assateague #1325 Questers Chapter, with a generous grant from Maryland State Questers, assisted the St. Martin’s Historic Church Foundation in restoring the brick front entranceway of the historic church. The grant permitted the Foundation to procure the services of Roland Donaway, a master mason, right, approved by the Maryland Historic Trust to repair and restore historic edifices in Maryland. Members of the Foundation Board accepting the grant, are Linda Barrett, Assateague #1325 treasurer; Robert Purcell, board president, St. Martin’s Historic Church Foundation; Barbara Coughlan, Assateague #1325 president and Theresa Bruner, board secretary, St. Martin’s Historic Church Foundation. The Questers is an international non-profit organization devoted to education and preservation of historically significant objects and architecture. For additional information, visit MDQuesters.org.

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Magazine puts focus on Snow Hill

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article, Rapp gives writer Natalie Warren a tour of Snow Hill's several sites and activities, including paddling on Nassawango Creek and the Pocomoke River, eating at Harvest Moon Tavern and the Blue Dog restaurants, and shopping at the Pocomoke River Canoe Co.

"I was the lucky guy that got to go kayaking for three days," Rapp said. "It was just a great weekend – not just because Natalie was wonderful, but the town really rolled out the red carpet for her. I think it really impressed her – not just the natural resources, but the hospitality."

Rapp said he hopes the release of the story helps increase Snow Hill's profile as a destination for paddle sports.

"People in Worcester County know it's a great place. It really is world class, and so it's really nice to see Na-

talie, who has paddled thousands of miles in her young lifetime, come here and have a genuine impression of the awe and wonder that we have," Rapp said. "We want more people to come and stay in Snow Hill and Worcester County and explore with us. Nobody ever complains when they come off that river."

The Pocomoke River is an obvious selling point, and should continue to be a draw as Day and others work to revitalize the town.

On June 17-19, the Snow Hill will hold the "Return to Goat Island Standup Paddleboard Races" in Sturgis Park, a new event that Day hopes will become a highlight of the town.

"That's moving along," he said. "We've rented 40 campsites at the state park and they're starting to fill up, and we're really moving forward on that little event. We hope, within one or two years, it becomes the

largest standup paddleboard race on the East Coast. That's our goal."

He said Snow Hill is also promoting its proximity to Pocomoke River State Park, just five miles away. Worcester County Tourism Director Lisa Challenger is also playing a role in that and is working with Snow Hill and Pocomoke City to develop hiking trails from the state park to the downtown areas.

Holistically, it's a decidedly less urban approach than Day used, to great success, in Berlin. That, he said, is also no coincidence.

"We want to promote Snow Hill as a compliment to Berlin," Day said. "We're not competing with Berlin – we want to compliment it. We're just 15 miles down the road, we've plenty of outdoor hiking, biking, kayaking, paddling experience that you can't get in Berlin, but you can get it here."

OPA BRIEFS

By Josh Davis

Staff Writer

(Feb. 25, 2016) The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors discussed the following items during a public meeting in the administration building on Friday:

Park sculpture

Resident Jack Levering gave the directors a bird sculpture he helped construct, which he said could replace one that once sat on top a gazebo in Pintail Park. In exchange, he asked for \$100 payment.

The board asked General Manager Bob Thompson to look into the matter and present a recommendation during the next public meeting, on Feb. 25.

Budget: Food truck

Directors Tom Terry and Dave Stevens each brought a list of items for review from the fiscal year 2017 budget draft.

By a 4-3 vote, the directors agreed to keep the proposed food truck in the budget. Terry said the financial impact of removing the item was \$1 increase in assessments, because of revenue projections.

He said he thought the board wanted to remove the item because public rancor, adding that many critics represented the idea as "a hotdog truck for the yacht club."

"I think [that] was a very unfair presentation of what this thing is," he said. To pay for purchase of the truck, designed to feed guests at

events in Ocean Pines, the board earmarked \$55,000 from its general fund.

Budget: IT upgrades

A new computer and phone system for the administration building, costing \$250,000, will also stay in the budget. Thompson said that number, which he said represents a starting point for a communitywide IT upgrade, will likely go up, although that would require board approval.

Money for the project will be taken from historical reserves.

Budget: Yacht club additions

Two items related to the yacht club will remain in the budget. Unanimously, the board agreed to keep

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\$4,770 for glass tabletops by setting aside that amount from the general fund. Controller Art Carmine said the glass would go on top the existing tablecloths, and could help bring down linen costs.

Outdoor café furniture, using \$5,467 from historical reserves, will also stay in the draft. Thompson said the furniture would be set up early in the morning, between 5:30-6 a.m., and would allow boaters to buy café-style breakfast and lunch items. The final vote was 3-2, with two directors abstaining.

Budget: Work trucks

Director Tom Herrick asked to discuss several public works vehicles in the budget, including a Chevy Tahoe, a dump truck, a tractor and a skid steer. Those items, totaling \$297,000, would be paid for through the general fund.

Herrick said the Tahoe was too extravagant and asked if any of the vehicles, all replacement items, could be put off for a year or two. Thompson explained that a sample Tahoe, shown in the budget with leather seats and an expensive navigation system, was merely an example.

"We've never bought anything with leather seats," he said. "It's just not practical for us, but it was the only one [that] one of the local dealers had on the lot when we tried to get pricing."

He said because the vehicles were all replacements, they would have no impact on assessments. The board voted unanimously to keep all four items in.

Budget: Golf carts

The board nixed a \$297,000 request for new golf carts by golf management company Landscapes Unlimited. Instead, the board will spend \$50,000 to refurbish its existing fleet of carts, using money in the historical reserves.

Several directors were concerned that Landscapes was not performing proper maintenance on the fleet, which includes 65 owned carts and another 75 that are leased.

"Until somebody shows me they can care of what we already have, I don't want to spend any dollars for brand new carts," Terry said.

The final vote was 6-1, with Stevens opposed.

Budget: Fairway mowers

The board voted 5-1 to buy three new mowers to trim fairway grass on the golf course. Herrick voted against the motion and Stevens abstained.

The mowers were not originally in the budget, and several directors suggested Landscapes did not request them because the company prioritized replacing the cart fleet. Requests for the mowers had been in two prior budgets.

"We're being told that they're breaking down quite a bit," Terry said. "We have the supposition that LU ... would not want to ask for a half million dollars worth of capital the first year they're here. It makes sense."

Director Bill Cordwell said the three current mowers all broke down last year, and axles on each had to be welded back together "just to get them through the season."

Replacing a single mower would result in "differences of pitch" in the fairway, Cordwell said. Money for the mowers will come from historical reserves. A specific amount was not given during the meeting.

Budget: Tennis courts

Improvements to the swim and racquet club tennis courts will stay in the budget. The \$140,000 improvements, which include resurfacing, will come from historical reserves.

The board voted 6-0 for the budget request, with Director Cheryl Jacobs abstaining.

Budget: Facility studies

A \$75,000 study will explore three options for a better police building: expanding the current one, building a standalone structure, or putting a combined fire and police building on association-owned land on Route 589.

Cordwell proposed the board budget \$3 million for a new country club, but the directors opted to conduct a \$50,000 feasibility study first to determine whether to replace or repair the existing building. An additional \$30,000 was set aside for cosmetic repairs.

Thompson warned that waiting to build a new structure could cost the association several hundred thousand dollars, including more than \$100,000 for a new HVAC system, which is needed immediately.

"We're going to start upping [estimates for immediate repairs] to \$300,000 pretty quick," Thompson said. "That's just getting it operational, so you're not sitting in jackets during a meeting."

The board voted 5-2 for the study, with Terry and Cordwell voting against.

Budget: Reserve changes

The directors discussed addressing a deficit of more than \$700,000 in its operations recovery fund that is largely a carryover dating back several years – and possibly decades.

Because Ocean Pines is a non-profit, Terry said that number did not need to be "zero," although he admitted he was not sure what an appropriate deficit would be. A consensus was reached that the board would study the issue, specifically what the average operating recovery deficit was at the end of each year, and address it during the next fiscal year, 2018.

Sixth annual Snow Hill Oyster Roast, Sunday

By Josh Davis

Staff Writer

(Feb. 25, 2016) The sixth annual Snow Hill Oyster Roast returns on Sunday, Feb. 28, from 1-5 p.m.

Tickets sold out more than a month ago, but those lucky enough to buy early – or win the ticket raffle hosted by the Snow Hill Chamber of Commerce – will be treated to all-you-can-eat oysters, free refills on beer, and live entertain in the downtown area.

Chamber Vice President Lee Chisholm, who helped organize the event each year since its inception, said the roast was not an immediate hit in the town.

"It's something that had to grow into itself, and we've made small adjustments through the years," he said. "Year one was, I would say, our test run. I'm surprised people actually came back. It was a rough event."

Chisholm said long lines and inaccessible food made the roast frustrating for some during its inaugural year. Today, rather than try and cram several hundred people into the old firehouse, where the roast debuted, the event stretches between several locations.

"We decided that, really this is to showcase the restaurants. Let's just have the restaurants serve out of their own locations," Chisholm said. "We

keep the raw bar in the old firehouse with the band, but then if you want to see what Harvest Moon has, you just leave the firehouse and you go there and have all-you-can-eat of four or five other preparations."

This year, the roast also extends to the American Legion, which will prepare oysters casino and oysters Rockefeller. Harrison's Senior Living will operate a tent with pulled pork sandwiches, and Snow Hill native Tommy Mason will run a tent with roasted oysters.

"It's kind of a block party," Chisholm said. "It's turned into this

free-flowing event where you can just walk up and down the street and visit different restaurants. It's really meant to showcase the town, so you really get the chance to visit these businesses and see what Snow Hill is all about."

Chisholm said the roast is also the top fundraising event for the chamber.

"It funds our chamber for the year, so [proceeds] go toward the development of the Snow Hill business community," he said.

For more information, visit www.snowhillareachamber.com.

Commissioner Bertino to hold town meeting March 5

(Feb. 25, 2016) Chip Bertino, Worcester County Commissioner for the Ocean Pines district, will hold a Town Meeting on Saturday, March 5 at the Ocean Pines library. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m.

Bertino will provide information on issues and developments occurring within the district and the county.

Worcester County State's Attorney Beau Oglesby will be the guest speaker, and County Attorney Maureen Howarth will also be introduced. Bertino will be joined by Commissioner President Jim Bunting during the question and answer part of the program.

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Berlin-based book podcast asks, ‘So, What’s Your story?’

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Feb. 25, 2016) Technical difficulties pushed back the release of the “So, What’s Your Story?” podcast, but, thanks to a few Christmas acquisitions, release of the first episode is expected today, Thursday.

Cohosted by Tony Russo and Salt Water Media Founder Stephanie Fowler, the podcast, recorded in the Berlin writer’s shop, will focus on local authors.

“I’ll take responsibility,” Russo said of the delay. “I had crappy equipment that we couldn’t make work, and then I bought way better equipment that I didn’t understand.” He later tested the new gear – successfully – on “Beer with Strangers,” a podcast he hosts with Doug Griffith from Xtreme Brewing.

Originally, Fowler said they recorded five episodes, one of which “evaporated into nothingness.” Three others also suffered technical setbacks.

“Instead of launching with podcasts that were not great quality, we decided to hang on until we figured

out the audio part, and then we would relaunch,” she said.

The one original recording that stood out, an interview with former Salisbury University professor Dr. Clara Small, will be the podcast’s first episode. Small’s third book, “Compass Points: Profiles and Biographies of African-Americans from the Delmarva Peninsula, Vol. I,” was published in November.

Russo and Fowler will re-record other episodes with young-adult author Andrew Heller, and authors Joan Cooper and Carol K. Psaros, with planned releases every Thursday morning.

The podcast will focus on regional authors, and Russo said he hopes to have support from the Maryland Writer’s Association. The Lower Eastern Shore chapter of the association holds regular meetings at Salt Water Media.

“Hopefully the Maryland Writer’s Association will give us a list of who’s got books coming out, and so part of the show is going to be, these are the books by Maryland authors that are coming out this week,” he said.



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Tony Russo, left, and Stephanie Fowler interview author Dr. Clara Small, right, during an early taping of the “So What’s Your Story?” podcast. Technical difficulties delayed the release of the show, which is expected to present its first episode on Thursday, Feb. 25.

“Berlin is already an art destination, so we’re trying to round it out with literary art. We have a couple things going that are focused toward increasing the awareness that lots of writing goes on here.”

A companion blog website will also feature exclusive audio excerpts of each guest reading from his or her work, which will not be part of the weekly podcast.

The goal, Russo said, is exposure for authors who publish independ-

ently, or through small presses.

“Everyone is into indie albums, but, unfortunately, indie publishing got a bad rap during the last 70 years,” he said. “Just because Harper Collins didn’t put it out doesn’t mean it’s not quality stuff. This is the opportunity for the authors to show that they’re doing good things.”

Fowler said she feels like something of a poster child for writers who were forced to publish in nontraditional ways.

“I was a Sophie Kerr Prize winner and couldn’t get picked up, and I had to self-publish. Just because you’re self-published doesn’t mean it isn’t good,” she said. “I think what we’re trying to do is let people know that these different authors are out there, and that they have interesting things going on.”

Look for “So, What’s Your Story?” on iTunes, or visit www.saltwatermedia.com/podcast.html.



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Ocean Pines offers ‘Quick Start’ indoor intro-to-tennis clinic

(Feb. 25, 2016) The Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department will once again offer its Quick Start Tennis indoor clinic, an introductory tennis program for children ages 5-7, beginning Friday, Feb. 26 from 6-6:45 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center, located at 235 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines.

The four-session clinic will be taught by Coach Erika Cook of Delmarva Beach Tennis and will cover the basics of tennis on a smaller-scale court.

Participants will need to provide their own age-appropriate tennis racquet; tennis balls will be available for use.

The cost is \$45 for Ocean Pines residents and \$55 for non-residents. Preregistration is required.

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



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Berlin, Ocean City ghost bus tour on tap for March 5

By Kara Hallissey
Staff Writer

(Feb. 25, 2016) Chesapeake ghost and graveyard bus tours return this winter with a four-hour experience in



Mindie Burgoyne

Berlin and Ocean City on Saturday, March 5.

Tickets cost \$32 to ride on a comfortable bus with bathrooms as creator Mindie Burgoyne takes participants to haunted sites and tells stories about local landmarks in northern Worcester County.

As of Monday afternoon, the bus is about half full with 25 seats remaining.

"Ocean City is the most interesting and my favorite of the tours," Burgoyne said. "It is an unlikely town, was never a hometown and unique with no graveyards. All stories are happy, romantic and provide a vacation for visitors."

The Ocean City portion of the bus tour visits outer lying areas not featured on her Chesapeake ghost walks.

Participants will have the opportunity to stroll the haunted Rackliffe House grounds on Assateague Island and visit Capt. William Carhart's grave in West Ocean City.

"We add sites like Captain's Hill [residential development] and take the bus by Rackliffe House," Burgoyne said. "You get out and experience walking the same path where it is rumored John Rackliffe was murdered by his slaves. It is very powerful."

The bus also makes a stop in front of the Dunes Manor Hotel on 28th Street, where she will tell tales of founder Thelma Conner continuing to be a presence more than 16 years after her death.

"We will stop at the Life-Saving Station Museum. I love telling the Trimper carousel and inlet Indian stories," Burgoyne said. "I always encourage people to come back and visit the sites."

In Berlin, Burgoyne takes visitors to St. Paul Episcopal Church cemetery and the Atlantic Hotel to recount spooky stories of its visitors and inhabitants.

The bus will end up in an area where elementals are often spotted and take a trip to the healing tree in front of the Calvin B. Taylor Museum.

"Pieces of the ghost walks will appear and we always hear on every tour people didn't expect the historical aspect," Burgoyne said.

Ghost walks will start back up in April and organizers encourage interested parties to get their tickets for the March 5 event before they sell out. The tour runs from 12:30-5 p.m. The bus will leave from the Atlantic Hotel in Berlin.

Visit www.chesapeakeghostwalks.com to purchase tickets. Call 443-735-0771 for more information.

Berlin fence issue yet to be mended

Cannery Village, residents of Flower Street, meet but cannot reach agreement

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Feb. 25, 2016) An attempt to reach a compromise between Cannery Village developer Osprey Properties and residents on Flower Street who want their properties shielded from the new townhome complex by a fence produced no agreement.

Andrew Hanson, from Osprey Properties, met with Barry Jarmon and DJ Lockwood last week to discuss the situation, but the latter came away discouraged.

"The meeting was really uncomfortable [and] it was very apparent that it was 'us against them,' Lock-

wood said. "That's not we want as taxpayers."

Lockwood said he felt pressed to make a decision on behalf of all the residents who signed a petition to build a fence around the area of Cannery that borders existing homes on Flower Street. At least one Berlin Councilmember, Elroy Brittingham, signed the petition.

"We weren't going for [it]," Lockwood said, adding that the discussion, at times, became "heated and somewhat embarrassing."

Because the project passed through the Berlin Planning Commission more than a year ago, the town is powerless to intervene. Still, officials had been trying to facilitate an agreement.

During a council meeting on Feb. 8, Mayor Gee Williams said he had al-

ready spoken to the Worcester County Board of Education, who agreed to put an additional bus stop at Cannery Village. Lockwood had told the council his property was just 25 feet from Cannery Village, and that he was concerned that children from the 44-home complex would take shortcuts through residents' yards.

Hanson was also present on Feb. 8, and said as far back as 2013 he agreed to put vegetative screening around the property, which, at the time, the residents seemed to accept.

"We want to be good neighbors," Hanson said at the time. "I'm happy to sit down and listen and talk about some possibilities."

Both sides, with help from town officials, will try again to reach an accord during a meeting on Tuesday, March 1 at town hall.

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M. Day, Pocomoke River key to Snow Hill growth

Where Michael Day goes, the resurgence flows. Or so it would surely appear, given the turn his latest project is taking.

Day, who supposedly retired last year as the director of economic development for Berlin, took on the revitalization of the Town of Snow Hill as – one might assume – something to keep him occupied as he winds down from the working world.

That assumption, however, would be wrong, as he is in the thick of a plan to restore Snow Hill’s vitality by making it a commercially successful destination, just like he helped Berlin do the same over the past several years.

In this instance, however, he and others are capitalizing on the county seat’s premier attraction, the Pocomoke River, which eases along the perimeter of the town on its way to the Chesapeake.

Although the river begins its 66-mile trip to the bay up in the Delaware swamps, Snow Hill is the first convenient – and most easily navigated – jumping off point.

Focusing on that aspect of the town is the obvious thing to do, because doing so is both inexpensive and effective. No great capital outlay will be required to promote the town’s grand idea of hosting the “Return to Goat Island Standup Paddleboard Races” in Sturgis Park, an event that should develop into a significant attraction over time and introduce an increasing number of people to Snow Hill’s other charms.

Not to be overlooked in Snow Hill’s resurgence, however, is the eventual completion of the dual highway Route 113 project, which will make the town easier to get to for a visit – or for those employed elsewhere to commute to and from work every day.

A manageable rate of growth and an increasing number of visitors are just what Day and town boosters need to make it all work. All the pieces seem to be coming together and it’s going to be fun watching it happen.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Dean's List W&M

Justin Paul Canakis of Bishopville was recently named to the Dean's List at the College of William & Mary for the fall 2015 semester.

In order to achieve Dean's List status, a full-time, degree-seeking undergraduate student must take at least 12 credit hours and earn a 3.6 Quality Point Average during the semester.

William & Mary is the second oldest institution of higher learning in the United States.

McDaniel honors

McDaniel College recently announced its fall 2015 Dean's List in recognition of students' academic excellence. Both Megan M. Mitchell and Heather M. Nicolle of Berlin received highest honors.

Highest honors are earned for a semester grade point average of 3.90 or higher, high honors for a grade point average of 3.70 - 3.89, and honors for a 3.50 - 3.69 average.

McDaniel College, recognized nationally among "40 Colleges that Change Lives" and U.S. News top-tier liberal arts colleges, is a four-year private college of the liberal arts and sciences offering

more than 70 undergraduate programs of study, including dual and student-designed majors, plus 25 highly regarded graduate programs.

Participants sought

The Maryland Coastal Bays Program and the Ocean Pines Association are seeking non-profit groups to participate in the annual Volunteer Fair and Happy Hour on Wednesday, March 16, from 5-7 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club.

The fair will allow nonprofit groups to promote their services and recruit volunteers.

For more information or to reserve a spot at the fair, contact Sandi Smith at sandis@mdcoastalbays.org or call 410-213-2297 ext 106.

Job fair

Stephen Decatur High School staff and students invite area vendors to participate in its 2016 Job Fair to be held at the school on Thursday, March 10 from 8:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. In addition to Stephen Decatur students, Snow Hill and Pocomoke students will also be in attendance.

For more information, or to sign up as a vendor, contact Jackie Lewis at 410-641-2171 or mjlewis@mail.com.

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Tickets available

Tickets are on sale now for the Worcester Prep Rodgers & Hammerstein musical, "Cinderella," to be held on Friday, Feb. 26 and Saturday, Feb. 27. The show will feature an incredibly talented cast of students from the Upper School. Showtime for both nights is 7 p.m., with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. in the WPS Athletics and Performing Arts Center.

Tickets cost \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. To purchase tickets in advance, call the school at 410- 641-3575. The show is open to the public.

Tax assistance

Need help with taxes but can't afford to pay for it? SHORE UP! Inc. is a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site and offers free tax-preparation and e-filing for families making under \$54,000 a year.

Taxes are done by appointment through April 9 at its two locations in Wicomico and Somerset counties. Some appointments will be held in Worcester County. To make an appointment, call 410-749-1142, weekdays.

J. Azzolini named new deputy county economic director

(Feb. 25, 2016) The Worcester County Commissioners announce the promotion of John Azzolini to the position of Worcester County Economic Development (WCED) deputy director. He will step into his new role with WCED on Feb. 29.

Azzolini brings 20 years of experience in the areas of marketing, and planning and zoning to his new position. Prior to his promotion, Azzolini served eight years as a planning and zoning inspector, while also supporting the Board of Zoning Appeals, within Worcester County Development Review and Permitting from 2005 to 2013.

Azzolini then took over as retail operations manager, overseeing retail operations within the Department of Liquor Control. Before beginning his career with Worcester County, Azzolini served as vice president of Product Development for The Topline Corporation from 1997 to 2005.

"I am honored to serve in this capacity, and look forward to assisting Merry Mears in her efforts and goals to attract and preserve businesses in our community," Azzolini said. "I have no greater aspirations than to help build jobs and grow local industries."

Along with his professional accomplishments, Azzolini is an active member in his church and an advocate on feeding the hungry at area shelters. Azzolini also volunteers at the Worcester County Humane Society.

For more information, contact Kim Moses, public information officer at 410-632-1194.



John Azzolini

Sandpiper Energy meeting planned

(Feb. 25, 2016) Sandpiper Energy, a subsidiary of Chesapeake Utilities, will host an information meeting to share plans for converting residents in Ocean Pines from propane to natural gas service.

The information meeting will be held at the Ocean Pines Community Center beginning at 6 p.m. on March 10. The forum will feature information stations for residents to get details and ask questions regarding billing, customer service, safety, and learn more about the conversion and connection processes.

Sandpiper and the Ocean Pines Association finalized an agreement in December 2015, which allows Sandpiper to bring natural gas to the community. The conversion process has begun on a limited basis for those residents adjacent to Beauchamp Road and St. Martins Lane,

as well as areas within Newport.

Postcards will be sent to the residents who are next in line to be converted. The postcards will highlight the week when technicians will be in their area to answer questions, perform appliance evaluations, and ultimately set a temporary propane tank. It also includes the phone number, 1-855-290-9628, that can be called if there should be any questions or if the residents are unavailable that week to meet with the technicians. Door hangers may be left at the residence if no one is home during a technicians visit.

A map depicting the preliminary order for the areas to be converted will be made available on the Sandpiper Update section of the Ocean Pines Association's webpage.

Sandpiper Energy is a subsidiary of Chesapeake Utilities and distributes nat-

ural gas and propane to approximately 11,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers in Worcester County, Maryland. In the last two years, more than 2,400 Berlin and West Ocean City customers have converted their homes and businesses to natural gas.

For more information regarding Sandpiper, including frequently asked questions, visit www.sandpiper-energy.com.

Chesapeake Utilities is a division of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation, a diversified energy company engaged in natural gas distribution, transmission, gathering and processing, and marketing; electricity distribution; propane gas distribution and wholesale marketing; and other related businesses. For more information on the company, visit www.chpk.com.

Seaside Christian hosts annual ball

(Feb. 25, 2016) Seaside Christian Academy presents its annual "Seaside Prince and Princess Ball" on Sunday, March 6, beginning at 1:30p.m. at the Grand Hotel & Spa located on 22nd Street and the Boardwalk in Ocean City.

This event provides an opportunity for families to spend time together, creating lasting memories. "Opportunities for families to do things together are precious," said this year's honorary Queen of the Ball and school board member, Maureen Purnell. "We are meeting that need with the Seaside Ball, and at the same time raising funds for our scholarship program."

The theme this year is "Spend an Afternoon in the Enchanted Forest." Tickets include a formal invitation, music, dancing, plated hot lunch with drink, a sundae bar, a red carpet Grand March and photo opportunities. Horse-drawn carriage rides on the Boardwalk will be available (\$5/couple) and will provide the crowning touch of the "Seaside Ball."

Tickets cost \$50 for adults and \$30

for children ages 13 and under. Only 200 tickets will be sold and must be purchased in advance prior to March 1. Business sponsors wishing to purchase a table should contact the school. Individuals may also donate "Fairy Godmother Tickets" for those students who may not be able to afford to attend.

Tickets are available at Seaside Christian Academy, in West Ocean City behind Baja Amusements. Call 410-213-7595 or

visit www.seasidechristianacademy.com.

All proceeds will support Seaside Christian Academy, a nonprofit Pre-K through eighth grade school that is committed to establishing an academic institution that will honor God's spirit.

The hotel has reserved a block of rooms for those who are traveling, or for locals looking for a family fun getaway. For more information, call 410-289-6191 and mention the "Seaside Ball."

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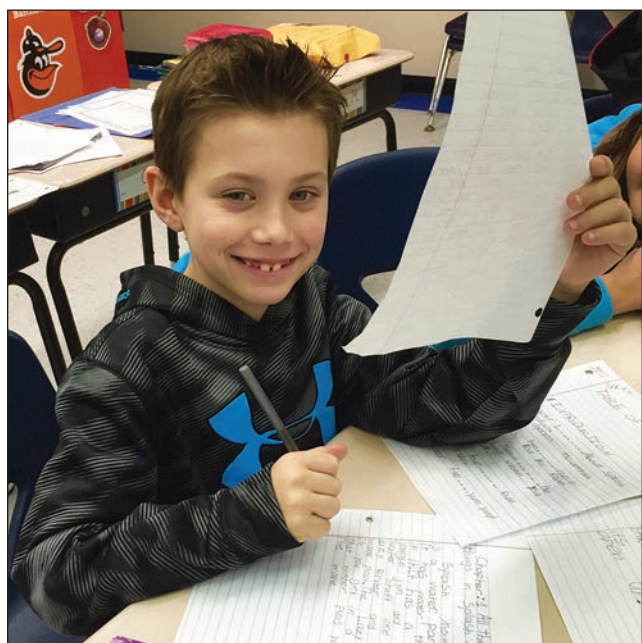
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Showell Elementary third grader Henry Putsch revises his informational book about the fun you can have at Jolly Roger Water Park in Michael Johnson's class.



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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH LUNCHEON

The Women's History Month Luncheon Committee is planning for the annual event to be held on Wednesday, March 16, at the Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel on 101st Street in Ocean City. Pictured, in front, from left, are Beth Rodier, Stefanie Gordy and Donna Main, and in back, Harry Gowl, Marlene Ott and co-chairs Cheryl Jacobs and Carol Rose.



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INVESTORS IN STOCK

Stephen Decatur High School students participated in the fall session of the Maryland Stock Market Game challenge organized by the Maryland Council on Economic Education. The team of seniors Cole Mumford, Will Sass and Nick Matha placed second in the state and earned a 14 percent profit on their investments. More than 700 Maryland students participated in the Stock Market Game. Economics and Personal Finance teacher Kurt Marx guided the students as they navigated through their stock options during class and with the After School Academy Investment Club.



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RENAUD SPEAKS

Ocean Pines Board of Director's President Pat Renaud was the guest speaker during the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City's Jan. 27 weekly meeting in the Ocean Pines Community Center. Pictured, from left, are Kiwanis Club's Speakers and Program Chair, J. Graham Caldwell, Renaud and Kiwanis Club President Mark Joseph.



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KIWANIS DONATION

Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City recently donated \$4,000 to Cedar Chapel Special School to fund the purchase of 15 iPads. President Mark Joseph presents the donation Principal Belinda Gulyas.



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LANDMARK BIRTHDAY

Quilters By the Sea in Ocean Pines recently celebrated member Light Henderson's 90th birthday. Henderson, center, is one of the original founding members of QBS and has been with the guild since 1984. She serves on the Volunteer Committee, which makes quilts to be given out to those in need in the community. Last year the group donated more than 300 quilts. Pictured with Henderson, from left, are Kristie Marton, Cathy Good, Gloria Masterson and Kathy Mundie.

CUISINE

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Blackened salmon with mushroom risotto

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Sometimes I feel like I just need to slow down a bit. With all the extracurricular activities with the kids, work, writing, snapping pictures and trying to keep the house straight, I don't get much sleep.



By Paul Suplee,
CEC PCIII

Now that the season is creeping up on us, I'm also looking for summer employment or maybe even considering a summer business venture of my own. My mind is like a constantly spinning hamster wheel: sometimes there's an idea running rampant on it while, more often than not, the wheel spins empty. It's a vacuum in which not much intellectual stimulation is happening. But, I've come to accept that. When life gets in the way, we tend to migrate to prepackaged foods, fast food garbage or any of the myriad convenience products that we could get our mitts on. But, the kids were the ones who say, "Enough, Dad. We need some fresh food."

That's all that I needed to hear, so I set out on a simple journey of a fresh meal with mushroom risotto, roasted cauliflower and blackened salmon. And as it was in this case, we did not need any sauce to accompany this. Everything was delicious stand-alone and the roasted cauliflower was light enough to counter the oily salmon.

Speaking of the salmon, it's important to understand that you do not have to literally burn fish in order to blacken it. I have worked with many cooks and chefs who insist that the fish must be the same color as the Lodge cast iron pan in which you are searing it. Having been to New Orleans on a couple of occasions, I can attest to the fact that the flavor of the seasoning is much more important than burning the meat.

The meal was a great success, and as we sat around the table, we gathered our thoughts on life, school, after-school projects and the fun things that make a family go around. I dare say that the meal was so well received that kids actually helped us clear the table without being asked or directed. That never happens around here. OK, maybe it happens every now and then, but when it does it is a monumental event.

There is something so special



about slow food, the term for food that is cooked from scratch, and when it comes to slow food, nothing is more hands on than risotto. Beginning with the mighty yet humble Arborio rice, this starchy grain finishes as a creamy and unctuous dish without the addition of cream.

The secret is in the starch in the rice and the technique. Simply put, liquid is added to the Arborio as it is regularly stirred. Once the little addition of liquid is absorbed, the next addition is poured on top.

You can't just add water and walk away. Once the liquid is all added, you can turn down the heat and let it go. There will be a bit of crust on the bottom of the pan, but assuming that it's not too burnt, you simply stir it into the risotto, adding a wonderful layer of flavor.

You can't help but to collect your thoughts as you stand over the risotto pan. It makes you slow down. It makes you breathe more deeply. And when you're done, you'll be ready to make it again.

Blackened Salmon

Enough for 6 people
2-pound salmon fillet, skin peeled off
Blackening spice, as needed

Whole Irish butter, as needed

- Dry and season the top side of the salmon with blackening spice
- Heat iron skillet until it is below smoking hot
- Add butter and once melted, add the salmon, spice-side down to the skillet and cook for about five minutes, ensuring that you do not burn the salmon. Contrary to what many cooks believe, you do not need to char the food to "blacken" it. If you have doubts, you need to visit the Big Easy.
- Turn salmon over and pull it out of the pan when it is at a perfect medium, or the temperature of your liking. Serve with roasted cauliflower and risotto.

Roasted Cauliflower

Enough for 6 people
1 head cauliflower
2 Tbsp. EV Olive oil, more if needed
Salt & Pepper to taste

- Preheat oven to 400F.
- Remove leaves from cauliflower and cut into quarters.
- Remove core and cut into 3/4-inch slabs.
- Carefully toss in olive oil and seasoning and lay flat on a baking pan.
- Roast for about 20 minutes, or until cauliflower is tender and well

toasted on the outside. It will be soft and tender on the inside and will have tons of flavor.

Mushroom Risotto

Serves 6 people
1 cup Arborio rice
1 cup Sliced shiitake mushrooms
1 stick celery, finely minced
1 clove garlic, finely minced
1/2 carrot, finely minced
1/2 white onion, finely minced
3 cups Chicken stock

- Heat a pan large enough to fit all ingredients and heat.
- Add some olive oil and all of the vegetables.
- Sauté until the vegetables are tender and then add the Arborio.
- Add the stock 1/2 cup at a time and cook until it is absorbed. Don't be fooled by the static amounts. If you have added all of the liquid, and the Arborio is still a touch crunchy, then add some more stock. Don't lose any sleep over it.

— Paul G. Suplee is an Assistant Professor of Culinary Arts at Wor-Wic Community College.
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Fill in the blank spaces in the grid so that every vertical column, every horizontal row and every 3 by 3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9, without repeating any. There is really only one solution to each puzzle.

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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ACROSS

1 Harmful aspects

6 Go long

13 Surveillance equipment

20 Balloon

21 Shakespeare character who says, "Good night, ladies; good night, sweet ladies; good night, good night"

22 "Wet look" product

23 Burlesque theater?

25 Make amends for

26 Bathed in the sun

27 Toothy turner

29 Exceeded a limit

30 Group engagement

31 Moviegoers who can't afford concession-stand snacks?

37 Killers at sea

40 Prepared for takeoff

41 Class with derivatives, briefly

42 Bad kid's Christmas tree?

44 Loses

49 Old Testament prophet

50 Page views?

51 "Eldorado" poet

52 Political opponent of Ike

53 Guy Fawkes Day mo.

54 Brother, in Brittany

55 Like many food-drive offerings

58 Showing signs of age

59 Utilized

61 Sealant used by NASA?

63 Viscount's inferior

65 "Quit talking!"

66 Centurion weapon

67 B-roll from "Splendor in the Grass"?

70 Formal

73 It's divided into nine circles

74 Shutterbugs' settings

75 2014 Cooperstown inductee Joe

78 Certain H&R Block worker

79 DuPont creation of 1941

81 Creator of plot holes?

82 Ardent lover

83 Can of worms?

84 Broke up

87 Owners of large enthusiastic dogs?

89 Cooler unit

90 Kicks off

91 Sustains

92 Writing implement from Planters?

97 ____-repeated

98 Lover of Radames, in opera

99 Feature of the Tokyo Imperial Palace

100 Greenland natives

103 Carol Brady on "The Brady Bunch," e.g.

106 Supporting actors in a Bea Arthur sitcom?

112 Up on deck

113 Legendary lover of Abelard

114 Blake who composed "I'm Just Wild About Harry"

115 Crossed the sill

116 Border disputer with Ethiopia

117 Works as a trader

DOWN

1 Regression

2 Wallachian prince who inspired "Dracula"

3 "The Bridges of Madison County" setting

4 Her fans are called

5 Smart

6 Drubbing

7 Longtime employer of Helen Thomas, in brief

8 Rangers' org.

9 Was in charge

10 Fight of the Century loser

11 Egocentric tyrant

12 Fired up

13 Ones helping people up?

14 "____ vobiscum" (Mass salutation)

15 Toy dog's bark

16 Like iceberg lettuce

17 Visibly amazed

18 Word with parking or postage

19 What the Olympic sport of skeleton involves

24 Highly successful

28 Like the Mesopotamian people

31 Writing assignment

32 Ethylene ____

33 Tailor's supply

34 Community leader?

35 Bernina, for one

36 One of the so-called "Public Ivies"

37 Nonstop

38 Shower accessory

39 Trick questions, e.g.

40 Do data entry

43 Roughly removed

44 Common pay period

45 Program with plugs

46 Heavenly painting?

47 Viscount's superior

48 Deteriorate

51 Comma, to an orator

54 Food sticker

55 Finishes all at once, in a way

56 Some people movers

57 One on the web at daybreak?

60 Strong punch

61 Figure

62 Geological sample

64 Inclusions in safer passwords: Abbr.

65 Rose

67 Like Derby entrants

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68 Garr of "Tootsie"

69 Game with a 64-square board

71 Tanker mishap

72 Eastwood's role on "Rawhide"

75 Specifically

76 Augural observations

77 Johnny Bench's team

80 Guitar part

82 Classico competitor

83 Posh shop

85 Flag thrower

86 Hung out with the riffraff

87 Gift that may be gold-plated

88 Gave off

90 Rub the wrong way

92 Social stratum

93 Make advances toward

94 No slouch

95 Instance of forgetfulness

96 Pool-cue-maker's tool

97 Vowel's value in Scrabble

100 Impression

101 Bass instrument

102 Set ____ (embark)

104 I.S.S. forerunner

105 Pindaric composition

107 New Haven student

108 Vocabulaire entry

109 Intangible quality

110 Expend

111 ____ Peres (St. Louis suburb)

NOW PLAYING

BJ'S ON THE WATER

75th Street and the bay
Ocean City
410-524-7575
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Feb. 26: Over Time, 9 p.m.
Feb. 27: Dust N Bones, 9 p.m.
March 2: Old School, 5 p.m.

BOURBON STREET ON THE BEACH

116th Street, behind Fountain Head Towers Condominium
Ocean City
443-664-2896
www.bourbonstreetonthebeach.com
Every Wednesday: Open Mic, 8 p.m. to midnight
Every Thursday: Chris Button & Dave Sherman, 5-9 p.m.
Feb. 26: Sherman, 6-10 p.m.
Feb. 27: Ricky & Lennon LaRicci, 7-10 p.m.
Feb. 28: Just Jay, 4-7 p.m.

CAPTAIN'S TABLE

15th St. & Baltimore Ave.
Ocean City
410-289-7192
www.captainstableoc.com
Every Friday & Saturday: Phil Perdue

CASINO AT OCEAN DOWNS

10218 Racetrack Road

Berlin
410-641-0600
www.oceandowns.com
Feb. 27: Everett Spells, 4:30-8:30 p.m.; Monkee Paw, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

DUFFY'S TAVERN

130th Street in the Montego Bay Shopping Center
410-250-1449
www.duffysoc.com
Feb. 26: Bob Hughes, 5-9 p.m.

FAGER'S ISLAND

60th Street and the bay
Ocean City
410-524-5500
www.fagers.com
Feb. 26: "unwind" Happy Hour w/DJ RobCee, 5 p.m.; DJ Hook, 9 p.m.
Feb. 27: DJ Goove, 9 p.m.; The Jump Off, 10 p.m.
Feb. 28: Everett Spells, 10 a.m.
Feb. 29: Bob Loughheed Elvis Tribute, 5:30 p.m.

HARBORSIDE BAR & GRILL

12841 S. Harbor Road
West Ocean City
410-213-1846
www.ocharborside.com
Feb. 26: DJ Billy T, 4 p.m.
Feb. 27: Simple Truth, 2-6 p.m.; DJ

Jeremy, 9 p.m.
Feb. 28: Opposite Directions, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Billy T, 7 p.m.
March 3: 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. 26: Dave Hawkins, 5-10 p.m.
Feb. 27: Dave Sherman, 5-10 p.m.
March 3: Melissa Alesi, 5-9 p.m.

HOOTERS

Rt. 50 & Keyser Point Road
West Ocean City
410-213-1841
www.hootersofoc.com
Feb. 27: DJ BK, 8 p.m.

JOHNNY'S PIZZA & PUB

56th Street, bayside
Ocean City
410-524-7499
www.johnnyspizzapub.com
Feb. 26: Jack & T, 9 p.m.
Feb. 27: Slappy Hour, 9 p.m.
March 2: Randy Lee Ashcraft and the Saltwater Cowboys, 6 p.m.

KY WEST RESTAURANT & BAR

54th Street
Ocean City
443-664-2836
www.kywestoceanoc.com
Every Saturday: DJ Rhoadie

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In the Clarion Fontainebleau Hotel
101st Street and the ocean
Ocean City
410-524-3535
www.clarionoc.com
Feb. 26-27: On The Edge, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.

SEACRETS

49th Street and the bay
Ocean City
410-524-4900
www.seacrets.com
Feb. 26: Turtle Recall, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Feb. 27: Rew Smith, 5-9 p.m.; Steal The Sky, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.
March 3: Full Circle Duo, 5-9 p.m.

WHISKER'S BAR & GRILL

11070 Cathell Road, Suite 17
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CALENDAR

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

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

THURS. Feb. 25

BREASTFEEDING CLASSES — Hallowell Conference Center at Peninsula Regional Medical Center, 100 E. Carroll St., Salisbury, 6-8 p.m. Learn the basics of breastfeeding. Mothers are encouraged to bring support members with them. Cost is \$40 for mother-to-be and her coach. Pre-registration is required: 410-543-7512, lavern.henry@peninsula.org or www.peninsula.org.

5TH ANNUAL HEALTH CLINIC — DeWees Hall, St. Paul’s by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, 302 N. Baltimore Ave., Ocean City. Screenings and annual wellness visits performed by Life Line Screening. Register for your screening and receive a \$10 discount: 888-653-6450 or www.LifeLineScreening.com/community-partners. Schedule an annual wellness visit: 866-579-5069 and have your Medicare card ready.

NEW VOTING MACHINE DEMONSTRATION — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30-5:30 p.m. The Worcester County Election Office will host drop-in demonstrations of Maryland’s new voting machines. Handouts concerning early voting, Election Day and absentee ballot information available. Info: 410-632-1320.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF WORCESTER COUNTY FEBRUARY LUNCHEON MEETING — Captain’s Table Restaurant, 2 15th St., Ocean City. Doors open at 10:30 a.m., meeting begins at 11 a.m. Pat Schrawder will talk about the new voting machines and discuss the process of caucus. Cost of the luncheon is \$17. Reservations: Ann Lutz, 410-208-9767 or annlutz@verizon.net.

NAACP MONTHLY MEETING — Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 7 p.m. A representative for Worcester County Board of Elections will demonstrate the new voting machines for the 2016 election. Info: 443-944-6701.

STRONG WOMEN IN BUSINESS - NETWORKING LUNCHEON — Ocean City Chamber of Commerce, 12320 Ocean Gateway, Ocean City, noon to 1:15 p.m. Patricia Cleary, small business attorney, will be discussing the do’s and don’ts of small business law. The course is free. Take you own lunch. Pre-registration required: Lisa Twilley, 410-546-1900, ltwilley@marylandcapital.org or www.marylandcapital.org/services/business-education.

AGH THRIFT SHOP 10TH ANNIVERSARY — AGH Thrift Shop, Berlin Shopping Center, 10452 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, 10 a.m. to noon. Commemoration to take place at 11 a.m. The thrift shop will be offering a 10 percent discount on all purchases throughout the day.

DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF WORCESTER COUNTY MEETING — Ocean Pines Com-

munity Center, Assateague Room, 235 Ocean Parkway, 6:30 p.m. Jim Ireton, former Salisbury Mayor and 2016 candidate for the U.S. Congress, will speak on his campaign.

PLAY TIME — Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30-11:30 a.m. Old fashioned play for infant to 5 year old children. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-632-3495.

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

A WEEKEND FOR FAIRIES — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, all day. Fairy coloring sheets, fairy books and fairy homes to make. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-524-1818.

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP — Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 2-3 p.m. Providing physical and emotional support for survivors and caregivers to share personal experiences and challenges. Coping strategies also discussed. Info: Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268 or ddenton@atlanticgeneral.org.

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

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

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

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

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

FRI. Feb. 26

ST. PATRICK’S INDOOR SOCCER TOURNAMENT — Northside Park, 200 125th St. in Ocean City, noon. U18 girls and boys di-

visions and new adult co-rec (6v6 with minimum of two female players). Info: 410-250-0125.

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

13TH ANNUAL VERA BRADLEY/ LONGABERGER BASKET BINGO — Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department. Doors open at 6 p.m., games start at 7 p.m. Twenty games, raffles, 50/50, door prizes and refreshments. Cost is \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society. Tickets: Tammy, 410-726-6043.

MUSICAL ‘CINDERELLA’ — Athletic and Performing Arts Center, Worcester Preparatory School, 508 S. Main St., Berlin. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., showtime is 7 p.m. Featuring an incredibly talented cast of students from the Upper School. Tickets cost \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Tickets: 410-641-3575.

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

DENTAL HEALTH MONTH STORY TIME ‘YOUR TEETH’ — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. For 2-5 year old children. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-208-4014.

A WEEKEND FOR FAIRIES — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, all day. Fairy coloring sheets, fairy books and fairy homes to make. Come hear fairy tales from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in celebration of National Tell a Fairy Tale Day. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-524-1818.

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

SAT. Feb. 27

ST. PATRICK’S INDOOR SOCCER TOURNAMENT — Northside Park, 200 125th St. in Ocean City. U18 girls and boys divisions and new adult co-rec (6v6 with minimum of two female players. Info: 410-250-0125.

DYN-O-MITE COMEDY NIGHT WITH JIMMIE ‘JJ’ WALKER — Worcester County Developmental Center, 8545 Newark Road, Newark. Featuring Jimmie “JJ” Walker from the hit sitcom “Good Times.” Cost is \$20 for general admission or \$35 for VIP. Proceeds in part are to benefit youth programs on the Eastern Shore. Tickets: www.nicmar.com/nyce.html or

call 703-362-8156.

MS RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM LUNCHEON AND WALK MS RALLY — Wor-Wic Community College, 32000 Campus Drive, Salisbury, 10:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 for symposium and plated lunch. Dr. Pavan Bhargava, a Postdoctoral Fellow at The Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, will discuss current MS research projects and potential future directions of MS research. There will be a question and answer session during lunch. Following lunch, there will be a special session for Walk MS Team Captains. Attendees will have a chance to win National MS Society apparel and prizes. You do not have to attend the morning and lunch sessions to attend the Walk MS Rally. Attendance to the rally is complimentary, but participants are asked to RSVP: Whitney.Pogwist@nmss.org. Reserve your spot for the symposium luncheon: www.nmss-dcmd.org or 800-344-4867 by Feb. 22..

MUSICAL ‘CINDERELLA’ — Athletic and Performing Arts Center, Worcester Preparatory School, Berlin. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., showtime is 7 p.m. Featuring an incredibly talented cast of students from the Upper School. Tickets cost \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Tickets: 410-641-3575.

BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM — St. Paul United Methodist Church, 405 Flower St., Berlin, 5 p.m. A soul food dinner will be served after the program.

A WEEKEND FOR FAIRIES — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Learn how to spot fairies in your own home. Make your own fairy home, face painting and more. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-524-1818.

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

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

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

FARMERS MARKET — White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 8 a.m.

CALENDAR

to 1 p.m. Locally grown vegetables and fruits, eggs, honey, kettle korn, flowers, artisan breads, seafood, meats and more. New vendors welcome. Info: 410-641-7717, Ext. 3006.

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

SUN. Feb. 28

ST. PATRICK’S INDOOR SOCCER TOURNAMENT — Northside Park, 200 125th St. in Ocean City. U18 girls and boys divisions and new adult co-rec (6v6 with minimum of two female players. Info: 410-250-0125.

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

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

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

MON. Feb. 29

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

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

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

TUES. March 1

FREE INVESTMENT SEMINAR — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 3-4 p.m. Carrie Dupuie, AAMS, a certified financial investor at

Raymond James, will explain the potential benefits of market-linked notes. Advance registration required: 410-641-7052.

HOSPITALITY CAREERS NIGHT — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 6 p.m. Designed for anyone interested in pursuing a career in the hospitality industry or those who are looking for advancement in their career. Includes demonstrations and presentations by Wor-Wic Community College faculty members. Reserve a seat: Richard Webster, rwebster@worwic.edu or 410-334-2896.

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

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

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

STORY TIME ‘CITIES AND FARMS’ - Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 10:30 a.m. For 2 to 5 year old children. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-641-0650.

LAP TIME — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Children, younger than 2 years old, will be introduced to songs, games and finger plays. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-208-4014.

YOUNG AND RESTLESS ‘FUN WITH DR. SEUSS’ — Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 10:30 a.m. For 3 to 7 year old children. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-957-0878.

THE BIG READ KICK OFF - ‘AN AFTERNOON WITH EMILY DICKINSON’ — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2 p.m. Featuring actress and journalist Kelley Rouse portraying Emily Dickinson in this original one woman show chronicling the life of the poet Emily Dickinson. Info: 410-524-1818.

TAI CHI — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 4 p.m. This is a 6 week course with instructor Kim Reed. Register: 410-208-4014.

HYPERTENSION CLINICS — Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place at Rite Aid, 38169 Dupont Blvd., Selbyville, Del., 10 a.m. to noon and at Walgreens, 34960 Atlantic Ave. #2, Clarksville, Del., 1-3 p.m. Free blood

pressure screening and health information. Info: Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268.

WED. March 2

GRACE PARKER ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST — First Presbyterian Church, 1301 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 7 a.m. to noon. 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, or orange juice available. Info: 410-289-9340.

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

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

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

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

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

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

FOREIGN POLICY KEY ISSUES: DISCUSSION GROUP - Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. to noon. Group meets bi-monthly, February through May to discuss major foreign policy issues. Study guide provided. Register and reserve study guide: 410-208-4014.

YOUNG AND RESTLESS ‘FUN WITH DR. SEUSS’ - Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. For 3 to 7 year old children. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-524-1818.

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DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 7-8 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. All welcome. Info: AGH Diabetes Outpatient Education program, 410-641-9703.

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