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Great weather greets the 400-plus people attending the sixth annual Snow Hill Oyster Roast on Sunday. The event supports the town's chamber of commerce.

Snow Hill Oyster Roast successful

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 3, 2016) Blue skies and unseasonably warm weather greeted the 400 people lucky enough to get tickets for the sixth annual Snow Hill Oyster Roast last Sunday.

Passes sold out almost a month in advance for the popular event, which supports operations at the Snow Hill Chamber of Commerce.

"I think it went fantastic," Chamber Vice President Lee Chisholm said. "The weather was our best friend, and it has been every year. The clouds kind of part for the oyster roast and the sun comes out, and we really have been very, very lucky with that."

The oyster feast included stops inside Harvest Moon Tavern, which served fried oysters, buffalo oysters, and Maryland crab soup and clam chowder, as well as the American Legion, where guests could sample oysters Rockefeller and oysters casino.

Harrison Senior Living served pulled pork sandwiches, with four different barbeque sauces, and volunteers, including Snow Hill Economic

Development Director Michael Day, shucked raw oysters inside the old fire department.

"It was my first time at the oyster fest, and I thought it was wonderful," he said. "You couldn't have asked for better weather. I was in charge of weather, so that was all I had to do."

"It was a lot of fun. There were a lot of people from Berlin and Salisbury and Pocomoke, and that was really neat to see," Day added. "It sold out within two weeks, so it's clearly a very popular event."

Ann Coates, owner of Bishop's Stock, said the event kept her busy during a day when the gallery normally would have been closed.

"It makes for a great day when the weather is perfect, and it gives us exposure," she said. "I've had people in here who have never been in here before. I told one of them I've been here for 13 years and she was totally surprised."

Count Coates among those who think Snow Hill is slowly becoming more of a destination in Worcester County, carving a niche out for itself thanks to its unique geography and

ample outdoor activities.

"It's trying to get there," she said. "I think there's a real emphasis now on what it is we have as our assets – not so much about what is empty on the street. We're talking about being a green community, as far as having walkable trails, a state park system, state-managed forests, and the river, particularly."

"If you look at a Worcester County map, you suddenly see all this green around Snow Hill. That is state-owned property, and that's all property that is managed for outdoor recreation. It's really pretty amazing to see everything that is there. It's a nice little package," Coates added.

Terri Sexton, owner of the Treasure Chest in downtown Berlin, attended the oyster roast for the second straight year.

"I love it," she said. "I love seeing what Snow Hill is all about. My dad is from Snow Hill, so I love seeing the resurgence here."

In particular, Sexton said she enjoyed the intimate atmosphere of the

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Pines approves \$11.1M budget for fiscal year '17

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 3, 2016) The OPA Board of Directors approved an \$11.1 million fiscal year 2017 budget by with a 4-1 vote last Thursday, including in it \$3.49 million in capital projects. Because of a compromise reached on Feb. 19, the basic annual assessment will remain unchanged over the previous year, at \$921.

Although the directors agreed in principal to the parameters of the budget a week before the vote, several directors said they would have liked more time before finalizing the document.

Jack Collins, for one, said he had not received a physical copy before the meeting.

"I'm afraid I don't know what I'm voting for," he said. "It concerns me, because of things that we've heard about on the national level about people voting on things that they haven't read."

Dave Stevens agreed, saying he only received notice that copies were available at about 3 p.m. on the day before the meeting. He moved to table to vote.

"Although the basics of the budget we did agree on ... there were a lot of changes made in terms of which capital items were approved, which ones weren't and so forth. I think that, before [voting on] the final budget, I want to be able to go through those," he said.

Several other directors, including Bill Cordwell, took a different slant, saying the proposed delay was merely a political stalling tactic.

Cordwell said the directors met at least eight times, and spent 30-40 hours reviewing the budget during public meetings. Last Friday, he suggested, the directors agreed to the terms of the budget with the understanding that a vote would be held during the regular board meeting a week later.

"We have the figures today – we had them yesterday afternoon," Cordwell said. "Nothing has changed. The assessment hasn't changed, capital [spending] hasn't changed. Unless you're saying that you don't believe that [Controller] Art [Carmine] entered everything correctly, I have no idea what you could be looking for."

"The longer we put this off, the worse we are as an association," Cordwell added. "Monday it will be something, then

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Looking inside OPA's 2017 fiscal year budget

Legacy reserve collections reduced \$27 per member in order to keep dues flat

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 3, 2016) The Ocean Pines Association released details of its 2017 fiscal year budget on Monday, after receiving the board of directors' approval last week.

The document shows \$11.1 million in projected revenue, against \$10.9 million in expenses. Adding \$127,255

in capital additions and \$67,800 in sports core loan principal, and those numbers come out even.

Looking at amenities, recreation and parks is the biggest drag on the bottom line, projecting a \$552,000 loss, or a \$65 cost to each homeowner in assessment dollars. Golf projects a \$133,000 loss (\$16 per homeowner) and the aquatics forecast shows a \$49,000 loss (\$6 per homeowner).

The largest capital purchases in the FY17 budget are \$550,000 for roads, \$525,000 for renovations of the Beach Club bathrooms, \$425,000 for

bridge repairs, \$250,000 for a new computer and phone system, \$250,000 for pool and deck resurfacing, \$160,000 for fairway mowers and \$140,000 for tennis court improvements.

Assessments will remain flat this year, at \$921. In order to get to that number, Ocean Pines decreased the amount it collects for legacy reserves, by \$27.69. It had collected \$130 from each 8,452 homeowner during recent years.

At a rate of \$102.31 per homeowner, Ocean Pines will collect

\$864,724 in legacy reserve funds during the next fiscal year. Total reserves were \$5.3 million as of April 30, 2015. By April 30, 2017, reserves are projected to drop to \$4.9 million.

For some historical perspective, the association included a history of its assessments rates. From 1971-1977, the basic annual assessment was \$50. The biggest one-year jump in fees occurred in 2008, when the basic assessment jumped from \$575 to \$725.

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Motion to delay budget vote falls; Pines directors pass 4-1

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Wednesday it will be something else.”

Tom Terry, on vacation, but telecommuting to the meeting from Florida, said the board used a “very laborious, very detailed, very exacting process” in reviewing and approving the terms of the budget, and agreed with Cordwell that the consensus for a vote on Feb. 25 was present during the previous meeting.

“To give impression to the members of the association that somehow the board did not have the information, did not have the time to debate, did not have the time to work through the numbers, did not work through a process that they agreed to follow – to me, delaying this ... simply sends the message to the members that the board of directors didn’t have the information,” Terry said. “That can paint a picture that can be very valuable to some people.”

In order to keep dues flat, the directors agreed to reduce the amount collected in the assessments for legacy reserves. For several years, that number had been \$130 per member, per year. Tom Herrick argued that, without seeing the final budget numbers, the directors did not know the exact impact on reserves.

Herrick said he had only received the budget that morning, just before the start of the 9 a.m. board of directors meeting. Stevens and Collins apparently

had yet to pick up copies.

Cheryl Jacobs said she was out of town for much of the previous day, and knew she would not be back in time to pick up the budget during business hours. With a single phone call, however, she made arrangements to get it later that night, and had said she had ample time to review the most-recent changes.

She suggested the board break for lunch, take a few hours to go over the budget, and then reconvene for a vote. Stevens balked.

“I’m not going to look at it in a half an hour, or whatever you’re suggesting, and come back and vote on it,” he said. “I see no reason that [the vote] has to be done.

“It’s not just a function of being suspicious ... it’s a function [that] people make mistakes,” Stevens continued. “I don’t want to pass or to vote on a budget that I haven’t had a reasonable amount of time to review ... That’s my responsibility.”

The motion to table the vote fell 4-3, with Stevens, Collins and Herrick voting in the minority.

In the final vote to pass the budget, Jacobs, Terry, Cordwell and Board President Pat Renaud voted for the motion, with Stevens voting “no.” Collins and Herrick abstained.

Total revenues and expenses, according to the motion, were identical, at \$11.1 million.

Del. Otto: Snow Hill ‘doing all the right things now’

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town.

“Berlin has a bigger draw of people that come to their events, but for something like this, it’s phenomenal,” she said. “This is much more of a local’s event, which is nice to see.”

For Del. Charles Otto, the sixth annual oyster roast was his first.

“What a beautiful day,” he said. “I think it’s a great event. I love to see the camaraderie and the community. They need to keep it up.”

While Otto admitted Snow Hill was still something of a work in progress, he said that was not uncommon among Eastern Shore towns, many of which have struggled economically for decades.

“They’re doing all the right things now,” he said. “I think if we can keep that positive energy up going forward – and have people working together instead of against each other – I think we’ll have a good outcome.”

The next big event for the Snow Hill Chamber of Commerce is the Independence Day celebration, July 2, in Sturgis Park. Chisholm said the festival includes a fireworks display along the river, as well as activities and events geared towards children and families.

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Two OPA Budget and Finance resolutions get first readings

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 3, 2016) Two documents drafted by Ocean Pines' Budget and Finance Committee received first readings during a board of directors meeting last Thursday, although at least one director challenged by the wisdom and craftsmanship of both.

Resolution F-01 would adjust the association's investment strategy, while C-03 addresses the function of the committee.

Tom Terry, the board liaison to the committee, said the directors passed an update of F-01 last year with the understanding a more thorough revision of the guidelines would be tackled later.

"I'm going to reserve my comments for a much broader discussion that will probably occur the next time this comes up," Jack Collins said.

"I'm not going to wait for second reading," Dave Stevens said, adding he did not believe the draft was "more thorough" than the previous resolution.

"I will say it had a lot more words than the other document did, but, they weren't necessary words in my mind," Stevens said. "There was no rationale for why these changes ... were put in here. Why are we changing the simpler version that we already have? What was wrong with it, and why did we fix it?"

Terry said he would be happy to ask for clarification from the chair of the committee, Pat Supik.

Supik was present last month, when Terry first tried to introduce both motions during a board meeting. Instead, he consented to first clear the drafts with the by-laws and resolutions committee.

This time, Terry said, Supik was unavailable to attend the meeting because of a personal matter.

"That question should have been asked already," Stevens said.

"Why don't we just delay this for six months?" Terry said, hinting at sarcasm. "At some point we have to move on with

these things."

Asked by Board President Pat Renaud if he thought the directors should disregard the motion entirely, Stevens replied, "yes."

"Let me put it this way – there is no reason, in my mind, to adopt this," he said. "It's a bad resolution, which, in my mind, is poorly written, poorly organized and does not answer the fundamental question, why is it that we have to change what was already written in the original resolution?"

Stevens said new motion "tremendously confused the issue" and essentially restated several points made in the original resolution.

"Maybe I can be helpful on this," General Manager Bob Thompson said.

"Probably not," Stevens said, drawing the gavel from Renaud.

Thompson said the budget and finance committee met next on March 23, one day before the next board meeting when the directors would be able to vote on both motions.

"It's a board-approved committee ... [and] it's their recommendation," Thompson said. "I would recommend the board attend their meeting and ask these questions from the experts that made the recommendation, and you can get the direct feedback instead of trying to guess what it was.

"That's a fact-finding opportunity for the board of directors to get smarter about what this is. It's your committee. Use the committee," Thompson added.

The motion to accept F-01 as a first reading passed 5-2, with Stevens and Jack Collins voting against.

Stevens said he also had concerns about the draft of C-03.

"Do you think it's unreasonable for me to ask [the committee to] provide what they're changing and the reason for changing it?" Stevens said. "That is what, I believe, we ought to expect."

The first reading on C-03 passed 6-1. Stevens was the lone "no" vote.

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Royal Farms buys 12.7-acre former Harley-Davidson

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 3, 2016) Royal Farms bought the property, but the former Harley-Davidson store just north of Berlin won't be a new Royal Farms store.

That's according the Berlin Planning Director Dave Engelhart, who confirmed the sale of the building and 12.7-acre parcel at the corner of Route 50 and Seahawk Road for \$3 million to the Baltimore-based company, which has other plans.

Royal Farms is already building a new store at the corner of Route 50 and Friendship Road, just across the street, where an Arby's currently stands.

"From what I understand, they're looking for a tenant for the building," Engelhart said during a phone interview last week. "They would do some remodeling and get a another lease there – that's their immediate plan."

Engelhart speculated that the current zoning of the property, B-1 town center, could allow the new tenant to reflect several previous businesses there.

"In the past, it's been a car dealership – it could be that again. In the past, it's been a supermarket – it could be that again. It's in the town center



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The former Harley-Davidson building on Route 50, across from Stephen Decatur High School, recently sold to the Royal Farms corporation for \$3 million. The company plans to lease the property.

district, so retail uses and business uses are fine," he said.

He added that the property is the "furthest easterly parcel" on Route 50 within Berlin town limits.

SPUCK LLC sold the property, which includes a 24,675 square-foot commercial structure with showroom and shop space, as well as loading docks and a large parking lot. The building was constructed in 1973.

Although the property has been mostly vacant since Harley-Davidson left in 2010, Engelhart noted that the former owner had a lease agreement

with a local auction company, which held regular events there.

"It'll be tools one month, it'll be silver and collectables another month. And there have been other events there – they had a little Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce show last year that I went to," Engelhart said. "It hadn't been used daily, but from time to time they had little exhibition spaces there."

Salisbury firm Bendler Realty Corp. represented the buyer in the sale, which took place earlier this month. Randall C. Bendler said the new owner hopes to "find a national tenant to oc-

cupy the building."

Berlin Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells touted the sale as another sign the town was expanding development along its borders. She added that the property was within the limits of the town's enterprise zone, and could be eligible for state grants for redevelopment.

"I would encourage them to apply for enterprise zone tax credits," she said. "Hopefully, they clean up the property and put something worth-while there."

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Showell Elementary's administration visit Cathy Woodland's kindergarten class to read the students' writing on how to make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Principal Diane Shorts and Assistant Principal Joshua Hamborsky were able to follow the well written steps successfully in order to make a sandwich. The students were very proud that their writing had enough details and labeled sketches to assist the reader.

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Police investigate series of break-ins of unlocked autos

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(March 3, 2016) Police in Ocean Pines are investigating a series of thefts from unlocked automobiles last month and are cautioning residents to secure their vehicles and remove any items of value.

Vicki Magin, who has lived in Ocean Pines for eight years, said she awoke on a recent Sunday morning to discover her ride had been ransacked.

"It was a snatch and run," she said. "They took change and a piece of jewelry."

Despite both next-door neighbors having canines and the presence of security lights, Magin said thieves absconded with jewelry she described as not excessively valuable but also not inexpensive. The jewelry was left in the car because she was planning to have repairs performed.

"You could tell someone had ransacked the console," she said. "They didn't take the spare keys to the other vehicle."

Conjecturing that the opportunistic thieves were likely kids, Magin said a neighbor told her something caused their dog to bark about 11:30 p.m., which coincided with a car alarm being triggered.

From her experience such occurrences are out of character for the area. Recalling an incident about a year ago, Magin said she had ventured to the grocery store only to realize her purse was still home. Her mind was eased when she returned home to find the purse sitting untouched on her front steps.

"I've never felt threatened or unsafe," she said.

Nevertheless, Magin said in the wake of recent disturbances, she has started locking the screen door.

Magin said although she does not fear for her safety, the security lights around her home have been recalibrated to stay on longer. She also wants neighbors to be especially vigilant.

"Often people hear noises, like car alarms or see security lights go on and pay it little mind," she said.

According to police reports most of the thefts occurred in the early morning hours, with the culprits targeting electronic devices, money and personal items. Residents are being advised to lock vehicles and remove any valuable property.

Police are requesting that anyone who witnesses suspicious activity to report it right away. Also anyone with information about the series of break-ins should contact Cpl. Tish Ottey of the Ocean Pines Police at 410-641-7747.



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Directors vote to delay new White Horse Park bathrooms

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 3, 2016) The prospect of building bathrooms at White Horse Park became an unlikely prospect last Thursday, as the matter ignited debate during a public meeting in Ocean Pines.

During the general manager’s report, early into the morning meeting at the community center, Bob Thompson said he received four bids, and recommended the lowest offer, by Beach Construction Company, for \$86,000.

The board earmarked \$145,000 for the project last year. Thompson’s proposal included a 15 percent contingency fee, bringing the project estimate to \$98,900.

Director Dave Stevens said the item was not on the original agenda, and that he only learned of it that morning. Because of that, he said he had lingering questions about exactly where the bathrooms would be located, how Ocean Pines was addressing potential stormwater concerns, and what would happen to the existing arts and crafts building.

Currently, visitors to the park have three options for bathrooms: the small arts and crafts building, the administration building, and the community center. All three require crossing streets with heavy traffic.

Stevens also challenged whether the bathrooms were actually in the budget, saying the board was told several items in last year’s document were “just placeholders.”

“There was no discussion amongst the board or approval of the concept of a White Horse Park [bathroom],” Stevens said. “This is an unacceptable way of presenting a proposal to the board ... This is being slipped under the wire.”

Thompson said the board received late notice of the item because work in evaluating the bids was only finished during the previous day.

“All I’m doing it presenting a budgeted item for a spring project,” Thompson said. “I haven’t asked you to take approval action on this. I’ve presented it with our recommendation. You can certainly table it until next month.

“There’s nothing being slipped under the wire when it’s a budgeted item,” Thompson continued. “My role is ... to provide proposals for budgeted items. This shouldn’t be an argument at all ... if you don’t want to do it, don’t do it.”

Stevens moved to table to project, prompting an objection from Director Cheryl Jacobs.

“This is an item that’s been in the budget for a couple of years. This is an item that is overdue. This, to me, is another example of delay, delay, delay and do nothing with things in this community,” she said.

She went on to say the bathrooms addressed a safety concern, brought standards up to ADA compliance, and offered convenience.

“The safety concern is children running across the road, where cars are traveling, to get to the existing bath-

rooms,” she said. “When we have large crowds at movie nights, concerts, etc., those are the only bathrooms available to the people. So this is ... very much needed.

“This has been in the budget. Let’s move forward and do this,” Jacobs continued. “We have a proposal, we’ve been told the purpose, we’ve been told the size, we’ve been told the cost ... I don’t understand why there are still all these questions about it. I’m opposed to delaying this.”

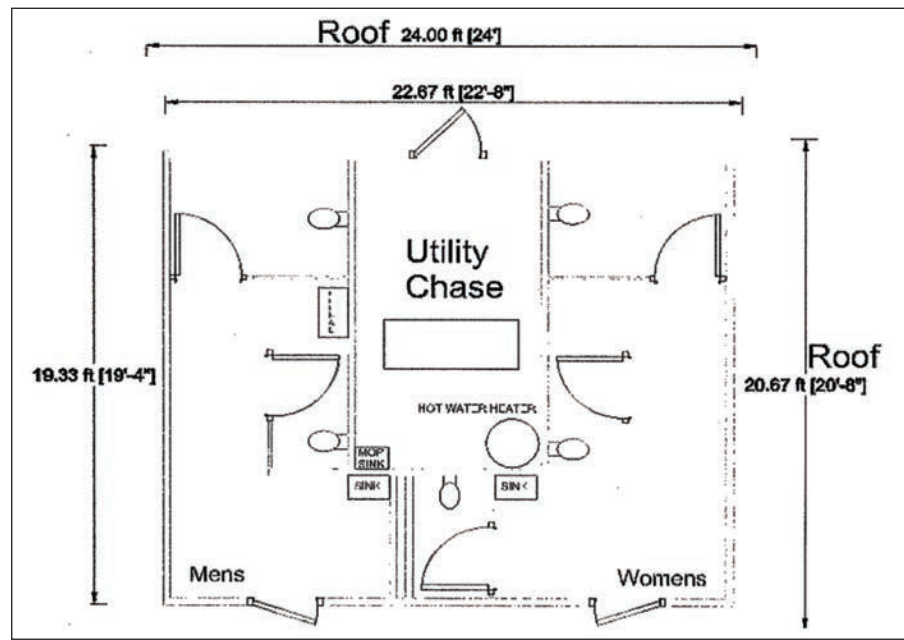
Director Jack Collins said his objection was not so much with the content, but with “form and format.”

Stevens went a step further.

“Why, on the day of a meeting, did we get a proposal ... why don’t we have it a month ago? Why don’t we have it six months ago?” Stevens said. “The fact of the matter is, it was slipped in this morning, not even put on the agenda ... We don’t even have a formal written motion for this. Cheryl, there are ways that you do these things, and this isn’t even close to meeting the standard for how to do it.”

When Director Bill Cordwell noted that Thompson had only finished the proposal the day before, Stevens suggested that was intentional.

“He finished it last night because we would be put in exactly in this present situation,” he said. “Answer my question



SUBMITTED IMAGE/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Proposed new bathrooms at White Horse Park in Ocean Pines include a storage unit and ADA-compliant facilities. A motion to approve the building was tabled, with several directors saying they needed more time to review the plan.

as to why it wasn’t done a month ago or two months ago?”

“We’re making a simple issue more challenging unnecessarily,” Thompson said. “I didn’t say I need a motion to support this today. I said I finished this last night. I’m giving it to you. It’s up to the board what to do with it.”

In the past, Thompson said, similar items have been tabled, allowing the directors to ask questions and make a formal vote via email.

“Instead, we want to go on attack mode,” Thompson said. “It’s almost to a

point where it gets absurd ... to think I would try to slide in a bathroom. I’m sliding it in? Like you won’t see it built when it’s done? That doesn’t even make sense.”

Director Tom Terry suggested the board follow Thompson’s suggestion and commit to an email vote by March 3, giving the directors a week to review the project. He added, “I personally do not want to have a special meeting over a bathroom.”

The motion to table the matter passed 5-1, with Jacobs opposed and Terry abstaining.

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Directors admit ‘discomfort’ with reserve study

Draft suggests Pines needs full-funding at \$14 million; several on board disagree

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 3, 2016) The fundamental aspects of the first draft of a reserve study, created for Ocean Pines by Design Management Associates Inc., have been public for more than a month, following discussions by several directors during public meetings. In the draft, the firm suggested Ocean Pines’ reserves are more than \$10 million below recommended levels. That conclusion, as well as how the board should move to finalize the document, has generated some debate.

General Manager Bob Thompson, speaking during a board of directors meeting in the community center last Thursday, gave what he believed would be a brief update on the subject.

On Jan. 28, Thompson distributed copies of the study to the board and asked for members’ input. Once the board approved the fiscal year 2017 budget, he said he would send those numbers to Design Management and the directors would meet with the company in March.

According to Thompson, the first

draft includes more than 1,500 Ocean Pines assets, listed and grouped, with an estimated life expectancy based on current conditions and an inspection by the company. That data, he said, was plugged into a spreadsheet.

“There is no manipulation of the data ... There’s no messing with the figures,” Thompson said. “They are what they are.”

Director Tom Terry said no board member had met with or spoken to the consultants directly. Thompson clarified that assistant treasurer Pete Gomsak – who is not a board member, but does work for the board – was present, once, during a conference call with the company.

According to Terry, the next step would be to decide which capital projects were in Ocean Pines’ long-term plans, adding, “we already know some.”

“You imply that all of this is just about looking at our assets,” Director Dave Stevens said. “What’s in the book now are projections of what we’re going to have in the future ... There are assumptions in there that are far from having been agreed [upon] by the board.”

Agreeing on a plan for future proj-

ects, he said, would not happen quickly.

“I think it will be long discussions – as long as the budget meeting – and it should be a long discussion [if] we’re going to get an accurate reading,” Stevens said. “None of that is close to being done.”

Stevens said it was telling that Thompson had yet to receive any feedback on the study from the directors.

“I didn’t send an email,” Stevens said. “It would be fruitless to ask that number of questions without being able to talk to [Design Management] face to face – absolutely useless – and I’m not going to waste my time doing that. Moreover, apparently the rest of the board thought so too.”

Stevens went on to say the list of future projects used in the study were given to the firm by Thompson – not the board.

“It can definitely lead to a very misleading result, which was published in a newspaper,” Stevens said.

“Interestingly enough, Mr. Stevens, the only people to have the report are board members. So, if it got out, you’ve got to look at each other,” Thompson said.

Directors Cheryl Jacobs and Pat Renaud clarified that they wished to meet with the consultants before discussing the study further.

“I’ll admit my inability to [ask questions],” Jacobs said. “One of the reasons, perhaps, that we have not submitted questions yet is because we have lacked the ability to talk about it amongst ourselves and DMA.”

“I completely agree with Cheryl,” Renaud said. “I have a little bit of discomfort reviewing this study without knowing what questions to ask ... Obviously none of us, including myself, have gotten back to Bob with any questions for DMA, which shows, to me, a lack of understanding.”

The board agreed to move on without action. A formal date for a meeting with the firm has yet to be set.

“This should have been a good thing. I have no idea how we turned things bad,” Thompson said. “I was giving an update of where we were.”

‘There are assumptions in there that are far from having been agreed [upon] by the board’
Director Dave Stevens

OP Chamber of Commerce to host business expo, March 9

(March. 3, 2016) The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce will hold the sixth annual Chamber Business Expo on Thursday, March 9, from 4-7 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club.

All Worcester County business people (employers and employees) are invited to attend and display their services or goods. Last year, more than 30 exhibitors displayed their services and products with creative and interactive exhibits in a wide range of interest.

In addition, there will be door prizes donated from local businesses and a 50/50 raffle.

This is a great networking opportunity for members of all area chambers and for businessmen and

women to mingle with fellow business owners, learn about new businesses in town and talk to hundreds of potential customers. This event is open to the public.

All area business people, local chamber members and professionals are encouraged to attend.

Refreshment and light fare sponsored by the Ocean Pines Association and Apple Discount Drugs, select Wawa branded beverages sponsored by Wawa and complimentary beer and wine sponsored by Taylor Bank will be available.

For more information and to register, contact the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce at 410-641-5306 or visit www.OceanPinesChamber.org.



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Sponsorships available for July 3 Berlin fireworks display

Town hoping to raise \$25K; Burley Oak to open parking lot for viewing during event

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 3, 2016) Fundraising for Berlin's Independence Day fireworks celebration on July 3 has begun, and the town is looking for a few good sponsors.

The display will be based at Berlin Falls, on Old Ocean City Boulevard, and should be viewable in the surrounding and downtown area.

"The more money we raise, the longer the fireworks show we can have," Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells said. "I'd like this to be a nice, long fireworks show, so we're working on some ideas for fundraising."

Wells said that would include raffles with "high-dollar items," as well as a gala or, potentially, a crab feast or a pig roast at Stephen Decatur Park.

While plans for those events are being finalized, the town is also accepting direct donations and soliciting corporate sponsors. Wells said sponsors would be added to the

Berlin Main Street website, and included in a portion of its advertising.

Coinciding with the fireworks, Burley Oak Brewing Company, across the street from Berlin Falls, will hold a festival on July 3 from 6-11 p.m. General Manager Nicky Chavis said the event would be more family-friendly than traditional happenings at the brewery.

"We'll still have vendors set up, but we're hoping to model it more like a downtown event," she said. "We'll have a family, fun event, and the festival will be designed around giving people in the town a place to watch the fireworks."

Chavis said Burley Oak is also planning one or more guest bartending events, designed to raise money for the fireworks.

"The goal is to raise \$25,000," Chavis said. "With the town already having given \$5,000, we want to try to raise the full amount. It doesn't necessarily just have to be through Burley Oak, but we definitely want to be a large facilitator of raising that money."

To donate to the Berlin fireworks celebration, contact Wells at 410-629-1722 or email iwells@berlinmd.gov.

OPA GM Thompson to hold town hall meeting, March 8

(March 3, 2016) Ocean Pines Association General Manager Bob Thompson will hold a town hall meeting on Tuesday, March 8 at 6 p.m. in the Ocean Pines Community Center. The meeting is open to the public.

Thompson will use the meeting as an opportunity to address comments and questions posed by Ocean Pines residents and property owners, who are encouraged to participate and share feedback.

Questions may be submitted in ad-

vance via email to info@oceanpines.org.

Those unable to attend the meeting may view it live at www.OceanPines.org, or on Mediacom channel 78. It also will be posted on the Ocean Pines website and will air on channel 78 afterward.

For more information, contact Teresa Travatello, director of marketing and public relations for the Ocean Pines Association, at 410-641-7717 ext. 3006, or email ttravatello@oceanpines.org.



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SWEET IDEA

Corrine Sandifer and Nick Zlotorzynski, students in Rebecca Johnson's third grade class at Showell Elementary, use sweet Starbursts as square units to explore the area of shapes just prior to Valentine's Day.



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SCHOLARSHIP FINALIST

Worcester Preparatory School senior Victoria Middleton, pictured with Headmaster Dr. Barry Tull, has been named a finalist in the 61st annual National Merit Scholarship Program. As a finalist, she is eligible to receive a National Merit Scholarship which will be awarded in April. About 1.5 million juniors entered the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2014 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. National Merit Finalist status places students in the top 1 percent of those taking the test.



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HOT CAKES ON A COLD DAY

The Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines-Ocean City's annual Winter Pancake Breakfast took place on Feb. 13 at the Ocean Pines Community Center. Pictured, from left, are some of the early shift workers, Kiwanian Candy Foreman, Judy Zhu, Stephen Decatur Key Club members Kristen Cabrera, Stella Cunningham and McKenzie Wagner, Kiwanian Kacey Decker, Kiwanis Club's Liaison to the SDHS Key Club Roy Foreman and Kiwanian Stella Hartington.



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VALENTINE GIFTS

Kiwanians Dave Landis, left, Mike Evans and Mark Joseph, president of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City, right, hold a tray of the Valentines gifts delivered to Meals On Wheels in Berlin for distribution to local senior recipients of the meals.



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TACO NIGHT

In addition to enjoying the seventh annual Taco Night at Stephen Decatur High School on Feb. 9, several students teamed up to collect money for a local family who lost their home in a fire. SDHS students Adam Kristick, Jacob Darlington, Becky Evans, Sierra Payne and Reagan Dunham enjoy Taco Night, sponsored by Sonrise Church. While Sonrise Church raised more than \$6,000 for Stephen Decatur High School, students were able to raise \$1,000 for the family in need.



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DAR GIVES TO LOCAL CAUSES

Members of the General Levin Winder Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recently assembled at the Ocean Pines Library for a "fundraising" pot luck luncheon. The Atlantic United Methodist Church in Ocean City received \$150 for its Backpack Program, which provides nourishment for school children that might otherwise go hungry on weekends. The remaining \$150 was donated to help Robert Nichols, a disabled veteran, and his family recover from the loss of their home to fire.

Cash for cans: humane society recycling empties

(March 3, 2016) The Worcester County Humane Society is collecting empty beverage cans to recycle and turn into cash for the shelter animals, all while helping the environment.

Over the past few years, the shelter has been recycling cans through Salisbury Scrap Metal to earn extra money for the ongoing high costs of caring for the many animals who find their way to the no-kill shelter. Consistently, \$2,500- \$4,500 is earned per year through this program.

Those interested in dropping off cans can do so any day of the week. There are trash cans conveniently located by the shelter's mailbox right off of Eagles Nest Road. Bagged cans can also be dropped off right beside the collection trailer that is located next to the sheds on the shelter's grounds. Businesses and individuals who have a large amount of cans to be recycled can also call the shelter at 410-213-0146 to schedule a pick-up by a shelter volunteer. The shelter is only taking empty, aluminum beverage cans to be taken to Salisbury Scrap Metal.

Another way to help the shelter and the environment is to bring empty ink cartridges to the Berlin facility. The shelter recycles these in return for cash for the animals. Any businesses who have a large amount of ink cartridges and would like to schedule for them to be picked up by a shelter vol-



Worcester County Humane Society volunteer Bill Morison has put in many hours over the years, making sure bagged cans make it into the recycling trailer.

unteer can call the shelter.

“We are continually looking for ways to raise money for the shelter,” said Sandy Summers, WCHS board member and Ways & Means Committee Chair. “It is especially important for us to find ways, like the recycling

program, that will consistently bring in money every month.”

The Worcester County Humane Society is a private, nonprofit, no-kill animal shelter located off Stephen Decatur Highway in Berlin. The shelter is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day ex-

cept Mondays.

For more information call 410-213-0146. Follow the shelter on Facebook and Instagram for event updates and pets available for adoption or visit www.worcestercountyhumanesociety.org.

Gillis Gilkerson hired to renovate Bay Terrace

(March 3, 2016) Gillis Gilkerson general contracting and construction management firms announced it has been hired to renovate Bay Terrace Garden Apartments, an affordable housing community located at 517 Bay Street in Berlin.

The project is a joint venture between Severn Development Company, based in Annapolis, and Berlin Community Housing Corporation, a local nonprofit based in Berlin.

During the gut rehab, Gillis Gilkerson will strip each unit down to the

bare walls. The three buildings (32 units total) will be renovated to include new siding, roofs, stairs, flooring, HVAC, windows, drywall, plumbing and paint. New appliances and cabinets will also be installed.

The community building will be renovated to include a manager's office, kitchenette and communal space equipped with computers for resident's use.

The project will also extend the ends of each building by 10 feet, which will make the units larger and

provide more secure entry points and stairwells. Bay Terrace Garden Apartments are being renovated in accordance with Enterprise Green Communities Certification Standards.

“We are pleased to have the opportunity to work with Severn Development Company again,” said Dwight Miller, president, Gillis Gilkerson. “Especially on a project that will enhance the quality of life for its residents. After our team is done with the gut rehab, community members

won't even recognize their homes as they will look brand new.”

“We enjoy working with Gillis Gilkerson,” said Tim Barila, Severn Development Company. “We have worked with them previously and know they have a reputation for delivering quality work in a timely manner and on budget. We look forward to this next venture.”

Gillis Gilkerson Project Manager Jason Rudd and Superintendent Charlie Morris are scheduled to complete the renovation within the year.

DAR announces competition winners at MBS

(March 3, 2016) The General Levin Winder Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently sponsored Junior American Citizens (JAC) Contests at Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School in Berlin.

The objective of the JAC Committee is to instill good citizenship in the youth of all races, creeds and economic backgrounds, by teaching loyalty to the United States of America and giving practical ideas for service

to home, community, school and country.

The theme for the competition was “Celebrate America” and students could enter a poem, short story, poster, stamp design or photographic essay. Individuals or groups could enter a community service project, and groups of at least three could design a banner. Winners were chosen by grade level in each category.

More than 70 participated in the contests and Chapter winners are as

follows: Poem – Matthew Engel, grade 6; Paul Vitaliti, grade 7; Karsten St. Amant, grade 8; Short Story – Katherine Abbott, grade 6; Julianna Fohner, grade 7; Mikayla Denault, grade 8; Poster – Tiffany Hayes, grade 6; Morgan Carlson, grade 7; Caela Berrie, grade 8; Stamp Design – Bridget Cooper, grade 6; Lilly Jones, grade 7; Banner – Katherine Abbott, Emma Berrie and Madison Tipton, grade 6; Ariana Holland-Seda, Eleni Kangas and Maura

Vosburg, grade 7; Eric Bontempo, Cooper Houck and Karsten St. Amant, grade 8.

Their entries have advanced to the state level and winners will be announced prior to the 111th Maryland Society DAR Conference in March.

The DAR is a women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history and securing America's future through better education. For more information, visit www.dar.org.

OCEAN PINES ASSOCIATION BRIEFS

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer
(March 3, 2016) The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors approved the following items during a public meeting at the community center on Feb. 25:

Minutes adjusted

After approving minutes for board meetings on Jan. 19 and 20, Director Tom Terry asked for an adjustment to the Jan. 28 regular meeting minutes. "Under the section of new business, under the motion on the beach club, I think I left out a word," he said.

The passage, "... to have engineers develop alternatives for evaluation to include, but limited to, a ground level facility ..." Terry said should have read "not limited to."

Director Cheryl Jacobs objected to the Feb. 5 minutes, which stated, "Ms. Jacobs is opposed to merit raises ..."

"What I was opposed to was a three percent increase ... in the dollars allotted for salaries," she said. "I was not opposed to, and ultimately agreed and voted in favor of, having the amount that was in the budget for the GM to have discretion to give merit raises. It's a bit of a distinction, but in my mind it's an important one."

The Feb. 5 minutes also stated that OPA Board President Pat Renaud

"said the board will create a task force" regarding traffic concerns at the Delmarva Health Pavilion on Route 589.

Renaud said the OPA board cannot and would not create any task force on any matter. Director Jack Collins added, "The board is not going to get involved in any way, shape or form in this particular project."

All three adjustments to the minutes were approved.

GM report: update on projects

Last month, Thompson told the directors he had only received one bid for the Manklin Meadows project, which would upgrade several racquet sports courts, as well as address other concerns at the park.

That bid came back nearly three times more than the \$250,000 budgeted by the board.

Thompson said he was working with the county to develop alternative solutions – including redesigning a stormwater mitigation system – as

well as breaking the project into phases and performing some of the improvements in-house, using public works.

He said he hoped to have more concrete information during the next several weeks.

Upcoming events

Ocean Pines will host a bridal showcase at the yacht club on March 5. Thompson will hold a town meeting on March 8 in the community center, and the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a business expo at the yacht club on March 9.

On March 10, Sandpiper Energy will host its own town hall in the community center, followed by the Maryland Coastal Bays volunteer fair at the yacht club on March 16.

A new program, the Ocean Pines Residents Academy, runs seven weeks, May3-June 16. Thompson said 25 homeowners signed up for the program, which includes "classroom-type" presentations on finance, public safety, public works and amenities.

Appointments

Kathy Grimes was approved to a second term on the aquatics advisory committee. Tom Stauss was also confirmed to his first term on the committee. Both votes were unanimous.



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Gina Maria Barnes
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Owners of Copy Central, Linda and Michael Dearing lost their daughter Gina to colon cancer in 2014. Gina Barnes was just 37 years old when she was diagnosed with colon cancer. A wife and mother of three children she was too busy to make time for herself even when she noticed there was a problem.

There is the misconception that colon cancer is thought of as an older person's disease. It can attack anyone under 50 years of age. Gina fought her battle with courage and poise while serving as a role model for others fighting their own battle. Gina's Comfort Fund was created in her honor to provide comfort and resources to individuals fighting the battle. Every day individuals fight cancer. Many of whom have families, jobs and life responsibilities regardless of how the disease and treatments are making them feel physically and emotionally. The fund helps to alleviate some of the stress and financial barriers to those brave individuals battling Colon Cancer. Stop in to Copy Central Monday-Friday 9 to 5 if you would like to contribute.



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PLEASE GET YOUR SCREENINGS

Berlin Intermediate brings back Artfest, Saturday, March 5

By Kara Hallissey
Staff Writer

(March 3, 2016) Parents are encouraged to bring their children to the annual Artfest, this Saturday at Berlin Intermediate School from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., inside the cafeteria.

The art department will set up 18 to 24 stations for children 4-12 years old. Stations including sculpting, painting, drawing, printmaking, music, birdhouse making, Shrinky Dinks, watercolors, weaving rag craft looms and an imagination creation location.

Each station will include an assortment of supplies, and children are advised to wear paint-friendly apparel.

“It’s a sizable community outreach supported by our school, Ocean City Art League and the school parent teacher association,” said Stefanie McElhinny, a visual arts teacher at Berlin Intermediate School. “Every child can do as many projects as can be completed in time. This may be as many as five or six projects.”

Children must be accompanied by an adult. The cost is \$3.50 to participate. Admission includes an official Artfest T-shirt. Attendees should come through the front entrance of the school.

The event has taken place for at least 10 years. It continues to grow in size and exposes children to unique art projects. Approximately 250 children participate each year. Projects cost about \$1 per child, McElhinny said.

About 30 high school students will be operating the stations and receive service learning volunteer hours.

“Unite the school and community in an art immersed event,” McElhinny said.

For more information, contact McElhinny at 410-632-5320.

Tractor Supply Co. donates 52 bags of cat, dog food

(March 3, 2016) The Tractor Supply Company store in Berlin donated 52 bags of pet food to feed local dogs and cats in search of forever homes.

“Tractor Supply is a partner for those working hard to connect homeless pets with loving families,” said James Bolden, manager of the Berlin Tractor Supply store. “We are grateful to have such caring pet partners in our community, and we are looking forward to serving those new pet families.”

Tractor Supply presented the pet food donation to the Worcester County Sheriff Department, Berlin Police Department and Town Cats of Ocean City.

In addition to the pet food donation, the Berlin Tractor Supply periodically hosts pet adoption events throughout the year. Visit TSCEventPartners.com to learn more about working with Tractor Supply for pet adoption events.

For information, visit TractorSupply.com/KnowHow.



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SCOUTS HONOR

Star Charities team up with the Girl Scouts for a successful spaghetti dinner fundraiser at Denovo's in Ocean Pines on Feb. 22. Ticket sales, \$10 each, raised \$720 for the scouts, and volunteers sold 39 boxes of cookies. Pictured, clockwise, from bottom right, are Anna Fultz and Mary Evans from Star Charities, and Beverly Meadows and Jennifer Johnson from the Girl Scouts.



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BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Please send all letters to editor, notices, calendar events and community announcements to editor@baysidegazette.com by 5 p.m. Monday.

For voters, how it happens not as important as results

The problem with government is that most people don't care who's in charge, as long as they get what they want, while elected officials concern themselves first with who's in charge and then worry about the results.

Were that not the case, the nation wouldn't be witnessing the huge mess that is Congress, which devotes almost all of its time to developing strategies to do nothing, or this year's presidential campaign, which has swung so far to extremes that more pragmatic Republicans and Democrats must be wondering exactly when it was that their parties moved on without them.

On the local level, however, nothing illustrates the procedure-versus-results debate more than last week's meeting of the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors.

It's difficult to tell whether anyone was right or wrong in the discussion of building new bathrooms at White Horse Park or the recommendations regarding the association's investment strategy. That's because the debate was more about how this information was presented instead of the information itself.

In addition, the strong perception that this is a contest of wills between the administration and some board members and between the individual board members themselves colors every disagreement.

As a result, it's easy for the parties involved — and the public — to conclude that any miscommunication, mistake, oversight or bad timing was really done on purpose, or that any questionable argument involves personal animosity between some of the participants.

Meanwhile, most Ocean Pines property owners probably don't care. All they want is to keep their assessments reasonable, their streets safe and their amenities (or most of them, anyway) in shape and accessible.

How this happens is not foremost on their minds, as long as it happens.

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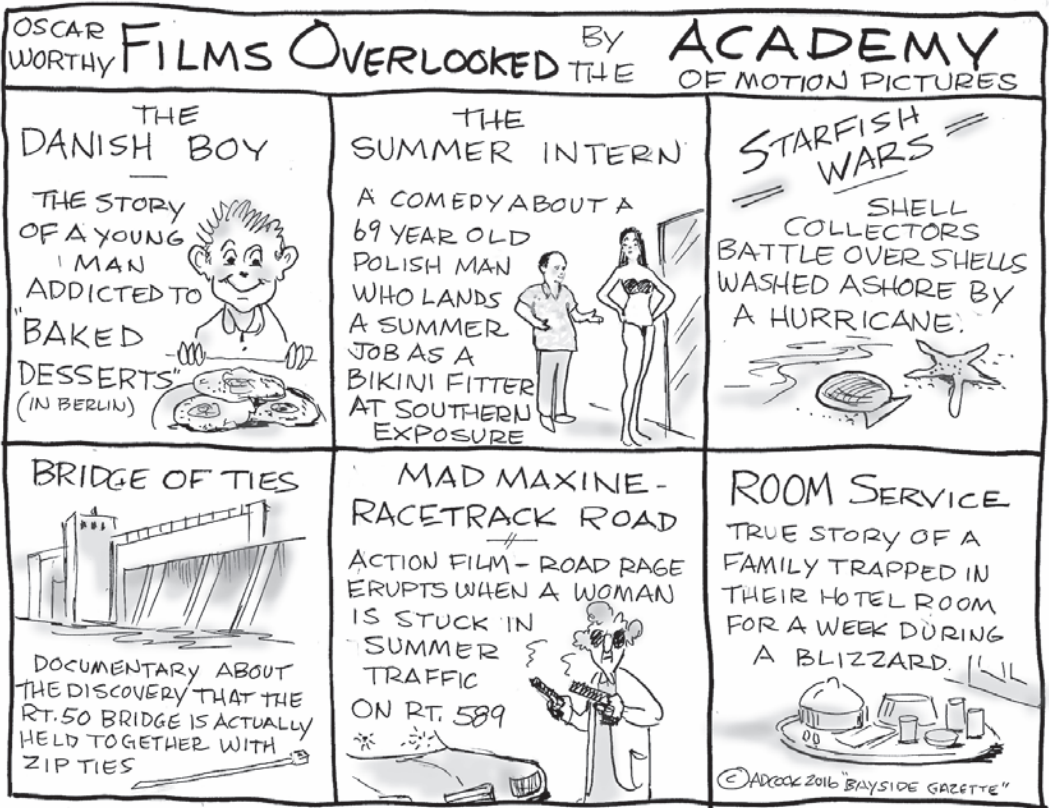
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Patrick Miller builds offshore reef

Local Eagle Scout gets commendations from Pope, president

(March 3, 2016) Patrick Miller, of Boy Scouts of America Troop 225, sponsored by Ocean City Elks Lodge #2645, achieved the rank of Eagle Scout on Nov. 1.

For Miller's project, he planned all aspects of and built an offshore reef for marine life. The bass grounds site was selected with the assistance of Capt. Monty Hawkins of the Morning Star charter, and a member of the OC Reef Foundation.

The reef site was named Eagle Scout Reef and is located about seven miles off the coast of Ocean City in water around 70 feet deep. The artificial reef will enhance habitat for fish and other sea life, which has, in turn, improved offshore fishing for recreational anglers and created new opportunities for diving enthusiasts.

Miller was also awarded these merit badges to reach the highest award in scouting: Camping, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World,



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Patrick Miller celebrates earning the highest award in scouting during a ceremony on Nov. 1. Pictured with Miller is his brother, Brad, and his mother and father, Anita and Tony Battista.

Communication, Cooking, Emergency Preparedness, Environmental Science, First Aid, Cycling, Personal Management, Personal Fitness, Family Life, Swimming, Nature, Hiking, Kayaking, Archery, Computers, Woodwork, Painting and Geocaching.

He said his most memorable scouting trip was spending a week cycling and camping on Cape Cod, Mass.

Approximately 150 friends and family gathered with Miller to celebrate on Nov. 1. Catering for the event was provided by Mio Fratello's. Guest speakers included John Savage, Tom Smith, Mark Flounlacker, Matt Norman and Pastor Mark Massey. Miller's brother, Brad, who is an Eagle Scout, also spoke.

Miller was presented with an album of letters of commendation from President Barack Obama, Pope Francis, Gov. Larry Hogan and the U.S. Secretary of the Defense, among others. He was also given an American flag that flew over the U.S. Capital.

Miller is the son of Tony and Anita Battista of West Ocean City.

WCCW celebrates Women’s History Month

Luncheon on March 16 will honor Louise Gulyas, Wor. Co. Commissioner Purnell

(March 3, 2016) March is designated Women’s History Month to encourage citizens to take this occasion to learn more about the history and accomplishments of women in America.

The Worcester County Commission for Women will be celebrating Women’s History Month at a luncheon on Wednesday, March 16 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Clarion Resort Hotel on 101st Street in Ocean City. The luncheon’s theme, “Working To Form A More Perfect Union—Honoring Women in Public Service and Government,” will recognize Worcester County women whose lives exemplify exceptional vision and



Louise Gulyas



Diana Purnell

leadership.

Former Worcester County Commissioner Louise Lee Gulyas (1934-2015) will be honored as the 2016 Woman in History for her extraordinary life, worthy of celebration and remembrance. Worcester County Commissioner Diana W. Purnell will be honored as the 2016 Woman of the Year.

Six Worcester County students will be honored as Women of Tomorrow. The award categories are Grades 7-8,

Grades 9-10, and Grades 11-12, with each category recognizing an awardee for first place and an honorable mention.

The 2016 Women of Tomorrow are: Lydia Woodley (Stephen Decatur Middle School), T’Nae Fitch (Snow Hill Middle School), Laila Mirza (Stephen Decatur High School), Tatyana Waters (Pocomoke High School), Tierra Watkins (Snow Hill High School) and Kallie Blakelock (Snow Hill High School).

These outstanding young women will be recognized for their leadership abilities, academic achievements and for making a significant positive impact on their community.

Meredith “Merry” Mears, Worcester County Economic Development director, is the featured keynote speaker.

The event will feature exhibitors,

awards and a silent auction and raffles. The cost to attend is \$37 per person, which includes an entrée of pork loin filled with a spinach and mushroom roulade and roasted top sirloin of beef with a sherry mushroom sauce served to the side or a vegetarian, gluten-free choice. Tables of eight may be reserved. A cash bar will be available.

For reservations, call 410-208-6798, email hfgowl@mediacombb.net or mail a check to FWCCW, P.O. Box 1712, Berlin, Md. 21811.

Designate on the check “vegetarian” if this is the choice of entrees. The deadline to make a reservation is March 9.

Proceeds from this event benefit the McGuffey literacy program that provides summer reading books and book bags to Worcester County students in grades 1-3.

Wor. County offers free emergency training

(March 3, 2016) Worcester County Emergency Services (WCES) invites the public to participate in a free, eight-session Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) course in Newark.

The training takes place in the Community Center at the Fire Training Center on Tuesdays from 6:30-9:30 p.m. from March 8-April 26, with Cardiopulmonary Response (CPR) and Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) training to take place during class on March 22.

CERT is an informative, hands-on training program designed to equip residents, with no prior emergency medical experience, to offer immediate assistance to those in need following an emergency until further help can arrive.

“CERT helps you prepare yourself,

your family, and your community to face a wide variety of emergencies,” said WCES Emergency Planner Tom Kane. “CERT makes you safer.”

Participants will learn basic life-saving skills, such as CPR/AED, First Aid and fire suppression. They will also learn to recognize both natural and manmade hazards. Upon completion of this program, students will be able to create disaster plans and supply kits and aid in responding to hazardous material emergencies.

Those who successfully complete the training will receive CPR and First Aid certification through the American Heart Association. During the course, instructors will provide information on hazards typical to Worcester County, hazardous materials in the home and the National

Incident Management System. Instruction is geared to help residents better prepare and survive during the first 36 to 72 hours after a catastrophic event when local first responder resources are stretched to their limits.

CERT is available at no cost to all

interested residents thanks to the generous support of the Worcester County Commissioners. Space is limited to 20 individuals and is available on a first come, first served basis.

For more info or to register, contact Kane at 410-632-3080, or tkane@co.worcester.md.us.

51st Berlin Award Nomination Form

The Berlin Award is presented annually to an individual or individuals who have, by unselfish effort and dedication, made outstanding contributions in community service in the Berlin residential area. Nominees do not have to live within the corporate limits of Berlin, but reside in the immediate surrounding areas. Anyone may submit a nomination.

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E) Other Awards or Recognitions: _____

IMPORTANT: Explanatory or supporting information about this person’s volunteer community service should be attached to the nomination form.

Mail to: Berlin Award

Attn: Roxanne Williams

1 South Main Street

Berlin, Maryland 21811

Nominator’s Name: _____ Phone: _____

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- 1) Nominations must be received by March 18th, 2016
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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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BY TIMOTHY POLIN / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

ACROSS

1 Make less dangerous, in a way

7 Sleep-lab study

12 Some school edicts

16 Small invention

19 Eagle constellation

20 Signature Michael Jackson wear

21 Runway model?

23 Fly swatter?

25 "It seems to me ..."

26 Attack order

27 Rationale

28 Trickle

30 "The Good Wife" figures: Abbr.

31 Confer

34 Drool from both sides of the mouth?

38 Screams bloody murder

40 Brought up

41 Narrow lead in baseball

42 Quaker of note?

45 In base 8

47 Sound near a spittoon

50 Brooding music genre

51 Tip of an épée?

53 Sci-fi film with a 2010 sequel

54 Brings in

56 Palindromic girl

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DOWN

1 Applies gingerly

2 Outfit

3 World Heritage Site in the Andes

4 Oft-married Taylor

5 Keg contents

6 Archer's battle weapon

7 Forever

8 Like lumberjack jackets

9 O.K.

10 Time for last-minute planning

11 Oxygen-dependent bacterium

12 Card-table cloth

13 Not fully independent

14 Piece corps, briefly?

15 Almost dislocate

16 Violation of Yom Kippur?

110 Put off

ACROSS

112 Short flight

114 Nougaty treats

116 Writing "30 and single" when it's really "50 and married," e.g.?

120 Reduces to smithereens

121 Cropped up

122 Canadian smacker

123 Morning condensate

124 Chichi

125 Cantina appetizers

126 Go through

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110 Put off

17 Batting .200, maybe

18 Queen ____ (pop-music nickname)

22 Don't bother

24 Give a tongue-lashing

29 Veteran

32 A question of time

33 Is unacceptable

35 Virtual address

36 Père d'un prince

37 1961 space chimp

39 Improvise, in a way

42 Isolated

43 Echolocator

44 Softly

46 "Three Billy Goats Gruff" villain

48 Smash up

49 "You win!"

52 Stabilizer of a ship's compass

53 "Use your head!"

54 CD-____

55 Ground-beef contaminant

58 Mobile-home resident?

59 Rio Grande city

61 "Downton Abbey" daughter

63 "Jeez!"

67 Flummox

68 De jure

69 Showroom models

71 Residents of 3-Down

72 Trackpad alternative

73 Lean on

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75 Astral lion

78 Achieve success

79 Rug dealer's special?

80 Prepares for a Mr. Universe competition, say

82 "____ the day!" (cry repeated in Shakespeare)

83 Settled the score

85 Ghostly sound

86 Apportion

88 Say, "When I met the Dalai Lama last year," say

89 "Qué ____?"

91 Sugar

92 Goth-looking, in a way

95 It's hard to get across

96 Morsel

98 1994 bomb based on an "S.N.L." character

100 Something to boost

102 Bridge whiz

103 Domineering

104 Actress Thompson of "Creed"

106 River along Avignon

107 "Wanna play?"

111 Anti bodies?

113 Petitioned

114 Whacked

115 Kind of dye

117 The Depression, for one

118 Smoked deli purchase

119 Popinjay

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BAYSIDE GAZETTE

In lieu of rations, go for ‘old school’ approach

Well-camouflaged deep beneath my couch cushion, accompanying combs and other mysterious deposits left by my children, I discovered a morsel that I haven’t enjoyed since 1991: a packet of Marine Corp MRE cheese spread. Have no fear – It has not been there for 25 years. Rather, it was a remnant of a



By Paul Suplee,
CEC PCIII

case of MREs sent to me recently. Courtesy of an old Marine buddy of mine, the unopened sachet was a reminder of the golden years and an aide-mémoire of the wonders to be found on, in and under the sofa on any given day. You see, our youngest child ran across a video of two guys trying MREs for the first time, and the result was so intriguing that he asked me about them, relentlessly. After a few phone calls, I was able to find an old friend who still has PX privileges who sent me a case. And my son hounded me daily on when they were going to arrive. Daily, and sometimes hourly. Since receiving the case of meals, my 10-year old has not only tried every flavor, but apparently he’s squirreling for the apocalypse as evidenced by the cheese spread discovery. We are finding bits and pieces of these blasted things everywhere on the first floor of our house. It reminds me of being a kid and asking my dad all about the C-rations through which he suffered during World War II. Despite my pleas, he never found any, so I had to leave it up to the imagination, or in my case join the military solely to try the food. While the latter is not the real reason I joined, I relished in the packaged goods when we were in the desert. Comparing the MREs of my day to those of today, I would happily eat the old-school version including my favorite: turkey, diced with gravy. The new versions have vegetarian options such as a veggie burger with “buns” that are more reminiscent of Play-Doh than any actual, edible foodstuff. They are – how do I put this so as to not insult anyone – just plain awful. I felt as though I had lied to my child, as my son was disappointed in the main dishes, but quite pleased with the protein shakes, accompaniments et al. I can appreciate the health-conscious contribution to the field diet,



but I cannot accept the fact that this is the best they can do. But, at least the meals still come with chewing gum, a tiny bottle of Tabasco hot sauce and coffee grounds. Oh, there were many a night that I stood on OP chewing on coffee grounds, getting them stuck between my teeth, all the while enjoying the benefits of caffeine to stay alert. And, of course, there was the cheese spread and cracker combination that we all loved. But, truth be told, I’m not interested in such frivolities anymore. I’ll leave the “mystery meat” and cheese spread to our youngest child. He is fascinated by the concept of the MRE, and all in all it was a fun exercise. As I ran around the kitchen in the midst of my discovery, cheese spread packet still in hand, I laughed as I remembered the “good old days.” Having kids is a wonderful reminder of our own youth, and while there were certainly things that I would just assume forget about my childhood, there are many more memories that I cherish and try to record for sanity’s sake. After all, the older we get, the more we forget.

One of my favorite dishes as a kid was this simple poached egg dish, with the eggs served on toast in a bowl of scalded milk. This is probably as old school a family recipe that I can muster up, and it is incredibly simple. I added a bed of garlic kale for no other reason than I love kale and it pairs swimmingly with a nice, runny egg yolk. At last, the time came to put down the cheese spread. It will sit on the counter for weeks before I make it disappear. As far as I can tell, Ethan is done with his MRE experiment. Now, I just have to figure out what to do with the rest of the garbage in the sofa. **Poached Eggs with Milk and Toast**
Serves 2
4 Eggs
Vinegar, as needed
2 cloves garlic
2-inch Leek whites, thinly sliced
3 cups Kale, picked of stems
4 pieces of toast
2 cups Whole milk, scalded
1. Bring a pot of water to a boil at a

depth of at least four inches
2. Crack 4 eggs into a bowl, ensuring that the yolks do not break
3. Add vinegar (I use red wine vinegar, but any decent vinegar will do) to the water
4. With a large spoon, swirl water in a circle to create a vortex
5. Carefully pour the eggs into the water, maintaining a gentle vortex, which helps the eggs to remain nice and uniform
6. In a sauté pan, melt some butter and allow it to stop foaming
7. Add garlic and leeks and cook for one minute
8. Add kale and cook for three minutes
9. Remove and keep warm until service
10. Toast the bread
11. Pour 1 cup of scalded milk in the bottom of a plate or bowl
12. Top with the toast, kale and eggs and serve
— Paul G. Suplee is an Assistant Professor of Culinary Arts at Wor-Wic Community College. Find his ePortfolio at www.heartofakitchen.com.

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. March 3

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

WOMEN'S CLUB OF OCEAN PINES MEETING — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 10 a.m. to noon. The voter registration process will be explained and participants will be introduced to the new voting machines. Light refreshments and a 50/50 raffle. Info: Dianna Bolyard, 410-208-9326.

BINGO — Synepuxent Post #166 American Legion, 2408 Philadelphia Ave. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., tickets go on sale at 5:30 p.m. and bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. Early bird games and specials in the kitchen. Open to the public. Info: 410-289-3166 or www.alpost166.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.

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

STORY TIME 'RAIN' — Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. For 2 to 5 year old children. Info: 410-632-3495.

A BIG READ EVENT: THE POETRY OF EMILY DICKINSON — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Hear Emily Dickinson's poetry spoken with the passion and soul that brings Emily's poetry to life by teacher and poet Nancy Mitchell of Salisbury University. Info: 410-208-4014.

FRI. March 4

ST. PATRICK'S INDOOR SOCCER TOURNAMENT — Northside Park, 200 125th St. in Ocean City, 5 p.m. U12 and U16 Girls and Boys Divisions. Info: 410-250-0125.

HAM DINNER — Bowen United Methodist Church, 8421 Newark Road, Newark, 5-7 p.m. Cost is \$10 and includes ham, macaroni and cheese, green beans, biscuits and dessert. Beverage included for those who eat in. The Island Boys will be singing at 7 p.m. Info: 410-632-1134.

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

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

LIVING WELL CHRONIC DISEASE SELF-MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP — Ocean City Senior Center, 104 41st Street, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free, six-week workshop for anyone with a chronic condition or the caregiver of someone with a chronic condition. Pre-registration required: Dawn, 410-641-9268.

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

DIRTY PAWS GARDENING CLUB — Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 3:30 p.m. Explore gardening and nature with fun activities and projects for children 8 and older. RSVP: 410-957-0878.

SAT. March 5

ST. PATRICK'S INDOOR SOCCER TOURNAMENT — Northside Park, 200 125th St. in Ocean City. U12 and U16 Girls and Boys Divisions. Info: 410-250-0125.

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRIED CHICKEN BUFFET — Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church, 36536 Mt. Pleasant Road, Willards, 11 a.m. Menu includes chicken, vegetables, beverages and desserts. Cost is \$12 for

adults, \$6 for children and free to those 5 and younger. Bake table and carry-outs. Info: Nelda Dennis, 443-614-9898.

ARTSFEST — Berlin Intermediate School, 309 Franklin Ave., Berlin, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Featuring 18-24 stations, offering a variety of mediums including sculpture, painting, drawing, printmaking, music and more. For children, ages 4-12 years. Must be accompanied by an adult. Cost is \$3.50 and includes a T-shirt and access to all creation stations. There will also be a concession stand. Wear paint friendly attire. Info: 410-632-5320.

DOLL TEA PARTY FUNDRAISER — Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, cafeteria, 11242 Racetrack Road, Berlin. Two sessions offered, one from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and another from 2-5 p.m. Cost is \$25 per girl. Bring your doll and enjoy crafts, games and lite fare. Shop various doll accessory vendors and learn about Relay for Life. For girls from kindergarten to 5th grade. Surprise gift for your doll. Reservations required: Colleen Rutzler, 443-614-0903 or AngiesAngelsRFL@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S PAINT NIGHT — Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For children ages 7 and older (age exceptions could be made if accompanied by an adult). Cost is \$30 per student. Proceeds benefit the SUMC Sunday School. Snacks and drinks for sale. Reservations: Vicky Nock, 443-735-9222.

BERTINO TOWN MEETING — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino will provide information on issues and developments occurring within the district and the county. Beau Oglesby, Worcester County State's Attorney, will be the guest speaker.

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.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST — Ocean City Airport, 12724 Airport Road, West Ocean City, Saturdays through May 28, 9 a.m. to noon. Menu includes pancakes, sausage, coffee, hangar flying. Suggested donation is \$5. Proceeds benefit the Huey Veterans Memorial Fund. Info: Coleman Bunting, 410-726-7207.

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

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

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

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

FAMILY GAME DAY — Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 10 a.m. to noon. Classic family fun board games ... giant sized. For all ages. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-957-0878.

WRITE IT! CREATIVE WRITING FORUM — Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 10 a.m. Novice and established writers gather to share their writing projects. Info: 410-641-0650.

SUN. March 6

ST. PATRICK'S INDOOR SOCCER TOURNAMENT — Northside Park, 200 125th St. in Ocean City, 5 p.m. U12 and U16 Girls and Boys Divisions. Info: 410-250-0125.

ANNUAL 'SEASIDE PRINCE AND PRINCESS BALL' — Grand Hotel & Spa, 2100 Baltimore Ave., Ocean City, 1:30 p.m. The theme is "Spend an Afternoon in the Enchanted Forest." Tickets include a formal invitation, music, dancing, plated hot lunch with drink, specially catered for guest of all ages, a sundae bar, a red carpet Grand March, photo opportunities and more. Tickets cost \$50 for adults and \$30 for children 13 and younger. Horse-drawn carriage rides on the Boardwalk for \$5 per couple. Tickets are available at Seaside Christian Academy in West Ocean City, by phone at 410-213-7595 or at www.deasidechristianacademy.com. Proceeds benefit the academy. Discounted rooms available at the hotel by calling 410-289-6191 and mention the Seaside Prince and Princess Ball.

HOMECOMING — New Hope United Methodist Church, 35815 Woodyard Road, Willards, 2 p.m. Guest speaker is Rev. Dean Perdue. Music by The Reunion Quartet. Dinner serving immediately following.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST — Ocean City Airport, 12724 Airport Road, West Ocean City, Sundays through May 29, 9 a.m. to noon. Menu includes pancakes, sausage, coffee, hangar flying. Suggested donation is \$5. Proceeds benefit the Huey Veterans Memorial Fund. Info: Coleman Bunting, 410-726-7207.

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ILY GROUP MEETING — Woodlands in Ocean Pines, Independent Living Apartment Building, 1135 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 7:30 p.m.

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.

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.

MON. March 7

AARP MEETING — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 10 a.m. Social time begins at 9:30 a.m. Guest speaker will be Kristina Toadvine, Director of Computer Training Wor-Wic College. Take a can of food for Sarah’s Pantry. Info: Larry Walton, 443-831-1791 or lrwalto@yahoo.com.

BUSINESS BASICS OF ACCOUNTING AND BOOKKEEPING WORKSHOP — Ocean City Chamber of Commerce, 12320 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Learn how to create and understand accounts payable, accounts receivable, profit and loss reports, and learn a basic introduction to accounting. Course fee is \$15. Pre-registration required: Denise Davis, 410-546-1900 or ddavis@marylandcapital.org or www.marylandcapital.org.

9TH ANNUAL ‘MARCH MADNESS MINI GOLF TOURNAMENT’ — Old Pro Golf, 13603 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 7 p.m. Participate as a team or an individual. Four players per team. There will be a “Beat the Pro” contest, snacks, beverages and prizes. Registration cost is \$15 per person. Hole sponsorship is \$25. Benefits the 2016 Play It Safe Ocean City Project. Info: Donna Greenwood or Hondo Handy at 410-289-7060 or 410-250-0125 or www.playitsafeoceancity.com.

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 per-

son. BYOB. Info: Sandy, 443-340-0988.

HYPERTENSION CLINICS — Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place the first Monday of every month at Apple Discount Drugs, 314 Franklin Ave., in Berlin, 10 a.m. to noon and at Walgreens, 11310 Manklin Creek Rd., in Ocean Pines, 1-3 p.m. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Info: Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268.

STEPPING ON FALLS PREVENTION WORKSHOP — Northern Worcester County Senior Center, 10129 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, 10 a.m. to noon. A seven-week workshop to help people at risk for falls, to live a safer, more confident life. Work closely with a physical therapist, vision specialist, pharmacist and a community safety specialist to learn how to be safer. Pre-registration requested: Dawn, 410-641-9268.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP — St. Paul’s United Methodist Church, 405 Flower St., Berlin, first Monday of each month, 6-7 p.m. All welcome. Info: AGH Diabetes Outpatient Education program, 410-641-9703.

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

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

BOOKS DISCUSSION — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30-4 p.m. Group meets twice a month. Info: Lisa Outten Harrison, 410-632-3970.

TUES. March 8

MARYLAND BASIC BOATING COURSE — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, March 8-10, 6 p.m. Offered by the Coast Guard Auxiliary, the course satisfies Maryland boating requirements for those born after July 1, 1972. Cost is \$15 and includes all materials. Register: Barry Cohen, 410-935-4807 or CGAUXOC@gmail.com.

PRIVATE PESTICIDE APPLICATORS CERTIFICATION TRAINING — Wicomico Extension Office, 28647 Old Nanticoke Road, Salisbury, 1-3 p.m. For those agriculture producers wishing to make on farm applications with restricted use pesticides. The class will review knowledge needed for the pesticide exam being held on March 15 from 1-3 p.m. at the same location. Cost is \$10 and includes the pesticide manual. Pre-registration required: https://2016pest.eventbrite.com or Jessie Flores, 410-632-1972.

FREE EMERGENCY TRAINING — Community Center at the Fire Training Center, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Tuesdays, March 8 through April 26. Free eight-session Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) course with Cardiopulmonary Response (CPR) and Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) training and certification to take place during the class on March 22. Participants will learn basic lifesaving skills, how to recognize both natural and manmade hazards, how to create disaster plans and supply kits. Register: Tom Kane, 410-632-3080 or tkane@co.worcester.md.us.

OP TOWN HALL MEETING - Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 6 p.m. Ocean Pines Association General Manager Bob Thompson will use this opportunity to address comments and questions posted by residents and property owners. Questions may be submitted in advance to info@oceanpines.org. View the meeting live at OceanPines.org or on Mediacom channel 78. Info: Teresa Travatello, 410-641-7717, Ext. 3006 or ttravatello@oceanpines.org.

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.

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30-3:30 p.m. This month’s main conversation will explore medical marijuana; its current status on the Eastern Shore and possible help for movement issues. Info: www.DelmarvaParkinsonsAlliance.org or Ron and Mary Leidner, 410-208-0525.

NAMI FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP — Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 2, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 6:30-8 p.m. Offers shared wisdom and problem solving for family members of persons with mental illness. The group is free. Info: Carole Spurrier, 410-208-4003, carolespurrier@msn.com or Gail S. Mansell, 410-641-9725, gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org.

PLAY TIME — Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 10:30-11:30 a.m. For infant to 5 year old children. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-641-0650.

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

or 410-208-4014.

IPAD CHICKS - INTERMEDIATE — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. to noon. Drop in to the intermediate session of the iPad Chicks. Men welcome. Info: 410-208-4014.

A BIG READ EVENT: THE BELLE OF AMHURST FILM — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2 p.m. Showing “The Belle of Amhurst,” an award winning film depicting Emily Dickinson’s life by actress, Julie Harris. Info: 410-524-1818.

WED. March 9

6TH ANNUAL CHAMBER BUSINESS EXPO — Ocean Pines Yacht Club, 1 Mumford’s Landing Road, 4-7 p.m. All Worcester County business people (employers and employees) are invited to attend and display their services or goods. There will be refreshments and light fare, door prizes and a 50/50 raffle. Open to the public. Register: Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce, 410-641-5306 or www.OceanPinesChamber.org..

BINGO — Every Wednesday at Ocean City Elks Lodge 2645, 138th Street and Sinepuxent Avenue, rear of 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 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.

SWEDISH MASSAGE DEMONSTRATION — Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 2 p.m. Witness a full-body massage and have your questions answered about draping, oils, strokes, pressures and more. Info: 410-641-0650.

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.

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

BOOK OF THE MONTH — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2 p.m. Featuring “Every Last One” by Anna Quindlen. Info: 410-524-1818.

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BY MONDAY

5 P.M.



MARKETPLACE

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