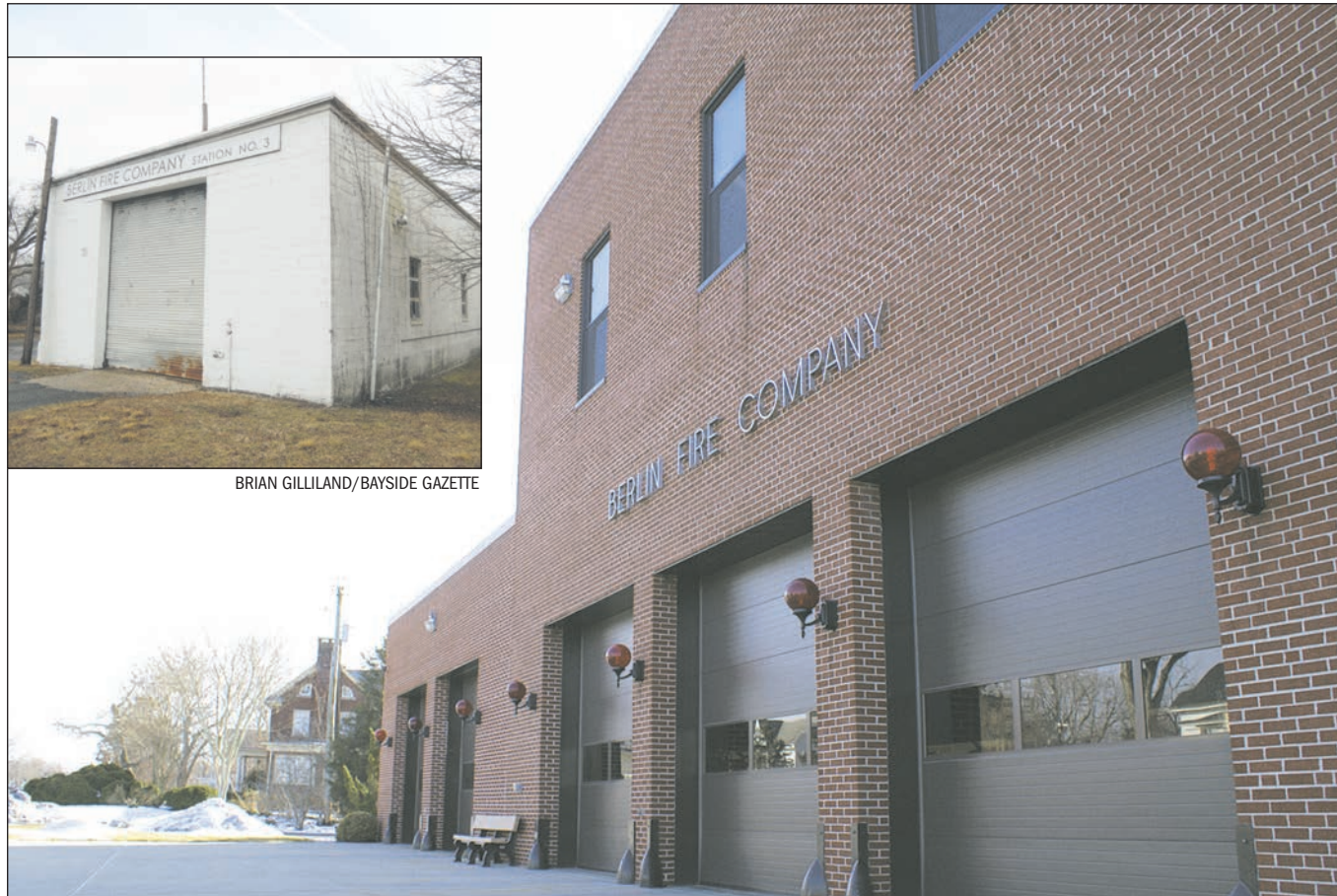




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Thompson, OPA Board, grapple over golf decision

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 5, 2015) Two hours into an especially active Ocean Pines Board of Directors meeting on Saturday, work ground to an halt as General Manager Bob Thompson asked for clarification on the recent decision to replace Billy Casper Golf with Landscapes Unlimited as management of the golf course.

Thompson said he had both a concern and a responsibility after being asked a number of questions by association members.

"My concern is decisions were made and I don't believe we did any background checks with the final company that was chosen," Thompson said. "That's strictly [the] board's decision, but I think we need to know we didn't do the same level of scrutiny that we did when we made the last selection of our golf folks. My big concern ... is making these decisions without actually doing enough homework. We're not only impacting the longevity of our course, but also of our members who are paying the rates."

Thompson said the absence of background checks, coupled with the fact that no one from the selection committee visited any courses managed by Landscapes, differed greatly from "what we've done in the past."

"I just need to understand how to answer that to our membership and I'm struggling a little bit," he said. "I just don't know how to answer those folks and I need some input, some insight, some understanding."

"If a mistake was made ... it's not making the mistake that matters it's what we actually do in light of making it," Thompson continued. "I'm not saying I'm above making mistakes, I do all the time, but when I'm made aware of them, I try to correct them and I think that's kind of a measure of where we are. I'm a little concerned here and I'm just not sure how to answer my membership and quite frankly how to understand this myself ... and any clarity the board can give to me would be helpful."

Board President Dave Stevens replied that he was not completely sold on Casper when the board selected them four years ago.

"I didn't think they were the best choice, but I thought they were the most reasonable given our circumstances ... and I wasn't alone," he said. "At the time of the decision, we had to make the best decision [based] on the information that we had."

Stevens said the comparison between the previous decision and the

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Town officials and the Berlin Fire Company again find themselves at odds thanks to a major new housing proposal on Seahawk Road. (Inset) The Berlin Fire Company Station 3 would be tasked with providing coverage to the proposed annexation site near Seahawk Road. The single-door facility currently houses two engines.

Fire Company still giving Berlin fits

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 5, 2015) A major new housing proposal in Berlin has reopened old wounds between the Town Council and the Berlin Fire Company.

The Berlin mayor and council and the Worcester County Commissioners both gave preliminary support to the annexation of 90-plus acres on Seahawk Road and Route 50 so developer Rinnier Properties can build apartments on the parcel, beginning with a 144-unit complex this year.

Meanwhile, the Berlin Fire Company wrote a letter to the commissioners criticizing the town for not consulting them on the matter.

"Our concern is the continued development within the town and no planning for the fire company's future," Fire Company President David Fitzgerald said. "The town has made decisions over the last three years to cut the fire company's budget over \$1.2 million, but yet we're going to get more property in town and not only is it going to be more property, it's going to be developed property."

"Anybody with any bit of common sense would understand that those people are going to get sick, people are going to fall down, they're going to need an ambulance, the fire alarms are

going to go off – either by accident or by a real fire – and we're going to be busier," Fitzgerald said.

Fitzgerald also worried about increased traffic in the area leading to an increase in accidents, and said several facilities and vehicles are in disrepair, notably Station Three near the annexation site.

"You can stand inside the building and look outside through the holes in the wall," Fitzgerald said. "We never know what we're getting from the town anymore, and at some point we're going to run out of resources."

"I don't know what their thought process is," Fitzgerald continued. "We provided all of the finance [records] to them. We had our finances independently audited. The town just elects to micromanage the fire company without listening to the fire company."

Fitzgerald said he had no idea what caused the rift, and lamented that the fire company was not involved in any of the recent planning meetings or invited to participate in Town Council meetings.

"We're not notified to attend," he said. "The way we keep abreast of what's going on is we monitor the newspapers, we monitor the minutes of the meetings, the agendas. We've not been involved in the planning process. We've

not been invited to any meetings."

In lieu of funding from the town, the fire company has taken to fundraising, holding monthly breakfasts, casino nights and corn hole tournaments.

"They're not very successful," Fitzgerald said. "With the economy, the public isn't attending these things, and it's been hard for the volunteers. When you're gone from your family and then you're asked to go back and spend another eight hours, that's hard to do."

Fitzgerald said the company is also accepting donations to the Station Three fund by mail.

"We're trying to save up money to put a functional fire department that's a stone's throw from where the growth is," he said. "The town has got to come up with a plan to provide the services that we're being asked to do. We're going the wrong way. We're asking for more service and getting less money."

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams, however, said he found it ironic that the only organization the town consistently seems to have trouble with is the fire department.

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'Contrarian' relationship continues

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ing relationship with nonprofits that serve our community, with both the public education system and the preparatory school, and with the faith-based organizations," he said. "That doesn't mean that we never have a disagreement, but it means we work very closely and we get a lot done together."

"It seems to be a contrarian relationship with the working relationship we have with every other organization, regardless of what kind it is," Williams continued.

Williams said the problems with the fire company were "self-inflicted."

"I believe there are some serious organizational and leadership problems," he said. "That's their privilege to do that, but it's not going to get anything accomplished."

As one example of the company's internal issues, Williams said the town wrote the fire company a check for \$150,000 for a new fire truck in July, and the company has yet to pick it up.

"We set aside \$150,000 permanently in our budget and the only condition was that they provide us with an invoice for the vehicle and a copy of the canceled check," he said. "And they said that was absolutely unacceptable. It's not the way they do business."

"Our impression over the few years is that [the fire company] want money transferred to them as cash, then they

can put it in reserves and eventually spend it however they wish to spend it," Williams continued. "Our responsibility is to make sure that the money is spent for the benefit of the taxpayers and property owners and people who have businesses and property in Berlin."

Williams also singled out Fitzgerald. "I do not in any way blame all members, the only thing I can say is obviously there is a problem in leadership," he said. "I haven't said anything derogatory in a long time because I kept telling the council, 'they're going to do the right thing, they're going to do the right thing, they're going to do the right thing.' And instead all I feel like is, at least under Mr. Fitzgerald's leadership, they keep stabbing us in the back."

According to Williams, Fitzgerald recently told county leadership the fire company was on the verge on bankruptcy. Williams provided the Bayside Gazette with an audit report of the Berlin Fire Company's finances presented to the mayor and council on December 2014 showing a cash balance of \$2.4 million.

"I think that's a gross misrepresentation of facts," Williams said. "I've never heard of any organization, any business, any nonprofit, any faith-based organization that can claim bankruptcy when you've got \$2.4 million and almost no outstanding debt."

"Enough is enough," Williams con-

tinued. "I think they have a real leadership problem. We can't even get them to come pick up a check for \$150,000 for a piece of equipment because they won't meet those minimum, extremely basic requirements?"

Williams defended the annexation as a "strategically planned community that retains the charm and the quality of life that people have come to expect and should expect."

In a normal relationship, he said, the approval process would move from the county leadership to the Town Council, followed by a formal meeting with the fire company.

"We would sit down with the fire company and say, 'you've got a perfect location to serve this. What are some of your plans? Based on the developer's best estimate of growth, what kind of equipment, what kind of sized building do you need?' That's the way we do business with everybody else," Williams said.

"In my opinion, it is self-inflicted problems that the fire company has brought upon itself, and I don't blame everyone in the fire company, but I do squarely think that a large percentage of this failure of leadership has to now stand on the shoulders of the current president because we didn't have these problems before," Williams continued. "I would bet that, some time in the future if they get their act together, these problems will go away."



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OP GM Thompson conciliatory after tense meeting

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current one was not “apples to apples.” Thompson, meanwhile, pressed on.

“How much research went into that company before we made the decision?” he asked. “That’s what concerns me. I’m not making light of it. I’m not hoping that it was wrong, but I’m trying to go back and get my arms around it and reading everything because I’ve been asked to support it, and as I read through it, it does not appear we did our due diligence in the same way that we did when we brought a different company in.”

“Basically there’s no other way to break this down, Bob, but to say you are challenging, questioning a decision that’s already been made by the board of directors,” Stevens said.

Thompson said he had spoken to two board members who encouraged him to bring the matter up to the entire board.

“You are not bringing it up to the board,” Stevens said. “You are bringing it up to the public. You’re bringing it up in public in which the board has already made a decision and you’re challenging it.”

Thompson insisted that was not his intent.

“Well, that’s what you accomplished,” Board Treasurer Jack Collins said.

“If you wanted to bring it up to anybody, you could have brought it up to us and that would have been appropriate and we would have passed it on,” Stevens said.

Stevens added that he thought Thompson was undermining the work done by the board, as well as by the selection committee.

“If there was a time to bring these things up it was during the evaluation process, not after the evaluation process,” he said. “Let’s end at that.”

Following the meeting, Thompson sounded a conciliatory tone.

“I attempted to do the right thing,” he said. “Unfortunately, by some, it’s perceived adversarial even though it wasn’t meant to be.”

Stevens declined to comment further on the record.

Pines yacht club having poor winter

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 5, 2015) The new yacht club in Ocean Pines received mostly positive reviews after opening on Memorial Day last year, but things are not going as smoothly during the shoulder season, with at least one member of the board of directors advocating closing the facility.

The yacht club posted a \$45,000 net operating loss in January, continuing a four-month downward trend.

“We just had the worst January in the last eight years,” Vice President Marty Clarke said. “December was the second worst month in the last eight years. We’ve lost \$142,000 and change in the last four months.”

“Any human being with a brain who understands their fiduciary duty and their stewardship of other people’s money would lock the door,” Clarke continued.

The problem, Clarke said, is not the struggle with ballooning payroll figures, more than \$29,000 over budget in January and off the mark by more than \$100,000 for the year, or high utility costs, \$6,000 over budget for the month.

“It’s easy,” he said. “There are no customers. How’s that five million dollar investment working for you?”

“Every other restaurant gets it,” Clarke continued. “I finished dinner at the Shark on Wednesday night with about three other people at about 7:30. When we got up and went out the door they locked the door behind us, and the lights went out. Do you know why? No customers.”

Clarke put the blame solely on the board of directors, where he said the group could “delegate authority all we want, but the responsibility is ours.”

The answer, he suggested, is simple.

“Close it. In a perfect world, Marty is king, Sept. 31 the plumbers are pouring antifreeze in the pipes,” Clarke said. “The old yacht club, in ’86, when they shut it for the winter time, the only power we were paying for was for the emergency fire suppression system. The building was closed.”

In the budget book for the working draft of the fiscal year 2016 budget, General Manager Bob Thompson listed “failure to understand impact of payroll costs to bottom line” as a major weakness at the club.

“What are we doing for the yacht club next year? We’re increasing payroll by 16 people,” Clarke said. “Hello?”

Clarke does not believe the board will make any moves to change the direction of the facility.

“I think they’ll all shrug their shoulders and hope it goes away,” he said.

“It’s managed as another community center. It’s not an amenity when it’s losing \$142,000 in four months. That’s not an amenity. That’s a loser.”

Thompson, for his part, asked “how does an owner or a board member talk ill about their own organization?”

“That’s interesting to me,” he said.

The general manager said he was looking at all strategies in operating the club, including closing the facility during the winter.

“Despite what some are saying

right now, it really is too new to know what the most effective strategy with the new club will be,” he said. “We’ve had a good winter from a standpoint that we’re getting more and more people to use it.”

Thompson said the facility has introduced new programs, including Sunday evening trivia, and is operating on abbreviated hours, Thursday through Sunday, in an attempt to keep payroll costs down.

“We’ve had well over 100 people attending during those events, and that’s food and beverage service,” he said. “The holiday specials, Valentine’s Day, those types of events have all been very, very successful, so we’re going to continue to build on those successes.”

Utility costs and payroll are high, Thompson admitted, and the community is looking for ways to bring the numbers back down to earth.

“They’re the two that we need to do a better job at,” he said. “It’s a brand new facility, much larger in scope and operation than our previous one. Trying to operate it more efficiently is really tough when we’re eight months into operations.”

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Another winter storm could bring more snow, sleet

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 5, 2015) A third winter storm could hit the lower shore on Thursday, this one bringing a mix of freezing rain and snow with as much as 4 inches of accumulation.

Scott Minnick, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service, said overnight rain would turn into sleet by Thursday morning, changing over to a sleet/snow mix in the afternoon as temperatures plummet throughout the region.

"We are expecting really anywhere from 1 to 3 [inches]," Minnick said. "The models are holding steady in that range, although we definitely cannot rule out up to four inches."

"Thankfully, by Friday night things start to dry out and temperatures should actually moderate throughout the weekend," Minnick continued. "It will be cold on Friday with a high right around 30, but by Saturday and Sunday we do start to warm up into the low 40s. That's not saying much, but at least it's progress."

The second major snowfall to hit Worcester County came late last Wednesday, sending small armies of plows and salt trucks into the icy streets and resulting in school closings for the remainder of the week.



Water Resources and Public Works teamed up on snow removal efforts in Berlin on Thursday, Feb. 26.

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Berlin and Ocean Pines each saw 6 inches of snowfall overnight and into Thursday morning, with Snow Hill receiving 5.8 inches and Ocean City on the low end at 5 inches, according to totals provided by the National Weather Service.

Ocean Pines dispatched seven plow trucks to cover the 70-plus miles of community-owned territory, including parking lots and amenities.

"We came in and had about 20 hours straight on the first shift," Ocean Pines Public Works Director Eddie Wells said. "This snow was ac-

tually easier than the last one, a wetter snow, but easier to push. Plus the salt works better when it's a little warmer."

Wells said public works always prepares for the worst when snow looms in the forecast.

"We always shoot for the high number [of snowfall] and we always have everything ready to go," he said. "It's easier to take it back down if we don't need it, but I try to have everything ready to roll and go when it does hit."

By Friday morning, the focus in Ocean Pines had already shifted to the next major storm.

"I'm all filled up with salt," Wells said. "I actually ordered another load after this last one. Salt doesn't go bad, so I always try to keep plenty in stock. We'll be ready for the next one." In Berlin, public works and the water resources departments have team up on snow removal. Director Jane Kreiter said the collaboration allows crews to "get the job done quickly and as efficiently as possible," and has been beneficial as a team-building exercise.

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"Good planning and a great staff really makes a difference," she said. "Our team is very committed, and it really does build community pride. These guys are taking pride in knowing that they're helping the community. I've never seen my crew as amicable as they are now. It's kind of neat."

Kreiter said the biggest obstacle in Berlin is maneuvering around cars parked on the sidewalk. Last month the town's notification system, CodeRED, began advising residents to park in their driveways whenever possible when the forecast calls for snow.

While temperatures appear to be rising in the early part of the month, history warns that more winter weather could still be on the way.

"The last two Marches we've had snowfalls into the latter part of March," National Weather Service Warning Coordination Meteorologist Bill Sammler said. "I wouldn't necessarily say this is the last time the lower shore is going to see snow."



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Board gives GM mandate on amenity policy

Thompson has 60 days to review resolution affecting nonprofits in Ocean Pines

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 5, 2015) The resolution governing Ocean Pines' amenity policies, including who must pay for what, could become clearer in the next 60 days when the OPA board of directors follows up on a motion that was tabled on Saturday.

Hoping to correct a perceived wrong, OPA Board Vice President Marty Clarke moved to refund all fees charged to Star Charities for its use of the community center during a "beef and beer" fundraiser on Jan. 9.

It was an uphill fight from the start.

"For the last couple of years, we sat here at budget time and we both agreed there are things that have to be paid for and we can't give the place free to everybody," Director Bill Cordwell said. "Are you talking just this one charity, or all we giving all charities [facilities] for free, because then I guess we would have to revise the budget?"

Clarke argued that the board had erred in not setting fee structure under the resolution.

"There has been no fee structure given to this board to approve or not approve since I have been on this board a second time. Ever," he said.

The subject, President Dave Stevens argued, is larger than fees.

"There are also issues of how these amenities are used and what we want to do," Stevens said. "My indication right now is this is not the right way to do this, but ... we don't have any rules or guidance right now. I think if we can move toward that direction by doing this ... on terms of this one, I'm inclined to vote yes."

Parliamentarian Tom Terry warned of opening a "Pandora's box"

and suggested the board table the motion until the board could formally set a policy governing "what groups do and do not get to use our facilities."

"There are a lot of nonprofits out there that are 'in quotes' nonprofits," Terry said. "They tend to be not like the organization that is up for discussion right now. I really don't think the board wants to get into a situation where a board member has to make a motion to get a refund every time someone who is a nonprofit [has to pay a fee]."

"If we vote to give this money back ... we're going to open the door for virtually everybody who's planning on anything to come in and ask for a refund," Terry continued. "I would propose we table this motion until said policy and pricing model can be presented to the board for us to vote on it."

Stevens said the board was waiting on input from the general manager.

"We have been waiting and we still don't have it," he said. "This is a long-standing issue. Something has to get to the board or the board itself has to sit down and develop policies."

"I think what Marty is saying is that there are real people that have real issues and real problems and they're waiting for us to come up with this policy," Stevens continued. "[Star Charities head] Anna [Foultz] and

her group is one real person that has been impacted by not having this policy and Marty wants to rectify that through a ... straight refund of the fee."

Steven agreed with Terry that the board needed to set a permanent policy, while Thompson argued that a set fee structure was already in place.

"The policy we're using has been the policy that's in place since I've been here," he said. "We have not made modifications up or down. We've just accepted it as it is."

Thompson said he was examining the policy, but that, "we're not ready to make any recommendations to change or modify the existing policy that's been in place. We're operating under something that's already there."

"If the board decides to take action and refund this ... that changes direction of what we have published and what we're using," Thompson said. "What you're asking is to change direction on something we're following on what's published now."

Clarke read from resolution, which states "The General Manager, with the approval of the board, shall establish annually a schedule of fees or fee-based amenities as part of the annual budget process. The board shall review the recommended fee structures and approve them in the annual budget."

"Has anybody ever been presented and approved any fee structure?" Clarke asked.

Stevens suggested that the board could make exceptions to a policy without changing it.

"If the next one comes up ... we can also not make an exception," Stevens said. "I would suggest that this motion [makes] an exception to this policy and we refund 150 bucks with the understanding that, as Tom said, we have to proceed. We really do. Since this is affecting people right now, we really need to work towards getting that policy revised."

Clarke said several groups in Ocean Pines were seeking outside venues due to the lack of consistent standards governing nonprofits. He cited a section in the resolution governing "General-Use Amenities," that says certain facilities may be used by "association-sponsored groups and approved clubs" at no charge, including the community center used by Star Charities.

Thompson countered that the definition of approved clubs and groups was hazy, and that he and a committee were "taking our time crafting language that addresses the 'I don't knows.'"

The board voted 5-2 to table the motion after Thompson suggested he could have a formal policy to present within 60 days.

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Final vote for FY 2016 OP budget set for March 12

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 5, 2015) The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors on Saturday set a tentative date for a final vote on its 2016 fiscal year budget.

During the board's regular public meeting, President Dave Stevens and the board agreed to meet next Thursday at 3 p.m., although the location of that session has yet to be decided.

Stevens said the board was close to having a budget "considering the number of issues."

The latest draft of the budget shows a total of \$12.8 million, which includes an operating budget of \$10.6 million. The projected property owner assessment is \$915, a \$6 increase over the previous year. The original draft showed a \$25 increase.

Still at odds are whether the "five-year" funding plan officially becomes the "legacy fund," as Stevens hopes, or is done away with altogether, as advocated by Vice President Marty Clarke.

The board could also alter projections of golf, with new management company Landscapes Unlimited taking over in April.

The board is required to approve a final budget by Sunday, March 15.

Landscapes VP talks mgmt. style

Nebraska-based company will take over Ocean Pines golf course in late spring

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 5, 2015) With Billy Casper Golf out as manager of the Ocean Pines golf club and Landscapes Unlimited taking over following the 4-3 vote on Feb. 20 by Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors, two questions remain: what is this Nebraska-based company all about and what do its people know about golf?



Mark Mattingly

Founded in 1976 by landscape architect William "Bill" Kubly, the company develops and manages more than 50 courses nationwide and employs more than 1,200 "team members" during peak season.

Landscapes Vice President Mark Mattingly spoke to the Bayside Gazette about the company's plans for the Ocean Pines course.

Mattingly said Landscapes became aware of the request for proposal at the course and immediately contacted to the association "to request to be involved in the process."

"Our regional presence in nearby Annapolis, Md. made this a natural fit

for our company," he said. "Our team made several trips to the club/area, spent extensive time researching the club, the HOA as a whole, spoke with local residents and former staff members, and reviewed the local competitive balance within the marketplace. In addition, the OPA Board provided a great deal of detailed financial history of the club in the original RFP dating all the way back to 2007."

Asked how Landscape's management style would differ from Casper, Mattingly stressed the course's function as an amenity.

"We have a great deal of respect for the success the BCG [Billy Casper Golf] has achieved in growing non-member play, and we intend to nurture that aspect of the business going forward," Mattingly said. "However, it

is our belief that Ocean Pines Golf and Country Club is, above all, a lifestyle amenity of the Ocean Pines homeowner experience. As such, our goal is to rebuild the strong connection that used to exist between the residents of Ocean Pines and the golf course through membership, homeowner play and club events within the HOA."

Mattingly said the company was informed of the board's decision on Feb. 20, and confirmed the company "would be accountable to the homeowners within Ocean Pines by way of the board of directors."

Casper had previously reported to the board through the general manager.

Landscapes Unlimited will take over operations of the course on April 30.

Decision on Dollar General postponed by Berlin planning

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 5, 2015) The slow process towards bringing a Dollar General store to Berlin on Old Ocean City Road opposite the Barrett building hit yet another snag on Feb. 25, when the town's planning commission voted to postpone a decision on the final site plan.

The proceedings began in the summer, but stalled when developer Oxford Chase was told the site plan would not meet town code.

"They first came and talked about the concept last summer in July or August, and they needed 49 parking spaces according to our code," Planning Director Dave Englehart said. "You can't put that size building with that lot if don't have enough space for the required parking. When you get told no by the zoning code, then your appeal is to the board of zoning appeals."

The zoning board granted the developer a variance for 41 parking spaces in September. Then, Englehart said, the town did not hear about the

project for the remainder of the year.

"They didn't come back with any plans," he said. "The first time they went to the planning commission was January."

Englehart admitted the wait was unusually long, and went on to describe the current obstacle as "access to the adjoining parcels."

"If you give them an entrance there – the parcels across and adjacent – would another road cut in be given to them? That's the issue," Englehart said. "You're landlocking adjoining parcels and making them useless."

Englehart said the planning commission had "some input from a couple different people and the public about access to their parcels and traffic issues," and went into closed session.

"We need to have a little more information," he said. "We went into executive session to discuss it and they postponed it. They never did see any of the final site approval."

A decision is expected during the next regular meeting on March 11.



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Staying positive key to Berlin resident's 21-year MS battle

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 5, 2015) Berlin resident Lori Heinz-Giampa said staying positive has been her secret weapon during her 21-year battle with multiple sclerosis. A fixture of the Berlin Visitor's Center, Heinz-Giampa was diagnosed with the disease in February 1994.

"It was scary initially," she said. "I was falling. I was dropping things. I was getting the title, 'you're so clumsy.' I wasn't feeling things with my hands. I could feel pressure, but I wasn't feeling weight. I thought, 'Well, I need to go to the doctor.'"

After describing her symptoms, Heinz-Giampa's doctor scheduled an MRI. The results came back positive for MS.

"It was pretty relevant that I had lesions on the brain and brain stem, and I had actually two on the spine already," Heinz-Giampa said. "It was a definite multiple sclerosis."

Heinz-Giampa was diagnosed just months after marrying her husband, Frank, in October 1993. She was working in an office in Pennsylvania at the time.

"My grandmother was very upset," Heinz-Giampa said. "She said, 'Now you're diagnosed with something where there is no cure.' I went, 'there might not be a cure now, but in my life-time there will be.'"

One of the trickiest aspects of having MS, Heinz-Giampa said, is finding the right balance in selecting a medication.

"I'm on a medication for two years and then I start having relapses," she said. "Then I change medications."

When her son was 3 years old, Heinz-Giampa suffered a particularly difficult period of relapse.

"I told my doctor I wanted to try another medication because I was having another relapse and he said no," Heinz-Giampa said. "He said, 'Nothing's going to work, Lori. By the time your son is 5, you're going to be in a nursing home for 30- and 40-year-olds unable to feed yourself, talk, walk or anything.'"

"I said, 'You know what, if you're not going to try me on this medication you're fired as my neurologist,' and I walked out," Heinz-Giampa contin-



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Berlin resident Lori Heinz-Giampa will take part in a multiple sclerosis walk in Ocean City on April 11. A fixture of the Berlin Visitor's Center, Heinz-Giampa has battled the disease for more than 20 years.

ued. "I found another doctor and I told him I wanted to try this other medication. He said, 'Well, why not? It can't hurt.'"

Seven years ago Heinz-Giampa moved from Pennsylvania to Berlin.

"I was a little nervous because I was very happy with the new doctor that I did have," she said. "I called the MS Society when I got here just to find out where I could go, and I was referred to a doctor, who is no longer here, but he

referred me to another doctor who I'm very happy with, so it was a good thing."

The medical facilities in Maryland have been good to Heinz-Giampa, but the town of Berlin itself has meant nearly as much in her ongoing struggle with MS.

"I have done my falls and I've fallen in Pennsylvania and I've had people beep their horns at me like, 'get out of my way,'" she said. "I fell in a parking lot in a supermarket and somebody actually beeped at me because I was in their way and in a hurry."

"Here, I just fell the other day at Bank of Ocean City," Heinz-Giampa continued. "I will tell you I had four people on me without hesitation. You're in a whole different environment here."

Heinz-Giampa enlisted as a volunteer in Berlin seven months ago after seeing a broadcast about the town's ambassador program.

"I thought, 'You know what? I can do that,'" she said. "I figured it would get me out of the house and I could talk to people. I wouldn't be sitting around the house thinking about things too much. I thought if I just got out and moved more it would be great."

Heinz-Giampa called former Main Street Coordinator Megan Houston and set up a meeting.

"I told her, 'I'm going to be honest with you: I have MS and I'm not going to be able to sit or stand outside in the heat,'" she said. "She goes, 'Perfect. Not

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perfect that you have it, but perfect. I can use you in the Visitor’s Center.”

The experience, Heinz-Giampa said, has been wonderful.

“It’s different in the summer, but we still get a little bit of visitors now,” she said. “Some people ask for directions or what’s to do in the area. And since I’m here, I’ll offer what can I do for [Economic Development Director] Ivy [Wells] and even [Chamber of Commerce Administrator] Jim [Volk]. They’re both wonderful, and it’s nice to see different people come in from different businesses and getting to know people.”

Heinz-Giampa said there has been some progress in multiple sclerosis treatment since her initial diagnosis more than two decades ago.

“I was not walking with a cane, and now I’ve been walking with a cane for a little over a year,” she said. “I try very hard to not mask it as much as I can. I try to be strong. I always say it’s ‘the beast that lies within you.’”

“It’s been an up and down battle, but I do believe that when dealing with that you need to be positive,” she continued. “I do believe in a positive attitude and the power of prayer.”

On April 11, Heinz-Giampa will take part in a multiple sclerosis walk in Ocean City with her team, Lori’s Angels.

The team first walked in Pennsylvania when Heinz-Giampa’s son Frank was 5 years old.

“After he completed the first walk he said, ‘Okay Mom, I did the walk. Now is your MS gone?’” Heinz-Giampa said. “I will never, ever, ever forget that. I said, ‘Boy I wish it was that easy, Frank.’”

The walk, which will begin at 10 a.m., will be from the Boardwalk at the inlet to 19th Street and back. Registration begins at 9 a.m.

Proceeds from the walk go towards multiple sclerosis research.

For more information, contact Whitney Pogwist at 443-641-1227, by email at Whitney.Pogwist@nmss.org or visit www.walkmdm.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR/Walk/MDMWalkEvents?pg=entry&fr_id=25136.



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Calvin B. Taylor Bank celebrates 125 yrs of service

By Kara Hallissey
Staff Writer

(March 5, 2015) As financial institutions merge and regional, national and even international mega-banks become more dominant, Calvin B. Taylor Bank, headquartered in Berlin, is entering its 125th year as an independent entity.

It continues to be an instrumental part of the small-town lower Eastern Shore community, and, its many modernizations over the years notwithstanding, does so with much the same approach it has always used.

“The recipe for success is a great board, outstanding employees, awe-some customers and supportive stockholders,” said Taylor Bank President and CEO Raymond Thompson.

Above all else, Taylor bank is cus-tomer driven, which is evident after walking through the front door of its headquarters on Main Street in Berlin.

Thompson’s office can be seen when entering the bank. He can hear every call because his secretary sits outside his office doors.

When making a phone call to Tay-lor bank, customers should not expect the customary automated answering system to be the first voice heard. During business hours, customers



PHOTO COURTESY CALVIN B. TAYLOR BANK
Employees of the original Taylor Bank including Calvin B. Taylor, left, enjoy a day on the job in 1915. Calvin B. Taylor Bank, headquartered in Berlin, is celebrating its 125th year as an independent entity and continues to be an instrumental part of the Eastern Shore community.

will always hear a person on the other end.

“It is common for banks to have their operations center detached from their main office and to not have it in a public place,” Thompson said. “We wanted to stay in the community and demonstrate the commitment to Berlin by adding to the existing build-ing and rehabilitating it when needed.”

Taylor Bank also prides itself on

having its doors open for customers.

“It is part of our culture to make sure leaders are accessible to the com-munity and customers,” Thompson said. “It’s hometown banking and fun.”

Taylor Bank also has stood the test of time because of its well-established directors.

“A strong board of directors is a key ingredient to any successful bank,” Thompson said. “They are our

TAYLOR BANK TIMELINE

- 1890** - Calvin B. Taylor, Banker opens in Berlin on South Main Street.
- 1901** - The original bank is de-stroyed along with all of its records in a fire.
- 1902** - North Main Street office opens in Berlin and remains its headquarters today.
- 1960** - The 120th Street location opens.
- 1971** - The 142nd Street location opens.
- 1974** - The east Berlin location opens.
- 1982** - The Ocean Pines location opens.
- 1985** - The 91st Street location opens.
- 1986** - Pocomoke and Snow Hill locations are acquired from Maryland National Bank.
- 1991** - West Ocean City location opens.
- 1998** - Ocean View, Del. location opens.
- 1998** - The Pocomoke branch was relocated to its current loca-tion in front of WalMart.
- 2015** - A new branch location will break ground in Berlin in front of Home Depot later in the sum-mer.
- 2015** - Taylor Bank celebrates its 125th anniversary.

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Mattie Taylor bank's original financial backer

eyes and ears in the community, with members that range from attorneys and accountants to insurance and real estate professionals and hoteliers and public officials.”

The bank's history dates back to 1890, when Calvin B. Taylor, a Worcester County teacher, lawyer and businessman, opened his bank and called it Calvin B. Taylor, Banker in Berlin.

It is believed Taylor's wife, Mattie, was his financial backer and she contributed anywhere from a \$100 to \$1,000 to enter the banking business.

The agricultural economy was not in the best of shape during this time, but Taylor Bank grew by providing capital to farmers. In 1896, crop prices were on the rise and they would continue to make a profit for farmers until the 1920s.

The original bank was on South Main Street, but was destroyed along with all its records in fire in 1901.

Taylor and his wife then bought land at the corner of Main and Commerce streets. In 1902, the bank opened its doors at the same location where its main offices are housed today, at 24 Main Street.

The reasons for the decision to incorporate the bank in December 1907 are not entirely known.

Private banks began to decline at the turn of the century because new banking laws required less capital and made it easier for citizens to start a state chartered bank. In addition, these banks had more autonomy in lending money.

The financial market experienced panic in 1907 because of money hoarding and banks having insufficient cash on hand to meet customer demands.

Whatever the reason may be, Taylor incorporated the Calvin B. Taylor Banking Company as a state chartered bank in 1907.

The banking corporation continued to grow over the next couple decades and many of the families involved in the new corporation are still represented at the bank by third gen-



The 125-year-old Calvin B. Taylor Bank in Berlin is a rarity, an independent entity in an age where national and multinational banks often rule the financial landscape.

eration descendants.

In 1929, Vice President William Holloway, who had been the bank's cashier for 22 years, died unexpectedly. John Smith would have succeeded Holloway by seniority, but he was deaf and declined consideration.

That left the job to Reese Cropper Sr., who would be the youngest cashier in the state at 26-years-old.

In 1932, Taylor died and Ernest Burbage Sr. took over as president.

Cropper became chief executive officer after Taylor died and was responsible for operating the bank under three presidents.

It was common practice during this time for small banks to have the cashier run operations while the pres-

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WPS CHESS TEAM

Members of Worcester Prep's chess team who participated in the tournament in Salisbury on Feb. 6, from left, are Ali Khan, Edward Martikyan, Ibrahim Khan, Daniel Chen, Ayush Batra, Pranay Sanwal and Carter McCabe. Placing in their respective divisions were, Chen, first; Sanwal, third; Ibrahim Khan, third and Batra fifth.



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NEWLY APPOINTED

Newly appointed Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services CASA volunteers, from left, are Master Peggy Kent; Maria Cusimano, volunteer coordinator; Brigitte Southworth, CASA director; Judge Brian Shockley, Amy Bush, Whitney Palmer and Angie Manos. The volunteers completed a 35-hour training and were sworn in on Feb. 20 at the Worcester County Circuit Court to advocate for abused and neglected children in Worcester County.



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FUN WITH FRIENDS

Aidan Parks, eft, and Shane Parks, right, have fun building a snowman with neighbors, from second left, Cooper, Casey and Abby Short, all of Berlin, on Thursday, Feb. 26.



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WINTER FORMAL

Ready for the Feb. 14 Worcester Prep Winter Formal, pictured clockwise from far left, are Alex Abbott, Emily Dignan, Zach Wilson, Isabel Dashiell, Davis Mears, Riley Dickerson, Ali Van Orden, Anthony Rilling, Clare Riley, Chris Rilling and Kathleen Emche.



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WPS ART HONORS

During the Ocean City/Berlin Optimist Club 2015 High School Art Exhibit and Competition on Feb. 5 in Ocean City, Worcester Prep students capturing honors, from left, are Kathryn O'Malley, second, painting; Taylor Zarif, third, drawing; Mark Wilson, first, painting and Claire Riley, People's Choice, painting.

Bank assets grew 3,000 percent under Cropper

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ident pursued other business outside the bank or, in other words, the presidency was an honorary position given to senior directors.



Ray Thompson

The same year Taylor died, the Exchange and Savings Bank in Berlin closed, but re-opened when multiple Taylor Bank directors bought stock in the bank.

The move strengthened Taylor Bank's position in the community because several prominent families moved their business accounts from this struggling bank to Taylor.

In June 1933, it was time to recover from the Great Depression and Taylor Bank made 75 percent of deposits available to customers. The remaining 25 percent were classified as deferred deposits and certificates of indebtedness were issued.

It only took seven years for the bank to pay back deposits to customers.

President Ernest Burbage Sr. and board member John Humphreys are credited with working hard on the bond market and investing wisely to allow Taylor Bank to recover its investments.

Also, Taylor Bank loaned a neighboring bank, The Bank of Bishopville, funds to help with losses from the Great Depression. It gave Taylor Bank stock in return for the money advanced.

As business continued to increase in 1934, Taylor Bank made more hires, including Vincent Holland as a bookkeeper and teller.

In 1937, assistant cashier John Smith died of a heart attack after serving the bank for 30 years and Vincent Holland took over his duties.

After the United States entered World War II at the end of 1941, the value of poultry began to increase and the industry contributed profoundly to the bank's growth.

The post-war economy was booming and the national banking system was ready to meet the demands for modern items such as televisions and

automobiles. Customer buying power also was being fueled by the more liberal lending policies of other banks, some of which found themselves in trouble as a result.

Taylor Bank, true to its conservative roots, continued only issuing small loans.

By 1949, the bank needed additions and upgrades to its branch. Teller counters were installed and a separate bookkeeping department was added along with a larger vault. In addition, a two-story building was added to the rear of the original structure.

The original bank building turned into a lobby and teller counters.

Reese Cropper Sr.'s office was a desk in the lobby area, open to the public with a railing around it and he ran the bank in this space for 18 years.

Businesses started to expand into

Ocean City during the 1950s when better highways gave metropolitan area tourists an easier drive to the beach.

In 1960, Taylor Bank opened its first branch in Ocean City on 20th Street. The branch did well from the because of its convenience, especially to customers who had been traveling to bank's Berlin offices.

"Mr. Taylor and my father were sold on the success of Ocean City, its growth and the success paid dividends for the bank," Reese Cropper Jr., Taylor Bank president from 1974-2002, said. "There were 11 competitors at that time. We did not change the way we did business and kept serving our customers."

Also during this time, William Thomas became president for three years, followed by Victor Strickland.

In 1966, Taylor Bank expanded its

main offices by purchasing a deteriorating building located behind the bank and a property across Williams Street at a public auction.

In 1970, Strickland retired and Reese Cropper Sr. took over as president.

Cropper was pivotal in having the bank invest in Ocean City and the decision resulted in profits. In his 45 years of operating the bank, its assets grew 3,000 percent by the time he retired from his presidency in 1974.

Under Cropper's direction, Taylor Bank in June 1971 opened its third location – 142nd Street in Ocean City.

During the 1970s, construction in Ocean City swelled the resort's summer population and Taylor Bank provided start-up money for new businesses. The bank was more cautious, however, when it came to con-

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OPINION

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Board and Thompson butting heads, harder

If the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors were to say to General Manager Bob Thompson, “We’ve got to hand it to you,” the majority might be thinking about his walking papers.

That’s certainly how it appears, given the obvious friction between Thompson and some of the directors, a circumstance highlighted during Saturday’s meeting, when Thompson publicly challenged the golf course management selection process.

In his defense, he did ask questions that deserve to be answered for the benefit of residents, who, no doubt, are wondering how the deal went down when the majority dumped Billy Casper Golf in favor of Nebraska-based Landscapes Unlimited.

By itself, that question would not have been an issue had not the majority strongly indicated going into the process that they were predisposed against Casper.

Nevertheless, Thompson shouldn’t have attempted to grill board members in open session, even though he is clearly frustrated by its attempts to manage everything.

Although it was barely mentioned when the board announced its agreement with Landscapes, the new arrangement removes Thompson from the course management hierarchy by having Landscapes bypass him and report directly to the board.

Although that’s not necessarily a vote of no confidence in Thompson, it is one more reduction in his authority by a group that doesn’t seem to want him around.

If nothing else, it appears that the majority and Thompson just don’t like each other and will continue to butt heads until something gives.

That’s a shame, because Pines residents have plenty of other things to think about besides whether this is just a clash of personalities or board arrogance versus Thompson stubbornness.

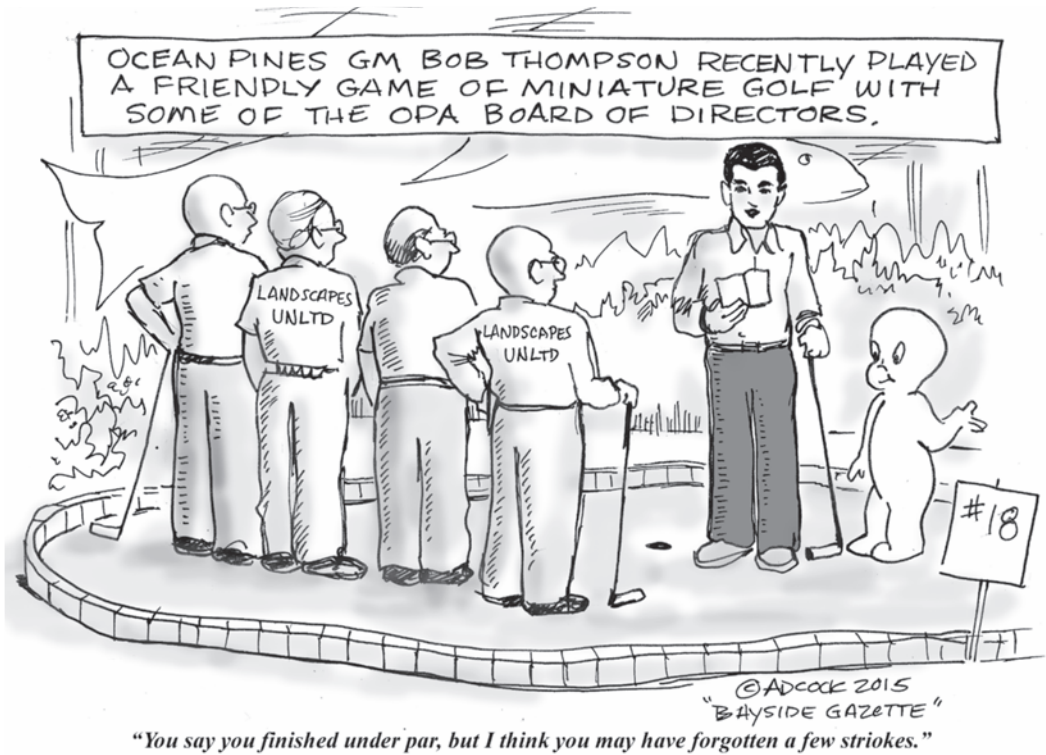
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BUSINESS BRIEFS

License

Ciara Johnson has received her Property & Casualty Insurance License. She assists the Atlantic/Smith, Cropper & Deeley personal lines’ customer service agents with new business policies. Johnson has two years of insurance experience.

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Woulfe joins L&F

Long & Foster Real Estate, the largest independent residential real estate company in the United States, welcomes Julie Woulfe to its Ocean City office. Woulfe brings to her new position a background in retirement planning and financial services, providing her the experience needed to help buyers and sellers achieve real estate success.

Before her real estate career Woulfe worked as a retirement plan consultant, specializing in 401(k) plans, for more than 20 years. She is a graduate of the University of Virginia and the Institute for Paralegal Training, and currently belongs to the Coastal Association of Realtors, the Maryland Association of Realtors and the National Associ-

ation of Realtors.

Woulfe, along with her spouse Terry, raised three sons in Baltimore before moving to Ocean Pines four years ago.

Certified

William “Billy” Hamilton, Jr., clinical director of Tidewater Physical Therapy’s Ocean Pines clinic recently became a Certified Hand Therapist (CHT) and is only one of 144 in Maryland with this special certification.

A CHT is an occupational therapist or physical therapist who has a minimum of five years of clinical experience, including 4,000 hours or more in direct practice in hand therapy. In addition, the CHT has successfully passed a comprehensive test of advanced clinical skills and theory in upper quarter rehabilitation. Every CHT is required to demonstrate continued professional development and competency by re-certifying every five years.

Hamilton received his Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies with a focus in biology, psychology and history from Salisbury University and his Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) from University of Maryland Eastern Shore. In addition to the skilled treatment of hands, he offers specialized treatments for total joint replace-

ments (shoulder, hip and knee), balance impairments and vestibular disorders. Hamilton also commonly treats conditions involving the neck and back using specific mobilization and muscle energy techniques (known as “Greenman”).

DeSantis joins team

Fisher Architecture LLC, a locally owned architectural firm providing functional design and construction solutions to clients, announced the addition of Christopher DeSantis to its team of architectural designers.

DeSantis graduated from the University of Kentucky and received a Master of Architecture degree from Virginia Tech in 2014, specializing in structures. He has been a mason for more than 20 years working for his family business. He also has building, heavy construction and design-build experience with Bosacco Builders and F&S Constructors.

His design skills include certifications in Rhinoceros 4.0, AutoCAD Architecture 2015. As an architectural designer, he will be responsible for CAD (computer-aided design) drawings and projects and producing final renderings for Architects I and II. He also creates manual drawings for projects and project visions by use of rendering.

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dominium projects, eschewing the towering structures being built in north Ocean City. As it was, Covington Towers was the largest project it financed.

In the meantime, the Ocean Pines development project was sold to Boise Cascade, with many local property owners having little confidence in that out-of-area company.

With many owners of properties Boise Cascade needed for its project reluctant to deal with the company, Reese Cropper Sr. and Taylor Bank stepped in as agents between the two parties. When the company transferred a property's purchase price to the bank, the bank turned over the deed to Boise Cascade, thus allowing Ocean Pines to grow.

The bank installed its first computer system in 1974, leaving behind the time-consuming method of hand-posting all records.

After Cropper retired that same year, his son, Reese Cropper Jr., became the new president of the bank.

In 1975, Cropper Sr. was elected chairman of the board and held the position until he died in August 1976.

Cropper Jr. followed in his father's footsteps by expanding the Taylor Bank brand to east Berlin in 1974, Ocean Pines in 1982 and opening a third bank in Ocean City on 91st Street in 1985.

In November 1986, Maryland National Bank of Baltimore decided to sell seven Eastern Shore offices and Taylor Bank officials thought it would be smart to purchase Pocomoke City and Snow Hill's to extend its coverage in Worcester County.

Taylor Bank also bought the Burbage and Powell clothing store in 1983 and began renovations. Executive offices and the computer department were housed there in 1985, with loan offices taking up the space today.

Taylor Bank began installing ATMs in December 1989 and there are currently 11. Each bank location has an ATM, in addition to one at the Atlantic General Hospital.

The West Ocean City branch opened in 1991 and it has become one of Taylor's fastest growing offices.

In 1993, Atlantic General Hospital opened in Berlin and two of Taylor Bank's retired directors worked to lead fundraising efforts. Taylor Bank was an early supporter of the hospital and continues making annual contributions to it foundation.

A new bank was chartered in 1998, Calvin B. Taylor Bank of Delaware, to allow for expansion over state lines into Ocean View, Del.

The same year, a branch office was built in Pocomoke to replace the old downtown branch office. The aging building was donated to the Pocomoke City Chamber of Commerce and the south Pocomoke office was consolidated into a new location in front of WalMart.

In 1991, Taylor Bank bought the vacant building next door to the main office in Berlin and an 8,000-square foot, two-story addition was added to the existing structure. A two-lane drive through, new data center on the ground floor, the bookkeeping department, boardroom and offices on the second floor all were housed in the new building.

The new addition was dedicated and named the Cropper Building in 2003 to recognize the almost 100 years of service from the two Croppers combined.

"I was there for 52 years and my father served the bank for 56 years. I couldn't compete with him," Cropper Jr. joked.

Imaged statements were provided in 1999 and a new computer system was installed in November 2001.

Electronic data storage was upgraded, a teller system was installed, Internet banking and telephone banking were added to provide customers with 'round-the-clock access to their account information.

Raymond Thompson became the bank's seventh president in 2002.

He had been a bank teller since 1985 at Equitable Bank in Ocean City

and joined Taylor Bank in 1997. Thompson grew up in Berlin and his grandfather was the cashier at Exchange and Savings Bank, a rival bank in the area.

When Thompson started working for Taylor Bank, it rained for three days straight. Reese Cropper Jr. relayed to Thompson it was because he started working for the competition and his grandfather was sending a message.

Reese Cropper Jr. continued as chairman and CEO until Jan. 2006, when Thompson assumed those duties, while Cropper retained the position of chairman of the board.

Cropper would be chairman until May 2014, when he had to step down because of the mandatory retirement age. Ironically, the age was extended to 74 shortly after Cropper retired, Thompson said.

"Banking in general is rewarding because you feel like you're helping people," Cropper said. "Being with a small independent bank allows you to get to know the community and I am proud we could do things person-to-person instead of everything being

based on a credit score."

Cropper added that it paid off being customer-driven and conservative because the bank's officers were able to run a successful business, did not have the typical problems during economic struggles other banks faced and were fortunate to maintain stockholder support.

Last June, Taylor Bank introduced mobile banking and deposits.

Currently, it is working on opening a new branch in front of Home Depot in Berlin and it is scheduled to break ground later this summer.

Taylor Bank will have a year-long celebration to honor its 125th birthday.

Thompson promises Taylor Bank will "find a way to celebrate with customers and stockholders throughout the year."

During the warmer months, there will be picnic celebrations at branch locations and Taylor Bank is returning to the air show as a sponsor.

During air show week, customer appreciation events will take place.

In addition, there will be giveaways having to do with Taylor Banks new logo.

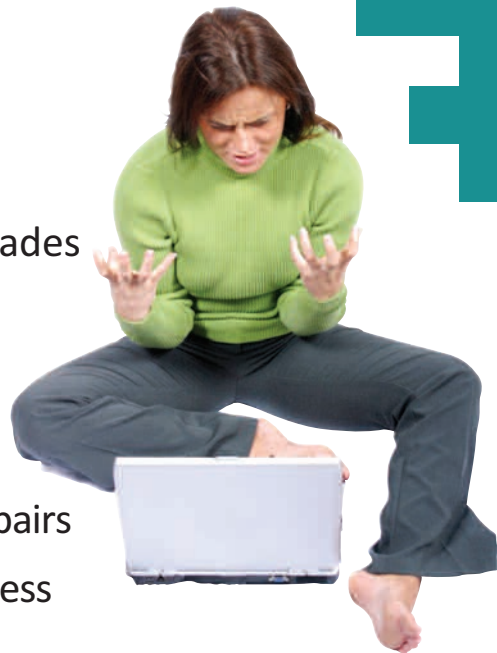
"The bank has always been dedicated to the area and people," Cropper Jr. said. "We have been successful and profitable. The community has been good to us and I hope the bank has been good for the community."

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HAWKAPELLAS
Stephen Decatur High School senior Josiah Oswald leads the a cappella group, Hawkapellas, in a Pentatonix mashup during the group's performance Feb. 11 in the Stephen Decatur High School talent show. The group placed third.

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PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The annual Kiwanis Winter Pancake Breakfast was held on Valentine's Day at the Ocean Pines Community Center to raise funds for the Kiwanis Club's Scholarship Foundation. Serving food, from left, are volunteer Judy Li of Hunan Garden Chinese Restaurant in Pines Plaza, Kiwanians Charlie Warner, Ron Graybill, and Stephen Decatur High School Kiwanis student Key Club members Hailey Brown and Kristen Cabrera.



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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino, left, presents a proclamation on Feb. 12 from the commissioners to DeNovo's Trattoria owners Bob and Kelli Beck in recognition and celebration of the restaurant's 10th anniversary. DeNovo's is located at the intersection of Manklin Creek Rd and Ocean Parkway, just inside the South Gate of Ocean Pines.



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SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Shara Smith from Verizon Wireless of Ocean Pines, donates school supplies to Edward Reid, guidance counselor at Showell Elementary School.



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GUEST SPEAKER

Local NAACP Chapter Presidents, Julieze Benjamin, Salisbury University Student Chapter NAACP; Ivory Smith, Worcester County NAACP; Mary Ashanti, Wicomico County NAACP; Roslyn Brock, Chairman, NAACP National Board of Directors; James Pinkett, Dorchester County NAACP and Dr. Kirkland Hall, Somerset County NAACP gather for a photo. Brock was the guest speaker at Salisbury University on Feb. 10. Her message was "Courage Will Not Skip This Generation."

CUISINE

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Sweet salad will ‘make your mind melt’

So we have another snow day. I am happy, since our winter prospects were looking bleak until two weeks ago. I was completely ready for spring to spring, but now I sit here with the snow on the ground, pets and kids snuggled in the couch as we watch the tele, happy that we were awarded another respite in our school week.



By Paul Suplee,
CEC PCIII

This is especially satisfying, because by the time that you read this, it will be March and the sun will be warmer and higher in the sky, so we'll take a nice snowstorm on this particular day as a gift.

But for now, suffice to say that I needed this snow day. Yesterday was a long, 15- hour day and now I'm getting ready to head to D.C. to get some work done up there, and that will be a brutal weekend with 16-hour days. A day off is just what the doctor ordered. Looking at all of the food that we cooked this week, I settled on writing about this healthy, gorgeous salad that has no many nuances and flavors that it will make your mind melt. But it's simple, so don't fret.

Ironically, as I quip on this mostly healthy dish, I'm watching a "Man vs. Food" marathon and I can't help but to snicker at the difference between what I'm preparing and writing about and what I'm watching this burly beast eat.

But truth be told, I think I'd rather be elbow deep in a Jucy Lucy Burger or a 2 1/2-pound Dagwood sandwich, but this salad will have to do for now.

Next up on TV was a "Bizarre Foods" run, but after an episode of larvae, pig brains and bull penis broth in Bangkok, it was time to refocus on the beets. I haven't watched food shows in about 10 years, because to me it is akin to a doctor coming home and watching shows on foot surgery.

But recently, the kids have been enjoying some food shows, so I have found myself uncharacteristically perusing various segments of food entertainment.

The one show that I truly enjoyed watching was "Chopped," in that I love mystery basket competitions. I like to see what cooks and chefs will do with the



ingredients with which they are stranded. Mystery baskets are an important part of a chef's arsenal, and I have always enjoyed the adrenaline rush of cooking in them.

But back to the salad, we served this one recently at a dinner and when all of the components came together, it was quite the success. The sweet notes of the roasted beets and pear were contrasted by the sour of the blue cheese dressing and the acid of the vinegar cut through the dressing like a champ.

The dish followed a brief period of passed hors d'oeuvres so it was refreshing to eat this after heavier bites, getting the diners ready for the main course: the very purpose of a salad within the meal.

And now the time comes for me to cook dinner for the family and I'm torn between a 2-pound monster meat sandwich and a delicate, dainty little salad. Mayhap I'll meet in the middle and something that won't make our arteries explode while providing at least a little bit of nutrition. What am I saying? I'm making a big ol' meat sandwich. And then I'll run ... in the snow.

Roasted Beet Salad

Serves 4
2# beets, fresh

Salt & Pepper, as needed
Baby arugula
2 c. Pear-fennel salad (recipe follows)
1 c. Blue cheese dressing (recipe follows)
1/2 c. Beet reduction (recipe follows)

Preheat an oven to 425 degrees.

Wash the beets, brush with honey and season.

Wrap in foil and bake for about an hour or until they are tender. Remove and cool.

When cool enough to handle, cut the beets into slices and using a circle cutter cut out uniform circles. Chill.

Arrange the beets on the plate in a semi-circle.

Place a small pile of arugula nestled in the beet circle and top with some apple-fennel salad.

Top with blue cheese dressing and drizzle with the beet reduction and serve.

Pear-fennel Salad

1 pear, peeled and cored
1 bulb fennel, finely shaved
2 Tbsp. champagne vinegar
1 Tbsp. sugar
1/2 tsp. thyme

Thinly slice the pear and toss all ingredients together, allowing to sit for at least an hour to marry.

Bleu Cheese Dressing

1 c. crème fraiche
1/2 c. heavy cream
2 tsp. granulated garlic
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
3/4 c. Crumbled strong blue cheese
Salt & pepper to taste

Make this dressing a day in advance.

Combine all ingredients and allow to marry.

Chill until ready to use.

Beet Reduction

Quantity will vary
Equal parts of:
Roasted beet scraps
Balsamic vinegar
Red wine and sugar

Combine all ingredients in a saucepan and puree with an immersion blender.

Reduce by half and move to a Vitamix blender, pureeing it perfectly smooth

Taste and season. Chill until ready to serve.

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24 Setting of 118-Across

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30 Required

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35 “Roll Over Beethoven” group, briefly

36 Chemistry-lab droppers

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103 Digressions

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55 Interprets

56 Many a Silicon Valley worker: Abbr.

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63 Maker of Dreamcast games

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93 About

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96 Smartphone capability

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102 Hookup in bed?

103 Annual awards in animation

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105 Kevin of “House of Cards”

107 Unlike much Schoenberg music

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Answers to last week’s puzzles

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WOMEN CELEBRATES WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

"Weaving the Stories of Women's Lives"

Women's History Luncheon

Wednesday, March 18, 2015

11 am - 2 pm

Clarion Resort Hotel

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March 6: DJ Hook, 9 p.m.

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March 8: Everett Spells, brunch

March 9: Bryan Clark, 5:30 p.m.

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March 6: Ladies Night w/DJ Bill T

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March 8: Opposite Directions, 2-6 p.m.

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March 7: Dave Sherman, 6-10 p.m.

March 11: Bobby Burns, 3-6 p.m.

March 12: Aaron Howell, 6-10 p.m.

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March 6: Vinyl Rhino, 10 p.m.

March 7: Full Circle, 5 p.m.; The Benjamins, 10 p.m.

March 8: That Basketball Thing, 5 p.m.

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March 6: Dave Sherman, 6-10 p.m.

March 8: Trivia Night w/DJ Dom, 5:30 p.m.

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March 12: Magician Rich Bloch, 7 p.m.

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Pines Plaza, Ocean Pines

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March 6: Karaoke w/Donnie

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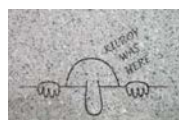
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We will stop for dinner on the way home at the American Legion Post in Easton, MD. If you are a WWII Veteran and have never been to the Memorial, now is the time. It is completely free to you and your significant other. This is a gift from one Veteran to another.

We must have an accurate count of who will attend, so please Contact: Nelson Kelly 302 236 4171 email: nelsonkelly11@comcast.net, Jack Hyle 410 390 2037 email: johnshyle@gmail.com, or Bill Wolf 443-366-2994 email: oceancityvva@gmail.com



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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 5

WAYNE GILCHREST TO SPEAK — Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 6:30 p.m. Former Congressman, Gilchrest, will share his vision that many agricultural practices can be good and profitable for farmers while also preserving the quality of the land and water. Free and open to the public. Info: 410-632-3495 or www.worcesterlibrary.org.

WOMEN'S CLUB OF OCEAN PINES MEETING — Ocean Pines Community Center, Assateague Room, 235 Ocean Parkway, 10 a.m. Speaker is Claude Lewis, owner of Home Instead Senior Care. Light refreshments served and 50/50 raffle. Info: Dianna Bolyard, 410-208-9326 or diannabolyard@aol.com.

BEACH SINGLES — Every Thursday, Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour at Harpoon Hanna's, Route 54 and the bay, Fenwick Island, Del., 4 p.m. Info: Arlene, 302-436-9577; Kate, 410-524-0649; or Dianne, 302-541-4642.

BINGO — American Legion Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., in Ocean City, every Thursday, year round. Doors open at 5 p.m., games start at 6:30 p.m. Food available. Open to the public. Info: 410-289-3166.

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.

FRI. March 6

ST. PATRICK'S INDOOR SOCCER TOURNAMENTS — Northside Park, 200 125th St. in Ocean City. Info: 410-250-0125.

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

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH EVENT — Germantown School Community Heritage Center, 10223 Trappe Road, Berlin, 6:30 p.m. Rev. David Briddell, a retired minister and author, will discuss tracing genealogy and his recent publication about three local families. Rev. Briddell will participate in a book signing. Also that evening, orator Gregory Purnell will deliver one of Dr. King's famous speeches, making history come alive. Light refreshments served. All are welcome. Info: Barbara Purnell, 410-641-0638.

SAT. March 7

ST. PATRICK'S INDOOR SOCCER TOURNAMENTS — Northside Park, 200 125th St.



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BUSHNELL SPEAKS

Anna Dolle Bushnell, a 1996 graduate of Worcester Prep, was the featured speaker at the Class of 2015 100-Day Brunch hosted by the school's Alumni Association. Bushnell spoke of her 13 years at Worcester followed by her studies at American University. She worked at the Smithsonian before returning to Ocean City to work with her parents and brother in the family business, Dolle's Candyland on the Boardwalk. Pictured with Bushnell, from left, are Carolyn Dorey, Shea Dowling, Mark Wilson, Jenny Rosales and Ali Khan.

in Ocean City. Info: 410-250-0125.

'CINDERELLA' BALLET — The Performing Arts Center in the Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, March 7, 7 p.m. Featuring the Ballet Theater of Maryland. Meet Cinderella and Prince Charming after the ballet for photos. Tickets cost \$10 and can be purchased at all Worcester County Library branches and the Ocean City Convention Center Box Office. Info: 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326.

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRIED CHICKEN BUFFET — Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church, 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.

BASKET AND BAG BINGO — Showell Elementary School, 11318 Showell School Road, Berlin. Doors open at 5 p.m., games start at 6 p.m. Cost is \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door and includes 20 games. There will also be door prizes, 50/50 raffle, special games and Chinese auction. Take a canned good for a free card for a special game. Refreshments will be sold. Must be 18 to play. Tickets: 410-426-1722. Sponsored by Soroptimist International of Berlin-Ocean City.

INDOOR YARD SALE — Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department, 10709 Bishopville

Road, 7 a.m. to noon. Breakfast food available. Table rentals cost \$15 per table or \$25 for two. Table reservations: 443-235-2926.

INDOOR FLEA MARKET — Bethany United Methodist Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, West Ocean City, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Breakfast, lunch, soups and baked goods. Table rental: 410-629-0926.

CARRY OUT LUNCH — Sound United Methodist Church, Route 54 near Route 20, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ham salad, ham and bean soup and peas and dumplings carry out. Bake sale. Info: 302-542-5242.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST — Ocean City Municipal Airport, Terminal Building, 9 a.m. to noon, through April 25. Serving pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, etc., and coffee. Suggested donation is \$7. Proceeds support the Huey Veteran's Memorial Display. Info: Airport Ops, 410-213-2471 or 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 corn, flowers, artisan breads, seafood, meats and more. New vendors welcome. Info: 410-641-7717, Ext. 3006.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WAREHOUSE OPEN — Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County Warehouse, 7033 Worcester Highway, Newark, 8 a.m. to noon. Currently accepting donations in the form of gently used furniture, appliances and building supplies. Info: 410-208-4440.

CAR WASH — Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company, Station 5, 10124 Keyser Point Road, West Ocean City, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donation car wash to benefit the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company Cadet Program. Info: Tyler Patterson, 443-523-5429.

SUN. March 8

ST. PATRICK'S INDOOR SOCCER TOURNAMENTS — Northside Park, 200 125th St. in Ocean City. Info: 410-250-0125.

BREAKFAST SPECIAL — Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway (rear of St. Luke's Church) in Ocean City, 8-11:30 a.m. Menu includes scrambled eggs, western omelet, bacon, sausage, home fries, chipped beef, toast, French toast, pancakes, blueberry pancakes, orange juice and coffee. Cost is \$9 for

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adults and \$4 for children 7 and younger. Info: 410-524-7994.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST — Ocean City Municipal Airport, Terminal Building, 9 a.m. to noon, through April 26. Serving pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, etc., and coffee. Suggested donation is \$7. Proceeds support the Huey Veteran's Memorial Display. Info: Airport Ops, 410-213-2471 or Coleman Bunting, 410-726-7207.

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. 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. March 9

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.

TUES. March 10

SUMMER CAMP/ENRICHMENT FAIR — Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, 11242 Racetrack Road in Ocean Pines, 5-8 p.m. Local and regional summer camps will showcase their programs and give the community an opportunity to see what is available to their children during the summer. All are invited. Info: Rick Deale, rick,deale@gmail.com or 410-208-1600.

MARYLAND BASIC BOATING COURSE — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, March 10, 11 and 12, 6-9 p.m. Discussions include local water knowledge, piloting, knots, boat terms, trailering, maintenance, boating safety, legal requirements and more. This course meets the requirements of the Maryland Boating Safety Education Act. Cost is \$15 and includes all materials. Register: Barry Cohen, 410-935-4807 or CGAUXOC@gmail.com.

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



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CERT TRAINING

The Ocean Pines Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) met at the Snow Hill Fire Department training center on Feb. 28 to learn about traffic control and capabilities of the county's K-9 corp. Cpl. Dale Trotter and Edo provided the training. Edo, who specializes in explosive detection, is one of six patrol K-9s in the county. CERTs are volunteer support organizations sponsored by Worcester County Department of Emergency Services. Individuals are prepared to provide immediate neighborhood first aid and safety assistance in time of an emergency until professional help such as fire, police and EMS can arrive on the scene. The team is also trained to provide skilled manpower to supplement the county and other relief and recovery organizations in time of major disasters.

weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly. Info: jeanduck47@gmail.com.

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

WED. March 11

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.

DELMARVA HAND DANCE CLUB — Meets every Wednesday at Peaky's Rooftop Restaurant & Bar, located in the Fenwick Inn, 13801 Coastal Highway, Ocean

City. Beginner and intermediate lessons, 5:30-6:30 p.m., followed by dancing 6:30-9 p.m. Jitterbug, swing, cha-cha to the sounds of the '50s, '60s and Carolina beach music. All are welcome. Info: 302-200-DANCE (3262).

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.

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

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

ON YOUR OWN, BUT NOT ALONE — WOC Fitness, 12319 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City, noon. Weight loss support

group with discussions about nutrition, exercise, health and weight loss. Cost is \$5 per meeting. Info: dillon128@aol.com.

ONGOING EVENTS

FIRST FRIDAY RECEPTIONS — Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St. Exhibits kick off with an opening reception from 5-7 on the first Friday of each month. Held year round and open to the public. Info: 410-524-9433 or www.artleagueofoceancity.org.

AUMC THRIFT SHOP — Atlantic United Methodist Church, 105 Fourth St., in Ocean City. Now open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info: 410-289-4458.

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