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CEREMONIAL SEND-OFF

A packed house of area residents, friends, business owners and local political figures greeted retiring Berlin Shoe Box owner Jesse Turner during a ceremony at the visitor's center last Thursday. Pictured, from left, are Berlin Mayor Gee Williams, Turner, County Commissioner Bud Church and Carol Rose.

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Budget approved, attention turns to Pines election

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(March 9, 2017) With the fiscal year 2018 budget ratified late last month for the Ocean Pines Association, the election season is about to begin.

Two seats will be on the ballot this year, with the winners elected to serve three-year terms.

Those seats currently belong to Doug Parks and Dave Stevens.

Stevens has indicated he would not run again. Parks, who was appointed last September after Pat Renaud resigned, said he was unsure if he would run.

"There's a lot of things to consider," Parks said. "To tell you truth, I really haven't even thought about it because of all the things we're taking care of. We've still got the GM [general manager] search [and] we've got several things with the technology work groups."

"I've kind of been nose-to-the-grindstone on those kinds of things and haven't given it much thought, although I think I owe to everybody at some point to do so," he continued. "I'll probably make that a priority in the next couple of weeks. I haven't even talked to my wife about it – maybe I should!"

Parks said he was enjoying his tenure on the board and believed the directors were making progress on several fronts. He was one of two, along with Slobodan Trendic, who voted against the budget.

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Doug Parks



Marty Clarke



Steve Lind



Frank Daly

Big crowd for Jesse Turner sendoff

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(March 9, 2017) Close to 100 well-wishers packed the small front room of the Berlin Visitor's Center on Thursday to honor retiring Berlin Shoe Box owner Jesse Turner.

Among them were old friends, many dressed up for the occasion, along with fellow Main Street business owners and a handful of local politicians who brought proclamations for a man who obviously

meant a lot to the town during his 68 years in business.

Turner was also dressed up, sporting a dark green sports coat that could have doubled for business casual on St. Patrick's Day. He stood in the center of the room between Berlin Mayor Gee Williams and County Commissioner Bud Church.

Carol Rose, chairwoman of several Berlin committees, flanked Church and represented Del. Mary Beth Carozza and Del. Charles Otto.

A cake with white icing and the Berlin Shoe Box logo sat on a small table in the back of the room. It was inscribed, "Happy retirement Mr. Jesse Turner. We will miss you!"

"This is a very special occasion – the first of its kind in the 150-year town history. But not many people come along in 150 years like Jesse," Williams said. "We've kept him out of trouble for as long as we can, but he's also done some wonderful things

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WELCOMING COMMITTEE

Snow Hill Economic Development Coordinator Michael Day and his canine companion, Mayor, are excited for the opening of Toy Town's new location in Snow Hill next month. Mayor was recently granted service dog status in the town.

Sharpley granted PBJ in gun case

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

(March 9, 2017) Judge Dale Cathell had no problem telling the court exactly what he thought of the case against retired Worcester County Fire Marshal Rodney Sharpley as he rejected a nonbinding plea deal the parties had agreed to and imposed a much weaker sentence.

"Every man in the country has the right to have a gun in the house. Every man in the country has the right to answer the front door with the gun in his hand," Cathell said during the trial on Wednesday. "We're talking about five or 10 seconds when a man, after midnight, in darkness, had to get it within his mind whether or not there is danger outside of his house."

Cathell said he had cause to answer his own front door many times while holding a firearm.

"The firearm charges should never have been placed," Cathell said.

Sharpley faced 10 charges, including two felonies, for an incident that occurred between Tuesday and Wednesday, June 14-15, 2016. The plea deal was based around one of those charges, second-degree assault, for Sharpley against Cpl. Matthew Conner of the Pocomoke City Police Department.

According to the narrative the defense stipulated to as part of the plea

deal, Conner, among other officers, conducted a welfare check close to midnight on June 14 at the home where Sharpley, his live-in girlfriend and her daughter lived. The stepdaughter had been previously contacted by police after being found outside in a state of undress.

The police interviewed the girl outside of the home when Sharpley appeared at the front door, with one arm visible and the other apparently holding the weapon.

Police reported they identified themselves several times in the well-lit area, with Conner going so far as to shine his flashlight on his badge.

After this, Sharpley produced the weapon, apparently directing it at both Conner and his stepdaughter. Conner drew his own weapon and moved the girl behind cover to protect her.

Sharpley surrendered the weapon after several orders to do so, and invited the officers inside to speak.

He told police he'd had family over for a visit and had been drinking and was asleep prior to the confrontation.

The charge Sharpley pleaded guilty to, a misdemeanor, still carried a maximum penalty of 10 years in jail and a \$2,500 fine. The special prosecutor in the case, Jared Monteiro, agreed to not pursue the other charges, recommending a suspended sentence of

eight years with three years' of supervised probation along with drug screening.

Cathell cut the deal to less than half of what the parties agreed to by removing the jail time altogether, granting Sharpley probation before judgment and trimming the supervised probation period to 18 months.

The gun used by Sharpley during the incident was his service weapon, a .45 caliber Glock 30. It was loaded at the time of the incident, but no round had been chambered.

Sharpley retired as a Worcester County Fire Marshal effective Aug. 1, 2016.

Cathell cautioned Sharpley, however, by warning him that he "better have learned something" from the ordeal.

"If either of those police shot you, they wouldn't be guilty of anything," Cathell said.

Though Monteiro objected to the finding and wanted his protest on the record, Cathell was unsympathetic.

"You can put anything you want on the record," Cathell said.

Following the trial, the defense attorney, Richard Parolski, said he'd known the defendant for 40 years, adding Sharpley had spent his life in law enforcement.

"He made a mistake, he didn't commit a crime," Parolski said.

Pocomoke looks into school-zone speed cameras

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(March 9, 2017) The installation of school-zone speed cameras is being examined by the Pocomoke City Council, following a presentation from Mario Hernandez, Redspeed Maryland project manager, on Monday.

In Maryland speed cameras are only permitted in school zones and can be in operation from 6 p.m. to 8 a.m. between Monday and Friday.

Following changes to traffic laws in 2014, Hernandez said merchants like Redspeed are now required to submit annual reports to the Maryland Police Training Commission. Prior to 2014 he said speed camera vendors were attempting to over-achieve by issuing an exorbitant number of tickets.

Hernandez said local police are required to list the number of officers involved in traffic enforcement and the total and net revenues collected, as well as how the funds would be allocated.

"All the rest of the information regarding the cameras, the certification and calibrations, all the things like that are going to be included," he said. "We fill out all the forms and information that is necessary."

Redspeed's turnkey automated photo enforcement improves the efficiency of local law enforcement, Hernandez said.

"We try to reduce the effort of local police," he said. "They technology we use is the same as the police."

The 2014 legal revisions established a three-tiered structure to provide improved oversight, starting with the program administrator, Hernandez said.

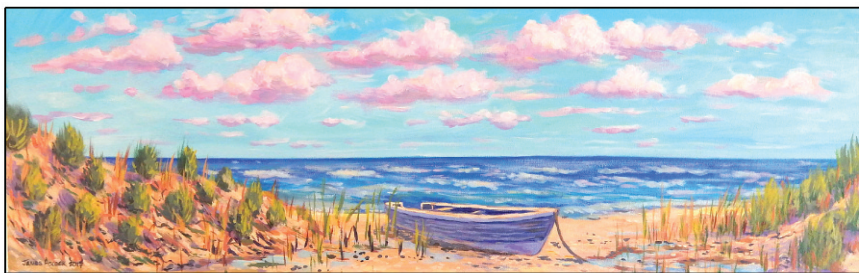
"Local law enforcement are the guys who understand how traffic moves in town," he said.

The chief of police typically fills this spot, Hernandez said, and also provides consultation on camera placement.

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Snow Hill fiscal year 2018 budget session gets tough

Council starts process and makes decisions on how to approach spending plan

By **Brian Gilliland**
Associate Editor

(March 9, 2017) Despite the chicken-and-egg scenario that exists between county and municipal budgets in Worcester, the Snow Hill town council forged ahead with talk on how to approach some of its departments' requests last Wednesday.

The talks occurred before the town was invited to present its budget request to the commissioners on Tuesday, which left the mayor and council attempting to reconcile the fiscal 2017 spending-plan before knowing exactly what was in it.

The town requested a continuation of the funding received last year from the county on Tuesday, in the amount of \$600,000, including a \$450,000 unrestricted grant and a payment in lieu of taxes on certain properties within the town of \$150,000.

The major moving parts of the discussion included raises for employees, a request by the police department for new and replacement weapons and an increase to the grant and salaries provided to the fire company.

The fire company issue is the most complex, in that the town acts mainly as a pass-through for other funds to help pay the costs of the company. However, if the grant request increases, which it did this year from \$105,000 to \$125,000, it also increases the amount the town must ask for from the county and could then be subject to other offsets in different areas.

The fire company, in its budget request, asked for pay raises for both full- and part-time employees, along with a small hourly pay bump for employees that have achieved certain certifications.

While the mayor, council and City Manager Kelly Pruitt all said they supported the fire department and the services it provides, they didn't really see how the town could justify raises over and above what would be offered to other employees.

"As we promote the river more and more, our EMS should know how to do

a water rescue. That's part of the job," Pruitt said.

Councilman Mike Pruitt agreed, but also thought the town could help out with purchasing replacement Lifepak defibrillators the company said it needed.

Mike Pruitt got some blowback about this statement from the other council members and mayor.

Mayor Dorman said he didn't want to give the company anything more than what other departments got, and Councilwoman Allison Cook said she couldn't understand why the town would incentivize training that is necessary to performing job duties. Councilwoman Jenny Hall said she agreed with the mayor.

The police department's request for about \$7,000 to purchase rifles and shotguns also didn't fare too well during the discussions, as the mayor and council agreed that other agencies would likely respond to emergency situations faster and with better equipment than the town could provide.

"It's like they had at Decatur last year," Dorman said, referring to the spate of bomb scares that once elicited an armed response and evacuation of Stephen Decatur High School. Dorman said the SWAT team, county and other agencies were on the scene immediately, with specialized equipment and training in handling similar scenarios.

Mike Pruitt said he would consider allowing the department to purchase two shotguns to replace the ones the police currently have, but don't use, and were described by Chief Tom Davis as "antiques."

With the other subjects exhausted, the mayor and council turned to the matter of employee raises. There were three options: 1 percent, 2 percent and 3 percent. Though the council appeared to favor the 3-percent option, they moved to go into closed session to explore the matter fully before a decision was made.

The mayor and council also chose to exclude Kelly Pruitt and her assistant Trish Goodsell from that closed session, as they would be subject to whatever raises the council ended up deciding on offering.



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Turner called an icon, hero by county commissioner

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for so many people."

Williams said Turner spent his entire adult life helping people by providing and repairing quality footwear. Many of those people, Williams said, had nowhere else to turn.

"From my perspective, as the mayor, this town has come on a long, long journey since it's founding," Williams said. "And just remember that every journey begins with a first step, and this gentleman next to me, Jesse Turner, has helped people to make those steps day after day, year after year, decade after decade."

Church presented a letter of recognition to Turner on behalf of the county commissioners. He said he and Turner went back a long way and joked traffic on Main Street would likely drop about 25 percent without the Shoe Box.

"Between my wife and I, my kids and my grandkids, we've spent enough money in Jesse's store that he should've retired 10 years ago," Church said, drawing a big laugh.

"We have spent a lot of time together, all enjoyable, he continued. "He's been my hero, he's been my pal, and I'm glad you're finally taking a little time off to smell the roses."

Church said Turner ran an iconic business and was a community leader. He organized the annual Memorial Day parade in the town, was the past president of the Berlin Chamber of Commerce and remains an active member in the New Bethel United Methodist Church.

"This is from all the county commissioners and all of the citizens of Worcester County. You're a hero. You're an icon," Church said.

Rose said it was a big deal for her to be there to honor Turner because she has known him since childhood. She presented him a proclamation on behalf of Carozza and the state senate.

Turner spoke last and, as is often his custom, with great brevity.

"I want to thank everybody for supporting me in my time being here," he said. "It's been a pleasure."

Current and former directors and candidates mull election

■ ELECTION continued

"You're never going to please everybody of course, but I'm getting some real on-the-job training," Parks said. "It's really different than the real-life business life that I live in."

He said he hoped the "environment was less contentious" than during the last election cycle, when ousting former General Manager Bob Thompson often took center stage. Thompson was terminated just weeks after that election.

Former Director Marty Clarke also has not made up his mind, as he is recovering from recent health issues.

"I've made no decision," Clarke said. "It's going to depend a lot on what the hell happened to me - I lost 21 days last month in the ICU and I'm healthy as a horse. I'd like to know what the hell knocked me down before I go get in a fight."

Clarke said he was feeling well and that a battery of tests last week showed he was in good health. He joked that a letter sent to the directors two weeks ago promising to run if the budget was passed was not enforceable, because he was on morphine at the time.

"I am weighing the option," Clarke said. "If I wasn't in excellent health, I might be concerned, but I'm in excellent health."

Last year a record 12 homeowners filed for three vacancies. Brett Hill was the leading vote getter, and Trendic and Pat Supik were also selected.

Comprehensive Planning Committee Chairman Frank Daly, who finished fourth, said he was unlikely to run again.

Clarke said he was unlikely to run again.

"Right now I would say I'm not planning on running," Daly said. "That could possibly change depending on how things will shake out, but it would have to be pretty dramatic. I think the current board is doing a good job. I think the three people that were elected are serving the people that voted for them well."

Daly said his dealings with the board from a committee level had been professional.

"As long as they keep functioning as they are, I'm a happy camper as a lot owner," he said.

Steve Lind, who finished fifth last year and was reportedly considered to fill the seat later given to Parks, was also noncommittal.

"Right now, I'm busy saving the Republic from the anarchists, America-haters, and criminal illegal immigrants," Lind said, referring to his work with the Eastern Shore chapter of Main Street Patriots, an outgrowth of the Tea Party movement.

No one had filed as of Monday afternoon, according to OPA Marketing Director Denise Sawyer.

Last year at this time, two candidates, Larry Perrone and Ray Unger, had already filed.

The deadline to submit an application is Wednesday, May 10. Ballots will be mailed on July 11 and must be received by Aug. 10.

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Women’s charity gives \$3,900 to SD Band Boosters

By Kara Hallissey
Staff Writer

(March 9, 2017) Members of the 100+ Women Who Care on the Shore charity have donated \$3,900 to the Stephen Decatur High School Band Boosters to replace 29-year-old uniforms.

“I am honored and humbled at the same time to be the first recipient of the 100+ Women Who Care contribution toward the nonprofit organization that I chair,” Stacy Paulsen, current president of the SDHS Band Boosters, said. “Our band uniforms are old and falling apart.”

She said the cost was estimated at about \$800 per uniform. The garments have to be wool, because most band performances are outdoors.

“We have been saving for at least five years and this contribution gets us closer to our goal,” Paulsen said.

The new 100+ Women Who Care on the Shore organization held its first meeting on Feb. 28, where members heard presentations from Town Cats, Asateague Island Alliance and the Stephen Decatur High School Band Boosters. The 35 women in attendance chose the SDHS Band Boosters to give their donation to.

“We were very shocked, happy and so grateful all those women showed up,” Janelle Mulholland, an organizer of 100+ Women Who Care on the Shore, along with Susanna Eisenman and Anna Newton, said. “It was a wonderful reaction we had from the community.”

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

“Those three women will present their nominations by telling the group about why they are passionate about their charity and what great work the charity does for the community,” Mulholland said.

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

Once a charity has been chosen, it cannot be nominated again for one year. See SHORE Page 9



Members of the 100+ Women Who Care on the Shore charity donated \$3,900 to the Stephen Decatur High School Band Boosters to help replace 29-year-old uniforms, last week.

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“This allows a person to argue their case before going to court (and) allows a third party to review if it was a fair ticket,” he said.

Lastly, a reviewer is required to examine daily logs for erroneous citations. Speed camera vendors are fined if more than five percent of yearly citations are found to be in error.

“If we as a vendor are providing the police department information that it believes to be correct and ... it turns out to be wrong, it makes everybody look bad,” he said. “These things can become quite expensive if we don’t do our job.”

For those who are cited for a speed camera violation, Hernandez said the case would be dismissed if either the vehicle involved was stolen, or there was a transfer of liability, meaning someone else was driving.

Prior to the 2014 legal revisions, Hernandez said if a vehicle’s registered owner went to court claiming someone else was driving the car when cited, the judge would require the other parties’ information and would subsequently issue a citation to the accused.

“Now you just need to prove you weren’t driving,” he said.

Any vehicles recorded going at least 12 miles over the speed limit will be issued a ticket, generally for \$40, but Hernandez said that figure is typically reduced if the person makes a court appearance.

“If you do show up in court it’s usually a \$25 fine,” he said.

Asked by Mayor Bruce Morrison what installation of the camera would cost, Hernandez said upstart costs for the town would be nil, with Redspeed providing associated signage and deploying equipment.

“The local municipality just has to install signs,” he said.

Hernandez said Redspeed would generally keep about \$15 from each citation, and also noted that any money the town generated from speed cameras is required to be spent on public safety.

The town is also required to give 30 days legal notice, including the proposed locations, before deploying speed cameras, which are permitted within a half-mile circumference around schools.

“It starts with locals and out of towners and usually within six weeks it’s just out of towners because residents learn about it,” he said.

Morrison said the council would examine the proposal in detail at an upcoming council work session before making any decision

Town to get new signage as HDC speeds through session

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(March 9, 2017) In a robust, but speedy session last Wednesday, the Berlin Historic District Commission approved four new projects for the downtown area.

Berlin Town Hall, on 10 Williams Street, was approved for new signs almost before Town Administrator Laura Allen could settle into her chair. The signs will cost the town about \$3,300.

“Everybody liked exactly what was submitted,” Chairwoman Carol Rose said. “Laura sat down and I said ‘does anybody have any questions’ and nobody did. I think she sat in that chair maybe 15 seconds.”

The rest of the meeting moved along at a similar pace. Rose said it helped that all of applicants turned in “just perfect” packets. Rose also had taken a walking tour to look at all five items on the agenda earlier that day.

Also approved was replacement of the stamped, concrete patio area on 120 North Main Street, the future home of the Island Creamery ice cream shop.

“Needless to say, when we received that application, everybody was very, very excited,” Rose said, adding that she worked in that building as a teenager when it was a Dairy Queen. “It’s going to look so, so nice.”

New lighting for the building will likely be considered during a future meeting.

Another new business, Salvaged on 111 Artisan’s Way, was approved for new signs. Rose said that would be similar to the sign used by the former tenant, Sea La Vie.

Taylor Bank, on 24 North Main Street, was approved for replacement windows. Rose noted the windows were identical to ones put in at that location last year.

One item, installation of two lighting fixtures at the Berlin Butcher Shop on 101 William Street, was postponed until next month. Lisa Hall, the owner, did not attend the meeting in time.

“We did four [items] in like 25 minutes,” Rose said. “Carolyn [Duffy] and Dave [Engelhart] did such a good job in getting everyone exactly what they needed. It just makes it so much easier that we can look at everything ahead of time. Beautiful things are being done for downtown and I’m very excited.”

The next scheduled meeting of the Berlin Historic District Commission is Wednesday, April 5 at 5:30 p.m. at town hall.

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Shore chapter of 100+ Women hope membership grows

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Charities must be registered 501(c)(3) nonprofits.

“The money must also stay on the shore to help our residents in Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset counties,” Mulholland said.

Members directly contribute \$100 to three different charities each year. All donations are tax deductible.

The nonprofit organization, 100+ Women Who Care, began in Michigan more than a decade ago. Currently, there are more than 400 active chapters across the world.

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

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

“Our goal is to get to 100 women and more,” Mulholland said. “There is no limit. Our membership should grow each time we have a meeting, as members will invite more women.”

Cash or check \$100 donations should be brought to the meeting on May 16.

“We were so excited to see so many women at our first meeting,” Newton said. “It was neat to see women of all ages and from different backgrounds coming together for a common goal to better our community.”

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

Single-car fatality Sunday morning

(March 9, 2017) Maryland State Police responded to the scene of a fatal car accident in the southbound direction of Route 113 near Lambertson Road at about 2:50 a.m. on Sunday.

In a press release, police said the single-vehicle accident involved a 1998 Honda Civic operated by a yet-to-be identified driver.

“For unknown reasons, the Honda Civic left the roadway to the right and collided with a telephone pole and several trees as the vehicle burst into flames upon impact,” police officials said.

The driver, who was pronounced dead upon arrival of medical personnel, has yet to be identified due to the severity of the collision.

“The deceased has been sent to the Office of Chief Medical Examiner for an autopsy and identification,” police officials said.

Other agencies responding to the incident included the county sheriff’s office, the State Highway Administration, Pocomoke Fire Department and Maryland Office of Chief Medical Examiner.

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Stevens likely to retire from board

Current vice president has served for three terms as an Ocean Pines director

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(March 9, 2017) After serving three three-year terms on the Ocean Pines Association Board, Dave Stevens, the current vice president, will apparently not run for reelection this year.

Stevens was elected in 2007, 2010 and, after taking a year off because of term-limit restrictions, again in 2014.

He is known for his somewhat dry sense of humor and an affinity for tackling complex procedural matters. If there's an issue in Ocean Pines, chances are Dave Stevens wants to commission a study or lead a work group to dissect it.

"I've told people I'm not going to run again and I don't think I will," Stevens said during a phone interview on Friday. "Enough's enough. This is my third term. I don't know if I'd be breaking a record or not, but I don't really care."

"I think [the association] is turned around enough and I think we'll be OK," he continued. "I don't think there's that much more I can contribute. I'll miss it in some respects, and in others — not so much."

Two seats, including the one held

by Stevens, will be up for grabs during the election this year. The other is held by Doug Parks, who was appointed after Pat Renaud abruptly retired last September.

Stevens joked that he did not believe his friend Marty Clarke, who recently threatened to stand for election if the board passed the fiscal year 2018 budget, would, in fact, run again.

The board passed the budget on Feb. 25.

Instead, he expressed confidence in Parks.

"[Parks] is a good thinker. He's independent and I think all he really lacks is history and experience," Stevens said. "I think he would be fine."

He said Steve Lind, who ran unsuccessfully a year ago, would also be a strong director.

"He could be a little bit of a controversy, but I like him," Stevens said. "I think those two, for sure, would be fine. Lind's been following things in-house, so he knows what's going on. That's really important, actually."

Stevens said he was impressed by

what the current board has been able to accomplish, especially considering it includes four freshman directors and two others that were elected only a year ago.

He said he would still like to develop a long-term capital improvement plan, which would then inform how much the association should have in its reserves, and address the worm infestation at Wood Duck.

"It's a finite list [of outstanding items] and we do have them identified," Stevens said. "Unlike where we were a couple of years ago, I think we've got relatively good price tags on them. I'm hoping I'm able to get that list down and see it have an impact on the next budget."

He would also like to set the table for the next general manager, whom Stevens said likely would not be hired before May. Ballots are mailed in July and the election results are announced each August, when new board members take over.

"It would be nice to have [a capital improvement plan] set up in a nice, logical way for him to get a handle on," Stevens said. "Ocean Pines is not easy to understand."

What he'll miss the most, he said, is the problem-solving aspect of being a director.

"To me, it's challenging," Stevens said. "It's kind of the intellectual chal-

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Stevens happy with direction of current Ocean Pines BOD

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lence that you have to think all these things through and understand them, and there's a pretty large variety – legal, technical, operational, personnel – all those things.

"And then, you get to meet a lot more people and talk to them than maybe you want to," he continued. "Everybody says it's a thankless job, but that's not really true. The fact of the matter is people thank you all the time."

After the firing of Bob Thompson as general manager last August, Stevens said the board has been relatively calm and free of controversy, outside of the occasional vocal minor-

ity on issues like, say, pickleball or the yacht club.

Stevens is liaison to the clubs committee and said it's not unusual to receive an email from a committee members saying they're "disturbed by the actions of" interim general manager, Brett Hill.

He does not take those emails too seriously.

"Have you seen the inside of the yacht club since they renovated?" Stevens said. "Pretty much, after seeing that and knowing how that was done and at a relatively low cost, I'm inclined to give him the benefit of the doubt. He's not always right, but [he is] pretty much over there."

More details emerge on OPA separation from Landscapes

Pines paid former mgmt company an undisclosed amount in Feb. settlement

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(March 9, 2017) The Ocean Pines Association paid former golf management company Landscapes Unlimited an undisclosed amount in a settlement last month that ended the company's contract with the community and allowed the association to assume management of the course as of March 1.

OPA Board Vice President Dave Stevens declined to give a specific dollar figure related to the settlement, but suggested it was far less than the roughly \$80,000 Ocean Pines would have paid in an annual management fee.

"Without finding cause [for termination], we would have continued and been liable, basically, for the third year of the contract," Stevens said. "A settlement was reached wherein we would not be liable for the entire contract amount."

The original contract, signed in May 2015, had Ocean Pines paying a base management fee of \$6,500 per month with an annual 3 percent increase. There was reportedly an opt-out clause if fiscal year 2017 budgetary projections were off by more than \$50,000.

The most recent budget projections showed Landscapes was about \$100,000 off, although Stevens said there was some concern Landscapes still could have reached its target by the end of the fiscal year, May 1, by reducing costs.

"We don't know that they would have, but I think the bottom line was to look at an amicable settlement where both parties come out better off," Stevens said.

It was believed the association

would retain both Golf Director John Malinowski and Golf Course Superintendent Rusty McLendon, both of whom preceded Landscapes.

However, McLendon was apparently made an offer to stay on, but did not immediately accept it. He was replaced by Andre Jordan, who had been with Ocean Pines public works and previously worked at the golf course.

"An offer was made [to McLendon]. It wasn't accepted. [Interim General Manager] Brett [Hill] moved quickly forward to make sure the transition was happening with Andre, who was given the offer and did accept immediately. That's where we are, going forward," Stevens said.

According to Stevens, Malinowski did accept an offer to stay.

Another recent departure, Facilities Manager Jerry Aveta, has yet to be replaced. Aveta, who had an office inside the Ocean Pines Golf and Country Club building, was reportedly laid off last month.

The association had been in the process of hiring an assistant to Aveta and one of those candidates could be made an offer for the facilities manager job, Stevens said.

Stevens said he did not expect any other personnel changes related to golf, but added, "I can't say what's going to happen six months from now."

Fiscal year 2018 budget projections for golf, a roughly \$90,000 loss, will remain in place, according to Stevens. The budget passed last month also includes a new, lower rate structure for golf membership.

"I think we're going to stick with what's there and do our best," Stevens said. "The feedback I'm getting is that golfers are pleased. They seem to think what we've done makes sense. I haven't heard any negative feedback."



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Fourth Friday beer and wine sales approved in Pocomoke

Monthly art stroll modeled after similar happenings in Berlin, Salisbury and SH

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(March 9, 2017) The Pocomoke City Council on Monday approved a request from the Downtown Pocomoke Association to sell beer and wine during 4th Friday Street Festivals, which are held monthly between April and September.

Association president Marc Scher said his group has always received ample support from the city for their undertakings.

"I've been involved since 1982 with the [former] Downtown Improvement Association," he said. "We don't always get what we want, but you've never said no."

Pocomoke Economic Development Coordinator Karah Lacey said the concept for the 4th Friday Street Festival was copied from similar events in the region.

"Fourth Friday Street Festivals were inspired by a neighboring town(s)," she said. "There are First Fridays in Snow Hill, 2nd Fridays in Berlin and 3rd Fridays in Salisbury."

Now entering its fourth year, Lacey said all the area events follow a similar outline, including free registration for

local artists, open retailers, live entertainment and refreshments.

"The sale of beer and wine is expected by our patrons, as well as the vendors and artists who participate in these events," she said.

Lacey said both herself and Scher have attended alcohol-serving certification courses, and the pair would be responsible for alcohol purchases for the events.

"In our experience over the last three years, we have never had one negative incident selling beer and wine on any of the 4th Fridays," she said.

The consumption of alcoholic beverages would only be allowed in closed-off street areas, Lacey said.

"Last year the Downtown Pocomoke Association raised approximately \$850 from beer and wine sales," she said. "The money we raised allows us to host events downtown apart from 4th Fridays, including the downtown spring and fall festivals, which are family friendly events."

Additionally, the funds raised will help the association advertise and beautify the downtown area, Lacey said.

"We also give back to the community by donating to local charities and nonprofits," she said.

The city council voted unanimously to approve the request.

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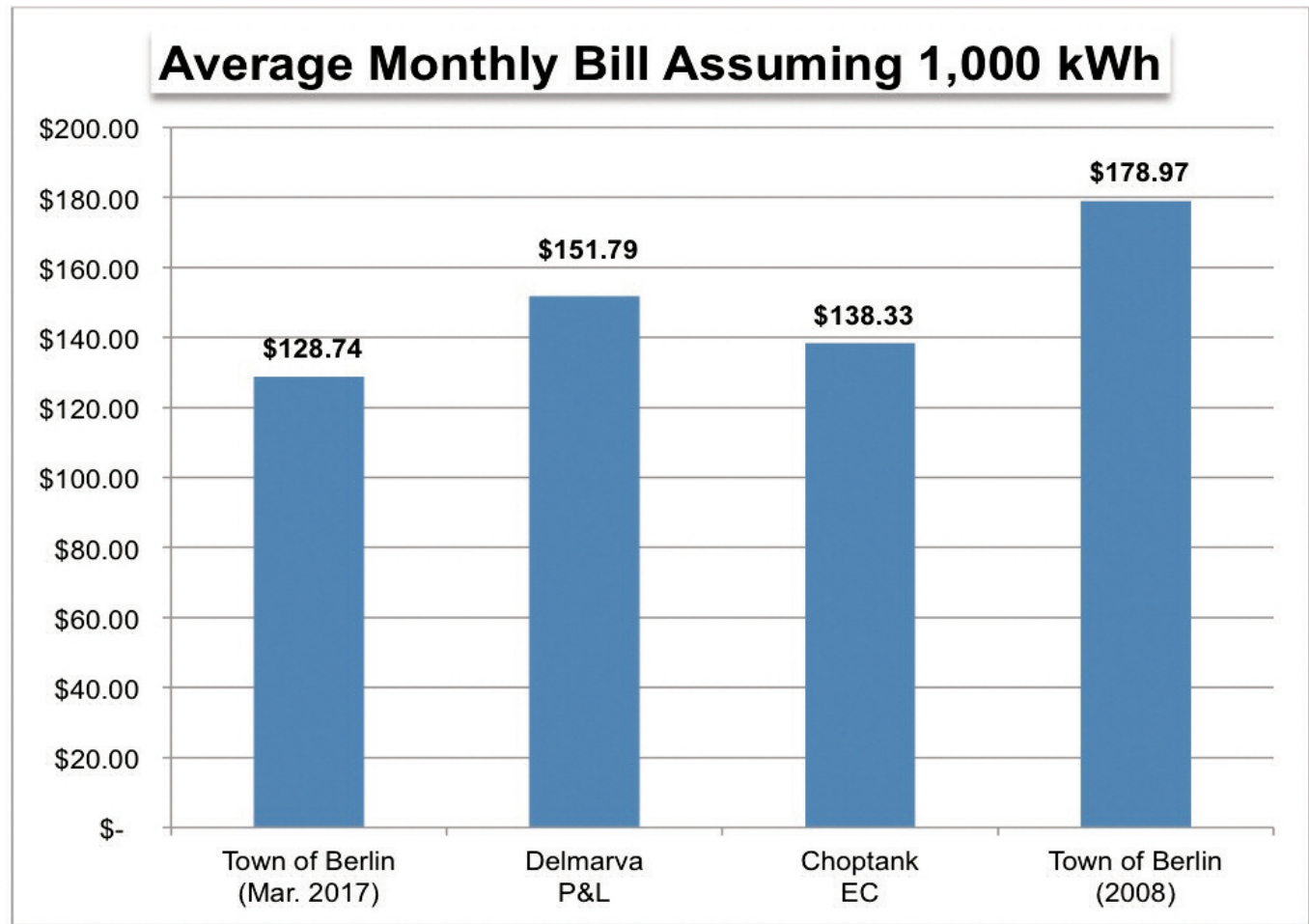
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Berlin's electric rates rank lowest among providers

(March 9, 2017) Berlin continues to have the lowest rates among regional electric power providers on the Delmarva Peninsula, including Delmarva Power and Choptank Electric Cooperative, Mayor Gee Williams announced this week.

"I've been getting a lot of questions about how Berlin's power rates compare with alternative providers in the region since Delmarva Power received their most recent rate increase approval last month from the Maryland Public Service Commission," Williams said. "We work to keep our rates competitive. Our membership in American Municipal Power (AMP) enables the Town of Berlin to take advantage of the bulk purchasing power of multiple municipal systems, as well as drops in energy prices that occur from time to time."

Headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, AMP is a nonprofit wholesale power supplier and services provider for 133 member utilities in nine states. Based on an average residential monthly bill (1,000 kWh) and rate increase approved by the Maryland Public Service Commission in February, a Berlin Electric customer pays \$128.74, a Choptank Electric Cooperative customer pays \$138.33, and a Delmarva Power customer will



pay \$151.79.

In 2015, Berlin entered into a purchased power contract with AMP that reduced the cost of energy from approximately 6.39 cents per kilowatt-hour to about 5.95 cents per kilowatt-hour, through December 2017.

Beginning in 2018, the town's

power cost will be reduced further. Through the town's power cost adjustment, customers should see a 5-to-7 percent decrease in their bills about a year from now, by spring 2018.

"Our rates are competitive now and will stay that way through 2020," Town Administrator Laura Allen

said. "Since we joined AMP, we're able to take an even more timely approach and faster response to how we purchase power based on changes in the power supply market. AMP has employees watching the market every day, so we're able to take advantage of price decreases even more quickly than before."

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Hit-and-run driver faces nine charges

Berlin resident, Gibson, 44, released pending trial in Snow Hill District Court

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

(March 9, 2017) Worcester County Sheriff's deputies charged Michael Calhoun Gibson, 44, of Berlin, with 10 offenses following an apparent hit-and-run accident on Feb. 26 at Racetrack Road and Ocean Parkway. Deputies responded to reports of a motor vehicle crash at about 5 p.m. that evening and found an unidentified ve-

hicle with damage to its rear passenger side. The passenger of the vehicle was complaining of neck and back injury and was taken to Atlantic General Hospital, according to police.

After hearing a police broadcast of the incident, a state trooper found a vehicle abandoned at the end of Beauchamp Road that was missing its left front tire.

Gibson is the registered owner of the found vehicle, a Ford F-150.

Gibson was interviewed on Feb. 28 by a deputy. Based on that interview, he was charged with: failure to control speed to avoid a collision, negligent driving, failure to return and remain at the scene of an accident involving injury, failure to return and remain at the scene of an accident involving a damaged vehicle, failure to stop at the scene of an accident, failure to stop at an accident involving injury, failure of a driver involved in an accident to render reasonable assistance to an injured person, failure of a driver to furnish proper identification and driver's license, failure to provide insurance information and driving on a highway with metal wheel in contact with the road.

He is scheduled to appear in District Court in Snow Hill on May 25.

Ocean Pines tops list of five safest cities in Maryland

Survey used crime reports and recent population data

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(March 9, 2017) Ocean Pines, while not technically a city, was named the safest city in Maryland in an annual report issued by the National Council for Home Safety and Security.

Taneytown, Glenarden, Bowie and Hampstead rounded out the top five in the report, issued on Monday.

According to a release, the council combined data from the most recent FBI crime reports, along with population data and their own research.

Ocean Pines has a population of 12,163, but registered just six violent crimes and 54 property crimes during the reporting period.

"Ocean Pines Police Chief Dave Massey and his department work hard to ensure Ocean Pines is a safe community, offering exceptional value and quality of life to property owners and guests," Ocean Pines Marketing Director Denise Sawyer said. "The recent report conducted by the National Council for Home Safety and Security reflects the continuation of our efforts to move our community forward and to provide our membership with a family-friendly environment."

The National Council for Home Safety and Security is a trade association comprised of home security professionals across the United States.

The council advocates for safe communities and home safety with a strong focus on community involvement.

To view the full report, visit www.alarms.org/the-safest-cities-in-maryland-2017.

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Snow Hill Blues Jam moves forward despite recent loss

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(March 9, 2017) The 10th annual Snow Hill Blues Jam, this Saturday at the Old Firehouse on Green Street, will honor the memory of event co-founder Mike Armstrong, who lost his battle with cancer last September at the age of 61.

Margot Resto, who helped form the Snow Hill All Stars band for the inaugural Blues Jam in 2008, offered some insight into the original concept for the festival, first launched by Armstrong and visual artist Bill Rolig.

“They wanted to have a big party basically and get the community involved and get some music happening in this town,” she said. “They wanted to spice up the cultural life here.”

Joining the all stars on bass was her husband, Angel Resto.

“We put together our own little band just for the event,” she said.


Along with the event organizers’ spouses Diane Armstrong and Deborah Rolig, another driving influence behind the blues jam was Ann Coates, owner of Bishop’s Stock Fine Art, Craft & Wine on 202 West Green Street.

“She is pretty much the cultural

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Margot Resto absorbs the groove while Angel Resto thumps the bass during a previous Snow Hill Blues Jam, which takes place again this Saturday evening at the Old Firehouse on Green Street.




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catalyst in this town," Resto said. "Her influence and love for it all has helped us to do this. She was the main force for getting it done for the past nine years."

For nearly a quarter century, Armstrong gigged around the area with Lauren Glick and the Mood Swingers, whose namesake continues to miss her longtime musical partner.

"Since [Armstrong] died a big piece of me is gone," Glick said. "He taught me the trade. I learned about the business of music and how to act accordingly."

Glick said Armstrong's grasp of music was startling, which made practicing new material a breeze.

"We could work songs over the phone and Mike would know it in an instant," she said. "Basically both of us would show up and play. Mike was one of the best blues guitar players ever."

In addition to Armstrong's passing last year, Resto said the Snow Hill All Stars' other guitarist, Burley Strand, passed away on stage in November of 2014.

"He was playing in church and collapsed," she said.

Despite those obvious losses, the event has soldiered on.

"We've been taking hits, but kept on going because we know with music that's what you do," Resto said. "The way we honor them is to keep it going."

This year, she said a new guitar duo consisting of her son, Gabe Resto, 15, and Chris Sajadi, 17, are prepared to carry the tradition forward.

The teenage guitarists became acquainted while receiving instruction at the Academy of Music Performance in Salisbury.

"It gives kids an alternative to band at school," she said. "They learn how to play with a group and work together."

During their time playing together, Resto said the pair have become like guitar brothers.

"They play off of each other and support each other on stage," she said. "These kids have learned how to listen to each other and the band. I knew the interplay would be great for

them and great for the crowd to see."

This year's lineup will also include an appearance by blues great Daryl Davis, who gave Resto her initial entry into performing music on stage.

While in her early 20s, Resto attended a performance by Davis at BJ's on the Water, in Ocean City, when her life took an unexpected turn.

"My friend had told him that I liked to sing," she said. "I hadn't been a performer, but was always singing, so he invited me on stage."

Despite some initial misgivings, Resto belted out the Otis Redding classic "(Sittin' on) The Dock of The Bay" and made an instant impression on Davis. He handed her a tape following her performance.

"You learn these songs and the next time I come into town you're going to sing them with me," she recalled him saying.

Following that encounter, Resto dug in to the cannon of legendary females blues singers, finding inspiration from the likes of Koko Taylor, Ruth Brown and Irma Thomas, along with her favorite, Aretha Franklin.

"He taught me a lot of the tricks of the trade," she said.

Davis also helped connect Resto with her future band mates in The Love Pigs, guitarist Marco Hiemenz and drummer T. Lutz.

"They came to one of his gigs looking for singers because their singer he moved out of the area," she said. "They were pretty hot at the time and had a lot of booked gigs."

The off-chance conversation led Davis to introduce the trio, who subsequently formed the Love Pigs.

Resto is always ecstatic anytime

she gets to share a stage with Davis, and marvels at his ability to perform with seemingly little effort.

"He has the ability to make it look like it's so easy, with these gigantic fingers and hands, to just completely tear up that keyboard and make people feel they're a part of it," she said. "He doesn't just entertain – he pulls them in and lifts them up."

Resto said she contacted Davis, who will be making his second appearance at the Snow Hill Blues Jam, looking for referrals. She didn't anticipate having him perform.

"I was basically asking him to give me some names I could call and he said, 'I might be available that night, let me contact some people and get a band together,'" she said.

The Snow Hill Blues Jam will take place at the Old Firehouse on Green Street. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets cost \$25.

The Show Hill All Stars will perform from 7-8 p.m. with a lineup that includes Margot Resto on vocals, Angel Resto on bass, Gabe Resto and Chris Sajadi on guitar, Miss T on saxophone, and Robert "The Great Unknown" Buckner behind the drums. Also, 11-year-old Bella Resto will join her family as a backup singer.

The Daryl Davis Revue will play from 8:20-9:30 p.m., with a jam session scheduled until 10 p.m.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. and tickets can be purchased online at www.snowhillmd.com, in person at town hall in Snow Hill, or at the door, until sold out.

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Smith's new book explores 'Missing' Mona Lisa painting

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(March 9, 2017) To say Berlin resident Jeff Smith is a busy guy is something of an understatement. Originally from Farmington, New Mexico, the 45-year-old has a new book coming out this month. He's also developing several others, acting in a new play, helping to raise his 7-year-old daughter, Miralena, and pitching in at Salt Water Media in Berlin.

Smith started writing when he was 14, then penning, as he describes it, "crappy little short stories that a 14-year-old would want to write."

Three decades later, he's graduated to headier stuff.

"I really started dedicating a lot more time to it when I became a stay-at-home parent and could actually work almost full time on it," he said. "That's when I discovered that I enjoyed writing historical fiction, so that's mostly what I do now."

Smith's first published work, "Mesabi Pioneers," told the true story of a 19th-century team of American businessmen and European immigrants on the hunt for iron ore in northern Minnesota.

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Author Jeff Smith also doubles as a repair technician for Apple products at Salt Water Media in Berlin. His new book, "Mona Lisa Missing," is due out this month.

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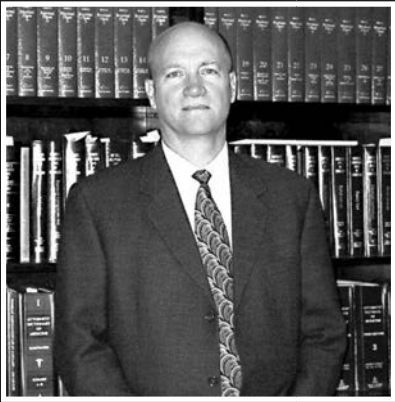
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Author and stay-at-home dad also certified Mac technician

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His latest, “Mona Lisa Missing,” will be released this month through Zoozil, a mobile-based publishing platform aimed at younger readers.

“It is a book for sort of middle-grade kids – fifth and sixth graders – that is about the theft of the Mona Lisa from the Louvre in 1911. It’s a little-known fact of history, but if it hadn’t happened, no one would know that the Mona Lisa even existed,” Smith said.

Smith said Zoozil intrigued him because the publisher focuses on uncovering “intriguing bits of history” that is aimed a young audience and delivered in a way that makes sense to modern, tech-savvy kids.

“It gives kids the power to explore history from an alternative-facts viewpoint,” he said. “The idea is that kids can change the story – the stories are told with multiple endings, and throughout there are choices that the readers can make and sort of change history.

“In my story’s case, rather than steal the Mona Lisa, the thief could’ve stolen a different painting and the alternative history then would be how that would’ve changed history,” Smith continued. “If that happened, it would’ve been that the Mona Lisa would remain an obscure, small painting by an obscure Italian guy who really didn’t paint very much – and no one would know it existed.”

The book will be available soon through www.zoozil.com and can be read online or on mobile devices.

Smith also recently helped Salt Water Media, after an accident in Ocean City last year seriously injured one of the owners, Patty Gregorio.

He met Gregorio and Salt Water co-owner Stephanie Fowler during a writing festival and later appeared as a guest author on Fowler’s “So, What’s Your Story?” podcast.

Last summer, after a motorist struck Gregorio and Fowler while they were crossing Coastal Highway, he offered to fill in as a repair technician.

While Salt Water primarily focuses on printing books and offering services to writers, it doubles as a certified Apple repair and retail store.

“Before I was a stay-at-home father, I worked at a university in New York City for 11 years,” Smith said. “One of the things I did there was serve as the onsite Mac technician. I installed all the computers they had and I did the repairs, and I really enjoyed that.”

He earned various certifications during that period and would later become licensed as an iCracked technician, specializing in mobile-device repairs.

“When Patty had her accident, I came in here one day and said,

‘Look, you must need help and I can repair phones – let me do something to help,’” Smith said. “Steph said ‘yes’ and just started throwing phones at me.”

“If it had not been for [“Ape” author] Ben Beck and Jeff Smith, I don’t know how I would’ve gotten through September and October,” Fowler said. “They were literally life savers.”

When Gregorio was well enough to return to work, everyone decided Smith would stay on. Heading into the busy summer season, the expectation is shop will be able to take on even more work.



Jeff Smith

“Last July, some days I had seven or eight phones that would come in during a day, so I’m hoping that this year we will be able to repeat that and Jeff will be able to help,” Gregorio said. “Maybe we can do 16 a day.”

Along with raising his daughter, writing historical fiction books for adults and children and helping a local business, Smith is writing a new musical based on the King Arthur legend.

“The take that I have is slightly different – King Arthur is sort of a bad guy more than a good guy,” Smith said. “Also, Lancelot is black and gay.”

Last year, Smith made his acting debut in “1776: The Musical” and “Breathing Under Dirt.”

From April 20-23, he can be seen in a Lower Shore Performing Arts Company production of Agatha Christie’s “Death on the Nile” at Washington High School in Princess Anne.

Signed copies of “Mesabi Pioneers” are available at Salt Water Media, on 29 Broad Street in Berlin. For more information, visit www.saltwatermedia.com.

Student art takes center stage at Berlin 2nd Friday

Event will start earlier to accommodate families

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(March 9, 2017) March is student art month in Worcester County and Berlin's 2nd Friday art stroll, from 4-8 p.m. downtown, will celebrate that with several exhibits, displays and activities featuring area children.

Berlin Arts & Entertainment Committee Chairwoman Heather Layton said the earlier-than-usual start time – by one hour – than standard 2nd Fridays reflects the hope that parents will bring their children into town after school.

"Student art will be displayed throughout town, and many shops will either have student artists set up showcasing their goods or activities for school-age children to create," Layton said.

Buckingham Elementary School art teacher Mellissa Reid will bring pieces of student art for display in downtown shops, Layton said. Many of those pieces were displayed in shop windows late last week.

Zenna Wellness Studio, on 10 South Main Street, will host an open mic night from 6-8 p.m.

"Although it is open to the public, we are encouraging all students, from kindergarten to college level or beyond, to share their talents via song, art, spoken word, dance, music or a combo of any," owner Chrissy Ehrhart said. "We are open to whatever they have to share from their heart and their true expression."

Donations taken during the open mic will go toward P.R.E.Y. (Poetic Revolution Empowering Youth), a movement designed to "teach children the value of their own expression through poetry or song," created by Ashiz the rebirth, aka Ashley Cuffey, Ehrhart said.

Random Juxtaposition, on 9928 Old Ocean City Boulevard, Unit 9 in the Union Station Plaza, will host an exhibition of youth artists from 5-8 p.m. Youth-friendly snacks will be offered and work by 10-year-old Ocean City resident Ksenia Drakos will be highlighted.

Layton said 2nd Friday organizers were working on adding other activities, potentially including a live band made up of area children.

"I would like families to come out, celebrate young creativity and get creative themselves," she said. "Starting the stroll earlier is in hopes of families coming out together, after school, strolling in town and having dinner together at any of our fabulous restaurants – and, of course, dessert."

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Opinion

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Slow down on speed cam

They might sound attractive for reasons of safety, but the free speed cameras being considered for school zones by the Pocomoke City Council have a downside.

That would be the possibility of a gradual drift in official thinking away from the safety issue and more toward the revenue-producing aspect of these devices.

Although many Maryland towns and counties have successfully instituted similar programs — with safer driving in these locations the result — it’s difficult for any government not to think about the money once it starts coming into the treasury.

Ideally, one month into the program, the speed cameras would produce no traffic citations at all, leaving everyone, including the equipment provider, who gets a cut of every fine, to wonder if something has gone wrong instead of going incredibly right.

In today’s society, unfortunately, the easy answer to many of our problems, whether it’s going 12 miles an hour over the speed limit or potentially committing a real crime, seems to be more surveillance.

Whether it’s through license-plate readers, street monitoring or speed cameras, government likes the idea of the unblinking eye because, well, it’s all about public safety, as if that’s reason enough to justify almost anything.

All the Pocomoke Council wants to do is slow traffic the five days a week schools are in session. That seems harmless enough, but should this program be instituted and come to be viewed as a revenue stream, that’s something else altogether.



“The St. Patty’s Day Parade in Ocean City is so big they’re starting it a week early.”

Letters

Too many good people were fired

Editor,

Why are some of our most loyal and hardworking employees being fired?

It started with [former] General Manager Bob Thompson. Days after he was looked in the face and told by then new board-member Brett Hill that he had no intention of firing him because he didn’t know enough about what had gone on in the community, Hill voted to fire Thompson.

Ocean Pines had just come off a year with the best financial performance in 20 years, where some of our amenities that had lost major money for years had turned around and were heading to breaking even or making money, and our amenities combined made over \$500,000 dollars.

Then came Sonya Bounds, the head of rec and parks. Another hard worker. She was responsible for all the activities going on in the community’s recs and parks and together with Thompson started many programs, like the Christmas tree lighting.

I suspect she was fired because she didn’t give

everybody what they wanted. She did what was best for the community and not for a particular that demanded things from her and then called for her to be fired when they didn’t get their way.

Next came the manager of the yacht club, Jerry Lewis. I had just read a quote in the local paper from Brett Hill where he said that yacht club was doing great and people would be surprised at the financials at the end of the year.

Then about a week later he fired the yacht club manager and several bartenders, two days before New Year’s with a huge event scheduled. Then I read that Hill said the event was a disaster and what could go wrong, went wrong, with people waiting in line for hours to just check in and get to their table. What could he have expected?

Then came the news this week that we had separated from Landscapes Unlimited at the golf course. I don’t know why we just found out about it this week because Hill had the press release done last week.

I am told that what really happened was that Ocean Pines had approached

Landscapes Unlimited in January and Landscapes said no, that they wanted to keep their contract.

Then the board decided to build the budget for golf with membership fee adjustments and completely left Landscapes out of that discussion. Then Landscapes wanted out.

Those that paid attention can remember the so-called process that brought Landscapes here. We had another company, Billy Casper Golf, who, after doing an exhaustive process, was brought in here to manage the course because the course physically was in horrible shape and losing tremendous amounts of money.

Casper Golf was doing as our bylaws say and reporting to the general manager. Their first year here was just to help the course survive.

They spent a lot of the first several months repairing an irrigation system the previous crew had installed incorrectly. The next year the course needed to be virtually closed for parts of the year, and a \$1 million renovation was performed.

Casper Golf brought in one of their best superintendents, (head groundskeeper) Rusty

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McLendon, to try and fix this course. He immediately was put behind the eight ball because when he got here, one of the previous workers at the course had apparently taken the fertilizer log.

That is a "bible" to any superintendent so they would know what fertilizers were used and when, so that one didn't apply fertilizer that would work against what was already down and where and cause damage. The renovations caused the course to lose almost the entire year's revenues, but it needed to be done.

After the renovations and every year after that, the course started showing marked improvements. Now the course is in great shape and the greens are known as the best in the area! We were at a point where revenues were rising significantly and we were attracting outside play, which pays the bills.

Losses were declining significantly and we had an outside chance of making money a couple years ago. We actually had more outside package-play bookings than any course in the area.

[Directors] Stevens, [Marty] Clarke and [Jack] Collins decided they were going to take the course away from the GM. They made it so Casper Golf couldn't make their contractual numbers and fired them to stick a finger in Thompson's eye. They brought in this new company without doing any research or references. But they, Landscapes Unlimited, said they would report to the board and not Thompson.

When I read Mr. [Board President Tom] Herrick's statement [in the press release] about them having "some of the best people in the industry," I about died. Their president was a gentleman [but] their business development guy was a snake oil salesman who promised us the world.

And their representative here acted totally unprofessionally and flat out lied to entire board on several issues last year during the budget discussions, and gave us a business plan that didn't make sense.

We also held a "town hall" style meeting, where this representative was supposed to reveal a "proprietary membership" plan for bringing in new members. But when we got to the meeting, he said he couldn't discuss it because it was "proprietary."

Also, because Landscapes' financial numbers were going to be so poor this year, they laid off the entire maintenance crew except the superintendent, his assistant and the mechanic. Landscapes' bottom line was more important to them than the health of the course.

Under Landscapes, we lost members, lost significant numbers of outside play and revenues have declined. Any attempt to make it look like Landscapes was successful, as was done in the press release, is purely blowing smoke.

To use Dave Stevens' own words at the town hall to the Landscapes representative, "You guys haven't done a thing you said you would do." We wasted \$150,000, plus their buy-out so a couple people could get their kicks against Thompson. And every resident paid for their fun.

Rusty McLendon, our superintendent, stayed to work [instead of] leave with Billy Casper. Rusty is college-educated in turf management and trained under a world-class teacher.

This gentleman's pupils are wanted worldwide and we were lucky enough to have one of them. He has been improving our course with a budget that is hundreds of thousands of dollars less than the crew was using before he got here.

When the press release came out it stated, "it is anticipated that the existing management team will remain in place going forward." The management team consists of the golf pro and the superintendent. Yet the superintendent wasn't retained. He was immediately replaced by current employee Andre [Jordan].

Andre was the assistant superintendent before Billy Casper Golf came. He was responsible for the maintenance of the course.

When Billy Casper Golf came here, they didn't retain Andre. But, Bob Thompson found him a job in public works. He has been there ever since and has not been involved with the golf course for six years.

I believe the only problem was that Rusty was friendly with Bob Thompson. Isn't that an irony that Thompson saved Andre's job six years ago and now that was used against Rusty?

I hope I am not the only one who is bothered by the way our loyal employees are being treated. The remaining employees have to be wondering if they are next.

What a horrible way to go through the day. It's a shame because most of our employees don't make a lot of money and they are being treated like objects instead of folks with families to support.

Some like Rusty will be forced to sell their house and move their children to another area to find work. He picked up his family with three small children, and moved here to help us out and now he's being discarded like garbage.

It also infuriates me the level of deceit going on around here. I know who is pulling the puppet strings so I'm not at all surprised.

That was the reason I stated I had no intention of running for a second term on the board, as I didn't need to be around people who can't tell the truth, and that has certainly not changed.

I feel sorry for the two ladies on the board, who are full of integrity and intelligence, but who are basically being ignored.

Former Director Bill Cordwell
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Anna Foultz holds fundraiser for area Girl Scout groups

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(March 9, 2017) Each year in March, Girl Scout Week honors the more than 100-year history of the Girl Scouts of the USA, a national nonprofit that highlights youth activities with an emphasis on community service and good citizenship.

To mark the occasion locally, 91-year-old scout leader and community philanthropist Anna Foultz will host a fundraiser on Monday to provide financial support for the next generation of scouts.

The event, held at DeNovo's Trattoria in Ocean Pines starting at 5 p.m., will include a spaghetti dinner and an appearance by Foultz and the Girl Scouts Chesapeake Council-Service Unit #7.

Tickets cost \$12 for adults and \$5 for kids. In addition to the feast, those in attendance can look forward to face painting and door prizes.

"It's a fundraiser to cover the costs of scouting for families with limited resources," Foultz said.

Along with the annual tradition of Girl Scout Week, each year the scouts hold a birthday celebration on March 12 to mark the day in 1912 that founder Juliette Gordon Low registered the first 18 members, then called the Girl Guides of America, in Savannah, Georgia.

The ranks of the organization grew to



Berlin Mayor Gee Williams receives a few complimentary boxes of Girl Scout cookies during a ribbon-cutting ceremony at SonRise Church in Berlin, last week. March is Girl Scout month, and a 91-year-old local scout, Anna Foultz, will host a fundraiser for the organization at DeNovo's on Monday.

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LARNET ST. AMANT

nearly 70,000 members by 1920 and hit more than 300,00 within the next decade. As of 2005 there were more than 3.7 million Girl Scouts.

For her part, Foultz said she never tires of watching the next generation discover the Girl Scouts.

"Some of the kids are so adorable," she said. "I laugh to myself how cute they are."

Foultz said joining the group helped her, and many others, break away from the shyness of their youth.

"It brings them out of their shell," she said.

In 1980 Foultz received a National

Proclamation from President Carter for organizing a massive weeklong talent show/cookie sale, called Girl Scouts in Action, at the Springfield Mall in Virginia.

"Thousands of Girl Scouts came to this event to show off their skills," she said. "The people were buying cookies like crazy."

Among the life lessons scouting imparts are self-reliance, health trainings, hygiene skills, business abilities, and valuing appearance, Foultz said. She also labors to instill the importance of wearing a Girl Scout uniform.

"You are respected and people are very nice and support you when wearing

uniforms," she said.

She also appreciates what her association with the Girl Scouts has meant in her life.

"There are opportunities I've had that I wouldn't have had if I hadn't been a Girl Scout," she said. "People helped out whenever I needed it."

Foultz is hoping the community will help out once again, on Monday. She widely praised DeNovo's owner Bob Beck, who has helped support numerous causes championed in the community.

To purchase tickets contact Foultz at 410-641-7667 or Beverly Meadows at 443-235-1019.

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SonRise Church offices open on north end of Main Street

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(March 9, 2017) SonRise Church has begun operations at its new home on the north end of Berlin's Main Street, bordering Route 50.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony there last Friday came almost exactly a year after the Berlin Town Council voted unanimously to rezone the 22-acre property from M-1 light industrial to B-2 shopping district.

The council also ratified a zoning code amendment that allows churches to be built in B-2 districts. Merial Select previously owned the property.

Pastor Daryl McCready said the ribbon-cutting was well attended and went off smoothly. He said renovations to two of the existing buildings were almost finished, and that one already houses SonRise offices and will have a small meeting space. Another will include a thrift store, faith-based counseling services, a mobile food ministry and a "backpack ministry" for schools.

"That will be completed within a week or two - we hope," he said.

The next step is the demolition of the site's largest building, which faces Route 50.

"We're, hopefully, getting some grants for economic development to demolish those buildings and to subdivide," McCready said. "We're hoping to sell that to a hotel and two restaurants."

The church plans to use the proceeds to pay for construction of a new worship building and a small sports complex, although McCready said that was likely several years away.

For now, the church hosts its services at Stephen Decatur High School in Berlin, as well as at Bennett High School in Salisbury and Washington High School in Princess Anne.

SonRise is no stranger to working with area schools and has ties to Berlin Intermediate School and Buckingham

Elementary School, where it hosts regular food drives for underprivileged students.

"We have a strong partnership with the school system. That's one of the places we really want to have an impact and be a service," McCready said. "We do a lot of events for schools like field days and PTA fundraisers."

The church regularly provides inflatables at no cost during town events, and will donate screens and other equipment for the "Movies in the Park" series run by the Berlin Arts & Entertainment Committee and Berlin Parks Commission, this summer.

"And, of course, we're always doing different outreaches in the community, just to bless the community and help them as best we can," McCready said. "We believe that the church represents God and, as such, God loves people. We believe He's called the church to be his literal hands and feet to the world, so we believe we're called to be servants to our community - to love them and to serve them and to live generously with them in God's name, to give testimony to His goodness."

"We believe the church should be such a presence in the community that should the door ever close that the community would mourn the loss of the church," he continued. "That's how we want to live our lives as a church - to really be seen as a resource and a blessing to this community."

Sunday services at Stephen Decatur High School are at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. McCready said all were welcome to attend.

"They're also welcome to just come by the property," he said. "If they want to come by and see what's going on and see our new office complex, it's beautiful. It turned out really nice. They can stop in any time and we'll give them a tour."

For more information, call 410-629-1901 or visit www.sonrise.cc.

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Cropper donation of \$25K to benefit AGH cancer center

(March 9, 2017) The Atlantic General Hospital Foundation received a \$25,000 donation from Reese Cropper III, president of IMG Insurance Management Group, Inc. toward its Campaign for the Future and the development of the new Regional Cancer Care Center.

The Campaign for the Future is co-chaired by long-time Atlantic General Hospital supporters and community champions, Michelle Fager and Jack Burbage.

The new cancer center will be named the John H. “Jack” Burbage, Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center in honor of Burbage’s personal and financial contributions to the hospital and the community.

“We’re extremely grateful for the unwavering support of Reese Cropper, III and the community,” Burbage said. “The new Regional Cancer Care Center is a much needed resource in our community and will provide convenient, quality access to care that Berlin and the region so deserves.”

The new 18,000-square-foot Regional Cancer Care Center, which is to be built on hospital-owned property at the corner of Route 113 and Old Ocean City Boulevard (Route 346) in Berlin, will provide one centrally-located, convenient facility for the care and treatment of individuals with cancer and blood disorders.

In addition to existing medical oncology and chemotherapy infusion services and integrative therapies, the



The Atlantic General Hospital Foundation received a \$25,000 donation from Reese Cropper III, president of IMG Insurance Management Group, Inc. toward its Campaign for the Future and the development of the new Regional Cancer Care Center in Berlin. Pictured, from left, are Toni Keiser, vice president of Atlantic General Hospital Public Relations; Todd Ferrante, chair of the Atlantic General Hospital Foundation; Jack Burbage, co-chair of the Atlantic General Campaign for the Future; Michael Franklin, president and CEO, Atlantic General Hospital; and Cropper III. Michelle Fager, co-chair of the Atlantic General Campaign for the Future, is not pictured. The new 18,000-square-foot Regional Cancer Care Center, which is to be built on hospital-owned property at the corner of Rt. 113 and Old Ocean City Boulevard (Route 346) will provide one centrally-located, convenient facility for the care and treatment of individuals with cancer and blood disorders.

new center will include radiation oncology, PET imaging, laboratory services, community education and support facilities, and telemedicine technology that will allow patients and their physicians to consult with other cancer care experts, preventing unnecessary travel for consultation and follow-up care for patients who may require more intensive cancer care services.

Construction is due to begin in July 2017, with completion in early 2018.

The funds raised during the \$10 million Atlantic General Campaign for the Future will allow Atlantic General Hospital to complete \$35

million in capital projects.

Among them is construction of the new cancer care center, completion of a women’s health center in West Ocean City, renovation of existing surgical facilities and expansion of emergency services within Atlantic General Hospital as well as improvements to inpatient care areas.

To date, the Foundation has already secured almost \$3 million of the \$10 million goal in pledges, commitments and grants.

Atlantic General Hospital has been providing quality health care to the residents of Worcester, Wicomico and Som-

erset counties in Maryland, and Sussex County in Delaware, since May 1993.

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For more information, visit www.atlanticgeneral.org.

WPS student wins national award

(March 9, 2017) Morgan Schoch, a student at Worcester Preparatory School, was named the national sixth grade winner of the 2016 U.S. Constitution Day Poster Design Contest. Her poster was selected from thousands of submissions from around the world.

The annual Constitution Day Poster Design Contest is an international competition which invites K-12 grade entrants to celebrate Constitution Day (Sept. 17) by designing a poster showing how they benefited from freedoms embodied in the U.S. Constitution. The

poster can feature any aspect of the Constitution, including the Bill of Rights and Amendments.

To create the unique look for her poster, Schoch used the technique of Ben-Day dots, which was the hallmark technique of American Pop Artist Roy Lichtenstein. Her poster portrayed a gavel representing the court system, the handwritten words from the Preamble of the Constitution and the United States flag. The 10-year-old’s winning poster can be seen online at [www.constitutionfacts.com/constitution-](http://www.constitutionfacts.com/constitution-poster-design-contest/)

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The Constitution Day Posters were judged 33 percent based upon content relevant to the Constitution and 66 percent for artistic design. Schoch received a Constitution commemorative coin to celebrate winning the sixth grade national prize.

Schoch will be helping to promote Youth Art Month during Berlin’s 2nd Friday Art Stroll on March 10, where from 4-7 p.m. she will be painting “live” at the Art in the Fields Gallery, located at 6 South Main Street.



Morgan Schoch

STEM workshops offered in March and April

(March 9, 2017) The Worcester County UME 4-H Youth Development Program is offering two STEM-based Home Arts workshops in March and April.

The Beginner Sewing Workshop is a six-week course for youth ages 8-18, beginning Tuesday, March 14, 6-8 p.m., at St. Mary’s Episcopal Church Community Center, 18 Third Street in Pocomoke.

The basics of sewing, stitching, marking and cutting fabric are taught,

allowing youth to create simple projects. Participants will learn to operate a computerized sewing machine.

Advanced registration is required and limited to the first 15 paid registrants. The cost is \$20 for 4-H members; \$30 for non 4-H members. All equipment, fabric and supplies are provided for use at no additional cost. The workshop runs through April 25.

Register online at <http://tinyurl.com/wor4Hsewing> or call the Worcester County Extension

office, 410-632-1972.

Partnering with Family & Consumer Sciences, 4-H is hosting a “Grow It, Eat It, Preserve It” workshop at the Worcester County Health Department, 6020 Public Landing Road, Snow Hill on Saturday, April 8 and Saturday, April 22 from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Open to ages 12-18, this hands-on experience teaches youth safe preservation of food. Session one is Hot Water Bath Canning and session two focuses on Dehydration and Fermentation. Partici-

pants must register for both sessions.

Advanced registration for this two-day course is required and limited to the first 15 paid registrants. The cost is \$20 for 4-H members; \$30 for non 4-H members. Register online at <http://tinyurl.com/worcester4Hcanning> or call the Worcester County Extension office, 410-632-1972.

For more information on 4-H youth development and other extension programs, call 410-632-1972 or visit www.extension.umd.edu.

Snapshots



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LION OF A CHECK

Ocean City Lion Past District Governor Norm Cathell presents a \$500 check to LeAnne Butler, representative from the Blood Bank of Delmarva. The Ocean City Lions Club continually supports the Blood Bank.



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ARTISTS SPOTLIGHTED

Artist Paul Treadway, his wife, Janet, and author Diana Wolterreck present Del. Mary Beth Carozza, second from left, with a children's book titled, "Frisbee Goes to the Beach," and a portrait titled, "Great Blue Crane." Paul Treadway's artwork, "Dusk," on loan from the Ocean City Art League is on display outside Del. Carozza's office as a part of her Brushes of the Eastern Shore exhibition.

VALENTINE TREATS

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City and the Cedar Chapel Special School combined efforts to bring Valentine treats to seniors in Worcester County delivered by the Meals on Wheels Program out of the Worcester County Northern Senior Center in Berlin. The students at Cedar Chapel in Snow Hill made 40 Valentines which were then included with the treats provided by Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City. Kiwanians Jackie Todd, left, and Carolyn Dryzga show off the treat bags which included chocolate hearts, Hostess Twinkies, M&M candies and handmade cards.

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PILLOWCASE MINISTRY

Seamstresses from Berlin, Snow Hill, Girdletree, Princess Anne and other Eastern Shore locations have been busy making pillowcase dresses from new or nearly new pillowcases and bandannas. Dresses, as well as boys' shorts, feminine bath kits, sleep mats and market bags are made by volunteers and shared with impoverished children and women in third world countries. The group also made over 300 book bags for students in Gambia, Africa. Pictured, from left, are volunteers Kim Kaufman, Gabrielle Schwendeman and Kendahl Parsons with their bandanna dresses. Over 3,111 dresses have been distributed since the project began. Youth can earn student service credit or Girl Scout badges, if applicable. Call 410-641-0415 if interested in helping. Donations are accepted to help with the shipping costs, which are very expensive.

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YOUNG AUTHORS

The Maryland International Reading Association Council Eastern Shore Chapter announced the following Worcester Prep students as winners of the 2017 Young Authors' Contest for short story or poetry. Short Story winners: First place, Paul "Jack" Townsend, Grade 3; third place, Pranay Sanwal, Grade 7. Poetry winners: First place, Waverly Choy, Grade 8, Maria Deckmann, Grade 10 and Kathleen Emche, Grade 12; second place, Summer Walker, Grade 8, Riley Schoch, Grade 7 and Racheal Rodimak, Grade 11; third place, Sumira Sehgal, Grade 7.

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Business Briefs

Top in sales

Hileman Real Estate has announced that Bethany Drew and Terri Bradford and their "Power of 2 Team" have achieved the top sales position for 2016 among the over 1,000 members of the Coastal Association of Realtors, the professional real estate organization that serves the tri-county region.

Drew and Bradford sold 152 homes and condos with over \$27 million in sales volume in Maryland and Delaware in 2016.

They are celebrating their 10th year working together as a team as well as their 30-plus years of combined real estate experience. They attribute their continued increasing success to their extensive cutting edge sales marketing program, staying on top of industry changes and excellent customer service.

Drew, Bradford and their team can be reached at 410-208-9200 ext. 4.

Winters joins LSLT

The Lower Shore Land Trust organization has partnered with AmeriCorps through the ShoreCorps/PALS state program offered at Salisbury University, and has brought on Michelle Winters as new AmeriCorps service member.

Winters comes to LSLT with four years of undergrad experience studying environmental studies and marketing management, where she gained valuable knowledge about environmentalism and sustainability. Joining an established organization, she will apply useful techniques directed toward rural community engagement and land preservation to achieve a more healthy

and connected Eastern Shore.

Winters joins LSLT in an AmeriCorps service member position. The position aims to further develop the pollinator certification program and implement pollinator gardens, develop native landscaping resources, coordinate pollinator festival and native plant celebration, and assist with efforts to develop Sturgis Park with environmentally friendly landscaping.

Winters will spend time coordinating with Kady Everson, Outreach and Education manager, to help reach more people in the community and raise awareness about resource conservation.

The Lower Shore Land Trust is a private, nonprofit, charitable organization formed in 1990, native to the Eastern Shore of Maryland. LSLT strives to connect and communicate with rural community members in Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties and provide assistance in preserving land of private landowners.

For more information, visit www.lowershorelandtrust.org.

Agent of Month

Andy Rayne has been named Agent of the Month by EXIT Realty At The Beach of Ocean Pines.

Rayne continues to built his career based on referrals from happy clients, family and friends. He excels in local and county knowledge while specializing in farms, new construction and first-time home buyers.

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Borovok and Coltellino to be showcased in WCAC exhibits

(March 9, 2017) During the month of March, the Worcester County Arts Council will present exhibits featuring artwork by members Marina Borovok and Jim Coltellino.

Borovok will display her paintings, while Coltellino will showcase his photo lasered art in wood and mixed media.

Original watercolor painting, "Fort in San Juan," donated by Borovok, and "Berlin," wood engraved lasered photo, donated by Coltellino, are up for grabs in the silent auction this month to benefit various community art programs.

"New Beginning" Co-Op exhibit, displaying various media work by 25

gallery artists, continues until March 31. In addition, in celebration of nationally observed Youth Art Month, the WCAC will present samples of artwork by Melena DiNenna, talented student and Arts Council volunteer.

The opening "Meet the Artists" reception, which is free and open to the public, will take place on Friday, March 10, from 5-8 p.m. at the Arts Council Gallery located on 6 Jefferson Street in Berlin, with live musical entertainment and refreshments.

For information about featured artists and to see samples of their work, visit www.worcestercountyartscouncil.org.

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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BY TIMOTHY POLIN / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

ACROSS				DOWN			
1 Big hits	58 College party epicenter, often	106 Soldiers' assignments	23 Ingredients in some London pies	1 North American flycatcher	8 Low-_____	59 Homes on the range	61 Lad
5 Something repeatedly hit with a thumb	59 Homeland of Spartacus	108 Betray surprise	28 Top story	2 "S.N.L." alum Cheri	9 8 x 10, e.g.: Abbr.	62 Ride hard	63 Who wrote, "I exist, that is all, and I find it nauseating"
13 Flat bread	60 [Circled letters]-advised establishment	109 Be behind	31 Things bouncers are supposed to catch	3 Unloading zone	10 Fool	67 Branded footwear with open backs	68 "Everything's fine"
18 Zeitgeist	63 "What did I tell you?"	110 Evergreen State airport	32 Sylvan	4 Happy hour habitué	11 Garlicky spread	69 Think piece?	70 Capital of Togo
20 Recurring theme in Philip K. Dick novels	64 Berried conifer	111 [Circled letter]-fueled device	33 Denouement	5 Jack _____	12 Wouldn't shut up		
21 Cousin of a mandrill	65 Existentialist Kierkegaard	118 One given a citation	34 "A.S.A.P.!"	6 Guerrilla leader in "For Whom the Bell Tolls"	13 "Geez!"		
22 [Circled letters]-filled contraption	66 Language heard along the Mekong	119 Not so awkward	36 Beowulf or Gilgamesh	7 Constellation near Scorpius	14 Epitome of simplicity		
24 Cry for more	67 Banana-liqueur cocktail	120 Hair	37 Jewelry-store gadget	8 Now hear this!	15 Condition contributed to by a lack of [circled letters]		
25 Affirm one's humanity?	69 Poorly	121 Certain navel	40 Watch, as a criminals' hiding spot	86 Obsolescent players	16 Rider of the horse Tornado		
26 Tangible	72 Letter on a dreidel	122 Au courant	42 Do a wine steward's job	87 Put a stop to?	17 Outdo		
27 Swell	73 Picture displayed on a [circled letters] surface	123 "What fun!"	43 Waffle brand	88 [Circled letter]-consuming activity	19 Turns into confetti		
29 Capote, informally	78 Fails to		44 She, in Salerno	91 "That's great!"	21 Seaman's chapel		
30 World landmark built with [circled letters]	80 Kind of developer		45 Incense	92 Strain to avoid?			
35 Being repaired, as a car	81 Conservative portfolio asset, for short		46 ____ twins of 1980s-'90s TV	93 Stinky			
38 Spots	82 Convinced		47 State confidently	94 Underlying cosmic principle			
39 It's hard to bear	83 Worthless		48 Mire	95 Ones getting all the breaks			
41 Halfhearted, as support	84 Now hear this!		49 Minute _____	99 Sports implement often made from [circled letters]			
42 Can't wait to find out, in a way	86 Obsolescent players		50 Dispatched, as a dragon	103 Smokers should knock it off			
45 [Circled letters]-based drugs	87 Put a stop to?		52 Foreign capital whose name sounds like a water passage to San Francisco				
51 Check out	88 [Circled letter]-consuming activity		57 He married Daisy Mae in 1952				
52 Unvarnished	91 "That's great!"						
53 Great confusion	92 Strain to avoid?						
54 Sea serpent of old cartoons	93 Stinky						
55 Citrus hybrid	94 Underlying cosmic principle						
56 Bomb developed in the 1950s	95 Ones getting all the breaks						

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71 Fabled [circled letters]-hiding trickster	79 Market share?	95 Yogurt-based Indian drink	103 Came to
73 Quatre halved	80 Poverty, e.g.	96 Employ against	104 To the point
74 Exhibits one of the seven deadly sins	84 Issue for a noble family?	97 Brand with classic "But wait, there's more ...!" infomercials	107 Tartan wearer
75 Modern acronym for "Seize the day!"	85 Tiny amount	98 Leave at a loss	111 Numerical prefix
76 Trudge	89 W.W. II moniker	100 Everglades wader	112 Big heart?
77 Eliciting nervous laughter, say	90 KPMG hiree	101 Ballet-school supporter	114 British can
	91 Certain platonic friend	102 Muff	115 Itinerary abbr.
	94 Shock, in a way		116 "Now I've got it!"
			117 Image on a Wisconsin state quarter

Pocomoke Elementary named Title I Distinguished School

(March 9, 2017) The National Title I Association announced Pocomoke Elementary School (PES) has been named a National Title I Distinguished School by the Maryland State Department of Education.

Pocomoke Elementary is one of up to 100 schools throughout the country that is being nationally recognized for exceptional student achievement in 2016.

A project of the National Title I Association, the National Title I Distinguished Schools Program publicly recognizes qualifying Title I schools for the outstanding academic achievements of their students. It highlights the efforts of schools across the country making significant improvements for their students.

The program has been in place since 1996, showcasing the success of hundreds of schools in one of three categories: exceptional student performance for two consecutive years, closing the achievement gap between student groups or excellence in serving special populations of students.

“We are incredibly excited to have Pocomoke Elementary School recognized for the outstanding work the administration and staff are doing to ensure the children in Pocomoke are achieving at high levels,” Superintendent Lou Taylor said. “The efforts of the PES family are commendable, and this is certainly a day to celebrate not only in Pocomoke, but across our county.”

Title I is the cornerstone of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. It is the largest federally funded pre-college education program in the United States and provides funding to school districts across the country to aid in the education of economically disadvantaged students.

The National Title I Association is a membership organization made up of the Title I Directors from each of the states and territories, who are charged with managing their state Title I program to ensure compliance with federal regulations and to ensure that all children – especially those living in economically disadvantaged conditions – have the opportunity to receive a high-quality education.

The National Title I Association implemented the National Title I Distinguished Schools Program to highlight selected schools that have successfully used their Title I federal funds to improve the education for economically disadvantaged students.

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Cuisine

Got leftovers? Everything goes in frittatas

Anthony Bourdain once commented on the professional walk-in in a manner in which most, if not all, professional chefs can relate. Regardless of the number of times that cooks dig through and clean the refrigerated space, every now and then you will find that one lonely pan that someone lazily crammed into a corner or is otherwise simply stashed somewhere it shouldn't be.



By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3

And it's usually not pretty at the time of discovery. Well, we have that issue at home on occasion as well. With three children and a young adult at home (along with us), there tends to be crap everywhere in the refrigerator.

And when it comes to cleaning out the icebox, I lean on the expertise and memories of my mother, rest her soul, in compiling dishes in masses of unrecognizable slop. Of course, she had fancy "French" names for them, but it was still a pile of slop nonetheless. Nowadays, I'll try to put leftovers in something that will not only make some kind of sense, but that our kids will eat, the picky little urchins.

Before I go any further I want to emphasize, or more to the point clarify, that my mother's Swamp Meat and "a la garbage" were always magnificent and veritable feasts. In our house, we didn't have much choice as to what we were going to eat, so the choice was easy: get yours before your seven siblings and visiting midshipmen and their friends took it all. I guess you would say that we were the jackals, and my mother the mighty lioness, laying down the prey for bulging eyes and empty stomachs.

But that was many years ago, and honestly I don't recall mom ever making frittata, so I will pretend for the time being that this is my own invention, despite the fact that people have been making this since the onslaught of time.

One of my favorite dishes to use for such an exercise is the frittata, the Spanish-style, crust-less quiche aspirant. With a crust on it that the kids and wife adore (think of the edges on brownies, also a favorite with the crew) and a cheesy interior speckled with pieces of last night's dinner. In this particular instance, we had a grilled fete the night prior, so had some grilled chicken, beef, mushrooms and garlic kale just waiting to be used up before it became the unrecognizable mass on the second shelf behind the milk, chicken stock and bag of broccoli.

I made a frittata around Christmas-time and it was a huge hit, especially considering that we had a full house of guests. The entire thing was gone in a mere five minutes. This time around, however, it was just enough (that's enough) and we were able to put the leftovers back in the fridge.

Hmm ... I wonder if I can make a leftover-frittata frittata. Would I add extra cheese? Of course I would. You simply cannot have enough cheese. For the love of cheese and all that's holy, I'm starting to sound like my cousins from Milwaukee. But, I digress.

The finished frittata will be similar in some forms to quiche, in that there is an egg/milk or cream base. From there, there is great disparity



in the differences, including the absence of a crust in the former. The way that this bakes in a pan, you will have "edges" like you have on brownies on the outer corners. My family loves the edges so much that Julie once purchased an Edge Pan, which we still use. Its serpentine design affords edges to every brownie in the pan, and that makes for a happy crowd. I told my youngest that I would use that pan the next time I make Frittata; he really disliked the soft interior.

I'm done. My icebox is cleaner, and everyone has eaten. And with any luck I'll be able to reheat the leftovers if no one beats me to it.

Leftover Frittata

makes 9 servings

- 9 Eggs
- 1 cup Milk
- 1 cup Blended cheeses (sharp & mild Cheddar)
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 cup Chopped, sautéed garlic kale
- 1 cup Sautéed Crimini mushrooms
- 1 cup Grilled chicken, cubed
- 1/2 cup Grilled steak, cubed
- 1/4 cup Shredded Parmesan

1. *This is a very specific leftover frittata based*

on what I had in the walk-in that day. Just use any savory ingredients in your icebox!

- 2. Preheat oven to 425 (conventional) or 375 (convection)
- 3. Whisk together eggs, milk and cheese and add salt and pepper. Set aside
- 4. In a pan that is stove- and oven-ready, heat some butter and olive oil until all liquid has dissipated from the butter
- 5. Add kale, mushrooms, chicken and beef and cook until just heated through
- 6. Once heated through and the pan is once again nice and hot, pour the egg mixture over the ingredients
- 7. Top with the parmesan cheese (which will end up on the bottom of the finished dish) and bake until it is fluffed over and a little darker than you would cook a quiche
- 8. Remove and allow to rest until the top flattens out, and turn it out onto a platter or cutting board if you are serving individually
- 9. Serve with a nice, crisp salad and a light vinaigrette. This goes great with unsweetened tea if you are a nondrinker or a prosecco if you are

— Paul G. Suplee is an Associate Professor of Culinary Arts at Wor-Wic Community College. Find his ePortfolio at www.heartofakitchen.com.

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THU, MAR. 9

AARP CHAPTER 1917 MEETING
Ocean City Senior Center, 104 41st St., Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. Refreshments served at 9:30 a.m. The guest speaker will be a pharmacist from Rite Aid. A luncheon at Mio Fratello will follow. New members welcome. Bob McCluskey, 410-250-0980

‘DIG THOSE DINOSAURS’
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 10:30 a.m. Science, art and fun for children ages 3 to 7 years. 410-632-3495

STORY TIME ‘NAUGHTY & NICE’
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10:30 a.m. For 2 to 5 year old children. 410-208-4014

AUTHOR AND GUEST SPEAKER MARTINA VANDERLEY
Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 11 a.m. Featuring award-winning author and genealogist Martina Vanderley. Join Vanderley as she reads selections from her many works of fiction. 410-641-0650

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

WRITING WITH RUTH
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 1 to 3 p.m. Monthly gathering of local writers share independent work (poems, essays, memoirs, prose, etc.) and receive encouraging feedback from fellow participants. All writers welcome. 410-524-1818

CRAB DIP FEVER
Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 2 p.m. Chef Jim Washington will demonstrate his famous crab dip. Participants will get to sample each variation. 410-957-0878

WRITING FOR WELLNESS
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 2 p.m. Research has shown that writing about stressful experiences is therapeutic and promotes physical and emotional healing. Writing exercises are used to stimulate the process of creative expression. No prior writing experience necessary. 410-632-3495

BEACH SINGLES
Harpoon Hanna’s, 39064 Harpoon Road, Fenwick Island, DE, 4 to 7 p.m. Every Thursday, Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour. Arlene or Kate, 302-436-9577 or 410-524-0649

BINGO
American Legion Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD, 6:30 p.m.

Doors open at 4:30 p.m., games start at 6:30 p.m. Food and non-alcoholic drinks available at 5:15 p.m. Open to the public. 410-289-3166, <http://www.alpost166.org>

FRI, MAR. 10

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

IPAD CHICKS - BEGINNERS
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Explore the world of iPads while learning from each other. Register: Norma Kessler, 410-641-7017. Men welcome.

ELECTION 2016 REDUX: A LOOK BACK AND FORWARD
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 12 p.m. Three-part series presented by Dr. Samuel B. Hoff. Dr. Hoff is George Washington Distinguished Professor of History and Political Science and La Studies Director at Delaware State University. Part I will concentrate on the nomination sequence of the 2016 presidential election. After reviewing pre-2016 influences, the session traces the Democratic and Republican nomination contests and the party conventions. 410-208-4014

ST. PATRICK’S INDOOR SOCCER TOURNAMENT
Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD, 12 p.m. Adult Open - Men and Women. Featuring more than 170 teams competing over four weekends. Tournament play begins on Friday at noon. Kim Kinsey or Kim Allison, 410-250-0125

OCEAN PINES BOOK OF THE MONTH
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 2 to 4 p.m. The book of the month is “Everything I Never Told You” by Celeste Ng. Copies of books are available in advance at the Ocean Pines branch. 410-208-4014

UN-MAKERSPACE
Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 3:30 p.m. Explore the scientific methods of taking things apart. For those 10 years and older. 410-957-0878

CRAB CAKE DINNER
Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 4 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$10 and includes single crab cake sandwich with green beans and seasoned baked potato. Carryouts and bake sale table available. 410-641-1137

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

SAT, MAR. 11

REACH THE BEACH NATIONALS: DANCE
Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, All Day Dance teams compete for national championship title. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, <http://www.theep-icbrands.com>

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

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

MAIN STREET PATRIOTS RALLY
Ocean Gateway and Stephen Decatur Highway, West Ocean City, MD, 9 a.m. The Worcester County chapter of Main Street Patriots will rally on the shoulder of the east-bound Route 50 just before the 611 intersection in support of President Donald Trump’s America First policies. A post-rally gathering will follow, with prizes and raffles. DoNothing.LoseAll@gmail.com, 410-251-3585

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Ocean City Municipal Airport, Terminal Building, 12724 Airport Road, Berlin, MD, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Serving pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, etc., and coffee. Suggested donation is \$7. An OCAA fundraiser to support the Huey Veteran’s Memorial Display. Info: Airport Ops, 410-213-2471 or Coleman Bunting, 410-726-7207

ST. PATRICK’S DAY BOARDWALK 5K
Ocean City Boardwalk at 4th Street, S. Boardwalk and Fourth Street, Ocean City, MD, 9 a.m. This event is a 5K run on the Boardwalk. Post-race celebration at Shenanigan’s Irish Pub on 4th Street. Chris Klebe, info@octrirunning.com, 443-497-4324, <http://www.octrirunning.com>

CRAFTY SATURDAY MAKE & TAKE ‘BE CREATIVE’
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Use your imagination to create something wonderful with fun supplies provided by the library. Every Saturday in March. For

all ages. 410-208-4014

OCEAN PINES ANGLERS CLUB MEETING
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 9:30 a.m. The speaker will be Corporal Bradley Bunting of the DNR Police while will bring attendees up to date on existing and new boating and fishing regulations. Latest size and limit updates for the 2017 Flounder and Striped Bass season provided. All welcome. Jack Barnes, 410-641-7662

ST. PATRICK’S SCRAMBLE
Eagle’s Landing Golf Course, 12367 Eagles Nest Road, Berlin, MD, 9:30 a.m. This is a 4-player scramble. Cost is \$60 and includes green fee, cart, lunch and prizes. Teams will play 6 holes from each Gold, White and Blue Tees. If a players ball lands in a clover, their ball is deemed holed. Lunch will be served immediately following play. Menu includes many Irish American favorites. Gross and net prizes awarded. 410-213-7277 or 800-283-3846

OC AVIATION ADVISORS & EDUCATORS
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A “Layperson’s Introduction to Flying” fun, free course. Ideal for PC Flight Simulator and R/C controlled aircraft operators with no actual flight experience. Requires only 8th grade math, simple scientific calculator and interest in how airplanes are flown. Register: Tom Onto, 410-641-6888.

FAMILY GAME DAY
Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 11 a.m. Play family-friendly board games, giant sized. For all ages. 410-957-0878

FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON
Girdletree Methodist Church, 2805 Snow Hill Road Girdletree, MD, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Girdletree Heritage Foundation hosts Fundraiser for Furnace to raise funds for repair of the Historic Girdletree Methodist Church’s furnace. Have lunch and tour the historic church and the other preserved sites owned by GHF. Menu includes comfort soups and sandwiches, such as chicken noodle soup, clam chowder, chicken salad and tuna salad sandwiches. Take out and bake table available.

ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARADE & FESTIVAL
Coastal Highway and 58th Street, Ocean City, MD, 12 p.m. This year’s special guests from the Embassy of Ireland are Justice and Home Affairs Counselor Joe Gavin and his wife, Martina. The parade begins at noon and travels Coastal Highway from 57th Street to the 45th Street Shopping Center, where the viewing and judging stands will be located. Featuring marching units, floats and local celebrities. A free-admission festival will be held at the 45th Street Shopping Center from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Featuring live music by Pat O’Brennan, Irish apparel and plenty of food and drink. Local NBC affiliate WRDE will broadcast the event live on

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Saturday, including a live stream at www.wrde.com beginning at 11:30 a.m. Cozi TV will rebroadcast the parade on March 12 from 9-11:30 a.m., and all day long on March 17. Buck Mann, 410-289-6156, <http://www.delmarvairish.org>

SUN, MAR. 12

ST. PATRICK’S INDOOR SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD, All Day Adult Open - Men and Women. Featuring more than 170 teams competing over four weekends. Tournament play begins on Friday at noon. Kim Kinsey or Kim Allison, 410-250-0125

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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

5TH ANNUAL EASTERN SHORE BRIDAL SHOW

Dunes Manor Hotel, 2800 Baltimore Ave., Ocean City, MD, 1 to 4 p.m. Featuring presentations of wedding-related topics as well as product demos, interactive education sessions and samplings/tastings. All future brides who attend the event will be eligible to win more than 40 door prizes, and will be entered into a drawing for grand prizes of a Hawaiian honeymoon and two \$1,000 wedding gowns. Each attending bride will be given a swag bag with more than \$100 in gift certificates, coupons, magazines, makeup samples and jewelry cleaner. Admission cost is \$10. Register: BridalShowsandExpos.com

MON, MAR. 13

3D PRINTER DEMONSTRATION DAY

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, All Day There will be projects in process on the printer all day long and staff will be available to answer questions. 410-632-3495

AARP FREE TAX SERVICES

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WRITING FOR WELLNESS

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experience needed. 410-208-4014

GEOBOARD IT!

Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 3:30 p.m. STEAM activity for ages 12 years and older. 410-957-0878

STEAM PM ‘DRUMMING AND RHYTHM WITH JOHN COLLEY’

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 3:45 p.m. Play drums, find the rhythm, learn the beat in this interactive musical program. For children 6 years and older. 410-632-3495

GIRL SCOUT SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

DeNovo’s Trattoria, 11310 Manklin Creek Road, Berlin, MD, 5 p.m. Tickets cost \$12 for adults and \$5 for children, call Anna Foultz at 410-641-7667 or Beverly Meadows at 443-235-1019. There will be door prizes and face painting. Funds benefit Girl Scout Chesapeake Council - Service Unit #7.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

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

DELMARVA SWEET ADELINE CHORUS

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

DELMARVA WOMEN’S A CAPELLA CHORUS GUEST NIGHT

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 7 p.m. Music, laughter, fellowship and lots of singing. The group meets every Monday. Jean Beatty, 410-208-4149

TUE, MAR. 14

AARP FREE TAX SERVICES

MAC Center, 909 Progress Circle, Salisbury, MD, All Day By appointment only. Call 410-742-0505.

SNOW HILL ROTARY CLUB MEETING

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

IPAD CHICKS - INTERMEDIATE

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Drop in to the intermediate session of the iPad Chicks. Men are welcome. 410-208-4014

LIVING WELL: CHRONIC DISEASE SELF-MANAGEMENT

Pocomoke Senior Center, 400 Walnut St., Suite B, Pocomoke City, MD, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Free, six-week interactive program for anyone who has a chronic condition. Topics include better breathing; how

to manage pain, stress and discouragement; improving communication with family and healthcare providers; eat and exercise for your health; and more. Dawn, 410-641-9268

PLAY TIME

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 10:30 a.m. Children, infant to 5 years old, can make new friends and learn new skills while playing with educational toys. 410-641-0650

WEE READERS ‘DR. SEUSS’

Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and activities for infants to 2 year old children. 410-957-0878

ONE-ON-ONE FAMILY HISTORY ASSISTANCE

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 1 to 4 p.m. Explore your genealogy and ancestry. Appointments must be made in advance by calling Ashley Jones, 410-632-5622. Held the second Tuesday of each month.

AN ISLAND OUT OF TIME

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 2 p.m. Author Tom Horton takes participants back to a people of yesteryear as he talks about his experiences living on Smith Island while researching his book. 410-524-1818

COFFEE HOUR

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 2 p.m. Join this group on the second Tuesday of each month for refreshments and casual conversation on favorite books and authors. 410-632-3495

PARKINSON’S SUPPORT GROUP

Gull Creek Senior Living, 1 Meadow St., Berlin, Md, 2:30 to 4 p.m. For individuals suffering from Parkinson’s. Group provides education on exercise, nutrition, coping techniques, medications and developments in treatment. Mary Bohall, 410-641-3171, <http://www.Delmarva-ParkinsonsAlliance.org>

BEGINNER SEWING AND FOOD PRESERVATION WORKSHOPS FOR YOUTH

St. Mary’s Episcopal Church Community Center, 18 Third St., Pocomoke City, MD, 6 to 8 p.m. Participants will learn the basic of sewing including how to operate a computerized sewing machine. Cost is \$20 for 4-H members and \$30 for non-members. All equipments, fabric and supplies are provided. The workshop runs through April 25. Advanced registration is required: online at <http://tinyurl.com/wor4Hsewing> or by calling the Worcester County Extension Office at 410-632-1972.

BINGO

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

NAMI FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 2, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin,

MD, 6:30 to 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, gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org, 410-641-9725

WED, MAR. 15

KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OCEAN PINES/OCEAN CITY

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

MARYLAND VA REPRESENTATIVES

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Maryland Dept. of Veterans Affairs representative, Michelle Licata, is available to offer outreach services to veterans and their families on the third Wednesday of each month. No appointment necessary. 410-713-3482

PLAY TIME

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 10:30 a.m. Children, infant to 5 years old, make new friends and learn new skills while playing with educational toys. 410-524-1818

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic Health Center Conference Room, 9714 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 1 to 2 p.m. Women Supporting Women/AGH Support group for women and men who are battling breast cancer (current patients and survivors). Lunch is provided. RSVP: Women Supporting Women, 410-548-7880

TWEEN TRIVIA

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 4:30 to 6 p.m. Test your Harry Potter trivia skills for the chance to win prizes. For those 10 to 13 years old. 410-632-3495

DELMARVA HAND DANCE CLUB

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

LITERARY ALLIANCE

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 5:30 p.m. The group will be discussing “The Night Circus,” by Erin Morganstern. For everyone 18 years and older. 410-641-0650

OCEAN CITY/BERLIN ROTARY CLUB MEETING

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

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