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Dozens of children in the afterschool program at Berlin Intermediate School enjoy a demonstration of a new robot, created by Titanium Wrecks, last Thursday. The Snow Hill-based robotics club, "T-Wrecks" for short, is run by high school students based in Worcester County.

'T-Wrecks' demo delights students

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 10, 2016) For two consecutive years, local robotics team Titanium Wrecks has earned spots in the FIRST World Championships robotics competition in St. Louis. This year, it hopes to make it three in a row.

Last Thursday, the squad (T-Wrecks for short) showed off its latest creation to several dozen delighted children enrolled in afterschool programs at Berlin Intermediate School.

The private, nonprofit T-Wrecks group is comprised of a handful of high school students based in Worcester County. On Jan. 9, the team was given materials for this year's FIRST competition (FIRST is the acronym for For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology).

The competition will center on a medieval-style castle with several obstacles, including a tower that can be taken out by launching "boulders" through a small opening.

In just six weeks, the team had built its latest bot, dubbed "SHwreck."

"There are lots and lots of details to these projects. We're really teaching the kids about engineering," Dave Black, programming mentor, said. According to Black, three-to-four students worked on the bot during each meeting at T-Wrecks base in Snow Hill.

"We had to help them along, but we got them there," he said. "I think we're going to do really well [in St. Louis]. It's a good robot. I've seen some of the other teams, and I think we have a good chance."

At BIS, team members Daniel Black, Josh Schmucki and Ben Jolley took turns controlling the robot and interacting with the young students, grades 4-6.

"We made the whole robot from scratch," Schmucki told one student. "We had some of the parts made for us, but we had to buy some other parts, like aluminum and some other fabrics and wires, and we went ahead and put it together."

During a question-and-answer session, children asked what the robot ran on (a 12-volt battery), whether there were classes for building robots

(there are) and if T-Wrecks bots ever broke down during competitions.

"All the time," Schmucki said.

Asked how fast SHwreck, named after its Snow Hill birthplace, could move, Schmucki provided a demonstration, racing across the gym floor with the bot close by. Students also played catch with SHwreck using a volleyball, and even took turns on the controls.

Fifth grader Jessica Beck said she enjoyed the demonstration, and that she already had some familiarity with robotics.

"My brother was on the Stephen Decatur High School robotics team," she said, adding that she would like to take part in a team as well – when she is old enough.

Sixth grader Daniel Lugasi also gave his seal of approval, saying he thought SHwreck was "pretty cool."

"I liked how it threw the ball," he said. One day, Lugasi said he would like to build his own bot.

Diane Jolley, an educational assistant at BIS, said the robotics programs help get the students involved

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Towns, Pines make pitch for county funding

Three Wor. municipalities send largely flat requests

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 10, 2016) Three Worcester County municipalities, and Ocean Pines, presented fiscal year 2017 budget requests during a county commissioners meeting in Snow Hill last Tuesday, and proposals were, for the most part, in line with previous years.

Berlin presented a largely unchanged request, for \$1.79 million in county funds. During the last two years it received \$1.77 million and \$1.76 million, respectively.

The town did ask for a noticeable increase in shared income tax – \$300,000 as opposed to the \$244,000 approved during the previous two years – as well as more shared revenue from liquor license distributors.

To offset that, Berlin asked for a smaller restricted fire grant, just \$151,000. During fiscal year 2015, the town was given \$252,000 in fire grant money. Last year, it received \$175,000.

In fiscal year 2015, Snow Hill was given \$1.51 million in grants from the county, followed by \$1.45 million during FY '16. This year, the town is asking for \$1.62 million. That increase was almost exclusively driven by a \$300,000 request for "other grants," which Mayor Charlie Dorman, in a letter to the commissioners, said would be used for much-needed infrastructure improvements.

The county approved \$100,000 grants in the "other category" for Snow Hill during the previous two fiscal years.

During the last two fiscal years, Pocomoke received totals of \$1.44 million and \$1.47 million, respectively. This year, the town is asking for \$1.53 million.

Pushing that number slightly higher was a larger request for ambu-

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Pines county funding request up 80 percent

lance and fire company services. In FY '15, the town got \$378,205 from the county. That went up to \$403,584 during the last fiscal year. This year, Pocomoke requested \$449,980.

All three municipalities will likely to continue to receive \$450,000 in unrestricted grant money, as well as \$4,500 in tourism and marketing funds.

Ocean Pines, on the other hand, asked for a more than 80 percent increase in county funding, including 20 times more for recreation

(\$200,000), and a new \$295,000 grant for repairs to roads and bridges. The homeowner's association also asked for a 73 percent jump in police aid, up from \$459,500 during the previous fiscal period, to \$625,000 in FY'17.

OPA General Manager Bob Thompson sent in a three-page letter to the commissioners with the budget request, explaining that the funding involved "four distinct needs," which were public safety, roads and bridges, tourism and recreation.

"Despite having the largest year-round population in Worcester County, we continue to receive the minimum level of funding compared to the amount of funding received by the other communities in the county," Thompson wrote. "The minimum amount we receive is surprising when you compare the per capita dollars allocated."

Thompson went on to say, if approved, the per-capita rate would still be the lowest of all the "major communities" in the county, and "less than half" of what the closest compa-

rable community received.

"After years of discussion and effort, it is time to recognize the largest population center in the county and normalize the levels of county support," Thompson wrote. "Our OPA Worcester County citizens deserve the same level of respect as those who live in other parts of the county."

The commissioners are expected to get the first draft of the entire fiscal year 2017 county budget on Friday, and could begin discussions during the next public meeting, on Tuesday, March 15 in Snow Hill.

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Shwreck lines up to shoot basketballs in the Berlin Intermediate School gym last Thursday. The robot, built by local robotics group Titanium Wrecks, demonstrated several of its functions for BIS students in the afterschool program.

Local robotics team looking for funds to offset travel costs

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in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Her son, a senior at Decatur, is also a member of the T-Wrecks.

"I've been involved for three years now," she said. "I love it. I think it's really a great opportunity to introduce kids to STEM and get them excited about science."

She said her son was planning to study bio-medical engineering in col-

lege.

"It's something he can put on his college applications and scholarship applications. It's making him more well-rounded, working with the team," she said.

T-Wrecks is looking for donations to help offset the cost of materials and to pay for travel expenses. For more information, contact Paul Suplee at 443-880-1986 or pgsuplee@gmail.com, or visit www.team-t-wrecks.org.



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Berlin Falls to get help from pro-bono scientists at TEX

Washington, D.C.-based group will look into E. coli at old Tyson's Chicken plant

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 10, 2016) When Berlin bought the former Tyson's Chicken plant on old Ocean City Boulevard, now being called Berlin Falls, the town pledged that partnerships and unique, creative approaches – not just town tax dollars – would help transform the property into something of which the citizens could be.

Looking for help with environmental remediation of the once-industrial site, Berlin has kept its word by contacting the Thriving Earth Exchange (TEX), a Washington, D.C.-based collective that, with assistance from the American Geophysical Union, has access to more than 62,000 scientists who study the Earth and space.

According to its literature, TEX can help towns "enhance the resilience and sustainability of your community by helping you access and apply the best available knowledge from this international pool of experts."

"We've been around for about three years, Dr. Natasha Udu-gama, director of community partnerships, explained during a phone interview last Thursday. "We started with about four or five pilot projects, and now we're up to about 20 different projects, both national and international," she said. "Most of our projects are in the U.S., but we also have a couple of projects in Asia and one in Africa."

In essence, TEX offers scientific expertise on a pro-bono basis. When selecting whom it helps, Udu-gama said the group first identifies the issue, using climate change as an example, and then evaluates how well it believes the community can work with its scientists.

"We're willing to help any community that comes to us. That community can be a small town, like Berlin, it can be a big city, like Las Vegas, and it can be a community organization,

such as in the Horn of Africa and Sri Lanka," Udu-gama said. "We work with different iterations of community. Those that are willing and have the community resources and time to work with our scientists – that's really important."

Udu-gama said she learned about Berlin through its involvement with the International City/County Management Association, another partnership, where the town is part of the sustainable action committee.

"They sent out a blurb via the committee, and [Town Administrator] Laura Allen, specifically, expressed interest in wanting to do a project with us," Udu-gama said.

At Berlin Falls, Udu-gama said TEX would examine the issue of E. coli in the lagoons.

"Essentially what we do is try to understand the community's point of view regarding an issue that involves either climate change, natural hazards or natural resources, and so, in this case, they wanted to understand what are the levels of E. coli and what sort of monitoring and testing should be done in order for it to be safe enough for recreational use," she said.

"We're in the process of looking for a scientist that would be able to provide them with sufficient data and information that would allow them to make an appropriate decision."

Although she declined to speculate on the specifics of the remediation required to clean up the lagoons, Udu-gama said the problem was not unusual.

"There's actually another city we're working with now that has almost the exact same issue – but not in Maryland," she said. "It's very common."

Udu-gama said she was confident a scientist would be assigned to the project soon.

"That shouldn't take too much longer," she said. "I will be interviewing a scientist tomorrow, and she's very much interested in this topic and has the right expertise. Hopefully, she's the one. If not, by the end of next week we should be able to link Berlin with a scientist."

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Berlin optimistic POS funding level will return

Town would use money for amenities at Berlin Falls, building new Burbage Park

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 10, 2016) Restored funding for Program Open Space was among the promises Gov. Larry Hogan made Marylanders during his campaign.

In Berlin, that funding source could help transform the former Tyson's Chicken plant, now called Berlin Falls, expand the tot lot at Stephen Decatur Park, and develop a new neighborhood park named after a former mayor.

During a parks commission meeting in town hall on March 1, Administrative Services Director Mary Bohlen distributed a "wish list" for fiscal year 2017, which included \$99,000 in new funding from Program Open Space.

To start, the town is asking for \$40,500 to buy such things as benches, picnic tables and trashcans

for Berlin Falls.

An attached memo read, "This property was purchased specifically for the purpose of development into a new park for our residents and visitors, and the town has worked with a consultant to develop several concepts for its ultimate design."

The memo went on to say two environmental studies were conducted, identifying several environmental issues, none of which would likely impede development.

In order to transform the property from industrial to recreation use, Berlin applied to the Voluntary Clean-Up program management by the Maryland Department of the Environment, and contacted Thriving Earth Exchange, a collective of scientists who provide pro-bono assistance.

By the end of spring, the town hopes the property will be ready for passive park use, including walking, dog walking and bicycling.

Another significant project, John Howard Burbage Park, would be located near the municipal power plant and public works facility on Williams Street. Berlin is asking for \$4,500 for the planning of the "small 'aesthetic' park," and another \$45,000 to develop it.

To expand the tot lot at the playground at Stephen Decatur Park, Berlin is seeking \$9,000 from Program Open Space.

"More than rumor [has it], they're trying very hard to get Program Open Space funding, if not up to previous levels, at least higher than it has been," Bohlen said during the meeting. "That means that, possibly, the county may see clear to start allocating some of those funds back to the municipalities the way they used to."

Bohlen said she originally contacted Program Open Space to ask about funding for the environmental remediation of Berlin Falls.

"Their answer was, only if it is directly applied to a development project," she said. "Trying to make that tie would be very difficult to pull together."

Bohlen said the full transformation of the property into a recreational use park would "not happen for a while."

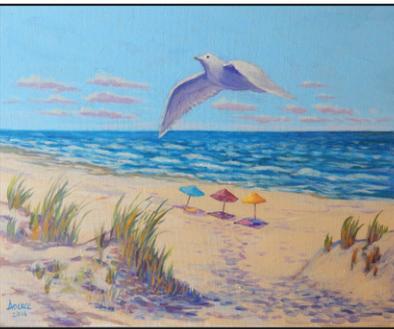
"It's what we call a passive use," she said. "It's just going to be there for people to walk."

The two other requests, Bohlen said, "have been on this list for quite some time." All three will go before the mayor and council during a public meeting on March 28. Approved requests must be sent to the county by April 1.

Committee member Patricia Dufendach said she was happy to see more concrete proof, as evidenced by a formal request from the town, that Berlin Falls was becoming a reality.

"I'm just thrilled that they're actually calling it a park," she said. "It's really a park, which means our responsibilities have increased a little. But the opportunities – it's exciting."

'I'm just thrilled that they're actually calling it a park.'
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With commission approval, survey moves to OP board

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 10, 2016) A questionnaire that will go out to all 8,452 Ocean Pines homes and help inform the association's comprehensive plan is nearly complete.

On March 2, the comprehensive planning committee met in the administration building and approved roughly 40 questions for the survey.

An early draft of the questionnaire, released last month, included 35 multiple-choice items grouped into several categories. Meeting minutes from that session said the questionnaire was based on "Ocean Pines documents, phone calls, focus groups and best practices."

Draft questions ranged from "How do you see the demographics of Ocean Pines changing in the future?" to "What amenities do you think Ocean Pines could do without?" and "What is your impression of how the community is managed by the Board of Directors and administration?"

As it stands, the committee, working with Salisbury University group BEACON and Dr. Memo Diriker, plans to send the questionnaire largely by email. The committee discussed sending a bulletin in the next quarterly newsletter that would introduce the survey and offer hard copies by mail, on request.

During the meeting last Wednesday,



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Dr. Memo Diriker demonstrates a computer module during a comprehensive planning committee meeting in Ocean Pines last week. Also pictured, from left, is Committee Chair Steve Cohen, Facilities Manager Jerry Aveeta, Mike Evans and OPA Board President Pat Renaud.

Diriker said he was looking for one response per individual in Ocean Pines, including both homeowners and renters, temporary and full-time residents. No more than five questionnaires per household will be accepted, and he said measures would be taken in order to prevent fraud.

Because BEACON receives federal funding, Diriker said the survey must include an opt-out clause.

The committee is targeting a release after April 18, so as not to conflict with

tax season, and hopes to have the survey completed by the end of May. After initial emails are sent and the quarterly newsletter alerts residents, Diriker said two follow-up reminders would be sent out electronically.

Also on Wednesday, Diriker presented a demonstration of a computer model he and BEACON will develop using the results of the questionnaire. He tried to clarify the purpose of the model and its data.

"This doesn't tell you 'do this.' This

tells you what happens if you do this versus this, all things being equal," he said. "It doesn't plan for you - it's a tool that helps the planners look at certain scenarios, and, after they select them, defend those scenarios in a public meeting."

With the committee's endorsement of the questions, the next step is approval by the Ocean Pines Board of Directors. A special meeting was set for Monday, March 14 at 8:30 a.m. in the administration building. The meeting will be open to the public.

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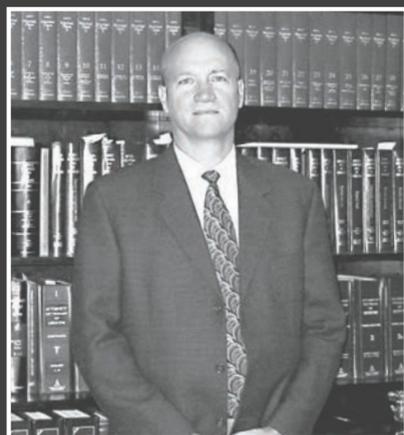
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Berlin A&E Committee mural to be unveiled during art stroll

By Josh Davis

Staff Writer

(March 10, 2016) Berlin residents will get their first look at a new community mural on Friday during a presentation tied to the town's monthly art stroll.

Berlin's Arts & Entertainment Committee announced plans for the mural in October, and the Town Council and historic district commission both signed off on the project last year.

The idea for the mural, however, dates back a little longer.

"It's been two years in the making from the standpoint of Berlin Arts & Entertainment," Committee Member Robin Tomaselli said. "We looked at several locations that would have made some good sense for public art murals, but we were having a difficult time finding owners of the buildings that were interested in things either being attached to the wall or painted on the wall."

Berlin Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells stepped in, offering the north-facing wall of the town's visitor's center on 14 South Main Street.

Then, Larnet St. Amant, executive director of the Berlin Chamber of Commerce, mentioned she knew a muralist, John Donato, who had worked on a similar project with the students at Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School in Ocean Pines.

"That was the spark," Tomaselli said. "We began talking to John, meeting with John, going out and seeing other projects he had worked on, and talking to schools and faculty and staff and students that had worked on his mural projects."

Donato said he came to the project without a specific plan, other than "how can we get as many people as possible involved."

"I was searching for, what are the potential partners in painting?" he said. "I was looking at all pieces, and when I heard all the stories and perspectives and goals, I just [began] piecing together a program with a couple of different ways things could

be done."

With an artist in place and the blessing of the town, the committee then started to look for a local school with which to work. Buckingham Elementary, located less than a mile away from the visitor's center, on Main Street, seemed like an obvious choice.

"To us, it is the best representation of what Berlin is, which is a really diverse community of exceptional people," Tomaselli said. "It was then that it went from just being a public piece of art to something – to me – that is way bigger than that. It's art, but it's community. It's celebrating diversity and who we are."

Work on the first of a planned five-panel series started in January in Melissa Reid's art classroom at Buckingham.

Carol Rose, a director at the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum in Berlin, spent several days with the students, providing an oral history of the town, complete with a slide show of photos dating back more than 100 years. Afterwards, the students helped develop a vision of Berlin with Reid, Donato, Rose and the A&E committee.

The actual painting of the mural lasted about 10 days and included the brushstrokes of dozens of students, as well as faculty, staff and parents.

"The painting was actually the quickest part of the cycle," Donato said. "The preparation, and the planning and the idea stage was the real hard part of the process."

"I'm always amazed at what we come up with," Donato added. "When you put that many heads together, you start seeing that anything is really possible. The only question is how big can it get? How great can it be? Then, I'm always amazed at what the outcome is."

Tomaselli said she was thrilled with the final product, which includes the large wooden panel that will be attached to the visitor's center, as well as several additional panels that will be permanently displayed at Buckingham.

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“Mind-blowing is the word that I would use,” she said. “There would be no way to really articulate how touching the whole process has been unless you’ve been in here with these students day in and day out and watched their reactions to it. The excitement and their ability to translate their own creativity into the mural – it’s just so much bigger than a piece of art.”

“When people actually are able to view it, they are going to be blown away,” Tomaselli continued. “I’ve looked at it several times – really hard – and every time I look at it, I see something new.”

Involving the students on both a conceptual and a hands-on level, Reid said, was “huge” for the children at Buckingham.

“First, they understand that you can make a career out of art and you can have artistic expression not just in an art room – it can extend out and have a lasting impact,” she said. “The other piece of this is they have a community that they live in, and they talk about that word, but now they’ve actually been able to add to that community.”

Reid said the students would be able to come back, decades from now, and see the work they did, still on display in a prominent place in the town.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Muralist John Donato, with Buckingham Elementary School Teacher Melissa Reid, left, and Robin Tomaselli, from the Berlin Arts & Entertainment Committee, will unveil the first part of a new public mural on Friday, at 5:30 p.m., at the Berlin Visitor’s Center.

“It’s also discussion of Berlin history,” she said. “It’s not just a beautiful painting – there’s a lot of information in there. That idea of the history of early Berlin all the way up until now – they can see all those pieces brought together.”

Buckingham will show off the students’ work during a ceremony for children and their parents on Friday at 2:15 p.m. It will include a performance by the school’s choir and remarks from Berlin Mayor Gee Williams.

The first panel of the mural will be revealed during a public unveiling at the visitor’s center at 5:30 p.m.

Donato will stay on as the artist for the next series of panels, and Tomaselli said the committee would look for different partners for each piece, likely including groups like Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services.

The committee will also look for different financial backers. A private donor funded the first panel, and Tomaselli said private donations, grants and sponsorships would help pay for future work.

For more information, visit www.berlinmainstreet.com/arts-entertainment, or search “Berlin MD Arts & Entertainment” on Facebook.

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Children in The Gambia, West Africa show off dresses and shorts sewn by members of the Berlin-based Pillowcase Ministry. The group, who uses new and recycled clothing to fashion wears for underprivileged children, is looking for help with postage costs.

Pillowcase Ministry sending homegrown aid internationally

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 10, 2016) Started by Berlin resident Barbara Entwistle and a small group of local seamstresses, the aptly named Pillowcase Ministry has grown into an international effort benefiting thousands.

Using new and “nearly new” pillowcases, the group has fashioned more than 2,000 dresses distributed to impoverished girls in Gambia, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Israel, Mexico, East Timor and Uganda.

Along with dresses, the ministry sews shorts for boys using recycled T-shirts, as well as sanitary napkins made from cloth. They have distributed underwear, made cloth backpacks and potholders, and sent flip-flops and basic school supplies.

Entwistle recently received stories of how her handiwork affected people in West Africa during the annual Tobasky holiday, when Gambians celebrate by wearing new clothes.

“When the pillowcase dresses and shorts were delivered one mother said, ‘I couldn’t buy clothes for the holiday. Now the children have the new clothes and I am so proud,’” she said.

Another story involved a 2-year-old

in Gambia who delighted over a toothbrush included in one of the ministry’s care packages.

“He sat and brushed his teeth all evening until finally his mother wanted to take it away. He actually cried,” she said.

The Pillowcase Ministry is working to outfit 300 school children in Gambia with backpacks, following a request from Peace Corps worker Maggie Daniels.

Daniels said she has already distributed dozens of items at the school created by Entwistle and her helpers, who include several residents of the assisted living community in Ocean Pines.

“The kindness [the ministry] have shown has been noticed and welcomed,” Daniels said, adding that the aid has put “a smile on so many children’s faces.”

The Pillowcase Ministry is looking for help with postage costs. Entwistle said her first box of 75 dresses, mailed in 2011, weighed 18 pounds and cost \$18. Today, a box of 28 dresses weighing eight pounds runs \$23.90.

Entwistle will hold a workshop on the Pillowcase Ministry on Friday, April 1, from 1-4 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Library. For more information, call 443-944-5868.

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BERLIN PARKS BRIEFS

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 10, 2016) The Berlin Parks Commission discussed the following items during a meeting at town hall on March 1:

Summer Movie Nights

The commission backed a proposal to spend \$4,417.56 on the Summer Movie Nights program, which will show six films in and around downtown Berlin. The Berlin Arts and Entertainment Committee will provide \$2,145.78 in additional funding.

Beginning on June 18, "Runaway Bride" will screen downtown, followed by "The Wizard of Oz" on July 2 at Stephen Decatur Park and "Finding Nemo" on July 16 at Henry Park.

On June 30, the town will show "Princess Bride" at Stephen Decatur Park, and on Aug. 13 "Goonies" will screen at Henry Park. The series closes with "Tuck Everlasting" on Aug. 27 in downtown Berlin.

Clean Up Day

As part of a tree and shrub-planting initiative, the commission considered spending about \$1,000 on 50 plants through a Department of Natural Resources program. Administrative Services Director Mary Bohlen said the town had hoped to have the plants in time for Clean Up Day on April 16, but

that DNR delivery would be "mid-April."

The commission also discussed offering "in memoriam" trees for purchase by the public. Ultimately, no decision was made. Bohlen agreed to look into other vendors and report back.

Spring Just Walk

Bohlen said a separate committee discussed the spring Just Walk event, set for May 7.

The event will start at Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services, on Main Street, following either a one-mile or two-mile path that runs through Stephen Decatur Park.

Health screenings will be offered, and Bohlen said she was looking for additional involvement by area businesses.

Berlin Youth Club

The Berlin Youth Club took 24 children for a tour of the Wallops Island facility on Feb. 27, when participants were treated to a model rocket launch and were allowed to play in the visitor's center.

On March 5, the club, part of Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services, took 16 children to Red Doors Community Center in Ocean City for a Lego robotics program.

Coordinator Amanda Chaffee said she was putting together a STEM activity for the children on March 28, when public schools will be closed.



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PRETTY CRAFTY

Pine'er Craft Club of Ocean Pines selected Luz Castillo as the "Crafter of the Month" for February. Castillo has lived in Ocean Pines since 2002 when she came from the Philippines. Castillo has been doing crafts since her early childhood, inspired by her father who did carpentry projects. She inherited her love of gardening from her mother. She also does mosaics, beaded flowers, paints, and builds shelving. Much of the shelving units in the Craft Store were made by Castillo. The Craft Store, located in White Horse Park, is open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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PAGE PROGRAM

Delegate Mary Beth Carozza (District 38C) is joined by Page Zainab Mirza, a senior at Stephen Decatur High School, on Feb. 24 at her office in Annapolis. Local high school seniors spent a week in Annapolis working for the General Assembly as part of the Page Program.



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CENTURY MARK

Karin Lertora's third grade class celebrate the 100th day of school at Showell Elementary. Pictured, from left, are Collin Gallagher, Sergio Braco-Cocone, M.J. Gilmore, Chloe Waggoner, Clara Robinson and Sarah Cooke.



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YOUNG ARTIST

Area students like Elizabeth Thornton, a sixth grader at Snow Hill Middle School, participate in the Student Art Show: Water is for Everyone at the Ward Museum of Wild-fowl Art in Salisbury on Feb. 19.



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NEW GOLD LOGO

Worcester County GOLD (Giving Other Lives Dignity) has launched a new logo to identify its programs, materials and activities. The umbrella symbolizes the protection that GOLD provides to Worcester County families in crisis, vulnerable adults and children in foster care. The nonprofit held a competition among Worcester County high school art students. Rachel Thomas of Stephen Decatur High School submitted the winning concept that inspired the design executed by D3 Corp of Ocean City. Pictured are Claire Otterbein, executive director of GOLD, left, and Board President Carol Jacobs.



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HOSPICE DONATION

The Bank of Delmarva presents a \$25,000 donation to help fund the campaign to build Coastal Hospice at the Ocean. Pictured, from left, are Attorney Dirk Widdowson, chairman of the campaign committee; Coastal Hospice President Alane Capen; and from the Bank of Delmarva, President and CEO Edward M. Thomas and Senior Vice President Debbie Abbott.

Repairing in place better option for OPA, Steen says

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 10, 2016) In November, developer Marvin Steen got the ball rolling on the renovations of the bathrooms and changing area at the Ocean Pines Beach Club by presenting a cold pitch during a public meeting.

That included a \$464,000, 13-page packet signed by Berlin-based developers Sens Inc., which the directors used as the basis of a \$525,000 capital item in the recently approved fiscal year 2017 budget.

The only problem was the directors could not agree whether the existing facilities should be renovated, or whether an entirely new building should be built on the property, located on 49th Street in Ocean City.

Now that it's March, Steen hoped to clear up the issue by distributing a letter from Don Smith at Sens, Inc. to all seven members of the Ocean Pines Board of Directors last week.

In the letter, Smith noted that any renovation that exceeds 50 percent of the current value of the building would require the entire structure to be brought up to current codes. If the OPA opted to renovate rather than build new, no civil or structural drawings would be required. Architectural and mechanical, electrical and plumbing (MEP) drawings, however would be needed.

Smith wrote that standard fees for building permits, fire marshal fees and environmental impact fees would total \$10,957.92 for renovation.

On the other hand, construction of a new building would require civil, architectural, structural and MEP drawings, along with costly stormwater upgrades. Because the building is east of Coastal Highway, Smith said pilings would be needed for the foundation. The drawing process would also be much longer, and additional design work and soil samples would be required.

Reached for comment on Monday, Steen said the decision was obvious: renovate.

"They don't have any choice," he said. "It would cost a fortune to do a new building, plus you would lose all the parking, the building's got to go up in the air on pilings - it would be a nightmare. The stormwater management alone would drive the price out of site."

"What I'm hoping is that [the directors] take a hard look, and they can check all the facts in the letter, and let's go ahead and do it next year," Steen added.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The OPA Board of Directors included more than \$500,000 in capital funding to improve the bathrooms at the Ocean Pines Beach Club, located in Ocean City. Last week, developer Marvin Steen forwarded a letter, from another developer, to the entire board. That letter advocated renovating rather than replacing the facilities.

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OC St. Patrick's Day parade, Sat.

Second largest celebration of its kind in state returns to resort area this weekend

By Kara Hallissey
Staff Writer

(March 10, 2016) Ocean City's 35th annual St. Patrick's Day parade, which has grown to become the second largest in Maryland, will take place this Saturday.

The Delmarva Irish-American Club sponsors the highly anticipated tradition, which will start at noon, March 12, on 57th Street and continue south along Coastal Highway to the 45th Street shopping center where spectators will find a huge party along with the judges' stand.

"It is the kickoff to the season," said Buck Mann, parade coordinator. "People who have indoor fever, this is the first big outdoor party. It will be a fun day."

The Irish festival on 45th Street will begin at 11 a.m. with green beer, Irish entertainment featuring music by Pat O'Brennan, Irish step dancers, face painting, Irish stew, and of course, corned beef sandwiches. The festival will conclude around 3 p.m., although the party will continue all evening in restaurants and bars throughout Ocean City.

"It seems like everyone is Irish on the day of the St. Patrick's Day parade in Ocean City, as people gather on 45th Street and beyond to celebrate the music, food and fun of Ireland," said Jessica Waters, communications manager for the Town of Ocean City.

Every year, the parade grows with at least 105 entries signed up to participate as of Monday.

Participants will travel from Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Virginia, for the event.

Seacrets' Ocean 98 radio station and Jolly Roger Amusement Park will enter floats into the parade, in addition to multiple bars, businesses and organizations.

There will be at least 20 newcomers to the 2016 parade including Bad Monkey, Tony Luke's, the OC Chamber of Commerce, Frontier Town, Ropewalk and Backshore Brewery, Mann said.

Pipe and drum bands including the Chesapeake Caledonian Pipe Band and the Ocean City Pipe and Drum Band will be performing in the parade along with Stephen Decatur and Sussex Central high school marching bands.

Viewers can watch the parade from bleachers at the 45th Street center or along Coastal Highway be-

tween 57th and 45th streets. Arrive before 10:30 a.m. to avoid traffic delays and expect congestion until after 2 p.m.

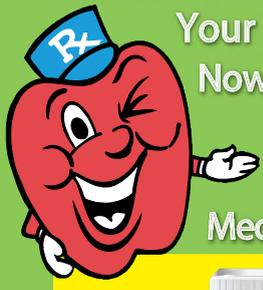
"The event is a great way to start our spring season in Ocean City with residents and visitors enjoying the outdoors and the ocean of green as floats, motorized units and marching bands fill the streets," Waters said. "It's a wonderful event and a fun way to celebrate the St. Patrick's Day holiday and the spring season for kids and adults."

New this year, local NBC affiliate, WRDE, will broadcast the parade live on television starting at 11:30 a.m. on March 12. In addition, the parade can be seen several times in the next coming weeks including a St. Patrick's Day marathon from 9 a.m. until midnight on March 17.

The top marching band, commercial float, non-commercial float, motorized unit, best adult and youth marching unit, special committee award, best overall entry in the parade and judges choice award will take home trophies.

Leading the parade this year are grand marshals Kathleen O'Connell Higgins and Mike Higgins. They moved to Ocean City full-time in 1993 from Washington D.C. While living in Ocean City, they began real
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Kathleen and Mike Higgins OC parade '16 grand marshals

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 estate careers with Mike in sales and Kathleen in office administration. Kathleen moved to sales before retiring and Mike is currently an agent with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage on 104th Street.

They became co-treasurers of the Delmarva Irish-American Club in 2010 and have been members for more than 10 years.

"It was a real honor to be chosen as the parade grand marshals last year, but unfortunately we had to cancel the parade due to a storm," Mike Higgins said. "We think what makes this special is that we have multiple generations of families participating in the parade as well as lining the parade route to watch. Who doesn't like to see the kids enjoying a parade as the bands and fire trucks go by?"

All of the proceeds from the parade and festival will go to local high school scholarships and charities.

"The best part of the parade is the high school scholarships we are able to provide local high school seniors, as well as donations to various local charities," Higgins said.



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Thousands of people gather in the 45th Street shopping center parking lot for a festival during the 2014 Ocean City St. Patrick's Day parade. Last year's event was rained out. The 2016 parade and festival will take place Saturday.

The Delmarva Irish-American Club, founded in 1980, has awarded about \$300,000 in scholarships to local students from parade proceeds. The club now has more than 400 members and is open to anyone who is Irish, Irish at heart or who just appreciates all things Irish.

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Industry veteran Robertson opens Sea Floor in Pines

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 10, 2016) Sea Floor in Ocean Pines is the latest venture from industry veteran Don Robertson. If all goes well, it will also be his last.

The shop, located at 11312 Manklin Creek Road in the Manklin Station Shopping Center, opened in mid-February.

"I've been in the business for over 25 years," Robertson said. "I started in Pennsylvania with the Color Tile corporation. When I moved down here to the beach, 19 years ago, I was working for Mohawk Industries. I was the territory manager for all the stores, selling all the carpet to them."

After starting in retail, Robertson was able to work in nearly all facets of the carpet business, including wholesale and manufacturing. When he grew tired of "driving 50,000 miles a year," he took a year off, and then went back into retail, working for two other local carpet companies.

It was then that Robertson decided it was time to open his own business.

"Although the other companies are



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Don Robertson, with assistant Tabby Berkeridge, greets customers at Sea Floor in Ocean Pines. The flooring store opened in February.

very good, I think there are certain things that they could have done better – or should be done better – and I found that the only way for me to be able to change the mindset was to do it through my mindset in my own store," he said.

At the top of Robertson's list was creating a personal relationship with his

customers, starting with a warm greeting at the door, rather than a sales pitch.

"We like to make our customers feel at home," he said. "We don't like to jump at them, we don't like to do high-pressure, we don't like to do false advertising. We like to make a very honest statement."

Next, Robertson said he found the

best installer for his products.

"When I got out of working for Mohawk and started back into retail, I basically fired more of the local installers around here than I would even care to name," he said. "The work ethic of a lot of people, although not necessarily bad, was not up to what I wanted to represent."

"I found a company that I hooked up with about five years ago that does exceptional work," Robertson continued. "Complaints went from 15 percent of the jobs to none. With the working relationship that we have with this team, they followed me through all the locations, and they're also with me here. It's a very specialized group."

Inside the store, Robertson says he is focused exclusively on the retail market. By basing operations in Ocean Pines, rather than Ocean City, the shop was able to drastically lower overhead costs and pass the savings onto consumers.

"I'm not claiming that I'm the cheapest guy in town, and I don't want to be," Robertson said. "If you're the cheapest guy in town, you get the cheapest work and the cheapest material. I wanted to be fair, have great quality and do great work for the people."

Ultimately, Robertson said his goal is for the store to be his "swansong."

"I'm 56 years old. I'll probably work until I'm about 70. If I had my dream, I would keep things nice and small and build the business out a little bit more as we go," he said.

"I've got a stream of customers that I've been working with for the last five years that are following me, along with a couple builders, a couple of rental agencies and a couple of disaster cleanup companies that I've worked for that really like what I present. What I need now is the retail market."

This month, Sea Floor is offering sale prices on flooring from Tuflex, Dream Weaver, Beaulieu, Carolina Home and Mohawk, as well as carpeting by Dixie Home. Customers can also save 10 percent on hardwood materials from LM, Triangulo, Armstrong and Harris Woods.

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Wet shave groups will hold meet-up in Berlin, March 19

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 10, 2016) Two different hobbyist groups formed via Facebook are gathering in Berlin on March 19 for the first East Coast Wet Shave Meet-up.

East Coast Wetshavers and the Culinary Institute of Shaving will gather at The Globe in Berlin from 1-5 p.m., for a day of demonstrations, camaraderie – and maybe a little shopping.

“Instead of just the everyday average shave, these guys collect vintage razors, brushes, and shave soaps from artisans,” said Jon Conley, beard enthusiast and owner of Uncle Jon’s Soaps in Berlin.

Conley said the event came together when a member of one of the groups, Frank Misa from the Culinary Institute of Shaving, offered to come down from New York and give him a lesson on honing and stropping straight razors. When the moderator of East Coast Wetshavers heard about it, he suggested a meeting.

“All of sudden, we had an event,” Conley said. “We fully expect 20-25 people, and we’re going to split them into groups and show them around town.”

One group will watch a honing



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

On March 19, two Facebook groups will meet up at The Globe and Uncle Jon’s Soaps in Berlin for demonstrations on honing and stropping vintage razors, and making artisan soaps. The public is also invited to attend, at no cost.

demonstration presented by Misa at The Globe, where guests will be able to order off the menu. The second group will get a soap-making lesson inside Conley’s shop on 12 Williams Street.

The session will also include several raffles and giveaways, including vintage razors, strops and artisan soaps and aftershaves.

Several members of the two groups

have already booked rooms at the Atlantic Hotel and the Waystead Inn, and Conley said he hopes the event will drive a few dozen extra people into Berlin shops during an otherwise slow part of the year.

“We figured it would be a good way to get people into town in March, a little ahead of the spring curve, hopefully,” he said. “It helps me, it helps

their groups, it gives them all a chance to put faces with names, and maybe it helps the town a little bit.”

Conley added that the event is free and open to the public, and not limited to members of the respective Facebook groups. To RSVP, contact Conley by Monday, March 14 at unclejonssoap@gmail.com, or visit www.unclejonssoap.com.

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BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Is county shorting OPA?

Ocean Pines Association General Manager Bob Thompson made a good point in the association's request last week for a major increase in the amount of money Worcester County government gives it in the county's annual allocation to communities.

Of the five major residential areas — Pocomoke, Snow Hill, Berlin, Ocean City, and Ocean Pines, the latter gets less per capita than any of the others, even though it has the largest population.

While Ocean City deserves and receives the largest check from the county, because it produces far more real estate tax revenues than the other communities, there is no reason Ocean Pines should be at the bottom of the county's list of financial beneficiaries.

Its real estate tax base, which pales next to the billions of dollars on which Ocean City is taxed, has to compare favorably to that of other Worcester communities, since it has more homes than any other Worcester community. In addition, because it has the most year-round households, Ocean Pines also produces the most piggyback income tax revenue for the county.

Yet, the county's \$1.15 million grant to Ocean Pines last year was \$300,000 less than the next smallest award of \$1.45 million to Snow Hill.

Obviously, the difference between the sizes of the grants is related to Ocean Pines not being an incorporated municipality and the public perception that all of its residents are wealthy.

As to the first situation, the focus in awarding grants should be based on a community's contribution to the overall economy, not its legal status. With regard to the second, that perception is wrong. If it weren't, any number of residents who work in Ocean City wouldn't be living in Ocean Pines because it's less expensive.

No doubt, some people are put off by the major boost in county funding that Ocean Pines has been seeking, while Berlin, Snow Hill and Pocomoke generally ask for marginal increases.

While those critics might view the association as being greedy, it could be that it's only asking for its fair share, and that Ocean Pines has been underfunded for so long that giving it less than the others has become more of a tradition than it is a financial justifiable fact.



"The upstairs is deserted and looks pretty shabby. I think it's been abandoned"

LETTERS

Proposed gun bills unnecessary

Editor,

Here we go again.

There are several proposed gun bills of which your readership should be aware, and which are coming up for hearings in the Maryland Legislature soon:

HB 692/SB0947 would make it a criminal offense to privately transfer a long gun — requiring a licensed gun dealer to process. Can I ask, in all seriousness, when criminals have ever followed the law?

HB703 redefines "fire arm" to include antiques and replicas. This endangers the ability of citizens to engage in recreational activities, such as historical reenactment.

HB879/ SB742 would ban imitation or replica firearms, such as BB and pellet guns, as well as airsoft and paintball guns. Drill rifles used by in the ROTC, JROTC, American Legion and VFW could be banned, since they are "replicas."

SB906 would make all college campuses "gun and knife free zones." Are the authors of this legislation not aware that almost all, if not all, of the recent mass shootings have taken place in "gun

free zones"?

There are other bills proposed which cause concern, and there are also bills, which believers in the Second Amendment should support. Please go to www.associatedgunclubs.org for a full list.

Folks, this has nothing to do with "gun safety."

Maryland Democrats can't be satisfied with the draconian gun bills passed in 2013, so they are going for the whole enchilada this year.

I am hoping that Democrat delegates and senators will get an ear (or email) full of comments on these bills.

Carol Frazier
Ocean Pines

Rec and Parks does its part

Editor,

This article was viewed in the March 3, 2016 edition, written by Josh Davis. I would like to address the verbiage used, specifically the phrase, "Looking at amenities, recreation and parks is the biggest drag on the bottom line, projecting a \$552,000 loss, or a \$65 cost to each homeowner in assessment dollars."

As a member of the OPA

Recreation & Parks Advisory Committee, I'd like to identify some of the benefits each OPA homeowner is getting for the \$65 part of the assessment.

There are 11 parks in the OPA; most have playground equipment, several are set-up as sports fields. There are nature trails, bike trails, and a dog park.

In 2015, there were over 6,000 participants in OPA Recreation & Parks programs. There are over 63 organizations using the various facilities and/or involved in the OPA Recreation & Parks Department programs.

The recreation and parks department provides many free events throughout the year. To name several, the Easter Celebration (800 estimated attendance), Bike Safety Day (200), Big Truck Day (750), Concerts in the Park (600), Monday Movies in the Park (1,000), July Fourth Day of Fun (500), Kite Day (300), Fireworks (3,500), Holiday Tree Lighting (750) and Breakfast with Santa (350).

Statistically, the OPA Recreation & Parks Department provides recreational benefits and serves more residents than all other amenities

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ties combined.

For FY2016-2017, the OPA Recreation & Parks Department budget represented approximately three percent of the proposed 2016-2017 budget.

When special events are included, more than 18,000 people use, benefit and enjoy the facilities and amenities of the OPA Recreation & Parks Department

In my opinion, not bad for an average of \$1.25 a week for 52 weeks, per OPA assessment payer.

Skip Schlesinger
OPA Recreation & Parks Advisory
Committee member

Thanks for well-wishes

Editor,

Words cannot describe how grateful I am for all the attention and kindness showered on me for my 90th birthday. Never could I have imagined all the honors and outpouring of affection that was bestowed on me.

Anna Foulz
Ocean Pines

Thank you for sending all the beautiful cards and flowers, along with the lovely sentiments expressed in them.

Living in Ocean Pines and its surrounding area has been a joy to me. My late husband, Carl, and I have lived in many states and communities throughout our lifetime, but nowhere have we met such dear, civic-minded, outgoing people than here on the Eastern Shore. After moving here, it didn't take Carl and I long to know that this was home.

In my varied endeavors through the years, I have had the privilege of working with so many terrific, outgoing people that have made a difference in their communities – and I am grateful to be able to call them friends.

Although my years may be many, my spirit is high, and I shall continue to work together with all in the community to keep our area a place we can all proudly call home.

Thank you again from the bottom of my heart, and may God bless you all.

GOLD's Spring Basket program to benefit Wor. children in need

(March 11, 2016) Worcester County GOLD (Giving Other Lives Dignity), Inc. is presenting the annual Spring Basket program for children in need in Worcester County.

Sponsors are being sought to create baskets. Children referred to GOLD through the Department of Social Services, or another agency, are matched with a sponsor, who creates a basket of treats to brighten the child's spring.

While candy and small toys are always spring basket staples, sponsors are also asked to include useful items such as healthy snacks, hygiene items like toothbrushes, toothpaste and shampoo, coloring books, crayons and other art supplies, and school supplies such as pens and pencils.

In 2015, with the community's help, GOLD provided baskets to 208 local children.

Anyone interested in sponsoring a child can sign up using the online form on GOLD's website, www.worcestergold.org or contact Worcester County GOLD at 410-677-6830. The deadline for delivering baskets to the GOLD office is Friday, March 18, so sponsors are urged to sign up as soon as possible.

The mission of Worcester County GOLD is to improve the quality of life of local citizens for whom traditional means of well-being support is not fully available, and to promote dignity by providing financial aid to families in crisis, vulnerable adults and children in foster care.

Snow Hill Library presents workshops on conservation

(March 10, 2016) The first workshop in a series to educate community members on conservation efforts will be held on Saturday, March 12 at the Snow Hill Library from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The clinic will feature discussions on forestry and land conservation with guest speakers Tony DiPaolo, a licensed professional forester, and Lyle Almond, from the Maryland Extension Service. During the clinic, the group will visit the Paul Jones Lumber Yard and, weather permitting, the EA Vaughn Wildlife Management

Area.

Pre-registration is required for the event and can be done by calling the Lower Shore Land Trust Office at 410-641-4467. Registration is free and will close on Thursday, March 10. Light refreshments will be provided.

There will be three other workshops held, covering Habitat Restoration, Best Management Practices and Land Protection on Saturday April 2; Restoring the Pocomoke River Watershed on April 8, and Landscaping for Pollinators and Monarch Butterflies; date to be determined.



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Women Supporting Women host cancer support group

(March 10, 2016) Atlantic General Health System's Regional Cancer Care Center has partnered with Women Supporting Women to host its support group for breast cancer patients and survivors in Worcester County.

The first meeting for the WSW Breast Cancer Support Group will be held in the conference room at the Atlantic Health Center, located across from Atlantic General Hospital at 9714 Healthway Drive in Berlin, on Wednesday, March 16, from 1-3 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

The WSW Breast Cancer Support Group will meet on the third Wednesday of each month from 1-2 p.m. and is open to current patients and survivors. For more information or to RSVP, contact the Women Supporting Women office 410-548-7880.

Women Supporting Women is a local, grass-roots nonprofit organization dedicated to providing awareness, education and support to all those who are affected by breast cancer. With no national ties or funding, it relies completely on the community

to help provide free services to neighbors, friends and families.

To learn more about WSW, visit www.womensupportingwomen.org.

Atlantic General Hospital has been providing quality health care to the residents of Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset counties in Maryland and Sussex, Del. since May 1993. Built by the commitment and generosity of a dedicated community, the hospital's state-of-the-art facility in Berlin combines old-fashioned personal attention with the latest in technology and services.

It provides quality specialty care such as weight loss surgery, orthopedics, outpatient infusion for individuals with cancer or blood/autoimmune disorders, retina surgery and a comprehensive women's diagnostic center.

Atlantic General Health System, its network of more than 40 primary care providers and specialists, care for residents and visitors throughout the region. For more information about Atlantic General Hospital, visit www.atlanticgeneral.org.

Check out this week's **Entertainment Line-up** in the pages of OCToday and Bayside Gazette

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- D Bleached Butterfly** pop up artist and music
- E Bungalow Love** DIY Dino Mason Jar terrariums and AnnaRoma's inspired body care products
- F Bruder Hill** featuring student art
- G Burley Oak** featuring local Berlin artist Brooks Sullivan and live music by Penny Pistolero (off map - on Old Ocean City Blvd)
- H Church Mouse** featuring student art and taking donations for our new library
- I Sisters** live entertainment
- J Visitor's Center** the unveiling of the first installment of the public art mural (done by the 2nd & 3rd graders at Buckingham Elementary) with refreshments
- K Worcester County Arts Council** featuring artists Stasia Heubeck & Antoinette Greaves, music by William "Tig" Tignor, and an art basket raffle for the Arts Scholarship
- L Zenna Wellness** features kids yoga and a make-a-talking-stick station for kids to get creative

Hello spring! As the weather begins to warm up, we invite you to take a stroll down Main Street and the side streets and see what's going on! **Check out downtown Berlin!**

Pines Recreation and Parks Dept. offering bus trips

(March 10, 2016) Area residents can catch a show and let Ocean Pines do the driving with bus trips offered by the Recreation and Parks Department.

On Saturday, March 12, enjoy the spectacular floral displays at the Philadelphia Flower Show. Attendees are invited to "Explore America" in acres of gardens celebrating the beauty of our country's national parks. The cost is \$70 per person, which includes transportation and show admission.

Visit the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre in Lancaster, Pa. and enjoy a performance of "Menopause the Musical" on Saturday, April 9. This comedy celebrates "The Change" with parodies of songs from the 60s. The cost is \$90 per person, which includes show tickets, a buffet lunch and transportation.

On Sunday, April 24 head south to Norfolk and watch the Virginia International Tattoo at the Scope Arena. The performance will feature more than 1,500 military and civilian performers from eight nations who will share their unique music, dance culture and pride. The cost to attend is \$85 per person, which includes transportation and show ticket.

The buses for these trips, which are open to the public, will depart from the Ocean Pines Community Center, located at 235 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines. Reservations are required. Refunds will not be issued for cancellations unless vacant seats can be filled.

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

Library branches closed March 16 for staff training

(March 10, 2016) All Worcester County Branch Libraries will be closed during the day on Wednesday, March 16, while staff participates in a full-day training event. There will be no library programs that day.

Two library branches in Berlin and Snow Hill will be open to serve customers Wednesday evening from 4-7 p.m.

The Worcester County Library's website, www.worcesterlibrary.org, and online resources are always available. Visit the site to access library services, including reserving materials, renewing items and searching library databases. In addition, book drops will be open at each library location.

All Worcester County Library Branches will resume standard operating hours on Thursday, March 17.



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SDHS TALENT SHOW WINNER

With singers, musicians, dancers and many other talented performers, senior Lauren Laque was able to sing and play her way to first place in the Stephen Decatur High School annual talent show on Feb. 10. The popular event hosted hundreds of students, parents, faculty and community members.



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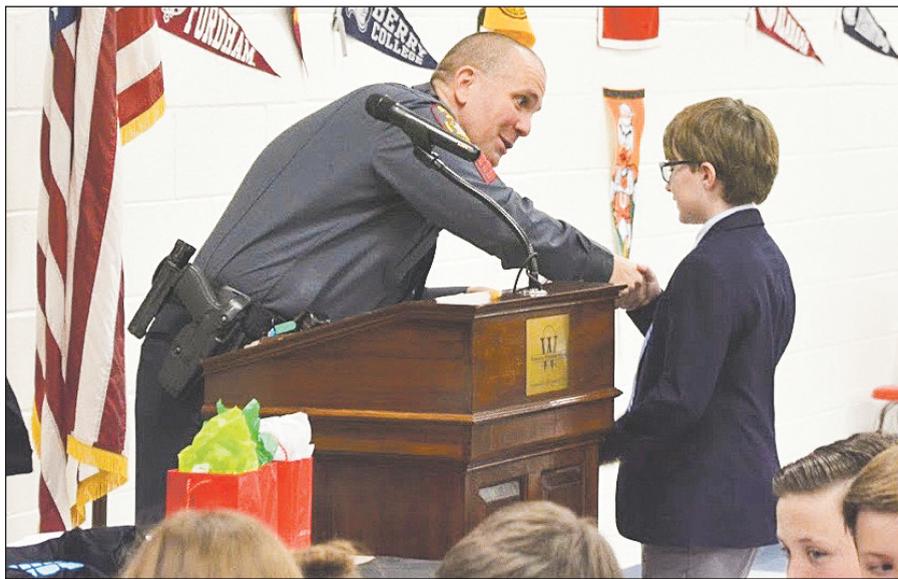
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CONTEST WINNER

After receiving more than 175 submissions, the Coastal Association of REALTORS (CAR) chose three finalists - one from each of the three Lower Shore counties - of this year's Fair Housing Poster Contest. Lindsay Birkhead-Morton, a sixth grader at Snow Hill Middle School, was awarded second place. She is pictured with Snow Hill Middle School art teacher Debra Passalacqua, left, and Community Involvement Committee member Ann Hammond.



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D.A.R.E. GRADUATES

Worcester Prep fifth graders recently participated in the D.A.R.E (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program taught by Sgt. Matthew Crisafulli of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office. The purpose of the D.A.R.E program is to teach children refusal skills to avoid the temptation of drug experimentation and the pressure of peers to engage in drug use. Students received their D.A.R.E graduation certificates on Feb. 16. Sgt. Crisafulli congratulates Parker Tingle.



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B-BALL STANDOUTS

Both Worcester Prep's boys' and girls' basketball teams won the Eastern Shore Independent Athletic Conference tournament championships and seven athletes were named to the 2016 All-Conference Teams. Receiving All-ESAC honors, from left, are junior Owen Nally (First Team), freshman Gracie Gardner (Second Team), sophomore Tucker Brown (First Team), junior Leigh Lingo (First Team and ESAC Player of the Year), sophomore Sam Cantello (Second Team), junior Karlie Southcomb (Honorable Mention) and senior captain Wyatt Richins (Honorable Mention).



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K-KIDS

The K-Kids Group from Showell Elementary, chartered by the Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines-Ocean City, recently collected supplies for the Worcester County Humane Society. Students are pictured with teacher Evelyn Collins. In addition, every year students collect pennies for the 100th day of school and then they choose a charity to donate to. This year they raised more than \$300, which was donated to the WCHS.



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DAR HONOREES

The General Levin Winder Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) hosted a reception at Worcester Prep on Feb. 17 to present awards to four students who won the DAR American History Essay Contest. This year's essay topic was "A Colonial Family's Reaction to the Stamp Act." Worcester Prep winners were fifth grader Linley Hill, sixth grader Marshall Mumford, seventh grader Ben Brandt and eighth grader Max Taylor. Representatives of the General Levin Winder Chapter pictured with the contest winner, from left, are Ann Fowler, Marion Chambers, Carol Morrison, Carol Wanzer, Barbara May, Hill, Taylor, American History Chairman Joan Chambers, Brandt, Mumford, Pat Arata and Marty Pusey.

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Note: The answers to 23-, 31-, 45-, 62-, 69-, 90-, 103- and 115-Across are themselves clues to the names spelled by their circled letters.

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Spokesperson in TV insurance ads</p> <p>4 Candidate's concern</p> <p>9 Snap</p> <p>13 "Not ___!"</p> <p>18 Manhattan developer?</p> <p>19 Big name in travel guides</p> <p>20 Track runner</p> <p>21 "Et tu" follower</p> <p>22 Sharing word</p> <p>23 See blurb</p> <p>26 It may detect a break, for short</p> <p>27 Hit 2011 animated film</p> <p>28 Stay here</p> <p>29 Source of iron</p> <p>30 An eternity</p> <p>31 See blurb</p> <p>35 Crashes badly</p> <p>37 Czech reformer Jan</p> <p>38 Press (for)</p> <p>39 Cut off</p> <p>40 Request after a breakdown</p> <p>43 Some cleaners</p> <p>45 See blurb</p> <p>50 Billionaire sorts</p> <p>52 ___ Peninsula</p> <p>53 Borah Peak locale</p> <p>54 Part of a foot</p> <p>55 Music appreciation</p> | <p>57 Lead-in to care or dare</p> <p>58 Nike ___ Max</p> <p>61 Dedicated works</p> <p>62 See blurb</p> <p>67 How to play solitaire</p> <p>68 Some conversation interruptions</p> <p>69 See blurb</p> <p>79 Italian fine?</p> <p>80 Big head</p> <p>81 Figure in "The Garden of Earthly Delights"</p> <p>82 Hal, to Henry IV</p> <p>83 Titania or Oberon, in space</p> <p>84 Former NBC drama</p> <p>86 National alternative</p> <p>88 Getting ready, with "up"</p> <p>90 See blurb</p> <p>95 Jazz (up)</p> <p>96 Place for plaques</p> <p>97 Dos</p> <p>98 Bro or sis</p> <p>100 Mound great</p> <p>101 Ham</p> <p>103 See blurb</p> <p>109 Squeakers</p> <p>111 Best Foreign Language Film of 2014</p> <p>112 Fiver</p> <p>113 Always, to Shakespeare</p> <p>114 One carrying a toon?</p> <p>115 See blurb</p> <p>120 Har-___ (tennis court surface)</p> | <p>121 Part of a legend</p> <p>122 Hunted for morays</p> <p>123 Sides of sectors</p> <p>124 Atypical</p> <p>125 Lascivious sort</p> <p>126 Some speedsters, for short</p> <p>127 Photographer Adams</p> <p>128 Seedy type?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DOWN</p> <p>1 Rude thing to drop</p> <p>2 First lady before Michelle</p> <p>3 Senate's president pro tempore after Patrick Leahy</p> <p>4 Movie co. behind "Boyhood" and "Transamerica"</p> <p>5 He played Bond seven times</p> <p>6 Allows in</p> <p>7 Not follow orders or guidelines</p> <p>8 Time remembered</p> <p>9 Phony persona</p> <p>10 Stumblebum</p> <p>11 One of two New Testament books</p> <p>12 Like some old schoolhouses</p> <p>13 "Scandal" ailer</p> <p>14 Food for Oliver Twist</p> <p>15 Major Italian highway</p> <p>16 See 69-Down</p> | <p>17 Modernists, informally</p> <p>20 Kind of column</p> <p>24 Giorgio's god</p> <p>25 Like comebacks?</p> <p>32 Brunch pie</p> <p>33 Food-safety org.</p> <p>34 Commander's place</p> <p>36 Years at the Colosseum</p> <p>39 Christopher ____, tippler in "The Taming of the Shrew"</p> <p>41 Earthy color</p> <p>42 "___ asking?"</p> <p>43 Singer Anthony</p> <p>44 Metal marble</p> <p>46 Duchamp's movement</p> <p>47 Sci-fi race</p> <p>48 It may come in sheets</p> <p>49 Flaps</p> <p>50 Fourth parts in series of eight</p> <p>51 It's a wrap</p> <p>56 Reached, numerically</p> <p>58 Dumas swordsman</p> <p>59 Arctic weather phenomenon</p> <p>60 "I Wanna Be Sedated" rockers</p> <p>63 ___ Jemison, first African-American woman in space</p> <p>64 Tag end?</p> <p>65 Didn't move</p> <p>66 Some newcomers' study, in brief</p> <p>69 With 16-Down, what "stet" means</p> |
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| <p>70 Real-time messaging system</p> <p>71 ___ piccata</p> <p>72 Move, informally</p> <p>73 Three-time All-Star Longoria for the Tampa Bay Rays</p> <p>74 It's good for the long haul</p> <p>75 Lottery winner's cry</p> <p>76 Mel Blanc, notably</p> | <p>77 Daughter of Nereus</p> <p>78 Director Lee</p> <p>79 Sucked dry</p> <p>85 City on the Brazos River</p> <p>86 Loretta Lynch and Eric Holder: Abbr.</p> <p>87 Greek summit</p> <p>89 Pit-___</p> <p>91 Penalty for poor service, maybe</p> | <p>92 Colors 1960s-style</p> <p>93 Many ski lodges</p> <p>94 Like Lhasa apsos</p> <p>99 Lhasa apso and others</p> <p>102 Like polenta</p> <p>103 Some electrical plugs</p> <p>104 First string?</p> <p>105 Inc. cover subj.</p> | <p>106 "Journey to ___," recurring segment on "Sesame Street"</p> <p>107 Unhip</p> <p>108 Lose, in a way</p> <p>109 Touse</p> <p>110 ___ Empire</p> <p>116 Pay-view connection</p> <p>117 Keyboard abbr.</p> <p>118 Packers' org.?</p> <p>119 Up to, briefly</p> |
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Volunteer fair and social in Pines, March 16

(March 10, 2016) Come to the Ocean Pines Yacht Club, Wednesday, March 16 from 5-7 p.m. and learn about area nonprofit organizations and the opportunities available to help make a difference in the community.

The Maryland Coastal Bays Program (MCBP) and the Ocean Pines Association (OPA) collaborate every year to bring nonprofit groups together so they can promote their cause and volunteer opportunities.

This year's lineup includes MCBP, the Ocean Pines Environment and Natural Assets Advisory Committee (ENAAC), Ocean Pines Neighborhood Watch, Worcester County Garden Club, Eastern Shore International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA), Assateague Coastal Trust, Master's Gardeners and Berlin Library Garden Project, Lower Shore Land Trust, Ocean Pines Farmers Market, Ocean City Surf Club, Atlantic General Hospital Auxiliary, Diakonia, Telamon Corp, Assateague Island Alliance and Town Cats.

The Maryland Coastal Bays Program is dedicated to preserving the watershed that include the five bays behind Ocean City and Assateague through restoration projects, outreach and education. It manages several properties and has volunteer opportunities, from tree plantings and invasive removal to seal stewards, and turtle and horseshoe crab counts.

The Ocean Pines Association's Environment and Natural Assets Advisory Committee provides suggestions and recommendations for improving the health and vitality of natural resources as well as keeping the Ocean Pines Community Board informed on environmental issues impacting Ocean Pines, a year-round residential community with more than 9 miles of waterfront property and directly affecting the bays.

The Ocean Pines Farmers Market is a year-round open air market that supports family-based farming, farmers, food producers, artisans and crafters of the Eastern Shore. The Ocean Pines Farmers Market is open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1p.m. in White Horse Park and is seeking volunteers to provide support with tasks that include greeting and helping customers, assisting vendors, and the setup and closing down of the market.

Assateague Coastal Trust works to protect and enhance the natural resources of the Atlantic Coastal Bays watershed through advocacy, conservation and education.

The Assateague Island Alliance was created to benefit Assateague Island National Seashore by supporting interpretive, educational and scientific programs and assuring stewardship, restoration and preservation of land, water, living resources and historical sites while balancing high quality re-

source-compatible recreation.

The Berlin Library Garden is a community project to demonstrate sustainable, chemical-free gardening to the public. Produce is donated to Diakonia shelter in West Ocean City and Stevenson United Methodist Church, and used in library programming.

The Lower Shore Land Trust assists landowners and communities to conserve land for the enjoyment and well-being of present and future generations.

The Ocean City Surf Club celebrates the ocean community, its heritage and future and supports area youth through scholarships and mentoring.

The Eastern Shore IMBA was created to organize residents of the Delmarva Peninsula who seek to promote bicycle riding in all forms for all ages. Activities include mountain bike trail creation and maintenance, promotion of youth/BMX programs in the region, group rides and outings, political advocacy, promoting bike safety and healthy lifestyles, and socializing with people with similar interest.

For 90 years, members of the Worcester Garden Club have been learning, doing, contributing and advocating for the natural environment. Activities include educational programs, flower shows, garden tours and community service.

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Town Cats was organized in 1998 in an attempt to deal with the feral cat population of Ocean City. When they went home in the fall, many summer visitors would leave behind the cats they had been feeding all summer to face the winter without food or shelter. Those that survived would inevitably breed in the spring, producing litters of feral kittens that would eventually produce more unwanted kittens. Town Cats was born to spay/neuter/vaccinate the feral cats of Ocean City.

For more than 40 years, Diakonia has been helping individuals and families in Worcester County and on the Lower Shore by providing shelter, food, clothing and the resources to rebuild their lives. Diakonia is the only comprehensive provider of emergency and transitional housing for men, women, and families on the Lower Shore.

For more information, contact Sandi Smith at sandis@mdcoastalbays.org or call 410-213-2297 ext 106.

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CUISINE

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Best-laid plans often don't go as planned

I love it when a plan comes together, and sometimes it's even enjoyable when the plan does not in fact go – well – as planned. In the words of the early chef Antonin Careme, “The recipe that I am going to sketch for you here is quick and simple: my life has not gone quite as planned.”



By Paul Suplee,
CEC PCIII

Profound words from a man who would pass at the relatively young age of 48; but he would part ways with mother earth as a man who would change the landscape of Western cooking forever. In his few years on this earth, Careme managed to cook for kings, queens and czars, all while being able to codify an antiquated and disorganized system of professional and guild cooking. And to think that he did it all without once falling on his own sword.

While my short tale is certainly not as dramatic or intriguing as Careme's, it does go to show you that the best laid schemes of mice and men go often askew, or so sayeth Careme's Scottish contemporary [Robert] Burns.

As I walked around today in shorts and flip-flops, all the while relishing the sunshine, it gave me pause to consider life – specifically our little snowstorm on Friday. At school, we had a tough week in which we prepared foods for a special event that we in essence weren't even catering, made pates, terrines, sausages, hors d'oeuvres, delicious pies, et al.

Moreover, we were charged as we usually are at this point of the semester with feeding a small group of people as part of our food prep class. Preempting the event, and fully assuming the best weather that March can bring, I bought a case of heirloom tomatoes for the luncheon, a colorful array of reds, yellows and purples.

Heirloom tomatoes hold such a special place in my heart, as they squawk, “Spring” in all of their glory, and have no shame in showing you their bruises, bumps and rough spots. You would be hard-pressed to find as many blemishes from a factory farm, but then again, you would also be hard-pressed to find the flavor.

Heirlooms and fresh tomatoes are ubiquitous come June, and are such an important part of summer cuisine. But getting back to the story at hand



– the case of heirlooms in the beginning of March – they were splendid. As I removed the cardboard lid, the aromas filled the air around me and drifted listlessly to my nose. There is something about the smell of fresh, ripe tomatoes that soothes my soul.

And, by Friday, it was snowing. It felt strange to serve such a fresh and summer-themed fruit to our guests, but I had little choice, and I certainly was not about to use them for tomato sauce.

Accordingly, we served them, and they tasted as sensational as they smelled. The plan (while not the orig-

inal) went off without a hitch, and in our business all we can hope to do is to deliver a good product and service and that is exactly what we did.

And as the original plan was to find some for my family, that was not to be. I had to settle for grape tomatoes at home, as a simple garnish to a beautiful sous vide pork. Plans ... who needs them?

Sous Vide Pork Chops

Serves 2

10 oz. Fresh pork chops, 1-inch thick
1/4 cup Lemon-garlic dressing

(recipe follows)

4 Baby carrots, cut diagonally
6 Assorted fingerlings, cut on a deep bias
Salt, as needed for water
Olive oil, as needed for saute
1 cup Good veal stock
1 cup Baby Arugula
6 Yellow grape tomatoes, halved
2 Tbsp.
Salt & Pepper, as needed

1. Trim pork chops and place in a Ziploc bag, topping off with dressing
2. Fill a pot with water and set your sous vide cooker to 140 degrees Fahrenheit

3. Place the pork in the water, ensuring that the temperature remains at 140. If it goes down, wait until it reaches 140 to start your countdown

4. Cook at 140 for one hour and remove bag from the water bath

5. While the pork is cooking, par cook root vegetables in salted water until they are firm but tender

6. Drain and allow to steam dry
7. When you are close to service, heat a heavy pan

8. Add oil to the pan and sear the pork until one side is nicely browned

9. Remove and set aside
10. Add more oil if needed, ensuring that you don't add too much, and then add the root vegetables

11. Cook until they have some nice color and then deglaze the pan with the veal stock.

12. At service, simply place root vegetables in a bowl, top with pork and then top it all off with a small salad of greens tossed in the lemon-garlic dressing and some pepper-studded tomatoes

Lemon-Garlic Dressing

Makes about 1 pint

1/2 cup Lemon juice
zest of 1 lemon
2 garlic cloves, blanched
1 Tbsp. Sugar
1 Tbsp. Local honey
1/2 cup Grapeseed oil

1. Combine all ingredients in a bowl and whisk together. This will only hold temporarily, so just make sure that you whisk before using, or shake if you have it in a bottle

2. This should be a part of your summer repertoire as it is light and refreshing on salads, heirloom tomatoes and what not

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CALENDAR

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

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

THURS. March 10

SANDPIPER ENERGY MEETING FOR OP RESIDENTS — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 6 p.m. Sandpiper Energy will host an information meeting to share plans for converting residents of Ocean Pines from propane to natural gas service. Info: www.sandpiper-energy.com or 855-290-9628.

OCAREA 365-12 MOVIE/DOC CLUB — Fox Sun & Surf, 143rd St. Ocean City, 7:15 p.m. An exclusive premier streaming of "The Phoenix Incident." This will include a short commentary from the UFO Congress and provides an exploration into the alleged UFO sighting and phenomena that occurred in Phoenix, Arizona. After the showing, join the group at a local restaurant for a discussion of the movie, beliefs about UFO phenomena and to learn more about the OCArea365-12 Movie/Doc Club. Reserve seating online or buy tickets at the door. Info: www.facebook.com/OCAreaMovieDocClub; movieclub@ocarea365-12.com; John Berninger, john@norsouthlander.com; or Debra Heft, debra@debraheft.com.

'BOXER SHORTS II: FROM WATER TO DUST/DE AGUA AL PALVO' PERFORMANCE — Headquarters Live, 115 S. Division St., Salisbury, 7:30 p.m. Featuring four plays: "Tape" by José Rivera, "Capricho" by Nilo Cruz, "Springtime" by Maria Irene Fornés and "Bliss" by Caridad Svich. All four playwrights are of Latin American descent and are tied together by common themes of memory, reflection and repentance. Tickets cost \$26.50. Info: www.brownboxtheatre.org.

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

BINGO — American Legion Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., games start at 6:30 p.m. Food and non-alcoholic drinks available. Open to the public. Info: 410-289-3166.

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

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

CHAIR AEROBICS — St. Peter's Lutheran Church Community Life Center, 10301

Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 1-2 p.m. Free will offering appreciated. Sponsored by St. Peter's Senior Adult Ministry. Info: 410-524-7474.

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

YOUNG & RESTLESS 'FUN WITH DR. SEUSS' — Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. For 3 to 7 year old children. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-632-3495.

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

IPAD CHICKS - BEGINNERS — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. to noon. Explore the world of iPads while learning from each other. Info: 410-208-4014.

FRI. March 11

ST. PATRICK'S INDOOR SOCCER TOURNAMENT — Northside Park, 200 125th St. in Ocean City. Adult tournaments start as early as noon on Friday. Adults Men and Women over 18 Division. Info: 410-250-0125.

'FANTASTIC FRIDAY' YOUTH DANCE — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Fifth and sixth graders are welcome to dance, listen to music and hang out with their friends. The event is chaperoned by the Recreation and Parks Department and snacks will be provided. Cost is \$8 for Ocean Pines residents and \$9 for non-residents. Info: 410-641-7052.

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

'BOXER SHORTS II: FROM WATER TO DUST/DE AGUA AL PALVO' PERFORMANCE — Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., Ocean City, 7:30 p.m. Featuring four plays: "Tape" by José Rivera, "Capricho" by Nilo Cruz, "Springtime" by Maria Irene Fornés and "Bliss" by Caridad Svich. All four playwrights are of Latin American descent and are tied together by common themes of memory, reflection and repentance. Tickets cost \$26.50. Info: www.brownboxtheatre.org.

2ND FRIDAY ART STROLL — Throughout Berlin, 3-6 p.m. March is Student Art Month. Stroll the shops to see what the local students have created. Come see the unveiling of the first panel of the Public Art Mural and attend a celebration recep-

tion inside the Visitor's Center, 14 S. Main St., Berlin at 5:30 p.m. Info www.BerlinMainStreet.com.

CRAB CAKE DINNER — Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin, 4-7 p.m. Cost is \$10 and includes a crabcake sandwich with green beans and seasoned baked potato. Carryouts and bake table available. Info: 410-641-1137.

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

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

OP BOOK OF THE MONTH — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Book discussion of "The Life We Bury" by Allen Eskens. Info: 410-208-4014.

EARLY LITERACY BEGINS AT HOME — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 3 p.m. Learn how to begin your child's education at home. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-524-1818.

SAT. March 12

ST. PATRICK'S INDOOR SOCCER TOURNAMENT — Northside Park, 200 125th St. in Ocean City. Adults Men and Women over 18 Division. Info: 410-250-0125.

ST. PATTY'S DAY BOARDWALK 5K — Ocean City Boardwalk at Fourth Street. Registration held Friday, March 11, 5:30-8 p.m. No registration on race day, just packet pick-up. Race starts at 9 a.m. Post-race celebration at Shenanigan's Irish Pub on Fourth Street. Info: Chris Klebe, 443-497-4324, www.octrirunning.com or info@octrirunning.com.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE — Parade begins at noon and travels Coastal Highway from 58th Street to 45th Street. Featuring marching units, floats and local celebrities. At 11 a.m. at the 45th Street shopping area, there will be a fun festival with food, drink and merriment. Info: Buck Mann, 410-289-6156.

ST. PATRICK'S SCRAMBLE — Eagle's Landing Golf Course, 12367 Eagles Nest Rd, West Ocean City. Entry fee includes green fee, cart, lunch and prizes. Four-player teams will play 6 holes from each Gold, White and Blue Tees. Lunch served immediately following play. Sign up: 410-213-7277 or 800-283-3846.

DOLL TEA PARTY FUNDRAISER — Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, cafe-

teria, 11242 Racetrack Road, Berlin. Two sessions, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2-5 p.m. Cost is \$25 per girl. Bring your doll and enjoy crafts, games and lite fare. For girls from kindergarten to 5th grade. Benefits American Cancer Society. Reservations required: Colleen Rutzler, 443-614-0903 or AngiesAngelsRFL@gmail.com.

'BOXER SHORTS II: FROM WATER TO DUST/DE AGUA AL PALVO' PERFORMANCE — Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., Ocean City, 7:30 p.m. Featuring four plays: "Tape" by José Rivera, "Capricho" by Nilo Cruz, "Springtime" by Maria Irene Fornés and "Bliss" by Caridad Svich. All four playwrights are of Latin American descent and are tied together by common themes of memory, reflection and repentance. Tickets cost \$26.50. Info: www.brownboxtheatre.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION — Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway (behind St. Luke's Church), Ocean City, noon to 7 p.m. Come celebrate after the OC parade with a great corned beef and cabbage meal. Cost is \$12 for meal or \$7 for sandwich. Info: 410-524-7994.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY — American Legion Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 2 p.m. Corned beef, cabbage and potatoes for \$7.50. Music, dancing and karaoke with DJ Andy at 7 p.m. Info: 410-289-3166.

STEWARDSHIP CLINIC SERIES KICK OFF — Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Featuring discussions on forestry and land conservation with guest speakers Tony DiPaolo, a licensed professional forester, and Lyle Almond from the Maryland Extension Service. During the clinic, the group will visit the Paul Jones Lumber Yard and, weather permitting, the EA Vaughn Wildlife Management Area. Light refreshments provided. Free clinic. Pre-registration required: Lower Shore Land Trust Office, 410-641-4467.

OCEAN PINES ANGLERS CLUB MEETING — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 9:30 a.m. Bob Cooke, a certified Coast Guard Auxiliary and DNR Police Instructor, will discuss maintaining and preparing your trailer, boat, engine and yourself for the spring boating season. All are welcome. Info: Jack Barnes, 410-641-7662.

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

PANCAKE BREAKFAST — Ocean City Airport, 12724 Airport Road, West Ocean City, Saturdays through May 28, 9 a.m. to noon. Menu includes pancakes, sausage and coffee. Info: 410-289-3166. Continued on Page 30

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fee. Suggested donation is \$5. Proceeds benefit the Huey Veterans Memorial Fund. Info: Coleman Bunting, 410-726-7207.

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

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

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

KIDS LINE DANCING — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 1 p.m. Circle dances, line dances and partner dances for toddlers and older. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-524-1818.

SUN. March 13

ST. PATRICK'S INDOOR SOCCER TOURNAMENT — Northside Park, 200 125th St. in Ocean City. Adults Men and Women over 18 Division. Info: 410-250-0125.

ALL-U-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET — Berlin Fire Hall, 214 N. Main St., 7:30-10:30 a.m. Menu includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, waffles, biscuits, cereals, coffee, milk and juice. Cost is \$9 for adults, \$7 for carry outs, \$5 for children ages 5-12 years and free to children 4 and younger.

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HOMECOMING — Showell United Methodist Church, 10115 Pitts Road, Showell, 2 p.m. Speaker will be Ralph Lewis, former member of the Showell congregation. Music by Charles Papparella. Free will offering. Meal to follow.

MEAT LOAF DINNER — American Legion Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 4-7 p.m. Open to American Legion Family and visitors of other posts. In celebration of the 97th birthday of the American Legion. Tickets cost \$7 and are available at the bar. Info: 410-289-3381.

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

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

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

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

MON. March 14

'BOXER SHORTS II: FROM WATER TO DUST/DE AGUA AL PALVO' PERFORMANCE — Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., Ocean City, 7:30 p.m. Featuring four plays: "Tape" by José Rivera, "Capri-cho" by Nilo Cruz, "Springtime" by Maria Irene Fornés and "Bliss" by Caridad Svich. All four playwrights are of Latin American descent and are tied together by common themes of memory, reflection and repentance. Tickets cost \$26.50. Info: www.brownboxtheatre.org.

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

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

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

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

STEPPING ON FALLS PREVENTION WORKSHOP — Northern Worcester County Senior Center, 10129 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, 10 a.m. to noon. A seven-week workshop to

help people at risk for falls, to live a safer, more confident life. Work closely with a physical therapist, vision specialist, pharmacist and a community safety specialist to learn how to be safer. Pre-registration requested: Dawn, 410-641-9268.

WRITING FOR WELLNESS — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:30-3 p.m. Writing about stressful experiences, like illness, may boost health & psychological well-being. No prior writing experience needed. Info: Don Winslow, 410-208-6613.

STEAM PM 'CRAZY SCIENCE LAB' — Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St, 3:45 p.m. Wild and wacky science projects for children 6 years and older. Info: 410-632-3495.

TUES. March 15

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MONTHLY MEETING — American Legion Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 7 p.m., on the third Tuesday of each month. Current members and those interested in becoming a member are encouraged to attend.

GENEALOGY GROUP MEETING — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Short presentation on "Genealogy Website" followed by open discussion. Open to beginning researchers to experienced genealogist. Bring questions. Prepare to share.

MIGRAINE CARE — Urban Nectar, 10019 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, 6 p.m. Migraine Care without Drugs or Surgery presented by local chiropractor Patrick Pabouet-Sigafoose. Info: 443-966-5411.

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

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

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP — Berlin Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Berlin, 11 a.m. to noon. Support group for caregivers of Alzheimer's patients. It meets the third Tuesday of each month. Open to the community. Info: Heather Cormack, 410-641-4400, Ext. 6123 or Kenneth Lewis, 410-208-1701 or 410-430-4818.

STORY TIME 'ALICE IN WONDERLAND' — Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 10:30 a.m. For 2 to 5 year old children. Info: 410-641-0650.

LAP TIME — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Children, under 2 years old, will be introduced to songs, games and finger plays. Info: www.worcesterli-

brary.org or 410-208-4014.

POETRY READING — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2 p.m. Hear Emily Dickinson's poetry spoken with passion and soul by teacher and poet Nancy Mitchell of Salisbury University. Info: 410-524-1818.

WED. March 16

FREE LUNCH AND LENTEN SERVICES — St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 10301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. Lunch served at noon, service begins at 1 p.m. Info: 410-524-7474.

WSW BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP — Atlantic Health Center, conference room, 9714 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 1-3 p.m. Lunch will be provided at this first meeting. Open to current patients and survivors. R.S.V.P.: 410-548-7880.

FIRST STEPS OF STARTING YOUR OWN BUSINESS WORKSHOP — One Stop Job Market, 31901 Tri-County Way, Room #13, Salisbury, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Participants receive a Business Start-Up Checklist, Business Plan Template, Legal Structures for your Business and Trade Application. Free and open to the public. Pre-registration required: Denise Davis, 410-546-1900, ddavis@marylandcapital.org or www.marylandcapital.org.

VOLUNTEER FAIR AND SOCIAL — Ocean Pines Yacht Club, 1 Mumford's Landing Road, 5-7 p.m. Learn about area non-profit organizations and the opportunities available to help make a difference in the community. Info: Sandi Smith, sandis@mdcoastalbays.org or 410-213-2297, Ext. 106.

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

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

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

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

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

Vote for Maryland's most small biz friendly chamber

(March 10, 2016) Maryland Small Business Week Awards Program, Inc. has announced the launch of this year's Chamber Challenge, to determine the state's top-three "Most Small Business Friendly Chambers," as voted by their members in an on-line poll.

Winners will be revealed at the 32nd annual Maryland Small Business Week Awards Luncheon at Martin's West in Baltimore on Friday, April 29.

"Each year, we recognize and honor the accomplishments of remarkable people who have achieved success as small business owners, but who also advocate on behalf of other small business owners and devote a lot of time and effort giving back to their community," said Bryan LePage, vice president of the Maryland Small Business Week Awards Committee.

"In most instances, the nominations are submitted by chambers of commerce," LePage continued. "Time and again, we've been made aware of remarkable men and women who are incredible success

stories, but also incredible people, and we get these stories from their chambers. We thought it was about time to recognize the great work that chambers of commerce do to support and promote their members."

The Chamber Challenge is open to all chambers in the state. The public and chamber members are invited to vote for their favorite chamber, once per day for the month of March. Voting closes March 31. Votes will be tallied and winners will be honored at the Awards Luncheon on April 29.

The event celebrates the achievements of the small business community, and will also recognize the local winners of the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) National Small Business Week Awards Program.

To vote or to learn more about the 32nd annual Maryland Small Business Week Awards Luncheon, visit www.mdsbwawards.org.

For additional information, contact Rachel Howard at rachel.howard@sba.gov, or 410-244-3337.



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Daily 10-5	Gateway Grand - 48th Street	3 & 4BR, 3BA	Condo	Inquire	Fritschle Group/Condominium Realty
Daily 11-3	Villas, OC Inlet Isle	3BR/4BR	Condo	From \$740,000	Fritschle Group/Condominium Realty
Sat-Mon 11-4 pm	Heron Harbour Sales Office, 120th St., Bayside	1BR/2/BR/3BR/4/BR+	Condo, Towns & SF	-	Nanette Pavier/Holiday Real Estate
Saturday 11-3pm	Summer House, 120th St., Bayside	3BR/3BA	Condo	\$350,000	Fritschle Group/Condominium Realty
Sat & Sun 10-5pm	Sunset Island, Ocean City	-	Condos, Towns & SF	From \$342,500	Terry Riley/Vantage Resort Realty
Sun. 12-5 & Mon-Sat 10-5	70th St. Bayside Broadmarsh	3BR/2 Full & 2 Half BA	Townhomes	From \$299,900	Fritschle Group/Condominium Realty
Sun. 12-5 & Mon-Sat 10-5	11769 Maid at Arms Way	4BR/4.5BA	Single Family	From \$489,900	Evergreene Homes
Sun. 12-5 & Mon-Sat 10-5	Seaside Village, West Ocean City	3BR/2 Full & 2 Half BA	Townhome	From \$294,371	Lennar Homes
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Saturday 12-3	20 Dockside Ct., Ocean Pines	4BR/4BA	Single Family	\$549,000	Jennifer Cropper-Rines/Coldwell Banker Res. Brokerage
Sat. & Sun. 11-5	West Harbor Village, West Ocean City	3-4BR/2.5BA	Single Family	From \$330,000	Dan Demeria/Harbor Homes
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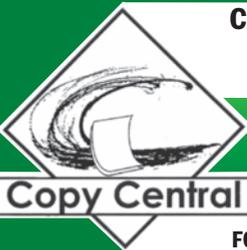
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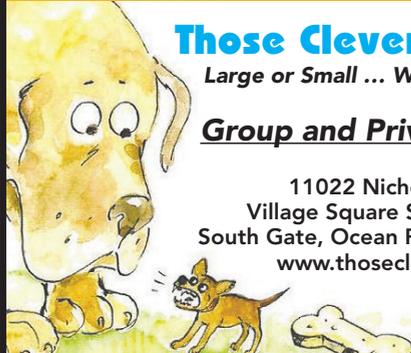


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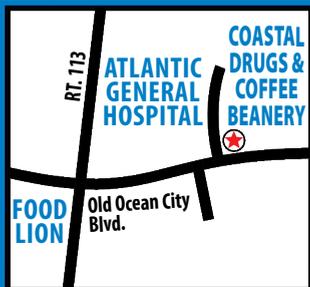
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