



Makenzie Littleton, right, points out a favorite section of the community mural, that was unveiled last Friday at Buckingham Elementary School, while Brooke Warren pauses from consuming a cookie to contemplate the artwork and Luke Riser motions toward his personal highlights.

GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Buckingham, Berlin get first look at mural

A&E committee shows off work by students, muralist

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(March 17, 2016) Students at Buckingham Elementary School in Berlin gathered en masse last Wednesday for a sneak peek at a community art project they helped to envision and to paint.

The mural that now graces the side of the town's visitor center depicts Berlin's history from its Victorian era through modern times. The work was a joint effort between the town and artist John Donato, after the Berlin Arts and Entertainment Committee developed the idea.

Ivy Wells, Berlin's director of economic and community development, who also runs the town's arts and entertainment program, said fundraising efforts are underway to cover the costs of two more mural projects.

Speaking at the unveiling ceremony, Donato, whose other work includes a mural at Most Blessed Catholic School in Ocean Pines, said this was truly a community effort.

"I could see right way this was going to be a special mural," he said. "Something like this doesn't get painted by an artist alone."

He also praised Buckingham Elementary art teacher Melissa Reid for her approach, energy and excitement.

Berlin Arts and Entertainment committee member Robin Tomaselli said the idea for the community artwork was in progress for quite some time.

"We've been looking to do a mural project for several years," she said.

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams shared some historical perspective with the students.

"Berlin is America's coolest small town and this is America's coolest elementary school," he said to widespread applause. "What you see today, wasn't always as cool as it is now."

Reid, who was reared in Berlin,
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Summerfield project could return

Odachowski, Snow Hill look at smaller version of major new housing development

By Brian Gilliland
Staff Writer

(March 17, 2016) In a letter espousing the benefits of doing business in the county seat that Snow Hill Mayor Charlie Dorman distributed to county and state officials he mentions a scaled-down version of the Summerfield project, which stalled after 2008's economic meltdown.

Royal Plus president Matt Odachowski, brother of Mark, who first proposed the project more than a decade ago, has purchased 400 acres of the original property, which is adjacent to the Pocomoke River, and is "looking for a way to make the project make sense."

"I've not decided 100 percent what I want to do. I want houses. I want some commercial space, and I'm figuring out what else I want to put

there. I want it to be positive for the town," Odachowski said.

Snow Hill officials confirmed no paperwork, designs or plans for the reinvented development have been filed. Dorman said the project is in the discussion phase.

When the project was initially proposed, the size and scope of the development required additional water and sewer capacity, and the construction of a new wastewater treatment plant was included in the proposal for the development. Dorman said with the reduced size of the new proposal, water and sewer access isn't a problem for the town's existing plant, which was upgraded in 2014.

"I like the town. I like the area. The people are very supportive and nice. It's where our corporate offices are located, and I want to keep the whole nucleus together," Odachowski said. "We're discussing the annexation agreement and the development of rights and responsibilities.

"I want to bring jobs and new homeowners to the area," he said.

In the letter, Dorman estimates 800 new homes could be placed on the site, which could bring in new residents and more business to the so far somnolent downtown.

According to the U.S. census, Snow Hill had about 2,400 residents in 2000 and about 2,100 in 2010. Dorman now estimates the population of the town has shrunk to 1,900 residents with only 721 people employed within the town.

Dorman said adding residents is key to the town's economic survival. He also endorsed another of Odachowski's efforts, Positive Energy LLC, which seeks a license to locate a medical marijuana dispensary in the town and has applied for additional licenses to both grow and process cannabis in Snow Hill.

The state is reviewing applications for medical marijuana operations and is expected to render decisions on licenses later this year.

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Mural shows off diversity, history of Berlin

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seconded the mayor's sentiments during her remarks, explaining that during her youth the town looked a bit weathered.

"When I was a child, Berlin looked nothing like it does now," she said.

She extended her gratitude to Carol Rose, who sits on the board of directors for the Calvin B. Taylor House, for sharing her extensive knowledge of Berlin's past.

"Rose spent time with my art classes talking about the history of Berlin," she said.

In 1982, the Berlin Heritage Foundation, which was founded a year earlier, persuaded the town to spend \$35,000 to buy the historic Calvin B. Taylor house, which was built in 1832 for Isaac Covington. Since that time, the group has operated the house as a museum.

Describing the mural as an ele-

'It represents an appreciation of our past, with inspiration for today and part of our shared history tomorrow. Through the universal language of art, it's something we can all share.'

Mayor Gee Williams

ment that will be a source of pride for generations, Williams said he hopes the artwork will foster a culture of tolerance and diversity.

"It represents an appreciation of our past, with inspiration for today and part of our shared history tomorrow," he said. "Through the universal language of art, it's something we can all

share."

Donato said he enjoyed the time he got to work with the students.

"They raised their hands and asked questions," he said. "They were good as gold."

During her remarks, Reid told the assembled school body that hundreds of people will view the mural over the next decades, and stressed the value of each child's contribution.

"Every single day you do something amazing," she said. "You have an important voice in the community of Berlin."



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Rezoning paves way for new police, mixed-use buildings

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 17, 2016) Two rezoning requests passed through public hearings, and were in turn passed by the town council, with few objections during a public meeting in Berlin Monday evening.

The first, Resolution 2016-03, rezoned 109 Decatur Street from B-2 shopping to R-1 residential district, allowing for a new police station there. A public hearing on the matter was opened and closed without comment.

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams said construction of the new station would begin by late summer or early fall.

Resolution 2016-04 allowed for the rezoning of four parcels, 13,15,19 and 21 Gay Street, from R-2 residential to B-1 town center.

Patrick Vorsteg, who purchased the empty lot on 15 Gay Street, said his intention was to build a two-story building similar to others in downtown Berlin, with storefronts on the ground floor and apartments overhead. Three other homeowners on the street asked to be included in the rezoning, which included admission into the town's historic district.

Planning Director Dave Engelhart said each case would help continue the trend of the steady population increase in Berlin, town water, sewer and electric already served both, and both were compatible with existing and proposed developments in the respective areas.

The town purchased the police department parcel with that use in mind, and other planned developments there, including a new Dollar General store, would improve safety and traffic flow in the area, Engelhart said.

Both zoning changes also received recommendations from the town's planning commission, and Engelhart said neither would require additional infrastructure.

Mitchell David, a resident of the town, expressed concerns about parking on Gay Street, but Engelhart said off-street parking shown in preliminary site plans would keep cars from parking on the street.

David also invoked a recent dispute at Cannery Village, where residents near the Flower Street housing complex were still negotiating with a developer to have a fence installed around the 44 homes there.

"People aren't getting involved early enough," he said. "For those people who live on Jefferson, is there going to be any type of buffer for them?"

Engelhart clarified that only one of the properties on Gay Street would change at all – at least for now. He added that the inclusion in the historic district would only affect new developments.

"They can continue their use as their private home ... as long as they want," he said. "Should they decide to turn their home into a retail space with an apartment above, it can't ever go back without going through the board of zoning appeals for that change. Once you make it conform to the district, they can't go back to the old nonconformancy."

Mayor Gee Williams said he thought the rezoning would become a trend in the outlying parts of downtown Berlin.

"Nobody is forced to do it, but ultimately, it makes the potential value of the residential properties much greater," Williams said.

Addressing the situation at Cannery Village, Williams said "good negotiations" were taking place between the developer and Flower Street residents.

The council voted unanimously to approve both requests.

Councilmember Tom Gulyas said he was particularly pleased with the change on Gay Street.

"I just think it's a great benefit to this town," he said. "I think it's going to be a heck of an improvement to that street."



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BEACON director no-show leads to short-lived meeting

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 17, 2016) The OPA Board of Directors met with members of its comprehensive planning committee on Monday to finalize questions for a study that is to be the basis of a long-term comprehensive plan.

That meeting was short lived, however, as BEACON Director Dr. Memo Diriker did not show up for the session.

Last March, the board voted 5-1 to hire the Business, Economic, and Community Outreach Network (BEACON) group, based at Salisbury University, for \$33,000. During that meeting, Diriker said a grant from SU would cover half that cost, because he planned to use the data collected as a learning tool for graduate students.

Under the Diriker's direction, the comprehensive planning committee had worked for several months to develop a questionnaire that would be sent to both homeowners and residents at all 8,452 homes in Ocean Pines. Before that could be done, the board had to approve the questions.

During a committee meeting on March 2, Diriker discussed his availability to attend a special board meeting to do just that.

"Luck would have it, the morning of the 14th was open," Diriker told the committee and Board President Pat Renaud, in attendance. "If we send [the questionnaire] ahead of them, it shouldn't take about an hour."

Diriker agreed to an 8:30 a.m. start to the meeting, and said he would have the questions ready for the directors to preview by Monday, March 7. Renaud said he would call the meeting for March 14.

On Monday there was exactly one item up for discussion on the agenda – the comprehensive plan survey. Several directors came loaded with questions. Diriker, however, had taken the day off for medical reasons. He said in a later interview that he informed committee Chairman Steve Cohen of the change in his schedule, but that Cohen apparently forgot.

The board members attempted to carry on with the meeting, with Director Jack Collins suggesting that the committee make a presentation. Collins said he was uncertain of the survey's purpose or what it entailed.

"I'm unaware, as I think most board members are," he said.

Cohen said the study would be the "first part of our comprehensive plan," and would help his committee advise the board.

He estimated around "70 percent of the people in Ocean Pines" could be reached via email. Hard copies of the survey would also be made available via mail, and public computers could be set up specifically for the questionnaire.

"Dr. Diriker said he's done this for 25 years, and there are programs ... that prevent fraud," Cohen said. "I

don't really understand, but he can tell where these answers are coming from, based on the program."

Cohen said the questionnaire would be released on April 15 and hoped it could be collected by the end of May.

"Once we get these answers back, we will then sit down as a committee and get an idea what the people want, where they think we are," he said.

During the second phase of the study, Cohen said Diriker would use the data to create computer modules that would help "set priorities." Diriker had demonstrated such modules on March 2, when only one board member, Renaud, was in attendance.

"I have not seen one tangible thing to tell me what these programs are going to do, or what they consist of, or what the relationships are within the programs," Director Dave Stevens said. "What is it, and if you can't say what it is, then I think we have good reason to be suspect."

Director Cheryl Jacobs made the point that Diriker had already discussed the survey during prior meetings.

"I'm kind of not understanding why, all of the sudden, there is this lack of knowledge about this, when it obviously was discussed at length before the prior board voted to go ahead with this expenditure," she said. "I'm not understanding why you would have done that without having any sort of knowledge [with] what you were paying for."

Collins said he was not present during that original vote. Stevens, who was president of the board when the item was approved – and voted yes – admitted he did not fully grasp the concept.

"If you're asking did we vote for something without understanding [it], I can tell you right now it's one of the few times that I've done it," he said. "I absolutely voted for that without knowing what we were going to get out of it – and I still don't know."

Bill Cordwell, the lone "no" vote when the board approved the study, said he still did not know what the association expected to get out of it.

"If we were looking for college kids sitting behind a computer to tell us we were going to do with our community, then that scared me," he said.

Jacobs then suggested having the meeting, without having Diriker there to answer questions, was a "complete waste of time."

"I have questions, of course, about all of this ... but Dr. Diriker is not here. That is the person that I thought was supposed to be here to be able to deal with our questions," she said. "I think this needs to be rescheduled when we know he's going to be available."

Director Tom Terry moved to discontinue the meeting and reschedule when Diriker could attend. The board agreed unanimously.

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Directors say lack of quorum at committee mtg. not issue

March 2 comprehensive planning session only had two of five members attend

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 17, 2016) Of the five people attending a meeting of the Ocean Pines Association Comprehensive Planning Committee on March 2 at the administration building, only two were committee members, a circumstance that has led the question of whether a quorum was present and even if having a quorum is required.

The five at the meeting were Committee Chair Steve Cohen, Committee Member Mike Evans, OPA Board President Pat Renaud, Pines Facilities Manager Jerry Aveta and Dr. Memo Diriker, from Salisbury University group BEACON.

The Ocean Pines Association website lists five members on that committee, including Frank Daly, Gail Blazer and Thomas Butler. Renaud is listed as the board liaison to the committee.

On Monday, the same committee met with the board of directors to discuss a survey that would guide a long-term comprehensive plan. During the public comments section of that session, resident Joe Reynolds held up an issue of the Bayside Gazette, showing Cohen, Evans, Renaud, Aveta and Diriker together in a photo from the March 2 meeting.

"There's two committee members there in the photograph," he said. "Was there a quorum?"

"I believe there was," Renaud said. "Yeah."

Reached for comment later that day, Renaud admitted he was thinking of another meeting, and confirmed there was not a quorum present on March 2.

"I don't think there was a quorum," he said.

However, OPA Board Vice President Cheryl Jacobs, an attorney, said there was no wrongdoing, because committee meetings do not necessarily require a quorum.

In an email sent on Monday, Jacobs said she researched the community's bylaws and its book of resolutions, specifically, Article X, Sect. 10.07, which reads, "When appropriate, Robert's Rules of Order ... shall be used as guidance for the conduct of committee meetings and advisory body meetings, to the extent they are not inconsistent with the Charter, By-laws, or Resolutions."

She also highlighted C-01, Committee General Policy, in the book of resolutions, and Article IV, Sect. 4.06 in the bylaws.

"I can find nothing regarding the conduct of the meeting and C-07-Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee, [and it] also does not speak to the conduct of meetings. Therefore, I would conclude that a quorum is not required," she wrote.

Director Tom Terry, the board parliamentarian, agreed.

"While various advisory committees have an objective of having four-to-nine members, there is no requirement that a committee have four members in order to function or to exist," he said. "Since the advisory committees are advisory and cannot expend dollars or set binding commitments for the organization, a committee can function outside of the requirement for a quorum."

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Confusion, delays could stall Pines comp. plan survey

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 17, 2016) In addition to Monday's confusion over a survey produced by Ocean Pines' comprehensive planning committee, the circulation of that questionnaire could be delayed, according to OPA Board President Pat Renaud.

The directors had met to finalize the language of the survey, which was intended to collect data that would then be put into a computer program by Dr. Memo Diriker, director of Salisbury University group BEACON.

Diriker, however, was not present during the meeting.

"I was disappointed, obviously, because we thought Memo was going to be there," Renaud said. "Subsequent emails and messages that I saw [suggested] that he didn't know that we expected him. I don't remember that at all – none of my notes said that."

Renaud said many of the directors had serious concerns about the survey.

"The questions leave a lot to be desired, from some people's view," he said. "There were some things that bothered me too. They were written by students from the school, and I'm not sure whether they understood our perspective on the thing."

"I think there should have been more substance that what was there, and we're probably not as ready as we think we are to go ahead with [the survey]," Renaud added. "I know we're all anxious to get it off the ground, but I'd rather get it off the ground the right way, rather than have it out there and everybody sort of laugh at it and throw it in the wastebasket."

Asked if he thought the survey would be ready for a planned release in mid-April, Renaud appeared decisive – it won't.

"No, I don't think so," he said. "That's my opinion – and it's only my opinion – but I don't think they're going to meet that deadline."

Ocean Pines to host family tennis play day, March 20

(March 17, 2016) The Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department and Delmarva Beach Tennis will offer a family tennis play day on Sunday, March 20 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Manklin Meadows Racquet Sports Complex, located at 11443 Manklin Creek Road in Ocean Pines.

Designed for all ages and open to the public, participants will learn basic skills of tennis. Racquets are required. Tennis balls, snacks and prizes will be provided.

The cost is \$10 per player. Preregistration at delmarvabeachtennis.com is required. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held in April.

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Thompson breezes through town hall ... mostly

Ocean Pines GM updates residents on financials and upcoming capital projects

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 17, 2016) General Manager Bob Thompson had a relatively routine town hall meeting last week, breezing through an overview of current projects in about 45 minutes.



Bob Thompson

Public comments, however, lasted more than an hour and included one fiery exchange with a homeowner over the performance of the community's yacht club.

Thompson started things off with a slide show, touting a projected positive variance of \$47,242 by the end of the fiscal year. Aquatics, he said, was performing well, coming close to breaking even for the first time in years.

"That's something we all can be real, real excited about," he said. "The other highlight [is] the yacht club is performing extremely well ... we're actually operating in the black."

"The bottom line for us is we're in the black right now [overall], which we have not been in years at

this stage of the game," Thompson continued. "The numbers are looking pretty good for the year right now."

One thing that was not going well, said Thompson, were the string of break-ins to parked cars. He said those incidents almost exclusively involved people entering unlocked autos. He blamed an increase in drug use for the uptick in activity.

"Just lock your doors, because they just walk to the next driveway, and the next driveway until they find one open. It's just an easy target," Thompson said.

On the rising drug use in the county, Thompson said Ocean Pines budgeted for an additional police officer who would specialize in drug interdiction and work directly with the county.

He also reminded those in the audience that Ocean Pines police would perform routine checks for vacationing homeowners, as long as they fill out a form at the department.

Going over the budget, passed by the directors late last month, Thompson said dues and amenity fees did not increase, and that assessment bills would likely go out "at some point next week."

Highlights in the budget, Thompson said, included hardware and

software upgrades, Wi-Fi at the community center, road resurfacing, upgrades to the country club, beach and police station, and new decor and "mobile food concessions" tied to the yacht club.

On the latter topic, Thompson said the somewhat controversial food truck was actually a suggestion by the county health department.

"We were cooking outside on the [yacht club] patio, and the health department said you couldn't do that," Thompson said. "I actually went directly to the health department [and] sat down with them. They're the ones who introduced a food trailer or food truck if we wanted to do outside service. Just so you know, it wasn't something we came up with ... just roll the dice and see what happens."

He said the board would have final approval of the purchase and other expenses related to the food truck.

Thompson went on to say some of the capital replacement purchases in the budget were creating "ill will," and that he had received a number of nasty emails on the subject.

"It's a lack of information from the people sending the email is where it starts," he said. "If you're going to send a nasty email, why don't you ask first? Ask why we're

doing it. Ask us to explain it."

One item of contention was a Chevy Tahoe, which, in the budget draft, included an estimate for a model with leather seats and a satellite navigation system, among other add-ons. Thompson said that was simply the only dealer estimate available at the time, and that the association was not in the business of buying luxury vehicles for basic public works use.

Moreover, he said money allocated for replacement items would not affect assessments until the following year, and the actual cost of the truck would be about \$40,000 — much less than the estimate implied.

"Whether we put 70, 100 or 80 [thousand] is irrelevant," he said. "Your assessment does not get impacted until we buy it ... it doesn't have a direct impact."

Thompson said the budget included money for "replacement in place" of the beach club bathrooms, likely happening this fall so as not to interrupt the busy summer season.

Other projects in development include upgrades to the Sports Core Pool, for which the directors recently approved \$255,000 in funding, and repairs of two bridges.

Thompson said a request for pro-

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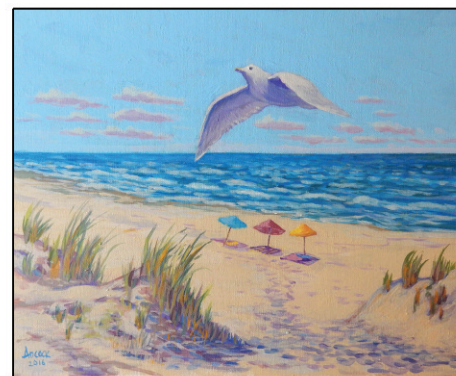
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Q&A debate briefly got personal

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posals for the structures, both near the golf course, were recently distributed. He estimated repairs would take place during the spring or summer, and promised disruption would be minimal.

The Manklin Meadows project that includes expansion of several racquet sports courts and adjustments to the playground, parking lot and community gardens, only received one bid, and it was "three times what we thought it was going to be."

Thompson said the cost of stormwater management largely drove the increase, and that the association was working with "some of our county folks" on less costly solutions.

Although the directors last month tabled a proposal to build new bathrooms at White Horse Park, Thompson said the board later approved that project by an email vote.

Addressing the reserve study, capital improvement plan and comprehensive plan all either recently completed or nearing completion, Thompson said Ocean Pines was exploring projects as many as 15 years into the future.

"We're hitting this from a number of different levels to do future planning, which is the right approach,"

Thompson said. "There's a lot of work underway right now that should help us as we look at what the future of the community should be."

During the Q&A portion of the meeting, questions ranged from whether the BEACON study related to the comprehensive plan would address the country club (it won't), to if the swim and racquet club resurfacing were still happening (it is).

Other residents asked about the food truck, boat trailers, awnings over the tiki bar at the yacht club, and the conditions at the north and south gates to the community.

Then, Steve Lind asked Thompson, "Why don't we just wash our hands of the yacht club?"

"Let a local businessman with name recognition lease the place out. I'd just like to hear your thoughts," he said.

Thompson used the example of a business in the community that was being run by a successful Ocean City businessperson but nevertheless had to close.

"How did it work out over there?" Thompson asked. "An extremely successful businessman didn't work out at the south gate of Ocean Pines. Strike one to your theory."

When Thompson tried to give a

second example, gesturing toward his slides, Lind interrupted and said he was well aware of the business, and "hung out there seven days a week."

"You've got to say things that are true, Bob," Lind said.

"I don't tell lies - I'm not smart enough to keep up with them," Thompson said. "Don't tell me I lied ... don't call me a liar in my own meeting."

Lind pressed on, and Thompson said he was finished with the conversation and would move on.

"One more time and I'll ask you to leave," Thompson said.

"I'll leave. I don't care," Lind said. "Please do," Thompson said.

Closing out the meeting, Thompson offered new information on talks with developer Palmer Gillis about traffic concerns at the Delmarva Health Pavilion.

Gillis addressed the issue with dozens of Ocean Pines homeowners during a public meeting in February. Since then, Thompson said the developer sent a formal request for an alternate access roadway from the property onto Ocean Parkway.

Thompson added that no action been taken, but that it was his belief a majority of the directors would prefer to see a "formal traffic study" before making any decisions.



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Big crowd greets Sandpiper Energy during Pines meeting

Utility discusses timeline for community-wide move off propane, to natural gas

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 17, 2016) Thirty minutes before the town hall meeting with Sandpiper Energy began last Thursday night in the Ocean Pines Community Center, the room was largely vacant, save for about a dozen uniformly dressed Sandpiper representatives.

Personnel from the Chesapeake Utilities subsidy were on hand with their matching blue shirts to address concerns about the community-wide conversion from propane to natural gas.

But 10 minutes before the 6 p.m. starting time, homeowners started to arrive en masse, with the swell leading to a standing-room-only crowd gathered in the back of the large room.

Sandpiper workers moved quickly, setting up additional seating throughout the room, and by the time the town hall was underway, estimates were that more than 150 homeowners had come out to hear what the energy company had to say.

Contract negotiations with Sandpiper concerning the conversion drug on for more than two years and stalled out at least once, causing the Ocean Pines board of directors to rethink its approach and tap General Manager Bob Thompson to lead the talks that had previously been handled by a tag team of board members.

After the agreement was finalized in December, the company went to work on the lengthy conversion process, which is estimated to take several years and include more than 4,000 homes and 60 miles of gas mains.

Although the company had been providing regular updates on the Ocean Pines Association website, there was still plenty of confusion as to just how the conversion process would work – and it what it would require from homeowners – as evidenced by the larger-than-expected crowd.

“It’s great to see everybody out tonight. It’s been several years getting to this point,” Thompson said at the start. “We did not anticipate quite this many people. Next time, let us know you’re coming out – we’ll do it in the gym.”

Thompson said he worked closely with Sandpiper Senior Vice President Stephen Thompson on the contract, which included a 10-year ground lease, five-year service agreement and a perpetual, nonexclusive deed of easement, with a total estimated value at nearly \$400,000 for the OPA.

He added representatives of parent company Chesapeake rang the opening bell at the New York Stock

Exchange opening one day earlier, and quipped that Sandpiper staff “bought all new shirts just to come to our meeting.”

Thompson then introduced Sandpiper Vice President Jim Moore and Energy Services Director Shane Breakie.

“When you guys have a meeting, you have a meeting,” Moore said. “Wow.”

Moore said the town hall would consist of an overview of the conversion process, followed by “break-out sessions,” allowing homeowners to ask questions of the various Sandpiper representatives on an individual basis.

A few times, he struggled to keep order during the roughly 45-minute presentation, but Breakie largely breezed through the history of the company, which dates back to 1859, when it was called Dover Gas.

More recently, in 2013, Chesapeake purchased the operating assets of Eastern Shore Gas, which became the basis of Sandpiper.

“The company has been here for over 160 years, and we plan to be here for another 160,” he said. “We’re here for the long haul. We want to do this as quickly as possible, but we’re always going to put safety first.”

Breakie said the benefits of natural gas were its abundant supply – he estimated more than 100 years of stock – and the fact that it was domestically produced, with 99 percent of natural gas consumed in the United State originating in North America.

Moreover, he said natural gas was cleaner, lowering emissions and reducing the carbon footprint, and safer than other fossil fuel alternatives. When three large energy consumers in the area signed contracts with Sandpiper, Breakie said that deal alone displaced more than 700,000 gallons of oil in the county, and would cut carbon dioxide emissions by more than 1,600 tons each year.

Of the conversion itself, Breakie said Sandpiper started in the Newport and Teal Bay areas in January.

When the utility moves into a new area, it sends post card notifications four-to-six weeks in advance, and sets up temporary propane tanks, taking homes off of underground systems so customers continue to receive service.

Gas lines are then purged of the remaining propane, which can require “flaring,” often seen as bright yellow flames. Next, meter bars and meter stops are installed, and existing appliances are surveyed. A week into the process, once systems are purged, natural gas begins flowing through the mains.

Leak surveys and conversions are then scheduled, and Breakie said conversion coordinators call each costumer individually to set up times.

On the day of conversions, piping
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Sandpiper boasts benefits of natural gas in Ocean Pines

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is pressure tested, and step-down regulators are installed in each natural gas appliance in the home. If appliances have to be replaced, conversion coordinators will explain the operation of the new systems. Breakie said Sandpiper would pay for the overhead of any new systems installed, which will then be rolled into energy bills gradually.

After the conversion, propane tanks are removed, and the company moves on to the next conversion.

“We’re three months into a four-year process,” Breakie said. “Please bear with us. There are some growing pains.”

He added that the company would do its best to work with nonresident homeowners, and said the process was becoming smoother with each new conversion. To date, he said Sandpiper has converted more than 2,500 homes and businesses in the county, including the town of Berlin and West Ocean City.

During a frequently asked questions segment, Breakie said bills would not immediately go down, because rates were still largely blended with propane, but as the conversion moved closer to 50 percent, customers should see a decrease. He estimated current prices were about \$2 per gallon for natural gas.

“You will not see an immediate impact on your bill when you switch to natural gas,” Breakie said. “Right now, we have a little bit over 10,000 costumers [and] we’ve converted 2,500 customers. So we have 2,500 customers on natural gas and 7,500 that are on propane. When you blend that together, we still have 75 percent of our commodity based on propane pricing.”

At the end of the presentation, about half the crowd stayed on to ask questions at four information stations in the rear of the room. The rest filed out into the warm late-winter night, perhaps a little more knowledgeable, a little more assured and a little less claustrophobic.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

More than 100 people attend the Sandpiper Energy town hall in Ocean Pines last Thursday. Organizers said turnout was much higher than expected. The utility company was on hand to discuss the community-wide conversion from propane to natural gas.

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BERLIN BRIEFS

By Josh Davis

Staff Writer

(March 17, 2016) The Berlin Mayor and Council discussed the following items during a meeting at town hall on Monday, March 14:

Utility recognized

Electric Utilities Director Tim Lawrence, first lineman Claude Littleton and line superintendent August Wienhold accepted a Certificate of Excellence in Reliability, from the American Public Power Association, on behalf of their department.

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams presented the citation and said the town was in the top 25 percent in terms of reliability, averaging just 17 minutes per power outage.

"That ... is the result of an extremely dedicated group of guys," he said. "Mother Nature can't throw anything at them that they can't deal with. It's amazing."

Special events

The council unanimously passed a motion to approve a 5K race, on May 28 that will benefit Beach Lacrosse.

Organizers said they hope the event will be the biggest fundraiser for the 19-team youth lacrosse league. Participants range in age from pre-kindergarten to eighth grade, and more than 300 children are expected to participate in the league this year.

The council also gave a green light to the return of the Boggs-Disharoon Memorial Day Service on May 29, and the annual Reindeer Run event, on Dec. 3.

Septic system

The council unanimously approved the installation of a private septic and well system at 9930 Deer Park Drive.

Williams said the situation was a rare instance, and that town water and sewer was not available at the property. Approval was contingent on the homeowner connecting to town sewer if services were made available after March 14, 2018.

Program Open Space

The council signed off on recommendations from Administrative Services Director Mary Bohlen to request \$99,000 in Program Open Space money from the state.

The request includes \$40,500 for amenities at Berlin Falls, \$9,000 for a tot lot expansion at Stephen De-

catur Park, and two allotments – \$4,500 and \$45,000 – to develop John Howard Burbage Park on Williams Street.

Program Open Space money has not been distributed for nearly a decade, but town officials said they were hopeful the funding would be restored by the state this year.

Bohlen said the parks commission approved the recommendations during its meeting earlier this month.

Power savings

Berlin authorized a 2016 power supply schedule with energy provider American Municipal Power, Inc.

Williams said the move spelled great news for the town, enabling a new purchase power agreement that was lower than it had been for "many, many years."

The town had been paying \$47.31 per megawatt hour, which Williams said was already low, and would be pay about \$39 per megawatt hour, starting Jan. 1, 2018, for three years under the new agreement.

Budget amendments

Finance Director Natalie Saleh recommended an amendment to the town's 2016 fiscal year budget, "re-balancing" expense accounts related to operating and investment activities in the general, electric, water, sewer, and stormwater funds.

Williams said the effect of the amendments was "a wash," and Saleh added the bottom line would not change at all. The council approved the motion.

Appointments

Appointments were unanimously approved on three town commissions. Carol Rose was reappointed to the town's historic district commission as chairperson for three years. Robert Poli was named an alternate to the commission.

Newt Chandler was reappointed for a five-year term to the planning commission, and two residents, Lou Creter and John Briddell, were reappointed for four-year terms to the board of supervisors of elections.

Expenses

Two purchase orders, \$15,000 to SHA for salt and "winter materials" and \$58,616, to Cyrco Inc. for materials to replace heat transfer material in four cooling towers at the power plant, were approved.



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SonRise rezoning could open doors

Church looks to sell parts of Main Street parcel to chain restaurants and hotel

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 17, 2016) Opening the door to what could be a flurry of development at the northern end of Main Street in Berlin, the town's planning commission approved a rezoning and text amendment request by SonRise Church during a public meeting at Town Hall last Wednesday.

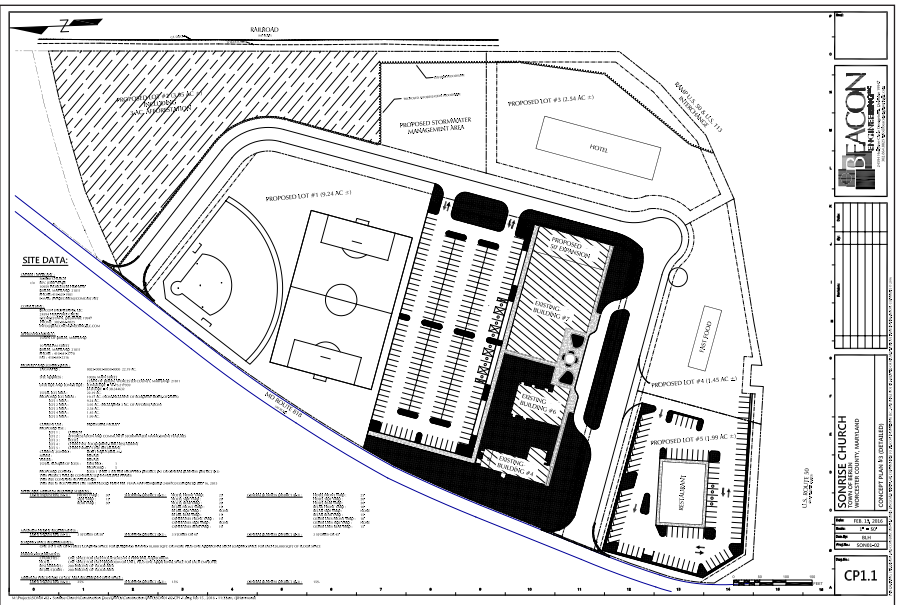
SonRise has a conditional agreement to buy the 22-acre former Select Laboratories property from Merial Select, with the intention of building a new parish on part of it, then subdividing the remaining land and selling that to commercial developers.

Attorney Robert Taylor, representing the church, said doing so would allow SonRise to fund its own redevelopment of the property into a 9-acre parish and religious complex.

Two things were at issue. The parcel, located on 10026 Main Street, near Route 50 and Route 113, is zoned M-1 light industrial. SonRise asked the commission to rezone the property into either the B-2 or B-3 commercial districts, and then grant an amendment to the zoning code allowing churches in those districts.

At present, the Berlin code only allows churches in R-1 residential zones.

Around 1960, the property was used to produce poultry vaccines. It



A concept drawing of the former Merial Select property in Berlin shows space for a parish operated by SonRise Church, as well as a restaurant, fast food shop and hotel at the north end of Main Street.

was sold in 1964 to Abbott Laboratories Inc., then again in 1979 to a subsidiary of French pharmaceutical company Sanofi.

Merial Select, a firm associated with Sanofi, was the most-recent resident there, although it ceased production roughly two years ago.

Commercial real estate firm Sperry Van Ness listed the property in 2014. Although the sale price is not known, the property was originally listed for \$4 million, and then reduced to \$2 million last year.

Realtor Wesley Cox confirmed during the meeting that the price of the property had been reduced at

least twice, and that Sperry Van Ness had struggled to find a buyer, although he said representatives from two "top-five" U.S. pharmaceutical companies, and one based in Dubai, had toured the site.

Taylor added that it was "pretty obvious" it would not find an industrial buyer.

"It was interesting to find a buyer of any kind," he said. "Fortunately, we ran into the church."

Daryl McCready, lead pastor at SonRise, said the church started in 2002 with about a dozen parishioners.

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Planning commission OK's text amendment

[and] moved into Stephen Decatur High School about a year after we launched the church, and have now grown to three services every Sunday morning ... averaging between [600] and 700 attendees," he said.

In October, SonRise added services in Salisbury, at James M. Bennett High School, and it plans to add a third campus, at Washington High School in Somerset County. McCready said the church's membership now includes about 1,000 people.

"Part of what our church believes is that we are the church to bless the communities we live in, and to bless people in the name of God," McCready said, adding that SonRise has partnered with area schools and participated in Town of Berlin events, including National Night Out and Take Pride in Berlin Week. The church also operates a mobile food pantry in the county.

"It's just kind of the heartbeat of our church to give and to serve," McCready said. "We've been on the search for the last three years where we can put down roots here. This is our community, and most of our people are in this community and want to continue to be a part of this community. And, so we found this site and it does afford us a great opportunity there."

McCready said his long-term vision included "sporting leagues" playing on church property.

SonRise submitted to the commission a blueprint of the proposed use of the property that includes baseball and soccer fields, a large parking area, and redevelopment of three existing buildings.

It also included a two-acre space for a restaurant, a 1.45 acre parcel for

a fast food store and 2.5 acres for an "80-room" hotel along the interchange for routes 113 and 50, as well as a three-acre lot for forestation and a large area for stormwater management, along the section of the property bordered by the railroad.

Taylor estimated that the three potential new businesses would add 200 full-time and 200-parttime jobs, and said he had already spoken to representatives from McDonald's, Cracker Barrel, and an unnamed national hotel chain.

"We just got overwhelmed with excitement and we hope you feel the same way," he said. "The church is a benefit to current community and schools, and this will also enhance the revenue source for [the town]."

Planning Director Dave Engelhart said his recommendation – and the consensus of town staff – was to "spot-zone" the parcel R-1 residential, allowing for the church and its related developments, and to zone the remainder of the parcel B-2.

"This would allow them to do their subdivision, to parcel off the property to be sold," he said. "The applicant ... didn't want to go with a spot-zone and didn't want go with an R-1, so they came up with a text amendment."

Engelhart added that he did not believe the Berlin Board of Appeals would grant a one-time variance for the property.

Originally, the proposal before the commission included a provision that would only allow churches in commercial zones five acres or larger, which would likely prevent churches from opening in shopping districts. Engelhart said there were no B-2 parcels in Berlin that were five acres

or larger.

"This is effectively limiting it to this one instance," he said.

Taylor said he objected to spot zoning ahead of subdivision of the property, because it took away the flexibility to parcel off specific parts to suit a potential buyer. He had suggested zoning B-3, because the town only had about 13 acres of that classification, but said he was "perfectly happy" with the B-2 designation.

"I think good zoning practice is that this entire property be put in the B-2 zone," he said. "We don't know exactly what [buyers] might want. That's still up for grabs ... it's very hard at this kind of planning stage that we're at [to draw lines]."

He added that negotiations with Merial Select had already lasted more than a year, and that getting the property rezoned within a specific time-

frame was part of the conditions for the sale. Engelhart noted that the commission, by town code, had 60 days to approve or deny the zoning request.

Planning Commission Member Pete Cosby suggested removing the stipulation that would limit churches in B-2 commercial to properties of five acres or more.

"I think that our society believes churches provide benefits that you can't count in money," he said.

After Taylor read the amended proposal for the record, Cosby made the formal motion, which was approved unanimously.

Next, the matter will move to the Berlin mayor and Council and will require a public hearing. Engelhart said that process would likely start during either the April 11 or April 25 meeting at town hall.



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WHAT: The Informational Meeting will update the public about the project's status and engineering design, and provide attendees the opportunity to discuss project details. Maps and displays will provide an overview of the proposed improvements and SHA representatives will be available to answer questions. There will be no formal presentation. You may arrive at any time during meeting hours and walk through the display area at your own pace.

WHEN: Tuesday, March 22, 2016 – 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. *Snow Date – Tuesday, April 5, 2016
* (Meeting will be held on snow date if county public schools are closed or if the county's snow emergency plan is in effect.)

WHERE: Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City MD 21842

CONTACT: Mr. John Webster, Consultant Project Manager, Office of Highway Development, 707 North Calvert Street, Mail Stop C-102, Baltimore, MD 21202 or by calling 410-545-8531 (toll-free 1-888-228-5003) or e-mail at jwebster1@sha.state.md.us. For more information on this project, visit www.roads.maryland.gov and click on Projects / SHA Projects Page / Worcester County / 62nd St./ MD 90 (Ocean City Expressway) to Convention Center Drive.

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE: The Maryland Relay Service can assist teletype users at 7-1-1. Persons requiring assistance to participate, such as an interpreter for hearing/speech disabilities or assistance with the English language, should contact Mr. Webster by March 18, 2016.

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Gregory C. Johnson, P.E.
State Highway Administrator



Gina Barnes, center, celebrates her last chemotherapy treatment for colon cancer with her parents, Linda and Michael Dearing, in December 2012. She unfortunately died of the disease in 2014.

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Two Copy Central owners raise colon cancer awareness

By Kara Hallissey
Staff Writer

(March 17, 2016) Gina Barnes was 37 years old when she was diagnosed with colon cancer. She battled the disease for almost two years before passing in 2014, and her parents want to help other families during Colon Cancer Awareness Month.

Linda and Michael Dearing, owners of Copy Central on Cathell Road in Ocean Pines, are collecting change, selling bracelets and raising funds for Gina's Comfort Fund in March, at the store.

"If one person goes for a colonoscopy and it saves a life, it's all worthwhile," Linda Dearing said. "The fund was created to alleviate stress and financial barriers for individuals and families."

The fund has provided food and gas cards, maid services, wigs and acupuncture treatments to community members diagnosed with colon cancer.

Barnes' mother and brother created Gina's Comfort Fund last March in her memory to help with stress and financial burdens after watching the astronomical cost of getting sick.

"They had good jobs, health insurance and I couldn't imagine people who aren't half as well off as they were," Dearing said. "They were still struggling. I told Gina to not look at the bills and focus on getting better. It is such a hardship on people and many families have responsibilities on top of the disease and treatment."

A colonoscopy can help prevent colorectal cancer and the disease is highly treatable when found early. People with family histories or notice changes in their body are urged to schedule a screening.

"Pay attention to changes in the bowel system, and I know talking about the butt is embarrassing," Dearing said. "If one person reads this article and realizes they are having problems such as rectal bleeding and schedules a colonoscopy, that makes me happy and would make Gina happy too."

When Barnes was ignoring colon cancer signs, she was juggling a husband, three children and a full-time job. She was physically active and officiated lacrosse games.

"She was so busy and passed off the signs," Dearing said. "She put herself on the back burner. This is not an old person's disease. Make sure to get screenings. Our goal is to relieve stress and save someone's life. My daughter would love it."

Community members and visitors can stop by Copy Central in Ocean Pines this month, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., to purchase two different styles of bracelets or drop off cash and checks for the Gina's Comfort Fund. All donations are tax deductible.

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The deteriorating appearance of the North Gate in Ocean Pines became an issue during General Manager Bob Thompson's town hall meeting last Tuesday evening. Top, is a view of the North Gate circa 1980. Bottom, is a current view.

During town hall, Thompson tackles North, South gates

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 17, 2016) The deteriorating appearance of the North and South Gate entrances to Ocean Pines came up repeatedly during General Manager Bob Thompson's town hall meeting, last Tuesday.

During the hour-plus public comment portion of the meeting, one homeowner said she moved to Ocean Pines 24 years ago, when it was a "beautiful place."

"You drove in over the North Gate Bridge and everything was pristine," she said. "Every time I drive over that bridge, I think no one gives a damn about this place anymore."

She said the broken and mismatched light bulbs on the bridge were an eyesore, and the upkeep of the surrounding area was less than desirable.

"I want my old bridge back, and I want it to be pristine where I live," she added.

Thompson said part of the problem was the boards' difficulty in dealing with the nonresident goose population, which frequents both entrances, but that he believed the directors would allow him to clean that area later this year.

To that effect, he recently sat in on a meeting of the Environment and Natural Assets Committee, which appeared to recommend a more forceful approach than it had during the previous year, when "no-mow" areas, fish-

ing wire, egg oiling and aerosol spray were used to discourage the invasive population, but produced mixed results.

"We need to take steps to mitigate the goose situation. Something needs to be done," he said. "I believe that their recommendation coming out is going to be go ahead and get that mowed and cleaned up."

Board Vice President Cheryl Jacobs also addressed the issue, saying, as vocal as some homeowners were during the meeting, there was an equally vocal segment of the population that were adamantly opposed to using lethal means to control the geese.

"You and I may say, 'kill the damned geese,' but we're trying to balance what everybody's concerns are here, and that's a difficult balance," Jacobs said. "So we hear you and we tried other things. That didn't work. We gave that other group of vocal people an opportunity to see if we couldn't make it one way – it didn't. So, now we're going to approach it in a different fashion."

"Hopefully, the result of that will be you'll get a more aesthetically pleasing look at the North Gate, and, hopefully, then you'll be happy and they'll be happy," Jacobs continued. "That's our goal, as a board, to try to make a balance between all these voices in the community."

As for the light bulbs, Thompson
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Thompson says board likely to OK cleanup at gates

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said the original fixtures were “not easy to find.” Twice, he said, he tried replacing them with different styles of bulbs.

“I thought there was going to be a public lynching,” Thompson said.

Former director Terri Mohr, in attendance during the meeting, said she had brought the issue up “about 7,000 times” during her three-year tenure on the board, and confirmed it was a series of sticky situations.

“If [the board] allows me to clean it up, I’ll clean it up,” Thompson said. “If they allow me to replace the lights, I’ll replace the lights. I’m with you on that.”

Thompson went on to say he had lobbied for more aerators and sprinklers at both gates – but was “shot down” by the board.

“The entrances, in my opinion, don’t look great, but I don’t have free will to make those changes,” he said. “I think the entrances ought to be spruced up.”

“I’ll get it cleaned up, I promise – once the board gives me the go-ahead,” Thompson added. “I believe they’ll give me permission to fix it this year.”

Sandpiper hearing on fuel rate hike set for March 18

(March 17, 2016) A public hearing for comment will be held on Friday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the matter of Sandpiper Energy Inc.’s application to increase its natural gas and propane rates by \$948,000.

The application has been docketed by the Maryland Public Service Commission as Case No. 9410. Case filings and associated pleadings in the matter are available in the electronic docket file (9410), which may be viewed or downloaded at www.psc.state.md.us.

The hearing will be held in the cafeteria at Stephen Decatur Middle School, 9815 Seahawk Road, Berlin, Maryland. Members of the public who wish to comment on the matter are welcome to attend the proceeding before Public Utility Law Judge Robert H. McGowan.

Written comments may also be filed by April 15 to: David J. Collins, Executive Secretary Maryland Public Service Commission William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland, 21202.

Include the related case number (9410) with all comments. In addition to the mailed comments, the public is encouraged to use the Commission’s e-file system at www.psc.state.md.us/efile/ to provide an electronic copy of their comments.

Ocean Pines to host Easter events

Egg hunts, other traditional games planned by aquatics and rec and parks depts.

(March 17, 2016) The Ocean Pines community invites area residents to hop over for two of its popular annual Easter events.

An Easter Egg-Stravaganza Dive & Pool Party Family Fun Night will be held on Friday, March 18 from 5:30-8 p.m. at the Sports Core Pool, located at 11143 Cathell Road in Ocean Pines. Children ages 12 and under are invited to dive for treasure-filled eggs in the indoor pool and enjoy open swim time between dives.

Each participant will be grouped by age and must be within arm’s reach of an accompanying adult if wearing a flotation device. The event, which is open to the public, is \$6 for swimmers and \$3 for those not swimming. Pre-register by calling the Ocean Pines Aquatics Department at 410-641-5255.

Ocean Pines will also host its annual Easter/Spring Celebration on Saturday, March 26 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in White Horse Park, located at 235 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines. Admission is free and open to the public.

The festivities will include egg hunts, entertainment by magician

Wild Willy Woo Woo, carnival games, moon bounces, face painting, arts and crafts and an Easter bonnet parade.

Easter egg hunts will be held during the event for children up to age 9 as follows: 11:30 a.m. for ages 0-2; noon for ages 3-4; 1 p.m. for ages 5-6; and 1:30 p.m. for ages 7-9. The Easter bonnet parade and contest, which is open to children up to age 10, will begin at 12:30 p.m.

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Drilling ban good for all

It's rare in these tumultuous times that news comes out of Washington that doesn't generate a divided response from the public, but that was the case with the announcement Tuesday by the Department of the Interior that offshore exploration for oil will not be taking place in the southeastern section of the Atlantic Ocean.

When Department Secretary Sally Jewell announced the decision to drop from the five-year energy plan the idea of leasing drilling rights off the coast, she said it didn't make sense to put economic activities such as fishing and tourism at risk.

Even though the waters off Maryland were already excluded from the oil lease proposal, the sector just south, off Virginia, was part of the program and that's close enough to pose a big risk to this area should an accident occur.

Obviously, crude oil slicks would not be washing up into the inland communities of Ocean Pines or Berlin in the event of a spill or other catastrophe, but the economies of both are closely tied to the well-being of the Maryland coast.

A large portion of Berlin's substantial tourism market depends on introducing Ocean City visitors to the quiet charms of the town. Meanwhile, they don't call it "Ocean" Pines for nothing. The community's proximity to the beach and the coastal lifestyle that it engenders drives the local real estate industry.

Suffice to say, a fouled ocean would not be helpful to anyone or any industry in this northern Worcester County neck of the woods.

The department's decision, through the Obama administration, reflects how deeply opposed residents, businesses, environmental organizations and elected officials were to this proposal.

In a letter to Jewell last March, Sen. Barbara Mikulski and other East Coast senators wrote, "Offshore drilling anywhere in the Atlantic has the potential to adversely impact our states' fishing, tourism and recreation industries, our coastlines and our environment."

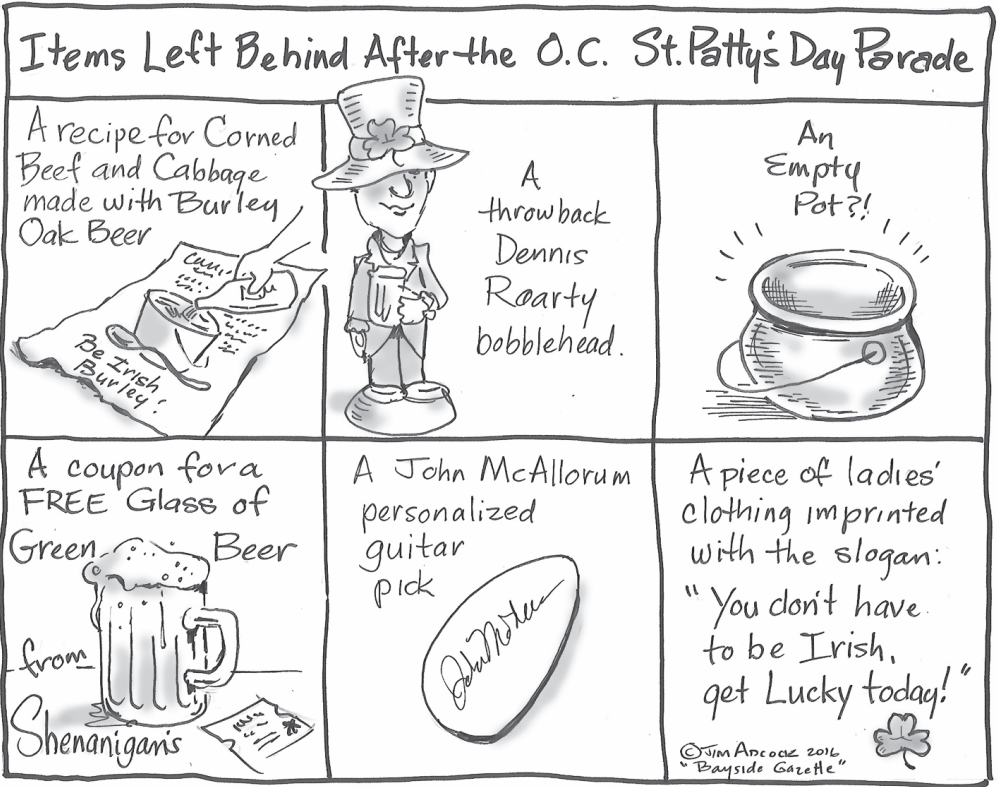
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LETTERS

No to HB 1013

Editor,
Who thinks it's a good idea to concentrate most of Maryland's transportation dollars in the Washington suburbs? Will you feel safer on our roads and bridges because D.C. will have another subway station elevator or light rail line? Do you think we should wait longer for an upgrade of Route 589 or the completion of 113?

That will be the situation if the Maryland legislature goes along with HB 1013, which strips Gov. Hogan of

his transportation authority. The bill supposedly removes politics from the assignment of tax dollars to transportation projects, but will expand public mass transit, which is used by a small percentage (less than 10 percent) of the state's citizens in the D.C. metropolitan area at the expense of road projects used by many in the suburbs and rural parts of the state.

This bill chooses to do social engineering, rewarding the commuter who uses mass transit, and punishes the citizens of the state who must

rely on safe roads and bridges to get to their destinations. The tax dollars used come from the entire state, and each jurisdiction should be able to request consideration of the projects it feels are a priority and be an equitable part of the distribution of funds.

Gov. Hogan is looking at the state as a whole and wants safe roads and bridges for all. This bill is meant to undermine his power and replace it with patronage from the legislature.

Gloria Moyer
Ocean Pines

Griffith tapped for 'Promise' award

(March 17, 2016) Each year, Susan G. Komen Maryland recognizes individuals and business partners who have provided an exceptional level of support for the organization to achieve its vision of "A World Without Breast Cancer."

For 2016, Komen Maryland has awarded a "Promise of One" award to Maureen Griffith, team captain of "Fenwick Friends," for the Ocean City Race for the Cure, taking place on April 16 this year.

The Promise of One Award recognizes the contributions of an exceptional supporter who has dedicated themselves to Komen Maryland for at least one year.

Griffith has been involved

with the Ocean City race for four years, continually raising the bar for her team, winning the Most Participants and Most Funds Raised awards last year in the Family/Social team category. Her team raised more than \$10,000. She has also been an active promoter of the event by taking part in the Race Planning Committee, recruiting teams for the race and helping with other events the organization hosts in the Ocean City area.

"These awards are our way of showing our deep appreciation for our sponsors and volunteers, who truly go above and beyond to support our efforts in the local community and across Maryland," said Jes-

sica Evans, Eastern Shore Race and Development manager.

Komen Maryland encourages individuals and groups to form teams for the race. Teams are an effective fundraising tool and allow members to reach out to family and friends for donations to support their efforts.

They also bring enthusiasm to the event, with larger teams gathering in the Team Tailgate area and some wearing their own costumes or special T-shirts to show their team spirit.

Details about registration and teams can be found on the Komen Maryland Race website, oc.komenmd.org; blog (www.komenmdblog.org) and social media.

Inaugural Peeps-n-Pets fashion show in Pines

Dog event includes Easter bonnet contest, egg hunt at Those Clever Canines

By Kara Hallissey
Staff Writer

(March 17, 2016) Dog owners can bring their pets to the inaugural Peeps-n-Pets fashion show taking place Saturday, March 19, featuring an Easter bonnet contest and egg hunt at Those Clever Canines on Nicholas Lane in Ocean Pines from 1:30-4 p.m.

"It's special because we are raising money for the Worcester County Humane Society," said Amanda Knauff, event organizer. "We are showing people [the dogs] are worth adopting while strutting down the runway."

The cost is a minimum of \$2 to attend or bring dog food and treats.

The event kicks off with a rendition of the song, "Who let the dogs out" and guitar playing. Organizers have tons of prizes to give away in addition to free samples of dog food and pet treats.

Complimentary pictures with the Easter bunny and a selfie booth will be set up.

Also, two Easter egg hunts filled with pet treats are taking place at 2 p.m. for small and large dogs.

The fashion show and Easter bonnet contest are slated to begin at 3 p.m. with five dogs from the Worcester County Humane Society dressed up in custom-made clothes from Pet Threadz. DJ Batman and two area groomers are slated to judge.

"My mom, Virginia Knauff, customizes and sews the clothes. We sell Easter outfits, bonnets and custom apparel at Pet Threadz," Knauff said. "Judging is on who is dressed the best."

Organizers are expecting 30 to 50 people on Saturday and plan to expand the event next year.

"Once everyone started registering, it was clear we need a bigger space next year," Knauff said. "The first 40 people who sign up will receive a free treat bag."

Dogs must be on a leash and owners are liable for their own pets. Retractable leashes and prong and choke collars are not allowed.

The Westminster dog show in New York inspired this event and Knauff built the stage, dressing

rooms and stations.

The event was created to raise funds and awareness for the Worcester County Humane Society.

"We are trying to get these dogs adopted," Knauff said. "Instead of going to a breeder or pet store, get a dog that doesn't have a chance and we can help with the adoption process."

Knauff has four adopted dogs herself and thinks people will fall in love with the animals after watching the show.

"We want this to become a big event to get more dogs adopted," Knauff said. "Time and love change any dog."

For more information, call Pet Threadz at 443-955-0904 or visit Peeps-n-Pets Fashion Show event page on Facebook.

Coastal Hospice promotes three employees

(March 17, 2016) Coastal Hospice & Palliative Care announces the promotions of staff members Valerie Beckwith, Kevin Ireland and Nancy Stewart.

Beckwith has been promoted to director of Human Resources, overseeing the 153 employees of Coastal Hospice. Beckwith, a resident of Princess Anne, has been with Coastal

Hospice for 17 years.

Ireland has been promoted to director of Regional Facilities Infrastructure. He is responsible for Coastal Hospice's facilities on Old Ocean Road and Philmore Commons in Salisbury, Coastal Hospice at the Lake at Deer's Head Hospital, Coastal Hospice at the Ocean in Berlin and

the Coastal Hospice Thrift Shop in Berlin. Ireland has been with the agency for 14 years.

Stewart has been promoted to Provider Relations manager and is the hospice's liaison to area physicians, medical practices and health-care facilities. Stewart, a resident of Salisbury, has been with Coastal Hos-

pice for five years.

Founded in 1980, Coastal Hospice is a nonprofit health care organization that cares for individuals facing life-limiting conditions but who want to remain as active and engaged as possible. Coastal Hospice cares for patients in their home, nursing home, assisted living facility or at Coastal Hospice at the Lake.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Top sales agents

ResortQuest Real Estate recently announced January's top producers for its southeast Sussex County, Del., offices.

Colleen Windrow of the Marketplace at Sea Colony office earned top listing honors for January.

Top listing agents by office were: Shannon Smith/The Beach Home Group of the West Fenwick office, Sandy Greene of the Bethany Beach office and Marc Grimes of the Bear Trap Dunes office.

Smith/The Beach Home Group of the West Fenwick office earned top sales honors for January.

Top selling agents by office were: Dayna Feher of the Bethany Beach office, Jenny Smith of the Edgewater/Sea Colony Oceanfront office, Sarah Schifano of the Marketplace at Sea Colony office and Grimes of the Bear Trap Dunes/Ocean View office.

ResortQuest Real Estate is a real estate leader in southeast Sussex County since the early 1970s. ResortQuest provides comprehensive real estate services, including residential and commercial sales, vacation and long-term rentals and homeowner association management.

License earned

Brent Miller, CCIM, CPM, managing director of SVN | Miller Commercial Real Estate, recently earned his Real Estate Brokers License in the Commonwealth of Virginia. In order to become licensed as a real estate broker, 180 hours of board-approved courses must be completed and the state broker examination must be passed. In addition to Virginia, Miller also holds his Brokers License in Maryland and Delaware.

Licensed in Del.

Berkshire Hathaway PenFed Realty announces Buddy Dykes is now a licensed Realtor in Delaware. Dykes has

been licensed in Maryland for more than 10 years and he is part of Team Moran out of the West Ocean City Office.

Born and raised on the Eastern Shore, Dykes is able to assist buyer and sellers on all facets of real estate. Having seen Ocean City and surrounding areas grow, Dykes can help whether it is a primary or secondary home. He lives on the bay in Ocean City with his wife, Marcia, and their two dogs.

Dykes is a member of CAR, ASI, OCMC, board member of OCDC, member of the Ocean City and Berlin Chambers of Commerce and volunteers for Coastal Hospice at the Ocean.

Volunteers needed

SHORE UP! Inc. is looking for day-time volunteers in Worcester, Somerset, and Wicomico counties to assist in its Energy Assistance and Weatherization Programs.

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Contact SHORE UP! Inc. for more information at 410-749-1142 ext. 301.

Archer-Nichols joins team

After 21 years in the real estate business, Realtor Brenda Archer-Nichols has joined Mark Fritschle, Condominium Realty, LTD.

Formerly with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage and previously associated with Moore, Warfield & Glick, Archer-Nichols is very excited announce the move. Her dedication will still give her customers/clients more than they expect and everything they deserve. She looks forward to giving continued quality service as always in her new office.

She can be reached at, Mark Fritschle Group, Condominium Realty, LTD., 6200 Coastal Hwy., Suite 101 in Ocean City, 410-430-5117 or 410-524-6400.

Berlin hosting international sustainability professionals

(March 17, 2016) Berlin will host two environmental sustainability professionals this spring that will assist in the implementation of the town's stormwater upgrades.

Mayor Gee Williams announced that Berlin, in partnership with the International City/County Management Association and the U.S. State Department, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, has confirmed arrangements to host two professionals from Southeast Asia.

"We are excited to be part of this important technical and cultural exchange program to enhance the natural environment," Williams said. "The program offers Berlin the opportunity to expand our current efforts to share best practices in stormwater management, not only

with Maryland communities, but also on an international platform."

The International Fellows Program is intended to build community capacity to address environmental sustainability challenges, specifically on climate change, sustainable energy and environmental justice. More than 100 international fellows, in two groups, will spend four weeks working with local governments, organizations or companies in the United States, in addition to a week and a half enrichment and debriefing program in Washington, D.C.

"Berlin is a great fit for this program, because we're working on reducing flooding and improving water quality, which is a challenge for most communities in Southeast Asia as well," said Town Admin. Laura Allen.

WCED accepting applications for summer STEM programs

Students, ages 12-22, can participate in STEP UP and Reach for the Stars camps

(March 17, 2016) Worcester County Economic Development (WCED) is accepting applications from Worcester students ages 12-22 for 2016 STEM Summer Programs, which provide exceptional opportunities to explore career paths in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

Online applications are available at www.chooseworcester.org/STEM and are due no later than March 31.

"WCED offers the STEP UP and Reach for the Stars programs to engage local students in STEM disciplines," WCED Director Merry Mears said. "These programs allow students, from middle schoolers through the university level, to engage with professionals in their own community while allowing businesses the opportunity to home grow their workforce."

Reach for the Stars STEM Camp is a computer science and aerospace engineering summer camp taught by a team of qualified educators and engineering professionals. Students will participate in hands-on activities, engineering challenges and related field trips. Offered at the Red Doors Community Center on Third Street in Ocean City, the camp is open to Worcester residents currently enrolled in grades 6-8. There is no cost to participate in the camp, and daily transportation is provided from central pickup points in Pocomoke, Snow Hill and Berlin. Space is limited to 20 students. This eight-day camp will take place July 18-21 and July 25-28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

New this year is the Worcester STEM Leadership Program for students currently in grades 9-11, added

as a bridge from the camp years to the internship program. Students will participate in professional development sessions on Thursdays from June 30-July 28 to develop and enhance leadership skills. They will work with Hardwire LLC, the Pocomoke-based engineering company that produces armor systems, to complete a team engineering challenge. Students will be selected by application and interview, and will earn a \$250 stipend for participation.

The STEP UP Summer Internship Program provides high school and college students with hands-on work experience in a STEM career field, thus allowing them to apply classroom studies to real life tasks. Interns will be placed in local medical settings, IT companies, engineering firms, environmental science agencies, and digital media production companies. They will also participate in professional development sessions, while on the job, that teach communication, time management and career skills. Interns are paid \$11/hour for 100 hours of program participation between June 1 and July 28. To be eligible, students must currently be in grades 11-12 or Worcester County residents attending a university and majoring in a STEM field.

Along with completed applications, students applying to any of the three programs must provide transcripts and contact information for recommendations from teachers, community members, or former employers. Transcripts should be mailed to: STEM Summer Programs, Worcester County Economic Development, 100 Pearl Street, Ste B, Snow Hill, Maryland, 21863.

For more information, contact Fawn Mete at 410-289-5576 or fawn@reddoors.org or visit www.chooseworcester.org/STEM.



SCIENCE

Sierra Smullen, a fifth grader at Seaside Christian Academy, pours sparkling water over Alka Seltzer tablets and conversation heart candies. As the carbon dioxide gas bubbles begin forming and stick to the candies, they move up and down and appear as though the hearts are wiggling and dancing.

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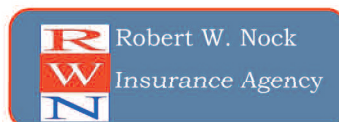
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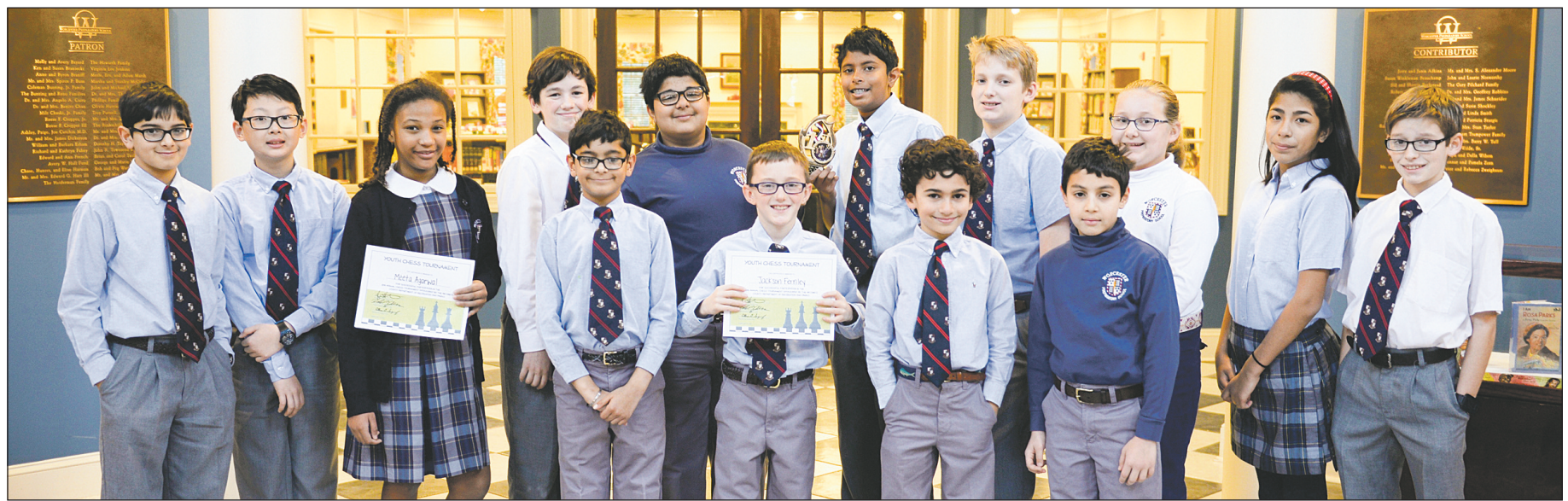
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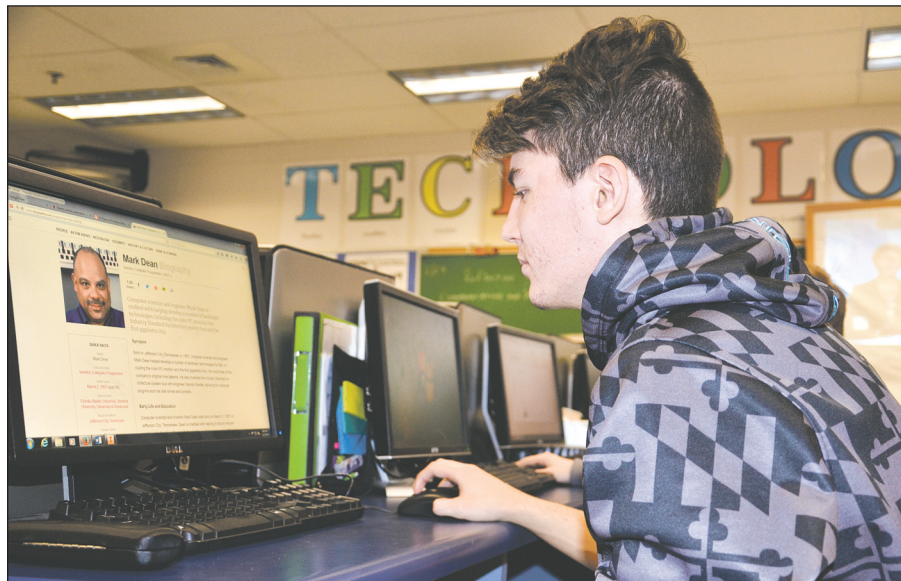
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CHESS TOURNAMENT WINNERS

Worcester Prep fifth grader Ibrahim Khan and sixth grader Pranay Sanwal won first place in their age divisions during the Wicomico County Recreation, Parks & Tourism annual Youth Chess Tournament on Feb. 5. More than 200 children from chess clubs in surrounding counties competed at the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center in Salisbury. At the conclusion of the five-hour event, 12-year-old Sanwal won the 12-18-year-old division, and Khan took first in his division (ages 10 and 11), which had the largest group of competitors. Fourteen members of the WPS Chess Club competed, with six placing in the finals. Pictured, in front, from left, are Ansh Batra (third place, ages 7 and younger), Jackson Fernley, Jude Damouni (fourth place, ages 7 and younger) and Edward Martikyan (fifth place, ages 8-9), and in back, Ayush Batra, Daniel Chen, Meeta Agarwal, Chipper Becker (third place, ages 12 and older), Khan, Sanwal, Joseph Schwartz, Lydia Schwartz, Anita Hearne and Kaden Mault



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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

In Stephen Decatur High School technology education, teacher Larry Ryan's students, including junior Alec Beckelman, had the opportunity to research African American inventors and create presentations on their research. Beckelman researched Mark Dean, a computer engineer who helped develop a one-gigahertz computer processor chip, and created a Power Point presentation about Dean's accomplishments.



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NEW VOTER SYSTEM

During the March meeting of the Women's Club of Ocean Pines, Worcester County Election Board officials explain the new voter registration system. Pictured, from left, are Ed Rodier, Nikkie Nelson, Club member Dell Purrell and Lou Ann Trummel.



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CHANGING PLACES

Showell Elementary third grader Ava Lynch shares her informational writing with kindergartener Mekayla Copenhaver. Third grade teacher Kristin Lewis thought it would be a great way to celebrate her students' writing by allowing them to be the teacher for a little while.



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VALENTINES FOR VETS

Showell Elementary School participated in the 2016 Valentines for Veterans Program. Under the direction of John Cooley, the school's art instructor, the school students created handmade cards to show the veterans who are currently in one of the four Maryland veterans' hospitals how they are thankful for their service and grateful for their sacrifices and commitment to the country and its citizens. The Republican Women of Worcester County has sponsored this program for 16 years. Pictured, from left, are Cooley, Tilly Callahan, Tyler Kim, Liam Collins, Maya Trophy, Penelope Lavazzo and Principal Diane Shorts.

SNAPSHOTS



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GOLD BASKETS

Once again, the Republican Women of Worcester County have been honored to be a sponsor for Worcester County's GOLD Spring Basket Program. Each year RWWC fills baskets with clothes, toys and candy for two deserving children in Worcester County. Marion Novack, left, and Peggy Long, members of RWWC, have been involved in coordinating this project for the past several years.



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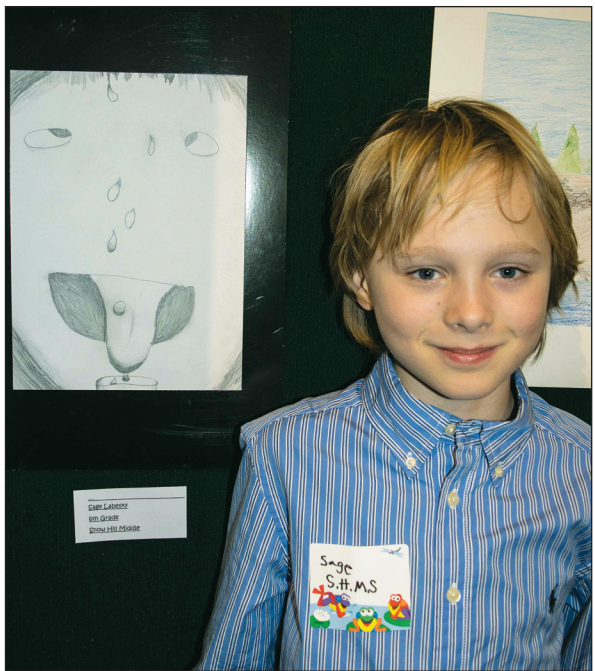
Perdue associates present a check for \$321,015.43 to representatives of the United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore. Pictured, from left, are Perdue associates Amy Wingate, campaign co-chair; Gus Lebois, United Way Board member; and Jennifer Cannon, campaign coordinator; United Way representatives, Amy Luppens, assistant director; Connie Strott, Wicomico County campaign chair; and Cathie Thomas, Board president.



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RIBBON CUTTING

Leaky Pete's owner Terri Feehley, center, and wife, Robin, cut the ceremonial ribbon in front of the Berlin restaurant on March 10.



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SAGE ARTIST

Area students, including Snow Hill Middle School sixth grader Sage Lablesky, participates in the Student Art Show: Water is for Everyone at the Ward Museum in Salisbury, Feb. 19.

CINDERELLA CAST

Worcester Prep Upper School students, under the direction of Paulette DeRosa-Matrona and music director Christopher Buzby, performed the musical Cinderella Feb. 26-27 to rave reviews. Cast, pictured in front, from left, are Olivia Parker, Chandler Dennis, Kaitlyn Hamer, Nick Moondra, Porter Bunting, Carter Hill, Jaye Eniola, Meghan Cummings, Isabella Osias, Emilee Dorey, Grace Schwartz, Sarah Koon, Biola Eniola and Sandra Karsli, and in back, Dominic Anthony, Isabel Dashiell, Victoria Middleton, Amy Lizas, Sambina Anthony, Jordan Kilgore, Devin Hammond, Davis Taylor and Zach Oltman.

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CUISINE

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Pancetta key to perfect pasta carbonara

One of the true joys of my career as a culinary educator lies in seeing a long-term project come to fruition.



By Paul Suplee,
CEC PCIII

Whether it's aging cheddar that is dipped in wax that is luring me with all of its seductive nuances, the giddiness that dry-aging beef wells up in me, or pork belly that I am about to turn into bacon or pancetta, patience is the key. I know that I simply can't dive in to try the wares. I must wait.

Before spring break, students made bacon, corned beef, pastrami, pancetta, various pâtés and terrines, et al. While the latter two can be sampled the day-after, the rest take weeks to complete the curing process. So we waited.

And in the most unsurprising fashion, the bacon was finished today. It was hands-down the best student-made bacon in my four years in the department. The pastrami was used to make a stunning sandwich and the pancetta. Well ... the pancetta.

It hasn't exactly been my favorite choice of charcuterie over the years, but it unquestionably has its merit. Imagine a rolled slab of unsmoked bacon, and you have pancetta. The salts, sugars, herbs and spices that are used in the curing process all lend themselves well to the finished flavor of the product, and just like a good dry-aged beef, the texture and mouthfeel of the product are night-and-day different from that from whence it came.

Back to the pancetta, the student-made batch that was constructed in class is hands-down the best that I've ever eaten. In my secret drawer (my brain), I keep an ongoing journal of my evil little empire. I am going to start formally catering this summer, and eventually I aim to work towards other business ventures, one of which will be a charcuterie/butcher and cheese shop.

See? I was distracted again. Echoing my remark of "back to the pancetta," cut into little chubby strips called "lardons," they are then cooked until crispy and served on salads, and especially in Italian pasta dishes, such as pasta carbonara.

When we took some thin slices and tried them, I was an instant convert. The subtle nuances of the fresh herbs with the perfect blend of seasonings



and preservatives left the pork roll in a state of near-perfection. Carbonara immediately came to mind, and I was quick to make a batch and dig in.

While I was cooking, I realized that I had never cooked carbonara for my wife, so I made sure that there was plenty for her. Lo and behold, she is now a believer, and we have yet another dish that I can add to our repertoire. I love it when a plan comes together.

As I sit back and think about all of the wonderful, cured items in my kitchen, I see that the bacon is long-gone (record time), the cheddar still has six weeks at a minimum, and I now have to find some other things to cure, ferment and transform. Yes, this truly is a great part of my job.

Pasta Carbonara

Serves 6

4 ounces Pancetta
1 tsp. Olive oil
1 pound Spaghetti
salt, as needed
2 whole eggs
2 egg yolks
1/2 cup Cheese blend (parmesan, Romano, Asiago)

Cracked black pepper, to taste, but a fair amount

1. Whisk together the eggs, yolks and cheese and set aside

2. Cut the pancetta into lardons, which means into chubby little matchsticks. If you're not sure what that means, simply reference Dr. Googlié as I tell my students. They typically get that I'm telling them to Google it, but every now and again ...

3. Place the lardons and the olive oil in a pan just large enough so that the pancetta reaches the edges

4. Heat to medium and render out the fat. The lardons will essentially fry in their own fat in conjunction with the olive oil, and you will be left with divine fat-ness

5. When the lardons are crispy, set them aside, ensuring to save the fat. That is a critical part of this dish

6. While the lardons are cooking, bring a pot of lightly salted water to a boil to cook the spaghetti. Typically, I would tell you to salt the water until it tastes like the ocean, but there is already a fair amount of salt in the pancetta and the cheeses, so you don't need much

7. Cook the spaghetti until it is just about done, and when it is close, heat

up the lardons and the fat in a larger pan that can accommodate the whole mess

8. Add the pasta with a little bit of the cooking liquid to the lardons and fat and cook for about a minute. **do not perform steps 9-11 in the cooking pan as it will be too hot!

9. Pour small amount of pasta water (presumably still hot) into a separate bowl to warm it and drain it

10. Pour the pasta combination into the bowl, and with fork or spoon in hand, add the egg & cheese mixture while stirring steadily so as to disperse the mixture and prevent it from sitting too long and cooking

11. Don't feel shy about stirring the carbonara. Keep going until the cheese is melted and you have a stunningly rich and creamy sauce

12. Serve with some cheese sprinkled as garnish and a touch of Italian broadleaf parsley

13. Mangiate, bevete e siate felici [eat, drink and be merry]

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

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March 24: Opposite Directions, 5-9 p.m.

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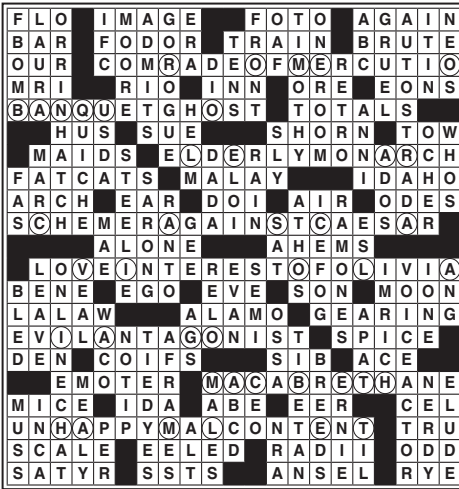
HARD - 65

Fill in the blank spaces in the grid so that every vertical column, every horizontal row and every 3 by 3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9, without repeating any. There is really only one solution to each puzzle.

1		4						
	8							9
5					8	2	6	
		8		6	1			
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						9		8

Answers to last week's puzzles

6	7	2	8	9	5	3	4	1
8	5	3	7	1	4	9	2	6
1	9	4	3	6	2	8	5	7
3	2	7	4	8	9	1	6	5
5	6	9	2	7	1	4	3	8
4	1	8	6	5	3	2	7	9
2	8	5	9	4	6	7	1	3
9	3	1	5	2	7	6	8	4
7	4	6	1	3	8	5	9	2



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ACROSS

1 It returns just before spring: Abbr.

4 Univ. parts

9 Black-and-white treat

13 Sends an invitation for

19 Cell material

20 Independently

21 Fur fighters?

22 Combs

23 Wooden arts-and-crafts piece

26 Fantasy land

27 "Fingers crossed!"

28 "Sprechen ____ Deutsch?"

29 Great American Ball Park team

31 Collector's ____

32 Quaint social occasion

38 Kind of poem

40 ____ Bo

41 "I almost forgot ..."

42 Positive response

43 Work

45 "Hands off!"

46 Pre-euro coin

49 Shoelace alternative

55 Get the message, say

56 With equal frequency

57 Streak

58 Cigar type

60 "Borrowed"

61 Titter

62 Modern "Carpe diem"

63 Locale for phalanges

65 Cry that's a homophone of 81-Across

66 Tool for reproduction

71 "Heaven and earth in miniature," per a Chinese proverb

73 Expressions of disgust

75 Sole

76 Marco ____ (shirt sold on Rubio's website)

77 Come to an end

79 Shenanigans

81 Barely make, with "out"

82 Appetizer

84 Section of a foreign travel guide, maybe

85 Hybrid outdoor game

87 Prepared

88 Fatty cut of fish at a sushi bar

90 Named, informally

91 Where, to Cato

92 Burrowing insect

93 ____ glance

94 Convulsion

99 Reagan, with "the"

105 Prefix with cumulus

106 Identifying lines at the bottoms of pages

107 Certain hosp. exam

108 Caught sight of

110 Ungraceful

111 Fixture in many a basement

116 Emulated one of Old MacDonald's animals

117 One that's out of one's head?

118 Response to "Who goes there?"

119 Poorly

120 Brotherhood and sisterhood

121 Neophyte, in modern slang

122 Cartridge filler

123 Convened

25 Show (out)

30 "____ a real nowhere man ..."

33 Complete reversal

34 Source of the names of two months

35 Trounce

36 "Atlas Shrugged" author Rand

37 Soprano Sumac

39 Think piece?

44 Writer of the line "Ah, distinctly I remember it was in the bleak December"

46 Leader elected in 1946

47 Prefix with tourism

48 Fossil-fuel residue

49 Still-life object

50 First name in cosmetics

51 Discoverer's cry

52 Org. of the Argonauts and the Alouettes

53 Some natural-history-museum displays, for short

54 Tributary of the Rhine

55 Substation?

58 The four seasons and others

59 Brown-and-white treat

61 Start of many a bumper sticker

64 Backing at a business meeting?

67 "Four Quartets" poet

68 Two 1980s White House personages

69 Isao of the P.G.A.

70 Online greetings

72 Toy brand with soft sales?

74 Genealogical grouping, informally

78 Bit of a joule

80 Average guy

82 French city said to have given its name to a car

83 Bit of gymwear

84 Start of a concession

85 Unoccupied

86 Start eating

87 Inner feeling

88 Court technique

89 Bobby in skates

92 "It's f-f-freezing!"

93 Artful

95 Daddy

96 Crime stories?

97 "Streetcar" call

98 You could have it in any color you wanted, as long as it was black

100 "Two Treatises of Government" philosopher

101 Smallest slice of a pie chart, maybe

102 Must have

103 Scapegrace

104 Facetious response to "Describe yourself in three adjectives"

109 Recipe instruction

110 Sticky stuff

112 Line at a wedding

113 Role for Keanu Reeves

114 Chatter

115 Ingredient in a white lady

CALENDAR

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

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

THURS. March 17

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 Dianne, 302-541-4642.

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

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

YOUNG AND RESTLESS 'FUN WITH DR. SEUSS' — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. For 3 to 7 year old children. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-251-8163.

STORY TIME 'ST. PATRICK'S DAY' — Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., For 2 to 5 year old children. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-632-3495.

PINE'EER CRAFT CLUB MEETING — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway. Refreshments at 9:45 a.m., business meeting at 10 a.m. The group will be making sugar scrubs for a cost of \$3. Reserve supplies: Barbara Stilwell, grammys52@aol.com. Stilwell will also share how to make a backpack from a used T-shirt. Take a pair of scissors and a T-shirt. No sewing required.

FRI. March 18

EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA DIVE & POOL PARTY FAMILY FUN NIGHT — Ocean Pines Sports Core Pool, 11143 Cathell Road, 5:30-8 p.m. Children, ages 12 and younger, are invited to dive for treasure-filled eggs in the indoor pool and enjoy open swim

time between age-grouped dives. Cost is \$6 for swimmers and \$3 for non-swimmers. Preregister: 410-641-5255.

INDOOR PICKLEBALL CLINIC — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, March 18 and 25, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Beginner and advanced players clinic for all ages. This sport combines elements of badminton, tennis and ping-pong. Cost is \$10. Pre-registration required: 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.

BULL AND OYSTER ROAST — Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department, 10709 Bishopville Road, 6-10 p.m. Oysters (all ways), beef sandwiches and fried chicken. Tickets cost \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door. Tickets: 410-352-5757. Proceeds go toward the purchase of a new fire truck.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR SANDPIPER ENERGY RATE INCREASE REQUEST — Stephen Decatur Middle School, cafeteria, 9815 Seahawk Road, Berlin, 6:30 p.m. In the matter of Sandpiper Energy Inc.'s application to increase its natural gas and propane rates by \$948,000. The public is welcome to comment on the matter before Public Utility Law Judge Robert H. McGowan. Info: Tori Leonard, 410-767-8054.

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

BERLIN BOOK OF THE MONTH — Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 1 p.m. Featuring The Poetry of Emily Dickinson and Final Harvest edited by Thomas H. Johnson. Info: 410-641-0650.

WOMEN TALKING ABOUT WOMEN — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Women Who Run With the Wolves: Myths & Stories of the Wild Women Archtype by Clarissa Pinkola, Ph.D. 410-208-4014.

THE ART STUDIO — Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 3:30 p.m. Children, 8 years and older, will learn how to draw, paint and create with artist Dale Rohl. Supplies limited. RSVP: www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-957-0878.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 51ST BERLIN AWARD — The Berlin award is pre-

sented annually to an individual or individuals who have an unselfish effort and dedication, made outstanding contributions in community service in the Berlin residential area. Anyone may submit a nomination. Contact Roxanne Williams, Berlin Award, 1 S. Main St., Berlin, MD 21811 for a nomination form. Nominations must be received no later than March 18.

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

SAT. March 19

SPAGHETTI DINNER — St. Peter's Lutheran Church Community Life Center, 10301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 4:30-8 p.m. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 5 and younger. There will also be a ticket drop auction, raffle and live auction. Tickets: Katie, 410-251-4793 or Corey, 410-251-0626, Corey@spaghettilforpossibilities.org. Info: www.SpaghettiForPossibilities.org. Proceeds benefit Camp Possibilities.

'SAFETALK' SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION WORKSHOP — Church of the Holy Spirit, 10001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 1-4 p.m. safeTALK participants learn to recognize the risk factors and warning signs. Refreshments will be served and printed materials will be available. Open to the public and free of charge. Reservations a necessary: Tammie Collins, 410-629-0164, Ext. 150.

ITALIAN FESTIVAL — St. Andrew's Hall, 14401 Sinepuxent Ave., Ocean City, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Food, music provided by the Baltimore's Mario Monaldi Band and children's and adult games. Also, homemade baked goods, religious items; cookbooks; and Italian clothing available for purchase. Info: Al DiOrio, 302-430-1004 or Sal Castorina, 302-436-2146. Proceeds benefit St. Luke's Catholic Church and local charities supported by the Sons of Italy Lodge of Ocean City.

RAVENS ROOST 96 BULL & OYSTER ROAST - Hooters, 12513 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City, 1-5 p.m. Tickets cost \$45. All profits to benefit the groups charities. Contact: Susan Penn, 410-598-5880.

PEEPS-N-PETS FASHION SHOW — Those Clever Canines, 11022 Nicholas Lane, Unit #9, Ocean Pines, 1:30-4 p.m. Bring your pet for a day of treats, fashion and prizes. Featuring DJ Batman, Easter egg hunt, Easter bonnet contest, fashion show, prizes and special appearance and photos with the Easter bunny. Entree fee is a \$2 minimum donation or food/treats, etc. Register early on the Peeps-n-Pets Fashion Show Event Page on Facebook and get a bag of treats. Sponsored by Pet Threadz, proceeds go to Worcester County Humane Society.

Info: Amanda, 443-955-0904.

4TH ANNUAL FINNEGAN'S WAKE — Seacrets, Morley Hall, 49th Street and de Bay, 5-9 p.m. Featuring music by The Irish Lads, OC Pipes & Drums and Folk Heroes; happy hour drink prices; Irish menu; and prizes. Admission cost is a \$20 donation. Proceeds benefit Friends of Worcester County Developmental Center. Info: Cathy, 570-956-4721.

SPRING FESTIVAL AND CHILDREN EASTER ACTIVITIES — Powellville United Methodist Church, 35606 Mt. Hermon Road, Powellville, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Oyster fritters, chicken salad, hot dogs, homemade soups and beverages for sale. Eat-in or carry-out. Beginning at noon, there will be free children's crafts followed by a Easter egg hunt on the church lawn. Everyone is welcome. Info: 443-880-8804.

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRIED CHICKEN DINNER — New Hope United Methodist Church, 35815 Woodyard Road, Willards, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Menu includes mashed potatoes, greens, string beans, macaroni and cheese, beets, biscuits, dessert and coffee. Cost is \$12 for adults. Carry-outs available. Info: 410-543-8244 or 443-235-0251.

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

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

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

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

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SUN. March 20

PALM SUNDAY SERVICES — St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, 10301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. Traditional services at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Contemporary service at 9:30 a.m. Info: 410-524-7474 or www.stpetersoc.com.

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY — Bethany United Methodist Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, 10 a.m. Enter with palm branches and hosannas. Leave with a somber attitude of sorrow. Info: 410-641-2186.

BOUNCE FOR A CURE — Beach Bounce, 9936 Stephen Decatur Hwy., West Ocean City, noon to 5 p.m. Cost is \$10 per child for unlimited jump time. Adults are free. Food and 50/50 raffle available. Benefits American Cancer Society’s Relay For Life. Info: 410-390-5949.

COLLECTION FOR CHARITY — The Democratic Women’s Club of Worcester County will collect non-perishable food, toiletries and paper products at the South Fire Station, 911 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 1-3 p.m. Supplies will be shared with a local food ministry. Info: 410-641-8553.

FAMILY TENNIS PLAY DAY — Manklin Meadows Racquet Sports Complex, 11443 Manklin Creek Road, Ocean Pines, noon to 2 p.m. Participants will learn or refresh the basic skills of tennis. Designed for all ages. Open to the public. Players should bring their own racquet. Tennis balls, snacks and prizes provided. Cost is \$10, due the day of the event. Preregistration required: delmarvabeachtennis.com. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held in April. Info: 410-641-7052.

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

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

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.

MON. March 21

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30-4 p.m. Group meets twice a month to discuss both classic and modern reading selections. Info: Lisa Outten Harrison, 410-632-3970.

DEADLINE FOR ‘BE SAFE’ THE MOVIE REGISTRATION — BE SAFE will be screened at the Worcester Technical High School on March 30. Along with the viewing, there will be interactive games and time for speak with members of local law enforcement. The event is designed for self-advocates ages 12 and older who have an autism spectrum disorder or intellectual/developmental disabilities.. Register: Stephanie.Yanez@maryland.gov or 410-632-1100, Ext. 1146.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CLUB 1 1/2 — Bethany United Methodist Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, 6:30 p.m. The group welcomes 50+ year olds to socialization, games, friendship, activities and prayer. Contact: 410-629-9986.

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN’S CLUB OF WORCESTER COUNTY MEETING — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway. Coffee at 9:30 a.m., meeting at 10 a.m. The theme will be Get Out the Vote. All women are welcome. Info: 410-208-2969.

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, free 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.

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

HOW TO PHOTOGRAPH CHILDREN — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 1 p.m. Learn tricks to getting some of the bests photos of your children. Info: 410-524-1818.

BERLIN BOOK OF THE MONTH — Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 2 p.m. Featuring The Poetry of Emily Dickinson and Final Harvest edited by Thomas H. Johnson. Info: 410-632-3495.

AARP FOUNDATION TAX_AIDE TCE MD —

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

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

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

TUES. March 22

STEPHEN DECATUR AFTER PROM FUNDRAISER — Five Guys Burgers and Fries, 12641-118 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City, 4-7 p.m. Mention SDHS After Prom and 20 percent of the sale goes to the cause.

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.

ATLANTIC COAST CHAPTER OF THE MARYLAND SALTWATER SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION MEETING — Lion’s Club, 12534 Airport Road, West Ocean City. Doors open at 7 p.m., meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. Guests are welcome. Two guest speakers to discuss the status of Clam Bill HB916. Info: Ron Smith, smitty3894@aol.com.

YOUNG AND RESTLESS ‘FUN WITH DR. SEUSS’ — Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 10:30 a.m. For 3 to 7 year old children. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-641-0650.

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

PRUNING ORNAMENTAL TREES AND SCRUBS — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 1-3 p.m. Ginny Rosenkranz, of the University of Maryland Extension Service, will discuss the care and pruning of ornamental trees and shrubs. Samples provided for everyone to work with. Register: 410-208-4014.

CHAMBER MUSIC — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2 p.m and the Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 7 p.m. Chamber musicians, Brendan Dooley and Jordan Dodson, will perform music that permeated the air during the time Emily Dickinson lived. Info: 410-524-1818 or 410-641-0650.

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.

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BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP — Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 7-8 p.m. The group gathers the fourth Wednesday of each month. Pre-registration is not necessary. Info: Pastoral Care Services, 410-641-9725 or gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org.

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

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