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Dozens of children hunt for eggs during an Easter celebration in downtown Berlin on Saturday. A number of merchants in town came together to host the event.

Berlin's Easter tradition continues

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 31, 2016) Merchants in Berlin put together a multifaceted Easter Celebration on Saturday that drew several hundred people to the downtown area.

The event came into being after the Berlin Chamber of Commerce moved its annual Spring Celebration back two weeks. As a result, shop owners in and around Main Street were concerned that customers, accustomed to coming Easter weekend, would have nothing to do.

"Because Easter was so early, the chamber of commerce decided that they would do the Spring Celebration on April 9, because the 'Alice in Wonderland' theme was such a big success last year," Economic Development Director Ivy Wells said. "The seasoned merchants who have been here decided they can't let the people who always come to Berlin during Easter weekend to be disappointed, so they put their heads together."

Resulting from that collaboration

was a well-attended Easter egg hunt at Commerce and Main streets, a special appearance by the Easter Bunny, a pancake breakfast at Rayne's Reef, and various children's activities based in or outside Berlin shops.

Steve Frene, from Victorian Charm, largely organized the event, and emceed the Easter egg hunt, where dozens of children hunted hidden treats in a makeshift field of straw.

"Congratulations to all the merchants who joined together to provide Berlin residents and visitors with a wonderful Easter celebration," Frene said. "Children and parents alike were delighted that they were able to once again experience all the traditional Easter activities that they have grown to love over the years in downtown Berlin. Working together to preserve and improve time-tested events like this is a big reason why Berlin is so successful."

Elsewhere, merchants, such as Treasure Chest Owner Terri Sexton, taught children how to make festive Easter bracelets.

"I'm very happy how all the mer-

chants pulled together to have something available for the people who are used to coming to Spring Celebration that weekend, so that it wasn't just coming to town with nothing," Sexton said. "I was very overwhelmed at how many businesses participated to make there be something going on."

"It was a really beautiful day, and everybody had a great time," Wells said. "It was a very low-key Easter event, getting ready for the big Spring Celebration."

That event, April 9, will include games and crafts, as well as screenings of "Alice in Wonderland" at the Visitor's Center on 14 South Main Street. Characters from the book will stroll through town during the day. Additional activities will include a "Mad Hatter" contest, face painting, story time, moon bounce and live music by Ray Owen.

Wristbands, covering all activities, cost \$5. For more information, contact the Berlin Chamber of Commerce at 410.641.4775 or chamberinfo@berlin-chamber.org.

Manklin Meadows meeting rocky, but yields some results

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 31, 2016) It's no secret that the road to redevelop the Manklin Meadows complex in Ocean Pines has been long and arduous. The discussion has lasted more than two years – including three meetings this month alone – without a single shovel going into the ground.

The debate reached something of a turning point during a special meeting on Monday in the administration building, however, as two directors appeared to come close to exchanging more than words over the project.

During that session, Director Tom Terry moved that the board instruct General Manager Bob Thompson to "move forward with the expansion and resurfacing" of the parking lot at Manklin, repair and relocate the current playground and community gardens, and install fencing around the area, as outlined in a separate proposal during a March 24 board meeting.

The cost included in the motion was "not to exceed \$150,000."

Last year, the board budgeted \$250,000 for the entire project, which included a number of new platform tennis and pickleball courts. When estimates came back, however, the lone bid showed a ballooned cost of about \$750,000.

Thompson introduced a proposal on March 24 to start phase one of a scaled-down version of the development, which included construction of four new pickleball courts and building a "revised community parking lot" for \$207,000.

A vote on that was delayed, and an alternate proposal, which became the basis of Terry's motion, was apparently discussed during a closed meeting, also on March 24.

During Monday's session, Director Jack Collins questioned the dollar amount in Terry's motion.

"I just want to know how you come up with your math, because you tend to trivialize a lot of things," Collins said.

He went on to say he believed the result of the closed meeting was "to empower the general manager to scale down the project looking at just the

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OPA Director Stevens statement on Manklin

(March 31, 2016) Ocean Pines Association Director Dave Stevens emailed the following statement, titled "What the Board approved today," referring to the Tuesday special meeting.

"The Board approved, at a cost not to exceed \$150,000, the site preparation and storm water management mitigation actions that will enable the construction of eight pickle ball courts in the playground area, the consequent relocation of the playground and the changes to the parking lot and fencing for the playground /community gardens.

What was not approved with this proposal was the construction of any pickle ball courts or the movement and renovation of the playground.

The two additional platform tennis courts that have been requested and approved by the Board for years are also not a consideration.

What we have to show for this vote is the preparation for a \$750,000 complex. No playground. No platform tennis. No pickle ball.

Why exactly is this preparation necessary?

We have a proposal for pickle ball and platform that are low impact with regard to storm water management (SWM) and do not require clearing, cutting trees or movement of the playground.

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If we don't know what we will get for this or why, we also do not know what this preparation work will cost. We have from the GM an explanation that could be called charitably, a guess.

As to Tom Herrick's proposal, the 'feel good' motion to investigate it is a bit of a farce.

If you are going to take that seriously why would you clear the space to put it somewhere else?"

As to Tom Herrick's proposal, the 'feel good' motion to investigate it is a bit of a farce.

Ocean Pines Association Director Dave Stevens' statement



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‘More than words’ nearly exchanged during Pines mtg.

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playground itself.”

“Suddenly, we’ve got this motion, which is not in line with my understanding as to what we agreed to,” he said.

Board Vice President Cheryl Jacobs disagreed with that assessment.

“I was at the meeting. That is not my understanding of what we agreed to,” she said. “Tom put forth, let’s go ahead [and] take care of this part of the project, because he has an idea of how we can do the rest of it in a more economical manner. We all said that’s a good idea, we’ll take a look at that later, but let’s move forward on this. It was a unanimous vote of the six people who were here, and that’s what we were moving towards doing.”

“Now, all of the sudden it’s all blown up, and everything’s different” she added.

“Because it’s \$150,000, Cheryl,” Collins said. “That’s why.”

Jacobs appeared to ask if Collins would prefer an alternative, but was cut off.

“What a false choice,” Collins said. “I would prefer that we look for other avenues that are much more economical that provide the proper representation to these people, sitting around this room, who pay their assessments on a regular basis. We have a fiduciary re-



Directors Jack Collins, left, and Bill Cordwell, right, had a heated exchange during a meeting in Ocean Pines on Tuesday. Director Tom Herrick, center, looks on.

sponsibility to everybody sitting around here, to make sure that they get the biggest bang for the buck.”

Collins then moved his chair towards Director Bill Cordwell, who had said little at that point, got in his face, and screamed, “I’m not so sure that \$150,000 is the right number.”

“You’re playing with fire,” Cordwell said. “If you get in my face again, I might have to put you through a wall.”

After Board President Pat Renaud restored order, Jacobs sought to respond directly to Collins.

“First of all, I don’t need you to lecture me on being fiscally responsible to the community, thank you very much, Mr. Collins,” she said. “I don’t understand what has transpired between the time we left this meeting, in unanimity, about how we were going to move forward, and now all the sudden all these red flags are being thrown.”

“We had all agreed we were going forward with that portion [of the project] and we would deal with the courts later,” Jacobs added.

Collins answered that his rationale

was “very simple.”

“This is the first step toward a \$750,000 investment. If we spend \$150,000 now ... we’re in,” he said, adding that it would be much easier to green light additional phases once the board approved preliminary parts. “That’s my concern. It’s plain and simple as that.”

Director Tom Herrick proposed an alternate motion to direct the general manager to change the current configuration of the Manklin Creek Racquet Sports Facility by converting two of the 12 existing tennis courts into pickleball courts, and building two new platform tennis courts.

Before work on that could start, Herrick said, Thompson would “have to investigate the pricing ... and come back to us with the numbers.”

“It’s not like I’m just saying, ‘go ahead and do this,’” Herrick said. “I’m directing the general manager to look into this, do the cost, find the scope of the project, come to the board with the numbers, and before you put the shovel in the ground we know exactly what it’s

going to cost.”

Cordwell sarcastically categorized the entire debate as “Ocean Pines at its best.”

“We’re talking about a playground [and] a parking lot that’s been talked about for years now,” he said. “The playground needs to be refurbished ... we’ve said on numerous occasions that the pillars are all rotten. Let’s get it done. That’s all we’re asking to do. I don’t know why we’re even talking about these other courts. I’m talking about [all that].”

Herrick’s motion fell 3-4, with Herrick, Collins and Director Dave Stevens voting in favor. Terry’s motion, which included the playground renovations, passed 4-3, along the same lines. Cordwell, Terry, Jacobs and Renaud voted with the majority in both instances.

Terry then suggested Herrick make his motion again, amending the language from “to direct” the general manager to, “to investigate changing.”

That amendment passed 4-3, with Stevens, Collins and Cordwell voting “no.” The revised motion passed 6-1, with Cordwell voting against.



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SonRise Church rezoning, text amdt., to get public hearing

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 31, 2016) A text amendment allowing churches in B-2 shopping districts in Berlin received favorable reviews – and a first reading – at the mayor and council meeting – at the mayor and council meeting – at Town Hall on Monday.

Earlier this month, the planning commission voted unanimously to recommend the change, which was a condition of SonRise Church purchasing the former Merial Select property on 10026 Main Street, near Route 50 and Route 113.

Another condition, which also received a first reading, was rezoning the property B-2, from M-1 light industrial.

SonRise hopes to subdivide the property, selling portions to pay for the development of a large church complex and several athletic fields. Representatives from that group specifically mentioned a McDonald's, Cracker Barrel and a chain hotel as potential partners, during the planning commission meeting on March 9.

Previously, Berlin only allowed

churches in R-1 residential districts, which, according to Planning Director Dave Engelhart, the planning commission felt was "outdated."

Mayor Gee William agreed on Monday, saying he was pleased to see "the types of zones" where churches could be built was expanding.

"This is an exciting change for the community," he said, adding that the SonRise project, in particular, was, "a very appropriate use of very good land ... I don't see a downside."

'This is an exciting change for the community ... [and] a very appropriate use of very good land ... I don't see a downside.'
Mayor Gee Williams

Councilmember Lisa Hall said the town has had a wonderful relationship with the church, which has worked with the police department, among other town organizations, to host positive town

events. She said the potential for new jobs at the north end of Main Street, along with additional tax revenue, were also pluses for the town.

"It's building a new gateway to Berlin," Hall said.

Both the text amendment and the rezoning will require public hearings and official approval from the council. The hearing is scheduled for April 11, at 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

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Pines directors reach accord on F-01 investment guidelines

Attendance during budget and finance mtg. makes for easy passage by OPA BOD

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 31, 2016) Once an item of some contention, the OPA Board was easily able to pass changes to resolution F-01 last Thursday, thanks to a compromise hammered out on the previous day during a committee meeting.

On March 23, the budget and finance committee met to discuss several items. F-01 was not one of them, but it still got the bulk of the discussion time.

Directors Dave Stevens and Jack Collins attended the session and both came with questions about the resolution, which they asked during public comments.

Director Tom Terry, the board liaison to the committee, was also at that meeting.

The resolution, which received a first reading during a February board meeting, adjusted the language of the association's investment guidelines. Primarily, Chairwoman Pat Supik said it offered the community certain safeguards.

"There is nothing protecting this organization for investments. We have a two-sentence investment policy," she said. "This is much more protective – and much more restrictive – than our current policies.

"Given the size and complexity of the organization, there is nothing that we do in practice that insures that we are going to have someone with sophisticated financial background on our board, or management," she continued. "That is a risk, and if we don't protect this organization with somewhat sophisticated documents – to me, that is a shame on us."

Stevens argued that the resolution was hard to comprehend, in part, because it was "not well written."

"I don't think we have people that necessarily will understand all the

terms in this," he said. "You talk about 'laddering strategies.' I think I know what that is, but, on the other hand, is some new board member or somebody three years from now going to know what that means?"

Supik fought back. "So we have a free and easy investment policy statement, because we don't have the wherewithal to have somebody that understands it?" she asked.

"You don't dummy down ... this document, simply because the members of the board of directors can't understand all the finances of it," Terry said. "As a document, this still makes sense."

Collins said he was concerned about an item on Government Sponsored Entities (GSE), which would have included both Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. The committee agreed to remove that section of the resolution entirely.

Under the suggestion of Stevens, the committee also consented to revert to previous language regarding the introductory purpose statement, using a July 2009 document, and to amend the overview statement to include the words "operation funds" and "reserve funds."

Original language had also mentioned "investment cash" and "restricted funds" in the same context.

Wording in a section titled "Delegation of Authority" was also amended, changing the treasurer's role from that of "conducting investment transactions" to "oversight" of said transactions.

Duties of those transactions were also changed and were assigned to the general manager and controller.

On the following day, March 24, the board unanimously approved the amended resolution.

Terry said the committee, with Stevens and Collins, had a "very good and healthy" debate on the document, which was sent to the other board members just hours after that meeting adjourned.

Collins concurred, calling the discussion "a good back and forth."



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‘T-Wrecks’ take home top honors, move to districts

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 31, 2016) Local robotics team Titanium Wrecks recently qualified to compete in the district championships in College Park, April 6-9 at the Xfinity Center. The mechanized warriors earned that right after doing well in two district competitions.

Team mentor Paul Suplee said the members of the team, all students from high schools in Worcester County, “did exceedingly well, both on the field and in the other areas of competition.”

Both competitions were part of the national For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) robotics league, and took place in Bethesda and in Bel Air in March.

Suplee said the team, T-Wrecks for short, finished ninth out of 41 teams during the first weekend, and second out of 39 teams during the second weekend of the competition.

“We couldn’t be any happier with those standings, as the new scoring platform is much more accurate than the old for individual teams, so those standings were hard fought for,” he said. “At the end of the day, we ended up 15th out of 134 teams in the Chesapeake District, a statistic that we are ecstatic with.”

Suplee said the students “excelled in



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Members of the Titanium Wrecks robotics team, based in Worcester County, took home several top honors during two regional competitions, in Bel Air and Bethesda, earlier this month.

ways that we never thought possible in our third year.”

“Our safety captain helped to guide us into winning not only first in Pit Safety at the D.C. district competition, but also the Industrial Safety Award from United Laboratories at the Northern Maryland District Competition,” he said.

Also at the D.C. District Competition, Suplee said the team won the 2016 Imagery Award, which honored the squad for artistic representation and aesthetics in robot and team de-

sign.

“The most humbling award was won at the Northern Maryland District, and that is the coveted Chairman’s Award, something that we could never imagine winning as a third-year team,” Suplee said.

“According to FIRST, Chairman’s is ‘the most prestigious award ... it honors the team that best represents a model for other teams to emulate and best embodies the purpose and goals of FIRST.’”

Moving onto the district champi-

onship, the team is hoping to raise \$4,000 for the entry fee, as well as help pay for travel expenses for 30 people.

“And of course we have our sights set on a third year in St. Louis at the World Championships,” Suplee said. “If it doesn’t happen, then we’ll be thrilled with how well we’ve done, but we like to shoot for the stars, you know?”

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Committee mtg. offers insight into county relations

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 31, 2016) A fly on the wall during the March 23 meeting of the Ocean Pines Budget and Finance Committee might have enjoyed the in-depth, behind-the-scenes glimpse at how the association and county interact – during annual budget hearings, and in general. Committee members John Trumpower and Dennis Hudson began the session with an informal discussion about a pair of tax differential studies – one in Ocean City, and one happening at the county level. The question raised was would either study benefit Ocean Pines, which, some have suggested, is funded unfairly when compared to neighboring municipalities.

Hudson argued that the issue did not have enough visibility among Ocean Pines residents, but said a letter sent to the county, by General Manager Bob Thompson, “goes a long way in doing that.” He went on to say the board of directors, as well as county representatives to Ocean Pines, Chip Bertino and Jim Bunting, could do a better job in bringing the differences in funding to public light.

Trumpower agreed. “I think the appropriate pressure needs to be put on our two representa-



On March 23, members of the Ocean Pines Association Budget and Finance Committee discussed, at length, the community's relationship with the county commissioners.

tives. The only thing the county has a vast majority of is commissioners,” he said. “It comes down to where’s the money going to come from. It’s pretty simple.”

“I just think that we need to – some how, some way – get their attention,” Hudson said. “Have we not been writing this up, screaming about it for five years?”

Director Tom Terry, the board liaison to the committee, said that, yes, Ocean Pines has been sending the county requests that were in line with what Berlin, Snow Hill and Pocomoke receives for at

least the last five years.

“This is the first year that it’s been put really out into the sunlight, because it was time, quite frankly. After five years, it’s enough,” he said. “In past years, some of the positioning has been, Ocean Pines charges too much for dues, so they don’t need any money. They have too much in reserves, so they don’t need any money. They’re the wealthiest community – and that’s our representatives [saying that].”

Committee Chairwoman Pat Supik said that wasn’t “the point of the discussion,” to which Terry agreed.

This year, Ocean Pines asked the county for \$1.84 million in grant funding, a roughly 80 percent increase over what it had received during the last two years, which was about \$1.15 million. For comparison’s sake, this year Pocomoke requested \$1.53 million (a four percent increase), Snow Hill asked for \$1.62 million (a 10 percent increase), and Berlin sought \$1.79 million (up two percent).

Thompson said OPA President Pat Renaud and Vice President Cheryl Jacobs made the funding pitch to the
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Homeowners in Pines hoping for larger county contribution

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county this year, on March 1 in Snow Hill.

“What happens, for those who haven’t been, basically, the municipalities are invited in to come make their budget requests, so it’s Snow Hill, Pocomoke, Berlin, Ocean City and Ocean Pines,” he said. “It doesn’t take very long, and they make their requests, but you’ve already given them the written requests.”

Thompson said the commissioners offer “very little reaction, positive or negative,” at those meetings. He said he had not spoken to Bertino or Bunting about the requests.

“To my knowledge, they haven’t followed up with any of us [and] that’s not unusual,” he said. “They’re weighing all the needs from all the county requests – it’s not just us.”

Hudson asked if the two representatives from Ocean Pines would work with the two representatives from Ocean City (resort Commissioner Joe Mitrecic and West Ocean City/Berlin Commissioner Bud Church) on the differential study, effectively giving the two communities a majority on the seven-member county board.

“Our commissioners just don’t know how to use their leverage,” he said.

“They have an eclectic approach,” Thompson said. “The differences be-

tween them may prevent them from collectively focusing.”

Trumpower said the “elephant in the room” was where additional money, given to Ocean Pines from the county, would come from.

Terry, however, said that if Ocean Pines gradually caught up to what others receive in grant funding, the impact would be minimal.

“Over these five years, the request has never been to move Ocean Pines from \$98 [the current level of per-resident funding] to \$198 in one year – it has always been to slowly begin to adjust this in a trend over time, so that no other community gets hurt badly in this transition,” he said. “I understand the position they’re in, but, at some point, the transition and trend needs to happen so that there’s an adjustment.”

Hudson argued that the association would never get traction with the county commissioners “unless the public knows what we know.”

“The Ocean Pines resident [needs to] know they’re a low class citizen, and they’re not getting their money,” he said. “Let them speak for themselves. I think there’s very little you’ll have to do after that.”

Supik suggested that, once the Ocean City tax differential study is published, Ocean Pines could have slightly more leverage.

“It can’t get any worse,” Hudson said.

Pines Family Tennis Play Day will move to Sunday, April 3

Inclement weather blamed for adjustment to schedule

(March 31, 2016) The Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department and Delmarva Beach Tennis have rescheduled their family tennis play day for Sunday, April 3 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Manklin Meadows Racquet Sports Complex, located at 11443 Manklin Creek Road in Ocean Pines.

The event was originally scheduled for March 20 but was canceled due to inclement weather.

At this fun outdoor event, participants will learn or refresh the basic skills of tennis. It is designed for all ages and is open to the public. Players should bring their own racquets. Tennis balls, snacks and prizes will be provided.

The cost to attend is \$10 per player, which is due the day of the event. Preregistration at delmarvabeachtennis.com is required.

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

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TADD takes tourism, art across state lines

Three regional towns, and county, working with others in Maryland and Delaware

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 31, 2016) Three Worcester County municipalities – Berlin, Ocean City and Snow Hill – continue to push boundaries as part of the multi-state Main Street alliance, Tourism, Arts and Downtown Development (TADD).

The group includes more than a dozen other different communities in Maryland and Delaware, including several in Wicomico and Sussex counties.

TADD’s first meeting occurred in Cambridge about a decade ago. Michael Day, director of economic development in Snow Hill, said he missed that session, but has been to every one since.

“For me, it’s the only group that I’m involved with that is loosey

goosey,” he said. “There is no structure to it, there’s no organization to it. There’s no board, there’s no executive board, there’s no chairman. Lisa [Challenger] sends out a notice where every quarterly meeting is going to be, and then everybody pays \$20 for lunch. It really has worked phenomenally well.”

Berlin Economic and Development Director Ivy Wells said TADD essentially creates a larger, multi-state Main Street.

“We all learn from each other, and we share each other’s thoughts and ideas and events. When you have a team working together, it benefits everyone,” she said. “If we could have a Main Street that stretched from Delaware to Maryland that consisted strictly of the arts, this would be it.”

Funding for the program generally comes from each member’s arts and entertainment pool, rather than from a town’s general fund, according to Wells.

In Maryland, the organization can

include any town with a Main Street or an Arts and Entertainment designation. County tourism directors, like Worcester County’s Challenger, are also welcome.

Challenger said Delaware came up with its own criteria for inclusion, because the state uses different designations than Maryland.

“We work with the Delaware Division of the Arts, and Diane Laird with DEDO (Delaware Economic Development Office), to come up with their own criteria,” she said. Current members include Dover, Lewes, Middletown, Milford, Milton, Newark and Rehoboth.

TADD’s flagship project is Eat, Drink and Buy Art, a collaborative website, social media campaign and mobile app that promotes arts and entertainment for 26 different member organizations, including the Art League of Ocean City, Berlin Main Street (Arts & Entertainment District), Ocean City Development Corporation, Ocean City Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association Inc., Town of Snow Hill (Arts & Entertainment District), Worcester County Arts Council and Worcester County Tourism.

That campaign also includes a monthly newsletter and weekly arts and entertainment radio program on WSCL and WSDL/NPR. Recently, Challenger said Fox Sun & Surf 8 Cinema came on as a sponsor, pushing the broadcast to an hour-long format.

Challenger said the goal is simple. “We’d like to drive more people

into these areas to spend more money downtown, eating and drinking at local brewpubs, buying local art and local, handmade stuff,” she said. “We want to get people off main highways and bypasses, away from all the chains.

“We do have that common thread where we are rural, we don’t individually have lots of resources and money, and this has been a way for us to do things that are bigger than any one of us could’ve done,” Challenger continued. “The great thing is, whatever project we do – however much it costs – we can split it 18 ways.”

Day said the unique spirit of collaboration in Worcester County and the surrounding areas makes the program work, and called it, “one of the best networking opportunities that I’ve ever been involved with.”

This month, Eat, Drink and Buy Art highlighted Berlin on its website and through social media. Berlin Mayor Gee Williams said he was thrilled the town was part of the campaign, and praised its one-of-a-kind approach.

“This is the first place in America where economic development is being done across state lines,” Williams said. “Rural communities have been kicked in the rear and held back, because the boys with the big money in the cities with all the power have successfully divided and conquered. Guess what? We’re going to unite and we’re going to help each other.”

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OCEAN PINES ASSOCIATION BRIEFS

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 31, 2016) The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors discussed the following items during a public meeting in the community center on March 24:

Changes to agenda

During the opening portion of the meeting, Director Tom Terry withdrew a motion to accept resolution C-03 for a second reading and vote on its approval. The budget and finance committee, on March 23, asked a Terry to withdraw that motion so they could make changes.

That item was previously scheduled to come up during old business.

Also withdrawn from the agenda was a motion to approve a contract lease renewal with Seacrets to use parking spaces at the Ocean Pines Beach Club in Ocean City during off hours. That motion was moved to a closed session, which occurred following the public board meeting.

Five directors unanimously approved the amended agenda. Dave Stevens was absent during the meeting, attending a funeral, and Bill Cordwell was brought into the meeting later, via phone call.

Following the closed session, several sources said a conditional agreement with Seacrets was reached.

Capital purchases

The directors unanimously approved three capital purchase requests for public works vehicles, all of which were budgeted.

Iron Source will supply a new loader, for \$82,086. That bid, the second lowest of three, was \$1,000 higher than what was budgeted.

A skid steer from Folcomer Equipment will cost the association \$50,840, after a \$17,000 trade-in credit. That vehicle was more than \$19,000 below budget.

The association also will also replace a dump truck, costing \$58,979.14 and coming from Pittsville Motors. That item

was roughly \$6,000 below budget.

Minutes

The board unanimously approved the minutes for public meetings on Feb. 19 and Feb. 25.

Director Cheryl Jacobs asked for small changes in verbiage to the March 14 minutes, also noting that Controller Art Carmine was not present, as reported.

Terry also offered a slight change. The amended minutes were approved 4-0, with Director Tom Herrick, who was not present on March 14, abstaining.

Comp planning committee

There was no mention of the study related to the comprehensive plan, the subject of the March 14 meeting, during the latest board session. During opening remarks, however, OPA Board President Pat Renaud praised the work of the comprehensive planning committee, who are working on the study with Salisbury University group BEACON.

GM report

During his monthly general manager's report, Bob Thompson gave an update on several capital projects.

He said a request for proposals for bridge repairs was released. Proposals are due back March 30, and Thompson said construction was a targeted for fall.

Work on the St. Martin's stormwater project will start during the first week of April, weather permitting. Another project, roadway line stripping and roadside trimming, was also sent out for bid.

Reserve study

Board review of the first draft of the Design Management Associates Inc. reserve study was set for April 11, at 10 a.m. Whether the meeting will be open or closed will be decided by an email vote.

WHP bathrooms

During a public meeting last month, the board deferred a vote on building new bathrooms near White Horse Park.

In February, Thompson said he received four bids and recommended the lowest offer, by Beach Construction Company, for \$86,000. His proposal included a 15 percent contingency fee, bringing the project estimate to \$98,900.

On March 24, Jacobs revealed that vote took place via email. Five directors voted in favor. Stevens voted "no," and Director Jack Collins abstained.

Yes, mow

The board unanimously rescinded a previous motion, designed to curb the nonmigratory goose population, which created a "no-mow" area around the north gate. That area will now be trimmed and cleaned up.

Cordwell, who introduced the motion, said Ocean Pines was unable to "confirm any positive results" from the no-mow area, originally approved in September 2014.

CPI violations

One violation, for an unpermitted shed at 11 Garrett Drive, was found in continuous violation and sent to an attorney for action, per a unanimous vote. Thompson said the action was designed to force the homeowner to get a permit for the structure.

Appointments

By unanimous consent, the directors approved two association members to advisory committees. Elections Committee Chair Bill Wentworth was reappointed, and former Director Marty Clarke will join the bylaws and resolutions committee, for his first term.

Despite meetings with Pines, SHA, no movement on traffic

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 31, 2016) The March 24 agenda of an Ocean Pines Board of Directors meeting hinted that the community could be moving closer to an agreement with developer Palmer Gillis on traffic improvements related to the new Delmarva Health Pavilion.

That facility, anchored by Peninsula Regional Medical Center and offering both primary care and specialty medical services, opened on Oct. 28 on Racetrack Road near the north gate entrance of the Pines.

Almost immediately thereafter, residents raised concerns about the traffic patterns the center generated, as it allowed only right turns in and out, causing some southbound motorists to find creative solutions. Among these was making U-turns in the Ocean Pines community.

Gillis met with the OPA board and a

number of homeowners in on Feb. 5, and asked for feedback on an alternate access route running onto Ocean Parkway.


No official decision was made during that session, but public reaction was almost universally negative.

During the March 24 closed session, people involved said Gillis requested, in writing, a formal decision on access to Ocean Parkway. The directors are expected to deny that.

Several board members have said publically they consider this a state highway issue and doesn't involve Ocean Pines.

Gillis also spoke with state officials on March 24, although a solution does not appear to be imminent on that end, either.


Reached for comment, Gillis said, by email, "there are a lot of moving parts," adding, "there's nothing I can talk about right now."




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STARTING POINT

Jen Birch, with 20-month-old son, Braxon, eagerly await the start of an Easter egg hunt in Berlin, Saturday.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

BUNNY FACE

Brooklyn Saint Clair, 22 months, prepares to dig into a pancake breakfast with the Easter bunny at Rayne's Reef in Berlin, Saturday.



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YOUNG WRITERS

Juliana Kolasa's kindergarten students at Showell Elementary School present their writing about community helpers while dressing the part. Pictured are Caroline Cathell and Daniel Shanahan.



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SDHS JOB FAIR

Nearly 400 Worcester County students had the opportunity to obtain summer employment, seek out possible internships, and/or research possible careers during the annual Stephen Decatur High School Job Fair on March 10. SDHS sophomore Kyle Kato interviews with Bad Monkey restaurant during the Job Fair.



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NICHOLS FAMILY DONATION

It was not just nickels that the Stephen Decatur High School community collected for the Nichols family on Feb. 9 as \$1,000 was raised in just one day. Student leaders initiated the NICKELSforNICHOLS campaign to support the Nichols, who suffered a devastating house fire earlier this winter. Students collected money during lunch shifts and at the annual SDHS Taco Night that evening. They came within \$50 of the \$1,000 goal they had set and an anonymous donor contributed the remainder to meet the goal. Pictured, from left, are Stephen Decatur High School Principal Tom Zimmer, National Honor Society President Maury Izzett, Nichols family members Acacia, Tiffanie and Aiden, and students Allison Shumate, Rebecca Evans and Reagan Dunham.

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BERLIN BRIEFS

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 31, 2016) The Berlin mayor and Town Council discussed the following items during a meeting at Town Hall on March 28:

New appointments

Mayor Gee Williams swore in four Berliners to two town commissions. Carol Rose was reappointed chairwoman of the town's historic district commission for three years, and Robert Poli was named an alternate to the commission. Lou Creter and John Briddell were both reappointed for four-year terms on the board of supervisors of elections.

"They have a lot more responsibility and a lot more work than people could possibly realize," Williams said. "We are very grateful to you."

The council also unanimously approved the reappointment of all five members of Berlin Parks Commission to two-year terms.

Special events

Three events received unanimous consent during the meeting. The Saint Paul United Methodist Church will host a 5K walk/run on April 9. The 2.1-mile path will start and end at the church, and organizer Dale Smack estimated the event would run for about 90 minutes.

The annual Old Fashioned Memorial Day was set for May 30, and a new event, Afternoon on the Lawn, sponsored by the Berlin Heritage Foundation, was set for June 11.

Benefiting the foundation, the



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams swears in four, to two town advisory committees, during a meeting at town hall on March 28. Pictured, from right, are Robert Poli and Carol Rose (historic district commission) and Lou Creter and John Briddell (board of supervisors of elections).

fundraiser will include food donated by Berlin Restaurants and tours of the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum on Main Street. The foundation has also applied for a beer and wine permit for the event.

Fair Housing Month

The council designated April as Fair Housing Month in Berlin. Administrative Services Director Mary Bohlen said that designation helps the town receive Community Development Block Grant funds from the state.

Take Pride in Berlin Week

For the fifth year, the town will celebrate Take Pride in Berlin Week. This

year, the event will run April 16-23, starting with Clean Up Day on April 16, and closing with a series of open houses at Berlin businesses, April 23.

During week, Bohlen said, citizens are encouraged to show pride in Berlin citizenship.

Uptick in overdoses

During departmental reports, Police Chief Arnold Downing said officers were trying to increase awareness of heroin overdoses that have occurred the during last six months, and especially during the last three weeks, in the "tri-county" area.

As a result, all Berlin law enforce-

ment, he said, would be trained to use Narcan, a nasal spray designed to treat overdoses.

Cannery Village update

Town Administrator Laura Allen said repairs to the water and sewer systems at Cannery Village were "substantially completed," adding that problems that caused delays there were largely "over the hurdle."

As for the issue with residents who wanted a fence separating their properties from Cannery Village, Williams said he recently spoke with homeowners on Flower Street. The next step, he said, would be to deliver his recommendation to developer Andrew Hanson.

Condolences


Several town staffers and those on the council offered condolences to Councilmember Lisa Hall, whose husband passed away last week.

Delmarva Safety Conference comes to resort, April 4-5

(March 31, 2016) The 35th annual Delmarva Safety Conference will be held on Monday, April 4 and Tuesday, April 5, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Clarion Hotel on 101st Street in Ocean City.

This regional safety conference with some of America's best instructors is open to the public and all Delmarva businesses. Multiple individual training courses and vendors on a variety of safety and health related topics will be offered both days. The cost of the two-day conference is \$125 and includes breakfast, lunch and materials.

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OPA BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE BRIEFS

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 31, 2016) The Ocean Pines Association Budget and Finance Committee discussed the following items during its March 23 meeting in the administration building:

‘No’ on reserve study

The committee requested a copy of the in-development reserve study, which Thompson said was still in draft form. The decision to distribute it would be up to the board, he said.

He said the board would meet in April with the study’s authors, Design Management Associates Inc. Director Jack Collins asked if that meeting would be open. Thompson said that was also board decision, but said he considered it a contractual matter, and

that he would recommend it be closed.

Feb. financials

Filling in for Controller Art Carmine, General Manager Bob Thompson went over the association’s February statement, its most recent financial report.

Thompson said police and public works were slightly behind budgeted numbers, with the former having been driven by higher-than-expected overtime costs.

The general manager said he was pleased, overall, with major amenities, especially aquatics, which was still “operating in the black,” and more than \$150,000 better than previous year’s numbers.

Golf fared worse, posting a \$50,000 loss for the month. Thompson said he

was concerned that new management, Landscapes Unlimited, seemed to be focused on lowering expenses, rather than generating new revenue.

The yacht club also had a down month, finishing with a \$36,000 loss. Overall, however, the amenity was still positive by \$18,000.

Thompson said the three primary amenities were all performing close to budget, but cautioned that final numbers on golf, with two months remaining during the fiscal-year period, would be largely dependent on weather.

C-03 pulled

Chairwoman Pat Supik said several of the other finance committees she sits on are much more involved with the audit process, while the Ocean Pines committee has virtually no involvement.

In particular, committee member Dennis Hudson said he would like to play a role in the engagement letter, which instructs the auditor.

Director Tom Terry, the committee liaison to the board, said that could have been a part of resolution C-03, which was scheduled to come up for a vote during a public meeting on the following day. C-03, essentially, defines the responsibilities of the budget and finance committee.

Hudson moved that Terry remove C-03 from the agenda, and the committee unanimously agreed. Collins, for his part, said it was “logical” that the committee would be more active with the auditor.

A revised resolution will likely be re-submitted to the directors during the next few months. C-03 received a first reading by the directors in February.

Bishop Johnson to preach at Berlin church

(March 31, 2016) Bishop Peggy Johnson, bishop of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference of The United Methodist Church, will preach at Bethany United Methodist Church in Berlin, on Sunday, April 3, during the 10 a.m. worship service.

Bethany Church is located at 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, at the intersection of Snug Harbor Rd. and Route 611.

The service will focus on “Holy Humor,” because Jesus through his resurrection has the last laugh over sin and death. Bishop Johnson’s message is based on John 20:19-32, entitled “Eyes Myself” (a phrase well known to the deaf community). She will also per-

form in sign language “The Lord’s Prayer” during the service.

Bishop Johnson is a native of Baltimore and serves as the episcopal leader of the Philadelphia Area of The United Methodist Church, which includes the Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference and the Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference.

Bishop Johnson has a particular passion for ministry with people with dis-

abilities. For 20 years she was the pastor of the Christ United Methodist Church of the Deaf in Baltimore. Her years as the pastor of this all-deaf congregation led her on paths of experience with not only the deaf and deaf-blind communities, but also with those who have mobility, intellectual and mental health challenges. All are invited to attend this special service. For more information, call 410-641-2186.



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Where politicians fail, these T-Wrecks shine

Rather than express an all-too-obvious opinion about the inexplicable behavior at this week’s Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors meeting — a circumstance that might be corrected in this year’s election by establishing a better male-female balance on that governing body — we are obligated to look elsewhere for an example of productive teamwork.

Nothing illustrates that better than the county’s robotics team, Titanium Wrecks — T-Wrecks for short — as this volunteer-guided group of local high school students prepares to head to district championships in College Park next week.

So, one might ask, exactly what does T-Wrecks do and what is this completion all about? The team is part of an effort created by the national nonprofit organization FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology).

Each year, FIRST holds district competitions throughout the country in various disciplines that allow students to demonstrate their grasp of science, technology, engineering and teamwork. T-Wrecks does battle in the Robotics Division with a machine it designs, engineers and assembles from a parts kit issued by FIRST.

If the team does a good job at that and understands the strategies needed to be successful in whatever game FIRST selects for the competition — it’s a robotic version of “capture the flag” this year — it could find itself for the third time at the world championships in St. Louis in late April.

Before that, however, T-Wrecks needs to raise \$4,000 to pay its way to the district championships in College Park next week. We encourage residents and businesses to help with that (see our story for details), as we are happy to do.

Supporting something that’s purely positive is a nice antidote to the negativity, bad behavior and unproductiveness that occurs all too frequently elsewhere.

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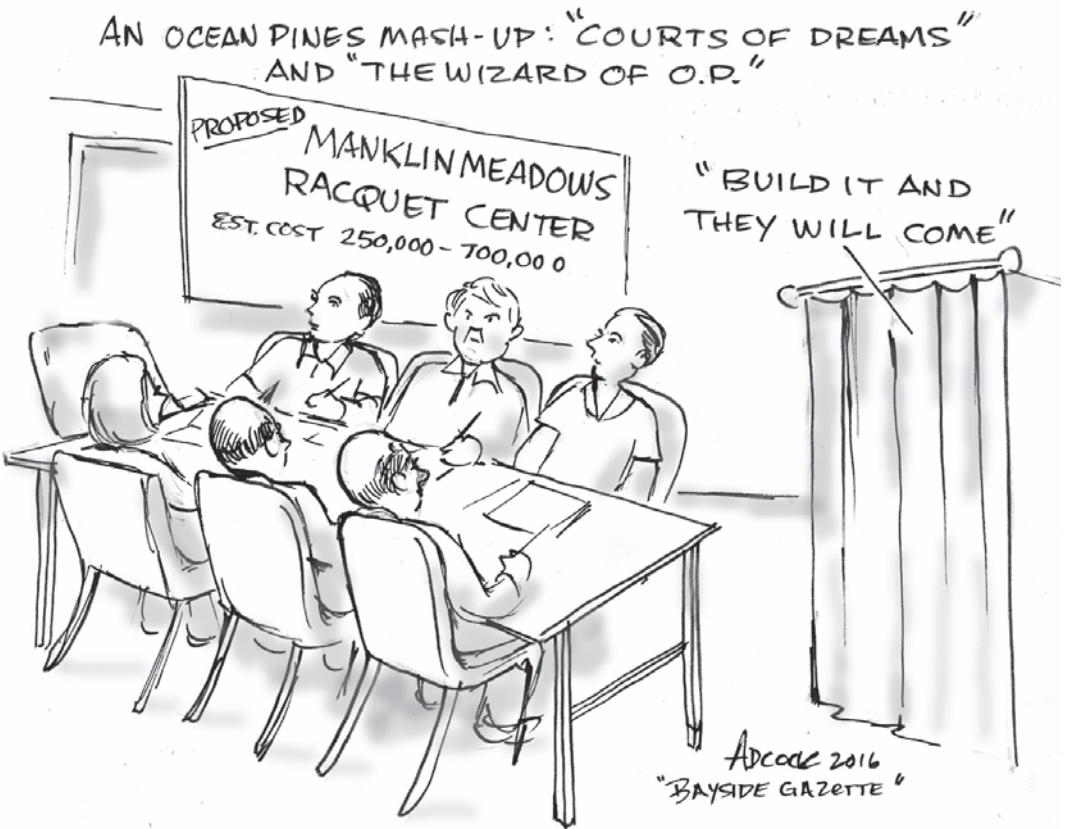
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Berlin artists take to Bishop’s Stock

Snow Hill gallery will showcase works by two plein air painters

(March 31, 2016) Bishop’s Stock Fine Art, Craft & Wine will open the spring season with its annual exhibit of new work by Lynne Lockhart and Kirk McBride, two of the region’s most recognized artists.

Pieces in the show includes images from their travels as well as their daily routines. Lockhart’s paint-

ings capture animals in their natural setting while McBride offers paintings from their travels. Both artists exhibit great technical skills with brushwork, composition and use of light.

All of the work has been created in their Berlin studios although they are active plein air artists.

They will be participating for the 13th year in Paint Snow Hill, Thursday through Sunday, April 14-17 with McBride teaching a plein air workshop

Wednesday, April 13.

Paintings in the show may be seen on www.facebook.com/BishopsStock. The show opens with a First Friday reception on April 1, from 5-8 p.m. It will run through May 4.

Gallery hours are Tuesday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Grafer, Coleburn exhibit work in Pines

Library presents two shows on display at branch in April, May

(March 31, 2016) The Friends of Ocean Pines Library present the work of two new artists that will be on display in April and May in the Ocean Pines Branch.

April/May Artist of the Month is Don W. Grafer in the main common areas of the library.

Working primarily in acrylics, and producing both realistic and abstract expressionist art, Grafer’s

speciality is a vibrant and sometimes explosive use of color.

His realistic paintings include renderings of people and landscapes and flowers of all kinds, along with creations depicting lions, birds and other animals, both real and fanciful. In his drip paintings and other abstract works from 2000 to 2012, influences from Jackson Pollock are apparent.

Most recently, Grafer has been inspired to create brilliantly colored dreamscapes and imaginings in a new, smooth, visionary style. He

is a largely self-taught artist, but also studied briefly with the artists Irma Ostroff and Enrique Flores Gables and the late watercolorist Nicholas Simmons.

In the computer rooms to the right of the common areas will feature the Artist Spotlight Exhibit of Valerie Evans Coleburn.

She started painting a few years ago and developed her love of the arts. She took classes with “Painting With a Twist” in Pennsylvania. This body of work reflects her rich love of color.

OPA Beach Club bathroom project remains up in air

Engineer weighs in, RFP update given during mtg.

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 31, 2016) Improvements to the bathrooms of the Ocean Pines Beach Club in Ocean City across the street from Seacrets, came up three times during an OPA Board meeting on March 24.

First, General Manager Bob Thompson updated the directors and the several dozen members in attendance on the project during his monthly report.

He said the draft of a request for proposals (RFP) concerning the facility was being reviewed and finalized. The two options considered in the proposal are renovating the current facility or constructing a standalone structure.

Thompson said he was looking for an “all-inclusive bid,” adding that the contractor would be responsible for addressing state, county and local permitting, and bringing it into ADA compliance. The RFP will be issued by April 15, with a site visit and walk-through due the week of April 25.

Bids are due back by June 14, and Thompson said he would have a recommendation to the board by July 12, in time for the July 28 public meeting. He said construction would start by Oct. 1.

Thompson also noted that bids had gone out for repairs to the beach club roof and floors, which were damaged during a recent storm. He said insurance would cover the majority of those costs, and that bids would be sent to the directors “well before the next board meeting.”

During public comments, Developer Marvin Steen, an OCEAN Pines resident, asked Don Smith, from engineering firm Sens Inc., to speak about his proposal for the bathrooms.

That document, included in the meeting packet and attached to a motion by Director Jack Collins, contained a \$460,000 estimate to renovate the facility. Smith projected that building a separate facility would cost “at least double” that amount, and would require new pilings and costly stormwater mitigation.

Director Tom Terry cautioned that, if Smith continued talking about the project, he could violate the association’s RFP process that does not allow competing bidders to present to the board individually. Smith agreed, and returned to his seat.

Collins later withdrew his motion, during the old business portion of the meeting. His proposal asked the association to write and post an RFP to renovate, and not build a new structure, for the beach club bathrooms.

Instead, Collins said would like to view all participating bids for the project.

Historical Society dinner, April 8

Annual spring event will be held in Pocomoke, feature guest speaker Gordon Katz

(March 31, 2016) The Worcester County Historical Society is planning its annual spring dinner for Friday, April 8, at the Pocomoke Community Center on Market and 14th streets.

The dinner will feature the Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary’s famous chicken and dumplings. This year’s speaker will be Gordon E. Katz, an award-winning author, who will discuss “Exploring West Ocean City: The other Side of the Bay.” The talk will be accompanied by a Power-Point presentation that first briefly outlines the history of the area, be-

ginning in the earliest years of the Maryland colony.

That discussion will be followed by a deeper look into one small slice of West Ocean City, drawn in large part from conversations with George Hurley, who grew up in West Ocean City.

Several years ago, Katz published a book telling about the early history of Ocean City from 1875 to 1890. This book received two prestigious awards: an Award of Merit from the American Association for State and Local History and the Tee O’Connor Professional Award from the Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Council.

He is presently working on a sequel to that publication, which continues the story of both Ocean City and the surrounding areas of East-

ern Worcester County from 1890 through the storm of 1933 that created the inlet.

There will also be a short photo presentation of the relocation of the Mt. Zion one-room school from Snow Hill to Furnace Town. Plans are to have the school open by the time Furnace Town opens for the season, Friday, April 1.

Doors will open for the event at 5:30 p.m. Friday evening and the dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$22 per person and can be purchased by sending a check to Robert Fisher, WCHS Treasurer, 230 South Washington St., Snow Hill, Maryland 21863. The deadline for reservations for the dinner, which is open to the public, is Friday, April 1.



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‘Comfort food to end all comfort foods’

Newton saw the events of our everyday world as being strange and novel. He didn’t simply look at an apple falling to the ground as an incident unremarkable. He observed that there was something drawing the apple to the earth, much in the same way that we are held to our chairs as we type, or pressed into our



By Paul Suplee,
CEC PCIII

Chuck Taylors as we tweet while we walk down a busy sidewalk.

Truly these are enigmatic times in which we live, and one can scant envision what Newton would think were he to travel in time and witness the manners in which we live our lives. Cell phones, tablets, you name it: we are in a drastically different era of discovery.

While I would in no way compare the study of food to the study of physics – although you can’t have the latter without the former – I do sit on my couch on occasion and wonder what it was like 300 or so years ago. And then I ponder the nonsense that we chefs play around with these days: molecular gastronomy such as spherification, foams, gels, emulsifications, et al.

But, at the end of the day, we always revert back to the classics. Once a verboten item, old-fashioned terrines and charcuterie are now much in favor in our industry, and for good reason. They are delicious when made right. Jams, preserves and pickles are all making their way onto the average diner’s plate as they sup in restaurants.

Even crackers, when homemade and tangy accoutrements to cheese and meats, are exciting additions to the contemporary scene. But, it wasn’t like that 20 years ago. Many considered all of these foods to be pedestrian, in large part because of the marketing prowess of the food manufacturers who told us that speed-scratch (partially prepared items) are superior to homemade. In many instances, labor cost is an issue that must be addressed. Truth be told, I’ve worked in kitchens where we didn’t have the manpower to create house-cured bacon, fresh pickles, jams, compotes, cured meats and all of the other cool things that chefs like to work with nowadays.

As I move through the industry as I have for over 30 years, it never



ceases to amaze me how trends are started and abruptly ended in such drastic manners. Hopefully, the trend of fresh, hand-crafted foods is here to stay. In speaking with a broad-line distributor lately, they noted that 50 percent of their gross sales were in fresh product. That made me very happy. That means that the brokers are still in that market with the other half of the portfolio, so this should be a win-win for everyone, especially the customer.

And now it’s time to eat one of my favorite handmade meals; Provencal roasted chicken with ratatouille and beet salad. The combination of flavors is mind numbing, and the end result is a meal that I would be proud to serve to anyone. Just make sure that you come hungry, and leave your

science at the door.

Provencal Roasted Chicken for 2

- 1 3-pound chicken
- 3 Tbsp. Herbes de Provence (recipe follows)
- 1 Tbsp. Kosher salt
- 2 tsp. Ground black pepper
- 1 cup EV Olive oil
- 1/2 cup Sherry vinegar
- Juice of 3 oranges
- full head of garlic, peeled
- 1 Medium Spanish onion

1. Prep chicken by deboning as much as you want. I prefer to start at the back and remove the rib cages and the spine. I leave the wings and legs intact
2. Mix everything else thoroughly

in a 1-gallon Ziploc bag and add the chicken

3. Squeeze the air out and move the bag around liberally so as to distribute the marinade around the chicken. You want it in every nook and cranny

4. Refrigerate for at least two hours and fire up the grill

5. Grill skin-side down for about three minutes per side until the skin is crispy and you have a nice, earthy aroma

6. Place on a pan and finish in 375-degree oven until the internal temperature reads 165 degrees

7. Remove, but keep warm, allowing chicken to stay warm until service

8. Serve with a beet salad, garlic confit (recipe follows) and ratatouille (or any nice vegetable side dish). Enjoy and slumber, as this is the comfort food to end all comfort foods

Herbes de Provence

Makes 1/2 cup

- 1 Tbsp. Marjoram
- 1 Tbsp. Lavender
- 1 Tbsp. Savory
- 1 Tbsp. Rosemary
- 1 Tbsp. Tarragon
- 1 Tbsp. Parsley
- 1 Tbsp. Thyme
- 1 Tbsp. Fennel seed

1. Combine all herbs, ensuring that they are thoroughly mixed

2. Keep in airtight container until ready to use

3. For a finer blend, run in a spice mill for a few seconds

Garlic Confit

Makes 2 cups

- 2 cups Fresh garlic cloves
- 4 cups EV Olive oil

1. The secret here is low and slow. Place the garlic in the oil and place on a low heat; it may drive you crazy that it takes long to heat up, but you are not frying garlic

2. Watch until the tiniest bubble starts coming from the garlic and then maintain the heat right there

3. Cook for at least an hour, or until the garlic is puree-smooth and not colored in the least

4. Remove from heat and cool. The oil can be used for any application that calls for garlic oil, garlic, or oil. It’s a wonderful thing

— 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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ACROSS

1 Comment after a bull's-eye

9 Distress

16 When Hamlet says "Alas, poor Yorick! I knew him, Horatio"

20 Sponsor of classic radio's "Little Orphan Annie"

21 Lindbergh, e.g.

22 Japanese noodle

23 Warren Buffett's rule about hugging?

26 Toymaker Rubik

27 Cone head?

28 Actor Stephen

29 Like some prose

30 You are, in español

33 Math ordinal

35 Tiger Stadium sch.

38 Skyscraping

39 Encouraging words from slug enthusiasts?

45 Word said with right or rise

46 Nothing: Fr.

47 Grp. that gets the lead out?

48 Bust supporter

51 Fifth-to-last word in the Lord's Prayer

53 "Sharp" fashion

56 Creature on the Australian coat of arms

57 Mozart's "____ kleine Nachtmusik"

Online subscriptions: Today's puzzle and more than 4,000 past puzzles, nytimes.com/crosswords (\$39.95 a year).

125 Tiny powerhouse

59 Rap's Dr. ____

60 Hayek of "Frida"

62 Longtime soap actress Hall

64 Shout to one about to be knighted?

69 One side of a quad, say

71 Milo of stage and screen

72 Voice from a phone

73 Take a clothing slogan too seriously?

78 Like Loyola and Xavier universities

82 Clobbers

83 Fish eggs

84 1 + 2, in Germany

86 Prefix with -scope

87 Investment sometimes pronounced as a name

88 Risky

92 Surmise

93 Video-game playing, e.g.

96 ____ Day (Hawaiian holiday)

97 SEAL Team 6 mission

99 Chinese calendar animal

100 Tulle, to brides?

104 Carriage

105 Dundee turndown

106 Messenger of biochemistry

107 French film director Clair

108 Gray matter?

110 Have in view

112 ____-d'Oise (French department)

115 "American Greed" channel

118 "After all that hard work, I'll order some cake"?

124 Latin word on the back of a dollar bill

125 Compact

126 People holding things up

127 Bellyache

128 Antarctic waters

129 "Perfecto!"

DOWN

1 Terminal in a computer network

2 Composer Novello

3 Cylindrical pasta

4 The matador's foe

5 Peter and Francis: Abbr.

6 Peg solitaire puzzle brand

7 Burden

8 Member of Generation Z

9 Looney Tunes devil, for short

10 Possible reply to "Where are you?"

11 Confirmation, e.g.

12 Thanks, in Hawaii

13 Juillet et août

14 Ibsen's homeland: Abbr.

15 Hit the ground running?

16 Indian retreats

17 Hook, line and sinker

18 Game for little sluggers

19 Fan part

24 Huge spans

25 Little darling

31 "Climb ____ Mountain"

32 Sicilian six

34 Long race, in brief

36 Top-notch

37 Like most trivia, in the real world

39 Carried on

40 Kemper of "The Office"

41 Try

42 Stoned

43 Derisive cry

44 Mormons, for short

49 What a bandoleer holds

50 Party with pu-pu platters

52 Cotton candy additive

54 Mummy in "The Mummy"

55 Saverin who co-founded Facebook

58 Musical lead-in to -smith

60 Like some losers

61 Up

63 Rogers, Orbison and Yamaguchi

65 Magazine edition: Abbr.

66 "Hey, I want to listen here!"

67 Roman gods

68 Country whose name is one letter different from a mountain

70 Gheorghe ____, former 7'7" N.B.A. player

73 "Ooh, dat hurt!"

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74 1-5 on a cellphone screen

75 Precision

76 iRobot vacuum

77 Cape Cod town

79 Cut ties with, in a way

80 Best

81 Law-school class

85 Whom "I saw" on a seesaw, in a tongue twister

88 Peter Pan rival

89 Ring master

90 Play

91 One-named hitmaker of the 1950s-'60s

92 Word with two apostrophes

94 Leading

95 Pasta whose name is Italian for "feathers"

98 Sale tag abbr.

101 "Speed" star

102 ____ bean

103 Make secret

104 "Where to Invade Next" filmmaker

108 Letters of invitation?

109 1914 battle site

111 Desires

113 Comparable (to)

114 Golf's Champagne Tony

116 City and province of southern Italy

117 Anatomical sac

119 Composer of the Windows 95 start-up sound

120 Some offensive linemen: Abbr.

121 "____ sport!"

122 New York engineering sch.

123 ____ Aviv

CALENDAR

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

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THURS. March 31

CHICK-FIL-A SPIRIT NIGHT — Chick-fil-A, 12901 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City, 5-7 p.m. A percentage of proceeds will be donated to Ocean City/Berlin Boy Scout Troop 225.

JOB FAIR — Wor-Wic Community College, Guerrieri Hall, Room 303, 32000 Campus Drive, Salisbury, 3-6 p.m. More than 40 area employers are planning to participate. Come dressed in interview attire and bring resumes to give to prospective employers. Info: 410-334-2903.

STORY TIME ‘FROGS’ — 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.

STORY TIME ‘ALICE IN WONDERLAND’ — Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. For 2 to 5 year old children. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-632-3495.

BERLIN BOOK OF THE MONTH — Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 2 p.m. Featuring The Poetry of Emily Dickinson and Final Harvest edited by Thomas H. Johnson. Info: 410-957-0878.

FIRESIDE CHAT — Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 3 p.m. Join the group for lively chats about good reads and get some great ideas. Info: 410-641-0650.

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. Spon-

sored 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.

FRI. April 1

REACH THE BEACH NATIONALS: ALL-STAR & COLLEGE — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway. Info: www.acdaspirit.com or www.theepicbrands.com.

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.

‘TOUCH OF CLASS’ WINE TASTING AND AUCTION FUNDRAISER — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 4-7 p.m. Donation is \$15 and attendees must be 21 and older. Proceeds go to the local Kiwanis Club’s Scholarship Foundation. Tickets: 443-547-4865. Info: www.kiwanisofopoc.org.

2ND ANNUAL PRAISE & WORSHIP NIGHT — Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin, 7 p.m. Complimentary refreshments. Love offering accepted for musical equipment for the church.

FIRST FRIDAY ART RECEPTION — Bishop’s Stock Fine Art, Craft & Wine, 202 W. Green St., Snow Hill, 5-8 p.m. Featuring ‘New Work by Lynne Lockhart and Kirk McBride.’ The show runs through May 4. View paintings in the show: www.facebook.com/BishopsStock. Info: 410-632-3555 or info@bishopsstock.com.

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

DIRTY PAWS GARDENING CLUB — Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 3:30 p.m. Children, 8 and older, can explore gardening and nature with fun activities and projects. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-957-0878.

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. April 2

REACH THE BEACH NATIONALS: ALL-STAR & COLLEGE — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway. Info: www.acdaspirit.com or www.theepicbrands.com.

MARYLAND STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT — Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City. Info: Ocean City Recreation & Parks Department, 410-250-0125.

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRIED CHICKEN BUFFET — Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church - Willards, 35639 Mount Hermon Road, Pittsville, 11 a.m. Menu includes chicken, vegetables, beverages and desserts. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children and free to those 5 and younger. Bake table and carryouts available. Info: Nelda Dennis, 443-614-9898.

THE ISLAND BOYS IN CONCERT — Buckingham Presbyterian Church, 20 S. Main St., Berlin, 6 p.m. Refreshments following.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION — Delmarva Discovery Center & Museum, 2 Market St., Pocomoke City, 9 a.m. to noon. Open to all those interested in volunteering. There is no charge, but pre-registration is requested: 410-957-9933.

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

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.

MODEL TRAIN DISPLAYS — Delaware Seaside Railroad Club, Clayton Crossing, 32422 Royal Blvd., Dagsboro, Del., Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., year round. See five layouts. Info: Bill Ziegler, wjziegler1@verizon.net or 302-537-0964.

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.

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

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.

SUN. April 3

REACH THE BEACH NATIONALS: ALL-STAR & COLLEGE — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway. Info: www.acdaspirit.com or www.theepicbrands.com.

MARYLAND STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT — Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City. Info: Ocean City Recreation & Parks Department, 410-250-0125.

BISHOP PEGGY JOHNSON PREACHING AT WORSHIP — Bethany United Methodist Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, West Ocean City, 10 a.m. Info: 410-641-2186.

JAMES SAPIA SPAGHETTI DINNER — Shenanigan’s, Fourth Street and the Boardwalk, 4-8 p.m. All-you-can-eat spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread and soft drinks. Chinese auction. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5-10 years and free to those 4 and younger. Sponsored by Downtown Association of Ocean City. Info: www.downtownassociation.net.

CHORAL CONCERT — University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Ella Fitzgerald Center, 30665 Student Services Center Lane, Princess Anne, 4 p.m. UMES Concert Choir performance, “Le’s Have a Union.” Alumni join current members for a reunion performance to celebrate the director’s retirement. Free. Info: 410-651-6571.

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.

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.

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MON. April 4

35TH ANNUAL DELMARVA SAFETY CONFERENCE — Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel, 10100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Open to the public and all Delmarva businesses. Multiple individual training courses and vendors on a variety of safety and health related topics will be offered at a minimal cost. Register: www.DSA.org or 410-641-0378.

AARP MEETING — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway. Social time begins at 9:30 a.m., meeting starts at 10 a.m. Speaker will be Tom Bickerstaff of Rotary Club International, Foundation chairman. Attendees are asked to bring a can of food for Diakonia. Info: Larry Walton, 443-831-1791.

WASHINGTON, DC CHERRY BLOSSOMS MOTORCOACH TOUR — Day trip scheduled for April 4. Explore Washington, DC on your own at a cost of \$60 for motorcoach transportation or take the Odyssey Luncheon Cruise to see the Cherry Blossoms at a cost of \$120, which includes transportation and ticket to the luncheon cruise. Info: Lea Catagio, 410-632-2144, Ext. 109 or lcatagio@co.worcester.md.us.

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

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

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

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

TUES. April 5

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HYPERTENSION CLINICS — Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place at Rite Aid, 38169 Dupont Blvd., Selbyville, Del., 10 a.m. to noon and at Walgreens, 34960 Atlantic Ave. #2, Clarksville, Del., 1-3 p.m. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Info: Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268.

PLAY TIME — Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 10:30-11:30 a.m. For infant to 5 year old children. Info: www.worcester-library.org or 410-957-0878.

STORY TIME — Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 10:30 a.m. Info: www.worcester-library.org or 410-641-0650.

AARP FOUNDATION TAX_AIDE TCE MD — MAC Center Salisbury, 909 Progress Circle, Suite 100, Salisbury, Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Feb. 2 through April 12. Appointments: 410-742-8569.

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

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

WED. April 6

HYPERTENSION CLINICS — Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place the first Wednesday of every month at Rite Aid, 10119 Old Ocean City Blvd., in Berlin, 10 a.m. to noon and at Rite Aid, 11011 Manklin Creek Road in Ocean Pines, 1-3 p.m. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Info: Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268.

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five layouts. Info: Bill Ziegler, wziegler1@verizon.net or 302-537-0964.

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

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

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

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

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

ONGOING EVENTS

WASHINGTON, D.C. BUS TRIP — Spend the day on your own to view cherry blossoms, visit museums and explore the nation’s capital. The bus will depart from the Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, at 7 a.m. on April 8. Arriving at the National Mall at 10:30 a.m. It will head back to Ocean Pines at 3 p.m., arriving at the community center at approximately 6 p.m. Cost is \$45, which includes bus transportation only. Reservations required: 410-641-7052.

OCEAN PINES PLATFORM TENNIS CLINICS — Manklin Meadows Racquet Sports Complex, 11443 Manklin Creek Road, Ocean Pines, every Saturday, noon to 1 p.m. Attend a free Platform tennis clinic followed by one week free trial and a second free clinic the following Saturday. Info: Jim Freeman, 215-704-4592.

ANNUAL TRIP TO HARRINGTON’S — The Ocean Pines Boat Club is sponsoring a bus trip to the newly renovated and expanded Midway Casino at Harrington’s on April 14. Cost is \$18, which includes the bus ride and driver gratuity. Attendees will receive \$15 credit towards

playing plus \$7 towards the buffet lunch. The bus will leave the Ocean Pines Yacht Club at 10:15 a.m. and return at 5 p.m. Everyone is invited. Sign up: Barbara Southwell, 410-641-5456.

BUS TRIPS — Visit the Dutch Apple Diner Theatre in Lancaster, Pa. to see “Menopause the Musical,” on April 9. Cost is \$90 and includes show ticket, a buffet lunch and transportation. On April 24 watch the Virginia International Tattoo at the Scope Arena, Norfolk, Va. This performance will feature more than 1,500 military and civilian performers from eight nations. Cost is \$85 and includes transportation and show ticket. All trips are open to the public. Reservations required: Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, 410-641-7052.

DWC GERANIUM SALE — To order geraniums from the Democratic Women’s Club of Worcester County, call Harriet Batis at 302-988-1268. Orders and payments by April 25.

FOOD DRIVE — The Bank of Ocean City is challenging its staff, customers and community to support the goal of collecting 1,000 pounds of non-perishable food items for Diakonia’s Food Pantry. Drop off to any of the Bank’s six locations, March 1 through April 30. Branches are located in Ocean City at 217 S. Baltimore Ave., 5900 Coastal Highway and 12109 Coastal Highway; in West Ocean City at 10005 Golf Course Road; in Ocean Pines at 11001 Nicholas Lane; and in Berlin at 627 William Street. Info: 410-213-0173.

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

POSITIVE OUTLOOK THRIFT SHOP — Positive Outlook Thrift Shop, 12637 Ocean Gateway, Trlr 2, West Ocean City, Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Located next to Seaside Christian Academy behind White Marlin Mall. Info: 410-251-6971. Sponsored by OC Baptist Church.

THE SHEPHERD’S NOOK THRIFT SHOP — Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road. Open Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Accepting donations of gently worn clothes and small household items.

DIAKONIA THRIFT SHOP — Used to be Mine, Route 611 and Sunset Avenue, Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Newly expanded and redecorated. Furniture, clothing, toys and linens. Info: 410-213-0243.

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410-723-6397

BY MONDAY

5 P.M.

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HELP WANTED

The Worcester County Humane Society is seeking full- or part-time help for Dog Care. Position includes kennel cleaning, feeding, medicating, exercising, grooming, training, and monitoring behavior/ health. Dog handling experience preferred; veterinary assistant experience a plus. Pay commensurate with experience. Persons applying need to follow established rules & protocols, display a positive attitude, and believe in our mission & no kill philosophy.
Applications available upon request at savinganimals@worcestercountyhumanesociety.org

HELP WANTED

Opening Summer 2016
Ocean City, MD
Palmer Gosnell Hospitality LLC, is currently accepting resumes for the position of
Chief Maintenance Engineer
Qualified person must have previous Hotel Maintenance experience and computer skills. Position does require knowledge of plumbing, electrical and HVAC. Seeking individuals to join an exciting new hotel and management team!
Please send all inquires and resumes to smcmahon@palmergosnell.com
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HELP WANTED

Small Family Owned Company seeks experienced **HVAC Technician**. Must have valid driver's license and current HVAC license. Must be drug free. **Call 410-213-2437**.

HELP WANTED

Now Hiring
YR Houseman, Front Desk and Housekeeping.
Apply in person:
Comfort Suites, 12718 Coastal Gateway (Rte. 50), Ocean City, MD (WOC).

HELP WANTED

Maintenance Position at seasonal OC Motel. Hours are 4pm-10pm, six days a week. Call 410-250-3191. Seahawk Motel, 12410 Coastal Hwy.

HELP WANTED

EXPERIENCED CLEANER. MUST have OWN source of transportation AND cleaning supplies. **Call Donna 443-513-4024**.

HELP WANTED

LINE COOK. Apply in person at **Whiskers Bar & Grill**, Pines Shopping Center, 11070 Cathell Rd., Ocean Pines, MD 21811.

HELP WANTED

Hiring Year Round Kitchen Help and Dishwasher. 9923 Stephen Decatur Hwy., West OC. Salary based on performance. Please call **410-213-1572**.

HELP WANTED

Atrium Café
Now hiring AM Cooks
Please apply in person at Atrium Café located inside Quality Inn, 54th St., Ocean City, MD

HELP WANTED

Boat Washer, Bottom Painter & Yard Worker
Must have a valid driver's license.
Call 410-213-1391

HELP WANTED

Five Guys Burgers
Ocean City, MD
Now Hiring Y/R & P/T for **All Positions**
Stop by any location to fill out an application:
64th Street, 136th Street and West OC, White Marlin Mall locations

HELP WANTED

PRINCESS ROYALE
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