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Berlin Youth Club members receive taste of Wor. Tech

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(April 13, 2017) The Berlin Youth Club took a two-hour field trip to Worcester Technical High School in Newark on Monday to learn about the free vocational programs available to them, as soon as next year.

Nineteen students, boys and girls, all 12-15 years old from Stephen Decatur Middle School, started in the culinary arts wing and toured classrooms devoted to cosmetology, nursing, masonry, HVAC, early childhood education and criminal justice programs. See FROM Page 10



SUBMITTED IMAGE/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The Town of Berlin approved \$20,000 on Monday for design work to repair Baker Street. The oyster shell and concrete center strip will be restored, and the edges of the street will be repaved.

Berlin approves funding to start Baker St. repairs

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(April 13, 2017) The Berlin Town Council on Monday approved the first phase of an estimated \$120,000 project to restore Baker Street, the last oyster shell road in the town.

The town will pay \$20,000 for design work, to be done by Salisbury engineering firm Davis, Bowen & Friedel Inc., to start the project.

Several residents of Baker Street spoke about the poor state of the road during the meeting.

Resident Suzanne Parks, who approached the Historic District Commission last Wednesday to ask the See BAKER Page 5

OPENING DAY

Hundreds of Berlin Little Leaguers celebrate opening day, Saturday, that included a parade down Main Street, ceremonies honoring last year's championship teams and, of course, plenty of Little League baseball.

OP pool change swims in controversy

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(April 13, 2017) A seemingly small change to the aquatics schedule in Ocean Pines set off a firestorm last week and the directors have called a special meeting today, Thursday, to discuss the controversy.

Resident Gary Miller, a member of both the clubs and aquatics advisory committees, noticed the change in the spring/summer issue of the Ocean Pines Activity Guide released on April 4 and brought it to the attention of others in the community, including several board members.

On page 26 of the Activity Guide, the Oasis pool, formerly called the yacht club pool, was listed as the "Adults-only pool (except for Sundays June 4-Sept. 3, 2-6 p.m.)"

Page 27 included a blurb for the new "Sunday Family Funday" at the Oasis pool, as well as a corresponding adults-only event at the Swim and Racquet Club pool from 1-8 p.m., Sundays from June 4-Sept. 3.

This was a shock to some members of the community because the Oasis pool had long been an adults-only facility. According to several sources, the changes were made by interim General Manager Brett Hill without consulting the other directors.

Miller sent a letter to the board and to local media on April 5, stating his

objections.

Another resident, Colette Horn, sent a similar letter to the board on April 7 and copied the *Gazette*. She said the changes were made "without regard for the limits on the powers and responsibilities of the General Manager, and without regard for the roles and responsibilities of the Board of Directors."

At least four directors responded to Horn and their responses were forwarded to this paper.

"I want to thank you for writing a very thoughtful, comprehensive assessment of the recent action taken by our interim GM, Mr. Hill," Director Cheryl Jacobs wrote. "As you correctly point out, this change did not include any discussion with the Board; however, there will be discussion forthcoming. Speaking for myself, I am opposed to this change."

Director Doug Parks wrote that he was in favor of maintaining the adults- See BOARD Page 6



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Some residents and board members were not happy after Ocean Pines management introduced a new family friendly event on Sundays at the formerly adults-only Oasis pool at Mumford's Landing.

Showell school replacement design revamped

More space, more secure and could cost less; March 2019 start of construction

By **Brian Gilliland**
Associate Editor

(April 13, 2017) Increased space, security and the potential for cost savings led the Board of Education to redesign the layout of the proposed replacement for Showell Elementary School in Berlin, which is expected to begin construction in March 2019.

Jettisoning the former design, which is similar to the letter E and more or less segregated each grade into its own wing, for a new layout that roughly resembles a rectangle, eliminated the need for about 214 linear feet of perimeter wall, 39 exterior classroom doors and reduced

the need for pipes, conduits and cables.

It also allowed the portable classrooms on the site to remain in place during construction, which is expected to save in excess of \$200,000.

However, school board officials were reluctant to factor these potential savings into the overall cost for the project at this point, leaving the total estimated cost to be about \$42.4 million. The state is expected to contribute to the project, which is noted at a maximum of about \$7.54 million, bringing the expected county share of the project to nearly \$34.9 million.

The county commissioners, who set a not-to-exceed amount of about \$37.2 million at the end of 2015, were pleased with the presentation.

"It's amazing what can be accomplished when we're working to-

gether," Commissioner Chip Bertino said.

Commissioner Jim Bunting said he was very pleased with a recent meeting with school board officials on the project, and said the new design looks great.

In the new design, 18 rooms of the school are protected from outside access entirely, yet surround a new courtyard that could be adapted for educational purposes. Another security risk of the old design was the distance an administrator or similar official would have to travel from the front office to one of the outlying classrooms in the event of an emergency.

This time was reduced by improving traffic flows along the hallways and interconnecting the sections of the school more efficiently. This effi-

ciency shows again as the reduced hall space allowed for increased square footage in classrooms.

The Pre-K and Kindergarten classrooms were increased by 50 square feet each, and the gym needed to be enlarged since the "cafetorium" design element, which allowed the same space to be used as both cafeteria and gymnasium, has fallen out of favor with the state. The school board also needed to add a recycling room of 200 square feet to the proposal.

These improvements were part of the state's Interagency Committee on School Construction review, which forced the changes. Importantly, the classrooms for Pre-K, Kindergarten and first grade still fall short of guidelines for classroom size, but officials felt the numbers were close enough for approval.

The Pre-K and first grade rooms are only 50 square feet short and the Kindergarten rooms are 150 square feet short.

Overall, with a significant reduction in the kitchen of 1,000 square feet, and other modifications to offset the gains elsewhere, the school is still smaller than the state's recommendation of 105,333 gross square feet, yet larger than the county's pro-forma recommendation of about 95,000 square feet at a total of 96,582 square feet.

The revised plan was expected to be submitted to the IAC on Thursday, with design development documents to be submitted by Aug. 1. The bidding process is expected to open next August and construction completed for the 2021-22 school year.

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(April, 13, 2017) Worcester County Government offices, including all five Library branches, Liquor Control administrative offices, and the Worcester County Recreation Center, will be closed Friday, April 14, for the Good Friday holiday, and will resume standard hours of operation Monday, April 17.

Shore Spirits retail liquor stores will be open during standard operating hours.

The Central Landfill in Newark will be closed Friday, April 14, but will be open Saturday, April 15. The Central Landfill is closed on Sundays.

The Homeowner Convenience Centers in Berlin, Pocomoke and Snow Hill will be closed both Friday, April 14, and Sunday, April 16, with standard hours of operation to resume Monday, April 17.

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New development concepts subject of Snow Hill mtg.

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(April 13, 2017) The potential for a new housing development, or other projects in Snow Hill, will be discussed during a meeting at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 18 at the Train Station on Belt Street.

Leading the meeting will be Michael Glass, founder and managing partner with the Waterfall Group, a multi-platform real estate and financial services enterprise founded last October.

Snow Hill Mayor Charlie Dorman said Glass would review potential development concepts for a 400-acre parcel, which was part of the 1,000-acre plot proposed for the Summerfield housing and retail development that was stalled after the 2008 economic downturn.

“They’re trying to see if we can build apartment houses or housing,” Dorman said.

The site could see approximately 300
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JUST HOOKED

The Horst siblings of Princess Anne, from right, Samuel, 6, Seth, 8, and Maria, 9, join in the “Hooked on Fishing” program at the Pocomoke Spring Festival on Saturday.

Pocomoke ponders pluses, minuses of staying golf course

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(April 13, 2017) Addressing continued financial losses at the Winter Quarters Golf Course drew a large contingency of fairway lovers to the Pocomoke City Council meeting on Monday.

Will Stevenson provided historical background on the course, along with its continuing financial struggles. The current Pocomoke budget anticipates the course will lose approximately \$143,000, while it experienced actual loses of more than \$114,000 during fiscal year 2016.

“I’ve been asked by a number of folks to give a factual analysis of the
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Will Stevenson

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(April 13, 2017) Today, Thursday, more than 70 artists from across the mid-Atlantic will descend on the Eastern Shore for the 14th annual Paint Snow Hill, creating fresh art that will be available for purchase this weekend.

Ann Coates, owner of Bishop’s Stock Fine Art, Craft & Wine, said the event’s genesis traces to a conversation she had with local artist Ron Lambert shortly after opening her business in November 2003. Lambert, who died a decade ago, had just participated in the inaugural Paint Annapolis event that September.

The centuries-old tradition of plein air painting was advanced by the French Impressionists and allows artists to shed the four walls of a studio space to capture the subtleties of light in a natural setting. The French expression “en plein air” translates to “in the open air.”

The conversation with Lambert connected Coates with the Mid-Atlantic

Plein Air Painters Association, a regional group of artists who paint in open-air settings.

“It was my good fortune to connect with them and kind of get our name out there,” Coates said. “The third weekend in April became our weekend and it has been for 14 years.”

Although the tradition has subsequently been adopted elsewhere on the Lower Shore, the Snow Hill event predates others in the area.

“We started in April of 2004,” she said. “We were actual the first on the shore to do it.”

Unlike many plein air events, the Snow Hill gathering is noncompetitive, Coates said.

“It sort of gives artists a chance to come and start their season,” she said. “We call it spring training.”

Instead of having a jury select winners, Coates said the intent is providing an experience for artists of varying abilities.

“Some are extremely talented and experienced and some are novices,” she

said. “In the 13 years that we’ve done this, people who were novices have now become extremely talented.”

Since staring more than a decade ago, Coates said participation has steadily increased.

“When we first started we would have 40 or so artists,” she said. “We ac-
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Baker Street repairs to keep oyster shells, history intact

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town to do something about the street, reiterated on Monday that it was in a state of disrepair.

She said the street was once a dirt road, and that the remaining concrete and oyster shell center strip represented its original width. As vehicles got wider, the street was broadened with blacktop.

"We've lived on the street for 40 years. There has not been any maintenance done on that street since then," she said.

Resident Todd DeHart thanked the council for being sensitive to the historic nature of the street.

"I just wanted to show appreciation for the fact that the mayor and council is looking into doing something that is very obviously needed ... in terms of helping to preserve the historical look and curb appeal and all the wonderful things about the street that represents the town," he said.

Robert Poli, who sits on the Historic District Commission, wondered if that panel should have the power to review plans for historic roads within the district. Poli said he was concerned about urban sprawl in the town.

"As the town continues to grow area wise, the historic district is going to get smaller and smaller," he said. "It's inevitable. There's been so many annexations in this town over the years that there's not going to be much of a historic district for people to come in.

"If we want to keep a historic district and have people attracted to the area, we have to try to maintain it that way. That's a beautiful street. That's old concrete with shells in it. I would like to see that whole thing expanded to the curbs," Poli added.

Town Administrator Laura Allen said she looked into that, but estimates came back two or three times the cost of pavement.

Instead, Allen said the town and DBF would look for a company that could restore the center strip of the road. The surrounding pavement would simply be repaved.

"One of the challenges we have with that concrete portion is it has oyster

shells embedded in it, so we've asked Davis, Bowen & Friedel to see if they can find somebody who does this work ... and if not, at least somebody who's got some sensitivity around the historic aspects of that center portion and can handle it with a little TLC," she said.

Allen said the project, including the construction phase, had an estimated price tag of \$120,000-\$130,000.

Also during the meeting, a proposed resolution that would close through traffic on Baker Street to trucks, excluding deliveries to businesses or residents on the street, was tabled because of an apparent conflict with town code.

Last Wednesday, Parks told the Historic District Commission cars, tractor-trailers and pickup trucks that traveled down the street sounded like they were going over rumble strips. She said heavy traffic, exacerbated by the closing of Harrison Avenue, had further damaged Baker Street.

Trucks, however, are defined in town code as any vehicle weighing more than a ton. Councilman Thom Gulyas pointed out that virtually every automobile produced today would qualify as a truck by that definition.

"I don't know one car that doesn't exceed one ton," Gulyas said. "The average weight of [vehicles] in 2012 was over 4,000 pounds - that's two tons."

Town Attorney David Gaskill said he would work on a revision to town code. He said that would likely come up for a first reading during the next Town Council meeting, April 24, and require a period of advertising before a public hearing could be held in May.

If that passed, the first reading to close Baker Street could then be reintroduced, Gaskill said. That would also require a first reading, period of advertising, and a public hearing.

Council Vice President Elroy Brittingham, filling in for Mayor Gee Williams during the meeting, invited residents of Baker Street to contact elected officials and town staff if they had any more suggestions regarding the street.

"It's been a long time coming, so we're going to make sure to get it right for the residents," Brittingham said.

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**Board members respond to
Ocean Pines resident letters**

■ PINES POOLS continued
 only status of the pool.

Board President Tom Herrick responded that under Resolution M-02, on amenity policy, the general manager has the authority to "control the reservation and scheduling of Association amenities and in addition establishing rules for participant use for various amenities including the use of our swimming pools."

"Rules are not subject to pre-implementation approval by the Board. A Board member who desires a review of a new or revised rule is responsible for having a review placed on a Board meeting agenda," Herrick wrote. "The Board of Directors has recently decided that the proposed scheduling and rules changes made to the Oasis pool by the General Manager be placed on the agenda for our next scheduled Board meeting for further discussion."

Board Vice President Dave Stevens said he was present when the original version of M-02 was passed by the board.

"I ... can say with a fair degree of certainty that allowing a GM to make a change of this nature was not envisioned," Stevens wrote. "Changing a policy that has been in effect since the beginning of Ocean Pines nearly 50 years ago is hardly in the class of the routine scheduling and rules generation found in M-02. However, at the same time, there is nothing in M-02 that specifies an exception for the 'adults-only' policy at the YC pool, nor as far as I know has anything been written in the past that establishes this as a policy."

"I believe that the most straightforward way to address this issue is for a Board majority to request a Special Meeting which will make it clear that our long-standing use of the of the pool as 'adults-only' is policy. I have already requested this meeting," Stevens added.

Helen Curley, who has been a regular at the pool for nearly two decades, also sent a letter to the board last week.

Curley, during a phone interview on Friday, said the recent installation of a pirate ship playground next to the pool seemed to her like the first step in changing the longstanding adults-only policy.

"To me, it's just a way of having the parents be able to come out without having to hire a babysitter and bring the kids with them so they can sell food and liquor at the bar there," Curley said.

Curley said her letter received several responses from board members.

"They said they didn't even know this was happening – this was news to them," she said. "But they weren't in favor of it."

"They didn't say what they planned to do, but several of them also felt that the wooden pirate ship was the beginning of bringing kids to that pool,"

Curley added.

She also received a response from Hill, which she said she did not care for.

"He offered to give me my [pool membership] money back," Curley said. "Well, that wasn't the point. The point was I wanted to go to the adult pool and he's trying to take it away. I didn't think that was a very nice way to respond to me, to say 'here's your money, don't come back – here's your hat, what's your hurry?'"

According to Curley, Hill invited her to use the Swim and Racquet Club pool on Sundays, but she balked at the suggestion. Then, she said, he went so far as to look into Ocean Pines records to see how often she used the pool.

"Strange as it was, he went back and counted the times I was at the pool on Sundays in the last two years," Curley said. "He said, since [she is] not at the pool that much on Sundays, he doesn't see where it's an issue for me."

Curley said she had spoken to many of her friends in Ocean Pines who were also opposed to the change.

"The adult pool is sort of the one thing that the seniors have, and we've been feeling for a while that they didn't want us to have it," she said.

She said it was ironic the pool was renamed "Oasis."

"It's still the yacht club pool to me," she said. "It seems like this whole thing was done unilaterally with no knowledge – none of the directors knew it. All my friends that I've discussed this with, they're not happy about it. That's our pool."

"I think they feel they don't make as much money off of the seniors as they would with the younger people and people with kids – they buy more liquor [and] that's where they make their money," Curley continued. "But that's our pool. It's been my pool for 18 years."

Hill, also on Friday, said he wasn't sure what all the fuss was about.

"I know Gary Miller wrote a letter to the board. And we had one other resident send a letter to the board who asked for her money back, and when we offered her money back she said, 'don't worry, it doesn't matter, I don't use the pool on Sundays anyway,'" Hill said.

He said the change was made because county restrictions closed the popular Family Fun Night, previously held at the Oasis pool on Wednesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. Hill said ordinances related to occupancy of Mumford's Landing, the yacht club, required the adjacent pool and marina to close by 6 p.m.

"We're trying to play good with the county and the rules that we're supposed to follow," Hill said. "What we proposed and what's in the Activity Guide is we would make Swim and Racquet an adult-only pool for Sunday afternoon and make it a fun day on Sundays over at, now the Oasis Pool,"

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GM Hill defends change to Sunday schedule at Oasis

Continued from Page 6 for the afternoon.

“At the end of the day, the county bent over backwards for us to allow for the facility to open at all,” Hill said. “Where Ocean Pines was given an inch, they took a mile [under a previous administration], and they definitely stretched everything beyond the limit. At the end of the day we’re in this county forever and we need to have a good relationship with the county. It they have rules and guidelines, it doesn’t matter how big of a taxpayer base we are or who we think we are, we have to follow the rules like everybody else.”

Hill said Family Fun Nights brought in as much revenue “as bands we pay \$1,000 for.”

“To lose that kind of revenue out of the restaurant by not having the families over there – and for the sheer popularity of the event – we tried to find the best way to accommodate everyone,” he said. “The solution came to switching one of the other pools to adult-only at that time.”

Ocean Pines is also pursuing a liquor license for the Swim and Racquet Club Pool, Hill said. He said the matter would be on the county liquor board agenda for May 17.

“We won’t be a full service bar because of the size of the operation, but we will be able to serve limited beverages out of the Swim and Racquet Club facility, pending that license award,” Hill said. “With a May 17 review, it is very likely that the liquor license will be in place before the facility is open.”

Hill said he would not open the Oasis pool to families, other than during Sunday nights from June through September.

“There are no plans,” Hill said. “I believe that is clearly demonstrated by the fact that the time which is shifted for adults only was shifted to another pool. Operations recognize the needs and desires of a certain portion of the community to have that private, adult space. The alternative location provided, I believe, a fair compromise that should accommodate the entire membership.”

Jacobs, however, said that was something of a red herring because the board was told Family Fun Nights would simply be moved to Wednesday nights at the Swim and Racquet Club pool.

She also objected to the way the news was delivered to the board.

“We’ve received a complaint from a homeowner, which is how I learned about this in the first place – [the board] didn’t know anything about this, as per usual,” Jacobs said on Friday. “As a result of that we have had and will continue to have further discussions about this.”

A special meeting is set for 7 p.m. in the Assateague Room in the community center on 235 Ocean Parkway.



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OATH OF OFFICE

Pocomoke Mayor Bruce Morrison, right, swears in councilman Dale Trotter for his second term during the council meeting on Monday following his election victory on April 4.



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Annual Paint Snow Hill to include preview show, Sat.

■ PLEIN AIR continued
tually have 73 right now.”

While Bishop’s Stock displayed the plein air art works those first few years, about a decade ago Coates said the show was relocated to the Old Firehouse on West Green Street.

“It’s a much bigger space and we have panels that ... they can have four-to-six paintings on the panel,” she said. “We end up having 200 to 250 paintings in the show.”

Over the years, Coates said the event has lured creative types from a number of neighboring states, and a few from even greater distances.

“The artists come from throughout the mid-Atlantic,” she said. “We actually have a gal who comes from Oregon.”

Snow Hill welcomes the visitors from any distance with open arms, Coates said.

“We have hosts, people in the community, that will give a guest room for the artist to stay in,” she said. “This year we have about 35 artists that are staying in town with local folks.”

Unlike other comparable events, Coates said the artists are allowed to choose a locale to portray on canvas anywhere in Snow Hill, or in neighboring communities like Newark, Girdle-tree or Stockton.

“Since this is an informal paint out we don’t have places where they have to paint,” she said. “I try to keep an idea of where people are painting if somebody comes and wants to watch them. This is not billed as a real spectator event because of that very reason.”

After the creative juices flow for a couple days, the public gets its first chance to peruse the selections during a “wet paint” show and sale on Saturday from 6-8 p.m. at the Old Firehouse. The ticketed event costs \$30, with the admission price being applied to purchases.

“On Saturday we have the preview show and most everybody goes to [local] places just to get a bite to eat,” she said. “They give a lot of business to

businesses in town.”
The art show and sale at the Old Firehouse continues on Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. without an admission charge.

“The only issue is you don’t get to see all the paintings because if someone comes in on Saturday and wants to get a first look at the paintings, and first choice, they can buy a painting and it goes home with them,” she said.

Regardless of which day art connoisseurs opt to peruse the show, Coates said there would be a wealth of choices.

“It’s all different and all different styles,” she said. “Watercolor, oil, we have a couple that do acrylic and then pastels.”

With prices starting at less than \$100 dollars, Coates said there are options for any sized budget.

“We’ll have somebody that does a little painting and they might charge \$75 or \$50,” she said. “Then you get to some of the more established artists who are really known throughout these types of events, who are extremely talented, and they can go up to \$750 or \$1,000. Most of the paintings stay within \$350.”

Although not a juried show, Coates said there is an artist’s choice award for the paintings that vary in size from 8 by 10 inches, to 11 by 14 inches.

“We do offer one award and that is awarded by the artists who are participating,” she said. “We do it for the artists to decide on who they think has the best body of work and they get \$1,000.”

Coates said each year 25 percent of revenues raised support events and grants sponsored by the Snow Hill Arts on the River, Arts & Entertainment District.

“Last year I think we sold like 56 paintings, which doesn’t sound like a lot, but it really is pretty good,” she said.

For Coates, the Paint Snow Hill event will always be associated with her departed friend Lambert.

“This is a bit of a good memory of him,” she said. “It’s a nice legacy for him.”

No plans yet, but Snow Hill to start development talks

■ HOUSING continued
homes built in the future, although no concrete plans have been formed, Dorman said.

“This is more for people to hear some of the ideas and to see what’s out here,” he said. “They’re going through all different scenarios.”

Dorman hopes the meeting is productive and is waiting to see what pans out from the discussion.

“It depends on which way we would like to go – we being the council – and then [Glass will] develop from that a site plan,” he said. “The main thing is does the town have the sewage capacity to

support what he’s asking for, and that’s what were trying to find out.”

Dorman said Kevin Karpinski, Snow Hill town attorney, would be in attendance to lend a legal perspective.

“He [Glass] wants to do something and he wants to know whether he’s got the EDUs to do this and to see if the town leaders would support what he’s after,” he said.

Matt Odachowski, who first proposed the Summerfield development more than a decade ago and recently purchased 400 acres of the original parcel, adjacent to the Pocomoke River, will introduce Glass.



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Worcester Technical High School chef/instructor Phil Cropper leads a demonstration on homemade, all-natural cupcake frosting for middle school students from the Berlin Youth Club on Monday. Afterwards, he gave the students a tour of the facilities.

From confections to cosmetology, students tour Tech

The children arrived just after 3 p.m. and were treated to a snack of chicken fingers, French fries and fruit punch by chef/instructor Phil Cropper. What he didn't tell them – at least at first – is the fries were made of cauliflower and the fruit punch was made with green tea, ginger ale, fresh fruits and beet juice.

Cropper started working with the Berlin Youth Club, a program of Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services in Berlin, during the summer. He was recruited, he said, by local business owner Robin Tomaselli of Baked Desert Café.

"We're here today to promote all the different trade programs at the tech school," Cropper said. "We're going to talk about the culinary program and give them a tour of the state-of-the-art \$3.5 million facility for culinary arts, and then tour the whole school and talk about all 30 programs that we're doing, starting next year, so they can see the different options that they're going to have as they get into high school."

First, however, he led a demonstration on homemade whipped cream and showed the students how to top cupcakes with the confection, adding some fresh fruit and 24-karat, edible gold-dust for good measure.

“It’s a reward to take some of the kids that are misguided and try to show them the big picture of what is available,” Cropper said. “It’s maybe taking a kid that doesn’t want to go into culinary or masonry or nursing or any of the programs here and show them that it is doable. It’s rewarding to see the kids growing and to help guide them.”

Worcester Youth Program Coordinator Amanda Chaffee said the trip was a chance for the kids to get a taste of what's available to them.

"I think they get the opportunity to see what they like and what they may not like. And they're trying something new," she said. "We're trying to introduce them to all these different activities, which many of these kids may be interested in the next couple of years, whether that's next year or waiting until their junior or senior years."

"It gives them a chance to see what's out there and maybe they'll decide to go on a track at Worcester Tech – or maybe they won't – but it gives them a lot of different opportunities," Chaffee added.

Tomaselli said it was important to show the students the kind of opportunities they have in their own community.

"They can not only go to high school at Stephen Decatur, but also learn some trades that can translate into work later on," she said. "Particularly, for the area that we live in,

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Berlin Youth Club eyes job training for SDMS students

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which is so resort-driven, there is so much work to be had if you have experience. Even if that's not what they want to do for the rest of their life, it's something that can help them get work while they're in high school, while they're in college – really, no matter where they go.”

Tomaselli has been a fixture of Berlin Youth Club programs for more than a year, leading cooking classes, arranging trips to other local restaurants, or just accompanying the group as an extra set of hands.

“I just love these kids. And I love [Chaffee],” she said. “But I think the most important thing to me is – and it's selfish on my part – but it makes me feel good to be part of something that exposes children to something they might not necessarily be exposed to so that they can see there is promise and hope. There are things out there that they can utilize and they can learn to take care of themselves, eventually.”

Next week, she said, Globe restaurant owner Jen Dawicki will talk to the youth club about filling out job applications and how to have a successful interview.

The goal is to give the students all the skills they need to find employment – whatever their eventual field may be.

“The next phase of it will be, hopefully, a jobs fair that will include any employer in Berlin that is looking for some young help, understanding that these kids, for most of them, it would be the first job that they ever have,” Tomaselli said. “If they're respectful, if they're loyal, if they're prompt, most [employers] are willing to train people.

“Hopefully, this is just going to build,” she continued. “Here they see that they have opportunities in high school to learn a trade, and hopefully that will translate to them being able to fill out an application themselves and actually gain employment so they can start making some money.”

Community Briefs

Honor Roll

Senior Katie Hofman of Berlin, was named a commended scholar (all grades of 85 or above) during the winter term at Mercersburg Academy.

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Cricket Center, WCCA make council pitches

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(April 13, 2017) Representatives from the Cricket Center and the Worcester County Commission on Aging appeared before the Berlin Town Council Monday night to make made separate requests for inclusion in the fiscal year 2018 budget.

Cricket Center Program Director Wendy Myers said one in five boys and one in three girls would experience sexual abuse before they turn 18, according to recent statistics. The center works to prosecute child sexual abuse in the county by collaborating with social services, law enforcement,

child-protective services, the Worcester County State's Attorney, Atlantic General Hospital and Life Crisis.

Myers said the center served 96 children last year and provided 512 hours of trauma therapy. Activities at the center directly led to 21 arrests and 179 years of jail time, she said.

The annual Cricket Center Walk The Boards for Kids event in Ocean City, both a fundraiser and awareness drive, is scheduled for Monday, April 30.

Roberta Baldwin, director of Worcester County Social Services, thanked the council for its support. The town has partially funded the center through an annual grant for a number of years.

"To see a child enter the center and feel comfortable enough to tell a story about a very horrific experience that they've had, and to be able to see them ... feel empowered is an amazing thing," she said. "Certainly the support that you offer to the agency helps us to continue to do that."

Councilman Dean Burrell underscored the importance of the center.

"On behalf of the Town Council and the citizens of Berlin – and Worcester County in general – we would like to thank you," Burrell said. "Thank you for the service that you

provide to our children and [for] keeping them safe."

Rob Hart, executive director of the Worcester County Commission on Aging, said he recently sent a letter to Town Administrator Laura Allen asking for funding assistance for daily activities. The commission operates four senior centers in the county, including one in Berlin, which Hart called the most active center in the county.

"I like to think that we're the front line for seniors," Hart said. "If they have an issue, they can call us and we're going to be able to answer that."

Hart asked the Pocomoke City Council for \$1,500 last month. He requested \$2,500 from Berlin.

According to Hart, the Berlin center serves about 93 seniors each month, but operates mainly with a volunteer workforce. Last year, the commission received \$90,000 from Worcester County, and Hart said he would increase the annual request to \$110,000 to hire a full-time staffer.

The town will hold its first budget session of the year on Monday, April 17 at town hall, starting at 5:30 p.m.

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Former Marine Dale running for Snow Hill council seat

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(April 13, 2017) Longtime Snow Hill resident Sylvester Dale has tossed his hat in the ring for the City Council's open seat in the western district.

"Since I'm a citizen of Snow Hill I have the right to file and I wanted to be a part of Snow Hill," he said. "I lived here all my life I think and I have the voice of the people of Snow Hill – not just the western district, but the town as a whole."

Registered voters in Snow Hill's western district will head to the polls on May 2 to pick a new representative to replace outgoing City Councilman Michael Pruitt. Dale is running against LaToya Purnell for the council position.

After graduating from Worcester High School in Newark in 1968, Dale enlisted in the U.S. Marine's First Combat Engineer Battalion. He spent the next two years on life-risking endeavors overseas.

"I was a combat engineer," he said. "We did mine sweeps to clear the roads in the morning for vehicles, and we built bunkers and roads. I'm glad to [have survived]."

Since returning from Southeast Asia in 1970, Dale has seen his hometown slowly evolve.

"It's changed for the good, Snow Hill has. There's been a lot of improvements in town," he said.

Dale said addressing abandoned or neglected properties in Snow Hill was a top priority.

"In the western district we have several homes that need attention," he said. "The grass and everything is overgrown."

Locating absentee landowners can be a daunting task, but Dale said in some cases information may be available from sources outside of official town records.

"If you talk to neighbors in the neighborhood, maybe they know the

next of kin or other relatives and probably could contact them," he said.

In preparation for a spot on the council, Dale served on several municipal boards, including the Property Reuse Committee, the Housing Review Committee and the Tree Committee.

Despite the competition with Purnell for the council seat, Dale said the race would be friendly.

"I know she lives right down the street from me and I have no objection against her running," he said. "The reason why I ran is I just didn't want one person to run."

In the event the victor had to step down from their position, Dale said a second candidate would be in line as an immediate replacement.

Another objective Dale highlighted is reviving the stalled Summerfield housing project, "to increase the population in the town and to bring business into the town, which we are doing with Toy Town," he said. "It's a small, sleepy community."

Dale also noted the natural assets of Snow Hill and its proximity to the Pocomoke River as another means to continue fostering growth in the town.

"I'm for the people of the town, there's no one-sided position that I hold, but just for the whole community as a whole," he said. "I will have an open line to listen to people's concerns."

Despite his sincere respect for his opponent, Dale thinks voters should give him the nod on May 2.

"The reason I should be elected is I think I have a little bit more community input and I'm well known around town," he said. "I know a lot of people because I like talking to people. That really goes a long way."

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Pocomoke passes
interim financing
for pump station

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(April 13, 2017) While not unanimous, the Pocomoke City Council approved the next steps to secure financing for an approximately \$2.5 million rehabilitation of the Clarke Avenue pumping station at its meeting on Monday.

City Manager/City Attorney Ernie Crofoot provided a breakdown on the project funding.

“The projected cost for the Clarke Avenue main pumping station rehabilitation is just a hair under \$2.5 million dollars,” he said. “Part of that money is going to be paid by a grant from the Maryland Department of the Environment.”

Crofoot estimated the state grant would provide about \$1 million of the cost, with the remaining \$1.5 million sourced from a USDA loan.

By a vote of 4-1, with Councilwoman Diane Downing opposed, the council approved on second reading a resolution to reimburse expenditures incurred with the project.

“The IRS requires us to have one of these if we want to get back any of the money we’ve spent,” he said. “If the amount exceeds what we were entitled to borrow then some of it we won’t get paid back.”

The process for acquiring loans from the USDA typically involves extensive engineering and environmental studies prior to financial approval, Crofoot said.

“It doesn’t create any specific cost to us, but it will create the inability to be reimbursed on the money if we don’t have one,” he said. “It doesn’t borrow money, it doesn’t spend money, [and] it enables us to recover money.”

The other item the council approved by a vote of 3-2, with Downing and Esther Troast opposed, was a bank solicitation letter soliciting interim financing.

“We will need to issue a bond anticipation note to a bank that will fund the payments on the project until the project is completed at which time the grant and the USDA loan is disbursed,” he said.

“The interim construction financing, we will be paying interest to carry that when the principal is disbursed from the grant and the loan. The interim bank gets paid and we start the service payments on the USDA loan.”

Mayor Bruce Morrison inquired about Pocomoke’s bond rating, which Crofoot explained isn’t applicable.

“We don’t have a bond rating,” he said. “We don’t have the kind of general obligation debt that a lot of jurisdictions have. If we had one it would be in peril.”

Crofoot also cautioned that the final cost could fluctuate depending on the project bids received.

“Right now the drawings are at the 100 percent level, meaning we’ve gotten the comments back from USDA and should have the MDE comments ... within the next couple of weeks then we go out to bid,” he said. “If all things go well we should be put to bid by the end of April.”



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Nguyen to take over former Berlin Shoe Box building

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(April 13, 2017) The previous owner apparently left the building on 110 North Main Street, once home to both the Berlin Shoe Box and World of Toys, in poor condition. The Shoe Box closed in February and the toy store is in the process of moving to a larger space across the street in downtown Berlin.

New owner Sonny Nguyen promised to renovate the building with respect to the historic nature of the downtown. The Berlin Historic District Commission approved new signage and façade improvements for his new business, Main Street Nails, last Wednesday, but not before several on the commission delivered a note of caution.

Nguyen, who also operates OC Nails on 64th Street, said there was paint chipping off the exterior of the building and he had found a good deal of rotted wood both inside and out.

For now, he plans to replace what he can while waiting for more façade improvement funding to come through the town, likely next year. Nguyen said he wants to open as soon as possible.

He will take over the side of the building formerly occupied by Berlin Shoe Box. Patty Jean's Boutique, cur-

rently on 116 Broad Street, will move into the other slot as soon as next month.

Commission member Mary Moore said the building was in the worst state of disrepair of all the businesses on Main Street. She said a rendering Nguyen presented to the commission did not go far enough in demonstrating his plans to rehabilitate it.

"A little rendering like this doesn't really tell me what it's going to look like. I want it to look true to the era and the period of the town," she said. "I think we're remiss if we don't say it's going to cost a lot of money."

"Everyone wants you to do well – I want you to do well," Moore continued. "I just want to make sure ... when you talked about a lack of finances that you have for this that you were aware this is a very expensive proposition."

Moore said the commission had "listened to many young people" who came before the commission with good intentions, but did not realize the extent of what they were getting into when buying a property like the one on Main Street.

"It gets to be very complicated and it drags out what you're trying to do. I'm just trying to be very open," she said.

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Main Street Nails and Patty Jean's Boutique coming soon

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Nguyen said he understood what was involved and vowed to put his heart – and his wallet – into the building.

“I came to this country with no money,” he said. “I worked hard. I supported my two kids in college. When I say I’ll do it, I’ll do it.”

As evidence, Nguyen said he had already paid a lot of money to produce the rendering.

“That’s just a baby step,” Moore said. “This [drawing] is nothing.”

Berlin Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells said she had spoken extensively with Nguyen. She said the town had exhausted its supply of façade grant funding, but she was almost certain more would be available next year.

If and when that happens, she assured the commission Nguyen would be at the top of the list to receive a portion. The matching grant provides up to \$10,000 per applicant.

“We talked about how he wanted to make the building look beautiful and how he was excited to open his business here. He wants to fit into the downtown business community,” Wells said. “I truly believe that he intends to follow through on the plan.”

The commission granted unani-

mous approval of the façade improvements and the new signage, in separate votes. Nguyen said the sign would be the same size as the one hanging over World of Toys.

“Welcome to Berlin,” Commission Chairwoman Carol Rose said. “Work, work, work and get open.”

‘I came to this country with no money. I worked hard. I supported my two kids in college. When I say I’ll do it, I’ll do it’
Sonny Nguyen

Also during the meeting, the commission unanimously granted approval for new lamppost lighting on 120 North Main Street, the future home of The Island Creamery. The ice cream shop could be open as soon as this week.

The commission voted 3-1 to grant approval for two light fixtures over the exterior signage at the Berlin Butcher Shop on 101 William Street.

One member, Betty Tustin, voted against the lighting because she thought they were unnecessary. She noted she voted against similar sign lighting during two previous instances.



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Berlin Clean-Up Day looking for help feeding volunteers

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(April 13, 2017) Organizers of Berlin Clean-Up Day, April 22, continue to search for an organization to help feed its volunteer workforce.

SonRise Church had supplied grilled hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and canned soda for participants during prior years, but was apparently overbooked on the date, which also happens to be Earth Day.

In Berlin, the annual event calls on members of the community to help freshen up town parks. The Berlin Parks Commission oversees Clean-Up Day, and registration start at 8:30 a.m. at both Stephen Decatur and Dr. William Henry parks.

Last year, volunteers and members of town staff planted flowers in the beds outside of Berlin Falls park, installed four new park benches at Henry Park, and assisted with trimming, weeding and gardening at Stephen Decatur Park.

At noon, about 100 volunteers gathered at Henry Park for a free lunch a good deal of camaraderie.

During a parks commission meeting last Tuesday, Administrative Services Director Mary Bohlen, the liaison to the group, said she had sent a few emails to town staff and elected officials asking for ideas for potential donors. She said Home Depot agreed to donate water for Clean-Up Day, but the town was still looking for assistance with food.

"We asked if there was any organization that could step up and do it and have not really gotten any response," she said. "Even if we just had individually packaged cookies and crackers and just snack kind of stuff [it would help]."

If no one steps forward, she said, the show would still go on.

"Nobody is showing up to work for two hours for the reward of a frozen

hamburger patty – but it's always nice to be able to provide that," Bohlen said.

According to a press release issued about the event last Thursday, some supplies will be available for use, but participants are encouraged to bring their own if possible. Rakes, shovels and wheelbarrows are especially needed.

The event will include free children's activities at 11 a.m. at both Henry and Stephen Decatur parks. Students from Salisbury University will hand out information about green initiatives.

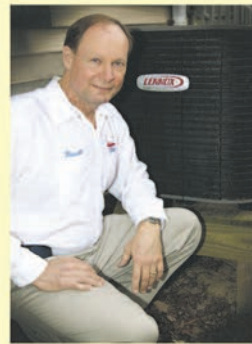
Commission member Patricia Dufendach noted that April 22 would be a busy day in Berlin. It will also mark the debut of a new event, the "Blessing of the Wheels," organized by Gussie Sholtis of Sheppard Realty. The mayor and council granted approval for the festival during a meeting in February.

Sholtis said the Blessing of the Wheels would honor nonmotorized means of transportation at Stephen Decatur Park from noon to 3 p.m., in honor of Earth Day. A "signs of spring" scavenger hunt, children's crafts, a tree and bird-identification walking tour of the park, and a 0.10K race for seniors citizens with walkers were also planned.

The Berlin Parks Commission also has its hands in another busy day in Berlin, Saturday, May 6, when it will host the spring Just Walk event at Stephen Decatur Park. Registration is scheduled to start at 8:30 a.m. and is free. The event will begin at 9 a.m.

Touch a Truck Day, at Stephen Decatur Park, and the Jazz and Blues Bash, set in downtown Berlin, will also be held on May 6.

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Abundance of Easter events planned in area

By Kara Hallissey
Staff Writer

(April 13, 2017) There are plenty of Easter festivities for the entire family to enjoy this weekend in Ocean City and the surrounding areas, from egg hunts and games for children to sunrise services.

Here are a few of the events taking place:

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- Celebrate Good Friday with a Cross Walk on the Ocean City Boardwalk, Friday, April 14, at noon.

Participants should meet at the Son'Spot on Worcester Street and walk along the Boardwalk to Fourth Street. The group will carry a cross, sing songs and hymns and stop periodically for brief devotions on the cross.

"Every couple of blocks, we will stop and the pastors do a devotional on what the cross means," said Pastor Sean Davis. "It's a nice event and everyone is welcome to come."

The Ocean City Christian Minis-

ters Association hosts the Cross Walk and it will take place rain or shine. For more information, call 410-289-6573.

- Ocean City's 18th annual Easter Art, Craft and Kids Fun Fair returns Friday and Saturday, April 14-15, with more than 15 Easter egg hunts, musical chairs, hula hoop and limbo contests, in addition to other activities at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center on 40th Street.

The fun begins at 10 a.m. and will continue until 5 p.m. both days with Beanie the Easter Bunny kicking off the festivities each morning. There will be jelly bean guessing contests, coloring tables, egg spoon races, fastest dresser relays, balloon games and appearances by Sponge Bob.

On both days, John Donaldson will perform Magic n' Fun at noon, followed by a 2 p.m. juggling act from Cascading Carlos, who will also be on hand to teach juggling lessons.

For adults, more than 75 vendors will be featured in the art and craft

show offering a wide variety of unique gifts and accessories, in addition to door prizes up for grabs.

Admission costs is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children ages 4-18, and includes most activities. Children ages 3 and under, and members of the military, police or fire department are free with an ID. Seniors (60 and older) pay \$3.

There will also be pay-as-you-go activities, including sand art, face painting, hair wraps and painting, temporary tattoos, figurine painting, make-your-own crafts, a duck pond, photos with the Easter bunny, moon bounces, an obstacle course, swings, a rock climbing wall and a shark slide.

Visit www.oceanpromotions.info for a full list of events and times, and participating vendors.

- All aboard the Hippy Hoppity Hayride with the Easter Bunny on Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Boardwalk. The horse-drawn hayride leaves from the inlet

lot near Thrasher's fries and travels around the pier to North Division Street and back. The cost is \$10 per person and children 3 and under ride free.

For more information or to make reservations, call 443-783-1409.

- Ocean City Recreation and Parks and the Worcester County Health Department are sponsoring a free one-mile "Every Bunny Walk" at Northside Park on Saturday, April 15.

Registration will take place at 10:30 a.m. before the walk starts a half hour later led by the Easter Bunny.

After the walk, participants are encouraged to check out vendors providing health information including the Worcester County Health Department and Vernon Powell.

Pre-registration is encouraged for the "Every Bunny Walk." For more information or to register, call 410-632-0056 or email regina.mason@maryland.gov for a registration form.

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In addition, refreshments, visits from the Easter Bunny and songs from "Once on This Island, Jr." performed by The Schoolhouse Theater Arts Traveling Troupe will round out the festivities for children 2-10 years old and their families.

Ocean City residents pay \$6 and non-residents \$8 per child to enter the Fun Shop. Everyone must pre-register and space is limited. Register in person at the Northside Park Recreation Complex on 125th Street or online at <http://oceancitymd.gov/oc/departments/recreation-parks/>.

For more information, call Ocean City Recreation and Parks at 410-250-0125.

• The Ocean City Christian Ministers Association will host a community Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 16 from 6-7 a.m. on the Boardwalk at North Division Street. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Ministers and musicians from several Ocean City churches will participate in the service that combines preaching and singing. Bleachers and chairs will be provided, but attendees are encouraged to bring a blanket.

If it rains, the sunrise service will take place in the Atlantic United Methodist Church on the corner of Fourth Street and Baltimore Ave. Call 410-289-6573 for more information.

BERLIN:

• The Berlin Chamber of Commerce

will host its 22nd annual Spring Celebration on Saturday, April 15, on Main Street from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A pancake breakfast with Peter Rabbit at Rayne's Reef restaurant will kick off festivities. There are 8, 8:45, 9:30 or 10:15 a.m. seatings available. A reservation is required and can be made by calling 410-641-4775. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$6 for children.

An Easter egg hunt sponsored by On What Grounds commences at 1 p.m. on the corner of Washington and West Streets in addition to free pony rides on Commerce Street from 1-3 p.m.

The Mad Hatter parade will start at 3 p.m. outside of Worcester Youth and Family. There will be games, crafts, face painting, a moon bounce, live music and a Cupcake Walk.

For more information, contact the chamber at 410-641-4775 or chamberinfo@berlinchamber.org.

SNOW HILL:

• The Burbage Funeral Home at 208 W. Federal St. in Snow Hill will host an Easter egg hunt at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 15. Children ages 2-8 are welcome to participate in the bring-your-own basket or bag event. There will be prizes and refreshments. For more information, call 410-632-9991.

POCOMOKE:

• Community clergy will have a Good Friday service Friday, April 14, at noon. It will be at Bethany United Methodist Church at 205 Market Street in Pocomoke.

• Salem United Methodist Church will have an Ecumenical Easter sunrise service on the Pocomoke River, Sunday, April 16, starting at 6:20 a.m. on the dock directly behind the church. Pastor Brian Albert will speak and Salem Brass will provide special music during the service. Attendees should bring their own lawn chair. Call 410-957-0991 for more information.

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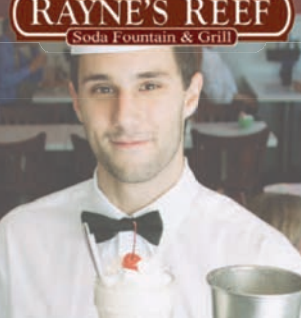
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Berlin art stroll to include outreach, exhibits and sales

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(April 13, 2017) Berlin's 2nd Friday festivities will feature more than a dozen art displays throughout the downtown area, along with sales and specials in restaurants from 5-8 p.m.

The Church Mouse Thrift Shop on 101 North Main Street will provide outreach to the Jesse Klump Memorial Fund. Information on suicide awareness and support information for survivors will be available through a representative set up outside the store. Inside, the shop will offer \$1 specials, with proceeds supporting the Klump Fund.

Bungalow Love on 9 South Main Street will host a DIY tabletop garden workshop from 5-7 p.m. Drop-ins are welcome.

On What Grounds? on 103 North Main Street Berlin will display "Images of Assateague," an exhibition by Rick and Tonia Hunt.

Nest on 11 South Main Street will feature Stephen Decatur student Zoe Watson, who creates handmade jewelry made from paper and plastics.

Baked Dessert Cafe on 4 Bay Street will show original artwork by Ian Posely and host a Michael and David wine tasting with special pricing.

Burley Oak Brewing Company on 10016 Old Ocean City Boulevard will

have acoustic husband-and-wife duo Bad Since Breakfast, starting at 9 p.m. The brewery will also feature local painter Patti Backer. She will have a table set up with prints. Twenty percent of her sales will be donated to Diakonia.

Random Juxtaposition on 9928 Old Ocean City Road, Unit 9, will celebrate spring with student artwork, including oil, acrylic, pastel and watercolor paintings. The gallery will also have rustic snacks and spring sangria from 5-8 p.m.

Blacksmith on 104 Pitts Street will have taco and drink specials.

The Globe on 12 Broad Street will feature a "Local's Favorite" artist competition.

Downtown Video on 114 North Main Street will display hand-painted gourds.

Heart of Gold Kids on 27 North Main Street will offer free Easter crafts for kids.

Wooden Octopus on 8 Jefferson Street will have an open studio.

The Worcester County Arts Council on 6 Jefferson Street will have an "Artist's Choice" juried art competition and exhibit with judging by Grover Cantwell.

Zenna Wellness on 10 South Main Street will have an open mic night, hosted by spoken word poet Ash'iz Tha Rebirth.

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Opinion

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OPA GM needs oversight

In recent months a number of decisions have been made by acting Ocean Pines General Manager Brett Hill that have seemingly caught most board members – along with the community – by surprise.

The latest example is opening up the previously adults-only Oasis/Yacht Club pool to families on Sunday afternoons during the summer season.

The only notice to board members and the community was a note in the recently published Activities Guide under aquatic pool hours, which lists the pool as adult-only (except Sundays 2-6 p.m. June 4 – September 3).

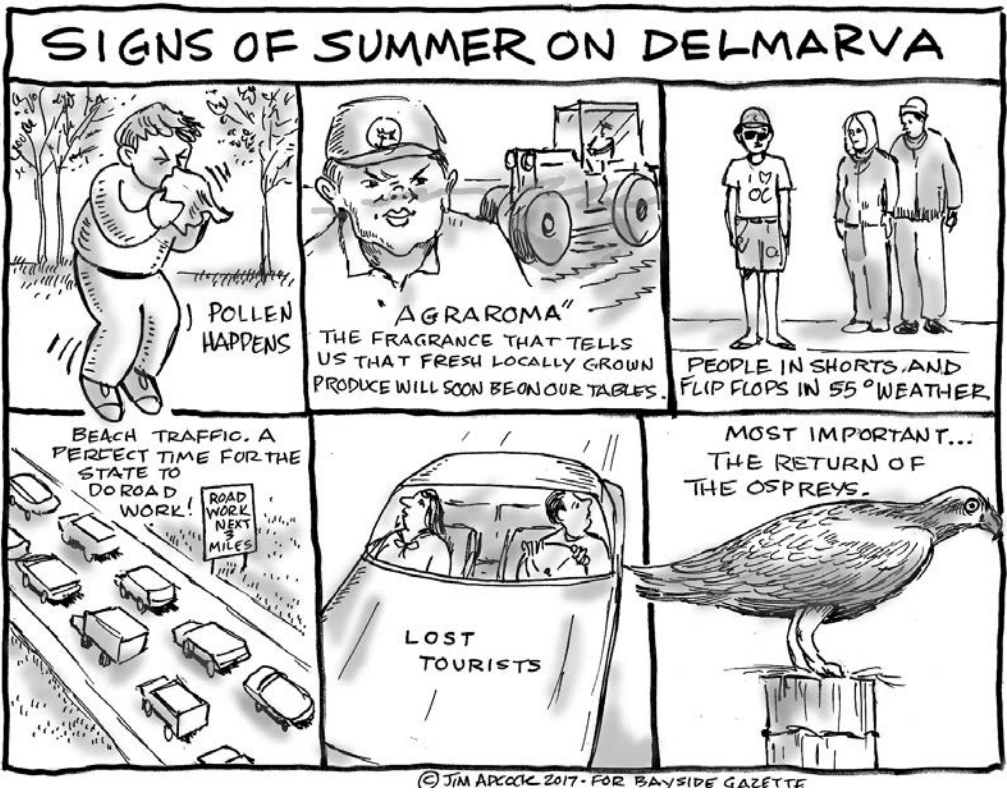
While this move certainly deserves further discussion on its own, more concerning is how one person can make changes of such impact in the community without input or oversight.

The general manager of the organization, whether a permanent hire or acting in the role temporarily, should not have the authority to unilaterally make any substantial changes without consulting the board, which is elected by the community to approve those changes.

Voters have entrusted them to make the best decisions for the community, with the expectation they would choose to get input from the community before making decisions of any importance.

Whoever the general manager is should also be expected to have the judgement to know when decisions need to be brought to the board for discussion.

An HOA, like any governing body is in place for a reason – primarily so no one person can rule the land as a personal domain. Certainly it is time for a clearer understanding of what decisions can be made without board approval or community input.



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Letters

Families, speak up

Editor,
Eight months ago, when I was elected to the Board of Directors for the Ocean Pines Association OPA, I answered the call to the largest number of voters who were looking for something different on the board, someone who was part of an unrepresented portion of the population, and someone who would bring change.

Since that election, I have faced challenges on an almost weekly basis that I have handled to the best of my abilities, while trying to balance my own business and my family life. Those challenges had been very manageable largely in part to a board that had been extremely supportive of me, and had worked with me through most of these challenges.

Over the last few weeks, however, that support has vanished, and it seems the politics of an election is becoming more important than working together as a group for the betterment of the association.

This week, I now have four directors revolting against me, and bringing me into a special meeting. Somehow, they feel that it is extremely urgent to redirect policies for events starting in June, and have even implied that I have acted outside of guidelines for the GM, despite the fact that M-02

clearly gives the GM the ability to set rules for the amenities.

While the Oasis pool (former “Yacht Club” pool) has been predominately an adult pool, it has for decades hosted a weekly family event where children and their parents and grandparents could come to swim, eat, and drink. In trying to address the poor decisions of previous management and boards, who built a structure that took away evening hours of adjacent amenities, I was left with trying to find a plan that would allow us to legally host family time at the Oasis pool.

With hours after 6 p.m. off the table, so we could be in compliance with Worcester County zoning, I took the input of staff and actual data from the membership system to best reallocate this family event to the least impactful time of the week, and even offered alternative adult only time in another pool, which was not the case on previous family fun nights. Even though previous management felt it was better to disregard the county code, I was not going to operate that way.

Certain directors, however, seem to feel that families don’t carry a voice, or priority in the amenities. Rather than compromise on a time so that families have a chance to enjoy a pool their assessments contributed to,

they want to completely eliminate the family activities from the Oasis pool.

Director Parks states, “I am a firm believer that the pool should remain ‘adults only’ at all times.” Director Jacobs states, “[I] believe the pool should remain adults only.”

Director Stevens wants it made clear that the “use of the of the pool as ‘adults-only.’” Director Trendic was the first Director to call for a special meeting to discuss this topic. This all despite the fact that this pool has for years hosted family events, and was not exclusively “adult only.”

Seeing this exchange this week, I am really left to wonder how I am supposed to represent the families of the association on this board, when the majority of the board seems to be against a compromise solution to maintain a balance of use for amenities, but would instead further restrict use so families lose a very popular family friendly program every week this summer.

Their answer is go to another pool, and they say that Swim and Racquet is an acceptable alternative. As a parent, I don’t see how it can be. They want to send families to a pool that is not family friendly. The S&R pool starts at four feet deep, and goes to approximately 10 feet. The Oasis pool, on the other hand, is three feet to al-

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Letters

most six feet. For young swimmers, being able to stand is extremely important, because they can't swim or tread water for long periods of time.

At S&R, this is very difficult for our young swimmers. That is why the nights at the Oasis pool were so popular, because kids of all ages were able to use the pool. That is also why Mumford's Pool is the most popular pool in Ocean Pines every day of the week in the summer, because it's 2 1/2 to five-foot depth works well for swimmers of all ages.

If families want to see these family friendly activities continue in this neighborhood, they need to start reaching out to the board and making sure their other elected representatives hear their voice. By the census, only 1/3 of our residents are of retirement age, which means 2/3 are families.

I have worked very hard for the last eight months to represent the entire population of Ocean Pines, and seek compromise to provide services and opportunities for that entire base. However, if the families don't speak out, you have a board that let the minority take control and put families second.

I hope I can continue to serve the people of Ocean Pines, and bring greater value to the amenities this neighborhood overs all of us.

Brett Hill
Acting GM and Director
Ocean Pines Association

Transparency not clear

Editor,
*Parting is such sweet sorrow
Or so the pundits say
But sometimes it's the best option
The winningest card to play*

The time has come for Jean and Pat Renaud to leave Ocean Pines. We are traveling north to be closer to our son.

Before we go, I would like to comment on the current state of affairs with the governance of the Ocean Pines Association. When I left the Presidency of the Board of Directors of OPA, I felt that the prior board had done a good job in keeping the association solvent with some tasks that still needed to be addressed by the next board. What I am seeing, however, is an association in a state of rampant flux.

There have been ten resignations and firings of key personnel since last August, a definite sign that things aren't going well. In reading the local papers there doesn't seem to be a clear direction or consensus among remaining board members about where and how they should proceed. It appears that they think that the budget is not something to be followed, but viewed as a nuisance. When one board member wants a costly project to be completed, they simply raise the issue and await compliance.

Transparency has gone by the way-

side as we are told that the Legacy Fund is gone, but where did it go? Swimming Pool/Beach Club changes are being made without member input. More often than not changes are instituted and we find out they are done after the fact. The Yacht Club is bleeding money and the attempt to make the sows ear Country Club into a silk purse entity is throwing good money away.

Our General Manager/Director Brett Hill has introduced his companies, FTS and ThinkBig, on two occasions to the Board for their consideration to allow them to place their fiber-optic cable next to the Mediacom cable, so that the homeowners will have a choice in the future. It may be a good idea, but for three reasons: Brett Hill owns FTS and ThinkBig, which presents a direct

conflict of interest; any large, expensive project like that would have to be competitively bid before any work could proceed, and it is estimated the cost to the average homeowner would double.

Issues like the member survey, the reserve fund study, and the roads and bridges repairs appear to have been abandoned.

Many of our friends and neighbors ask me what they can do about these situations and I tell them to call their favorite Director and attend the board meetings held once a month to make your voices heard. Or as one board member told me: "If you don't like Brett Hill and his cockamamie ideas, just leave." And we plan to do just that.

Pat Renaud, Ocean Pines
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Letters

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Editor,

According to the new OP Aquatics Guide, it seems that the newly branded YC pool, now called the “Oasis” pool, is going to have a Family Fun Day on Sundays from 2-6 p.m. with a DJ on the deck outside of the pool from 3-8 p.m. The event is open to all ages.

There will also be an Adults Only Swim on Sundays at the Swim & Racquet pool from 1-8 p.m. That means that the adult only YC pool is now open to families on Sunday (The busiest day of the week) starting at 2 p.m. I guess to accommodate the adults that do not want to be around kids, families with kids will be forced to leave the S&R so that it can be adults only. You might think that this change is taking the place of “Family Fun Night,” but that is still going to be held on Wednesdays at S&R.

At a recent BOD meeting, a group of us voiced our opposition to the pirate ship playground being placed next to the only adult pool. One of our concerns at the time was that it was a first step toward opening the adult pool to kids. Our voices fell on mostly deaf ears and the playground has been installed. Now as the second step, the “Adult Oasis” pool will be open to kids on the busiest day of the week.

Since parents can’t drink at S&R, like they have done in the past at Family Fun Nights, OP is now offering a similar event at the YC pool where they can. Since there is no bar at the other “family friendly” pools, this is their only option.

So it seems that in order to accommodate adults who want to take their kids to the only pool with a bar (so they can drink and then drive the kids home) OP is opening its only adult pool to families on Sunday’s. If drink-ing is the issue, maybe a better option is to open a bar at S&R or allow adults to take in their favorite beverage.

Another issue may be that the Family Fun Night events previously held on Wednesday evenings at the Oasis (YC) Pool were a big money maker for the tiki bar and Cove Restaurant. That pool now has to close at 6 p.m., causing Family Fun night to be moved to S&R, which may cause a drop in the tiki bar and Cove revenue.

I guess having adults only use the Oasis pool on Sunday’s does not generate the same revenue? Apparently one way to bring that money back is to create a new event to replace the Family Fun Night revenue. Unfortunately that means opening the adult pool to kids.

My experience has been that by 2 p.m. on Sunday, the pool is packed and there are literally no chairs/tables/umbrella’s available. What is going to happen when families with kids show up and there is no room? Will the aquatics department be forced to close and then reopen the pool to allow families access?

I originally thought that some members of the BOD were trying to make the YC pool into a family pool, but that does not seem to be the case. Several of the Directors have assured me that they had no prior knowledge of this change and are just as surprised as the rest of us.

Like a lot of changes in OP recently, this major change to one of OP’s most popular amenities was not put up for discussion or made public until the new aquatics schedule was posted on the OP website. Without a doubt, the day-to-day operational aspects of OPA are the responsibility of the GM, and not the board.

I would argue, however, that when an operational change is introduced that has a profound impact on association members, especially a change this dramatic, a public discussion should have been a priority. Apparently the acting GM did not want to hear anyone else’s opinion.

One of the factors that Mr. Hill does not seem to understand is that the OP population is still primarily adults who do not have small children living at home. A lot of these people are older, some in their upper 80s and 90s, with health issues and many are unsteady on their feet.

Having access to an adult only pool where you can easily get in and out without fear there will be kids jumping on, or bumping into you and possibly causing you to fall is important and re-assuring. Being able to leave a cane or walker by the steps without fear that kids will play with it is also comforting.

Many other residents like that pool because they can get in and do water exercises, sit on the seat and just enjoy being in a peaceful environment. Not something that is possible when a lot of young children are running around.

Ocean Pines has always been kid friendly with lots of amenities tailored specifically for them. For a very long time we have also had an adults only pool, catering to the older population. This is not about denying kids and their families access to the pools.

They have Beach Club, Mumford, Swim & Racquet and Sports Core. This is about keeping just one pool reserved for adults only. Why can’t we have one pool dedicated for those who need to be able to get in and out without fear of being bumped or pushed over? Or just want to relax in a peaceful atmosphere?

I hope that the OP Board will investigate this issue and if appropriate, hold an open and public discussion.

Gary Miller, Ocean Pines

Concerned about Oasis

Editor,

I am writing to express my concern about the processes by which changes were made to the established attendance policies governing the “Oasis” pool at the yacht club and the Swim and

Racquet pool. These changes have been made without regard for the limits on the powers and responsibilities of the general manager, and without regard for the roles and responsibilities of the Board of Directors. I reviewed the minutes of the BOD meetings for the past six months and saw no discussion of these policy changes and no motion to make these changes. I object to the changes and demand that they cease and desist until such time as the BOD reviews, discusses and holds a vote on a properly submitted and seconded motion to make them.

The BOD is formed and its members are voted into office in order to manage the affairs and business of the OP Association on behalf of its members (By-Laws of OPA Article V, Section 5.01). The BOD is charged with the duty to “adopt and publish rules and regulations and fees governing the use and enjoyment of waterways, parks, pedestrian easements, recreational facilities and other amenities that are owned by or under the control of the Association” (Article V, Section 5.14(c)). The BOD is also charged with the duty to employ ... and supervise a General Manager ... to administer, manage, and conduct the operations of the Association” (Article V, Section 5.14(b)). The By-Laws further stipulate that “Subject only to the direction of the Board of Directors ... the General Manager shall be responsible for the proper administration and management of the day-to-day operations of the Association” (Article IX, Section 9.02). Furthermore, the “General Manager shall enforce all rules and regulations of the Association ...” (Article IX, 9.02(f)). I see no language in the by-laws that gives the General Manager the authority to make or change existing policies, regulations or rules. The responsibility and power to do this is explicitly given to the BOD (Article V.5.01). The changes in attendance policy for these two pools were conducted without proper authority. They also were made without proper parliamentary procedure as specified in Article V Section 5.15, which stipulates the manner in which meetings during which the BOD conducts business, such as making and changing rules and procedures, are governed.

I am aware that the changes to these policies were made (without consultation with the BOD and without consent or direction from the BOD) by a Board member who is serving as Acting General Manager until such time as a General Manager can be hired. I am requesting that the Acting General Manager be disciplined for overstepping his authority. I am also requesting a vote of no confidence in this Board member and initiation of a referendum for his removal from the BOD in accordance with Article V Section 5.12 of the By-Laws based on a gross violation of the articles of the By-Laws that govern the procedures and processes by which business is conducted on behalf of the OP Asso-

ciation members. I contend that the actions of this Board member in this matter indicate that the integrity with which he represents the interests of the OP Association and conducts our business cannot be trusted by the members to adhere to the By-Laws of the OPA

The following issues need to be considered in any discussion and decision made about changing the attendance policies of the “Oasis” pool:

1. OP Association Liability. Facilitation of access to alcohol consumption by parents of minor children swimming in an OPA pool opens the Association up to liability related to injuries to the minor children swimming in the pools. It is not reasonable to expect that our lifeguards will assume responsibility for the conduct of children beyond the swimming safety issues, which they are trained to address. Parents are expected to be present when minor children are swimming in order to maintain their authority and responsibility for the conduct of the children while on the premises. Potential alcohol impairment undermines this important safety net for the swimmers and for the lifeguards who are charged with ensuring a safe swimming experience. Thus, the OPA not only bears liability for injury to swimmers, but also liability for any emotional injury to lifeguards due to such injuries that occur as a result of inadequate parental supervision. I object to OPA being put in the position of having to bear these sorts of liability without proper discussion and decision-making by the BOD elected to represent my interests in matters such as this.
2. Safety of Adult Swimmers. The swimmers who use the adults-only pools have a right to access to a swimming experience free from hazards associated with the presence of groups of children. Many older residents have strength, balance and vision issues that make them particularly vulnerable to falls and injuries in an environment such as a swimming pool. Older residents who are not used to anticipating unexpected movement and actions of children are particularly vulnerable. Older swimmers also are more likely to have immune system issues that make them particularly vulnerable to viruses and illness-bearing microbes that put them at risk. For older swimmers who are accustomed to the layout and staffing at the YC pool, requiring them to seek a child-free swimming experience in an unfamiliar pool poses additional safety risk. Risks to older swimmers are another area of financial liability that the OPA will bear, and I demand proper consideration of them by the BOD prior to voting to implement the proposed attendance policy change.
3. Quality of Life. The median resident age of Ocean Pines is 59 (City-Data.org) and 34.5 percent of the population is 65 and older (Wikipedia.com 4/7/17). There is a need for swimming options for the older swimmer whose safety is easily

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compromised by fast-moving children. Taking this option away from adult swimmers during the weekend, which is the most popular and busy time for the YC pool to be used, is unnecessary and unfair. There are many other swimming options for children. There are no other established adult-only options. Facilitating a swimming experience that affords parents access to alcohol does not justify reducing the quality of swimming options for our older residents.

4. Property Value. Decision-making that disregards the needs, preferences and safety of older residents creates a climate of unfriendliness to our older citizens. More than 60 percent of our residents are over 45 and nearly 35 percent are over 65 (Wikipedia.com 4/7/17). Our property values depend on the attractiveness of this community to potential buyers who comprise the largest market for this community. Population data suggests that an important segment of the market is the older adult. I object to the creation of a decision-making climate that flagrantly fails to consider outcomes that will drive this market away from Ocean Pines.

I request that these factors be included with others brought to your attention by concerned members when discussing and voting on the proposed change in admission policy for the YC pool.

Dr. Colette C. Horn, Ocean Pines

No board consideration

Editor,

An "executive decision" has been made by the "acting GM" that will greatly affect the use of the Ocean Pines Yacht Club Pool on Sundays. Brett Hill has made the decision, it appears without board consideration or discussion, to open the pool to families, with the presumption that the kids will come and play in the pool and the parents will eat and drink at the tiki bar, thus becoming an added revenue source for the Yacht Club.

As a year-round resident who is a swimmer, I frequently use the Yacht Club pool, especially on the weekends. One learns quickly that if you are not there by 11 a.m., there might not be a seat for you. Those at the pool tend to stay for most of the day, many eating lunch and enjoying beverages of some sort. In fact, it is not uncommon to see several people in line at the tiki bar to purchase their refreshments.

I don't understand the logic to opening the pool to families, with the presumption that the parents will abandon their kids to the lifeguards and go and eat and drink at the tiki bar. I have raised my two children in Ocean Pines and now have a grandchild that I bring to the family pools, and there is absolutely no way, that I would ignore my child. I know the dangers involved around water, even if the child is older. I venture to say that most responsible parents would feel the same way.

To add insult to injury, the "acting

GM" wants to close the family pool with the splash pad, the Swim and Racquet pool, to families on Sunday and open it totally for adults. If you have been at this pool, you will quickly see that it is not senior friendly. There are ladders, which are very difficult to use as an older person, and only a small temporary step to help people enter and exit the pool. Many seniors in this community are in need of soft exercise, and swimming in the Yacht Club pool is one of the benefits they enjoy. In my opinion, this decision makes absolutely no sense at all.

This is not against children ... it is for keeping the one place in Ocean Pines that is for the adults and their relaxation. This pool has been an adult pool since it opened in 1975. Every piece of the OP literature states it is an adult pool. And remember, the Mumford's Landing is a very nice family pool, and is located approximately 100 yards away.

There is a special board meeting on Thursday, April 13 at 7 p.m. at the Asateague Room in Ocean Pines. I am asking that if you are an Ocean Pines property owner or resident, that you please try to attend. You can also send an email to directors@oceanpines.org. It is my hope that the BOD will come to their senses and not have this decision made by one person. I hope that there is an open vote on this issue as soon as possible. The summer season will soon be upon us!

Sharyn O'Hare, Ocean Pines

Let your voice be heard

Editor,

According to the newspapers and other sources interim General Manager of Ocean Pines, Brett Hill, has proposed that the only adults only pool in Ocean Pines, which is at the Ocean Pines Yacht (YC), will be used every Sunday during the summer for Family Fun Day events. He is proposing that the YC pool be open on Sundays to people of all ages. He suggests that adults who do not wish to share the YC pool with children may use the Swim and Racquet Pool, which will be designated as an adults only pool on Sundays from 1-8 p.m.

Unfortunately, Mr. Hill has not

considered that these two venues are not inter-changeable. The Yacht Club pool has many added features designed specifically to accommodate the older and/or physically challenged adult population in the Pines. The Swim and Racquet Club Pool does not. This is not a viable choice for those who need the accommodations available at the Yacht Club pool.

I truly believe that this mixture of older people and children at the YC pool is a safety issue. Consider that The Yacht Club pool has been designated as "adults only" for almost 50 years. Its "over age 18" designation assures those adults who have balance issues or need assistive devices the chance to ambulate in a safer environment than one which includes the busy activity of children.

The Yacht Club pool has a seating area in the shallow end of the pool, and easy access features for entering and exiting the pool.

I became aware of the importance of this easy access feature when I was recuperating from surgery. I had always enjoyed using the Swim and Racquet (S&R) pool because of the beautiful view and the chance to watch the lively family activity there. However, I found that after my surgery I had to be very careful to find a safe spot in the very crowded, shallow end to enter the S&R pool. When I needed to exit the pool from the less crowded deep end, I did not have the upper body strength to pull myself up the pool ladder to exit the pool easily. I began to go to the Yacht Club pool, where I could safely and easily enter and leave the pool without embarrassment and with minimum difficulty.

These are among my concerns. I certainly do not wish to pit one demographic against the other. I believe Ocean Pines has something for everyone. I simply wish to bring another perspective to the discussion table.

A special meeting of the Ocean Pines Board of Directors has been scheduled for Thursday, May 13 at 7 p.m. to discuss this issue. Please consider attending

Audrey V. Wahl, Ocean Pines

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FASHIONABLE FATHOM

Sisters Hunter Smith, center left, and Devon Donahue, cut the ribbon on their new urban-inspired clothing and gift store, Fathom, during a ceremony last Friday. The shop, on 4 North Main Street in downtown Berlin, opened in February.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

OPEN ‘HOUSE’

The owners of House by Salvaged celebrate the opening of the new shop, on Artisan’s Way in Berlin, during an open house on March 24. Pictured, from left, are Corey Canon, Andrea Canon, Brynn Byerly and Michelle Hepting.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

FISHER HOUSE FUNDRAISER

Seafloor Carpet recently participated in a fundraising event for the Fisher House Foundation at Smitty McGee’s Restaurant in Fenwick Island, Delaware. For more than 25 years, the Fisher House program has provided a “home away from home” for the families of patients receiving medical care at major military and VA medical centers. These homes offer free, temporary lodging to military and veteran’s families. Pictured are Don Robertson, president of Seafloor Carpets, Randy Lee Ashcraft, spokesperson for Fisher House, and Cpl. John Rego of the Wounded Warrior Project.



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SUPPORTING VETS

Shepherd’s Nook, located at Community Church at Ocean Pines, recently donated 50 bags of clothing to Ocean City American Legion Post #166. The clothing was given to the MCVET organization in Baltimore by Legion representatives. Pictured are Phil Lassiter, Legion volunteer; Charlene Mertz, BJ Hupman and Judy Stinebiser, Shepherd’s Nook volunteers. Maryland Center for Veterans Education and Training (MCVET) is a nonprofit organization located in Baltimore that helps veterans with homelessness and substance abuse.



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RIMEL HONORED

Stephen Decatur High School junior Eric Rimel received the Media Expo Specialist Award during the annual Worcester County Public Schools Media Expo event on Feb. 16. The WCPS Media Expo allows students to showcase their technological achievements in various categories including on-screen media presentations, computer programming, computer-aided design and photography. Rimel was recognized with the Media Expo Specialist Award in consideration of the body of work that he has submitted to the event throughout his career in the WCPS system. He is pictured with WCPS Superintendent Louis Taylor.



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ANNUAL FESTIVAL

The Sons of Italy Lodge 2474 recently held its annual Festa di San Giuseppe at St. Andrew’s Hall in Ocean City. The event included a feast of Italian cuisine, activities for children, live music, specialty sales and auctions, and recognition of St. Joseph, also known as “San Giuseppe.” More than \$11,000 was raised during the event, which will be split between St. Luke Church and St. Andrew Parish Center and used to fund local charities, scholarships and activities for seniors.



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FAMILY VALUES

Worcester Preparatory Upper School students, under the direction of Paulette DeRosa-Matrona and Music Director Christopher Buzby, performed the musical comedy, “The Addams Family,” Feb. 24-25. Pictured are “Lurch,” Jordan Welch; “Wednesday,” Amy Lizas; “Gomez,” Davis Taylor; “Morticia,” Sambina Anthony; “Uncle Fester,” Dominic Anthony; “Grandma,” Chandler Dennis; and “Pugsley,” Quinn McColgan.



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HATS WEEK

Snow Hill Middle School held a Heavenly Hats Spirit Week, Jan. 23-27. For just a \$1 donation, students, faculty and staff, had the privilege of wearing their favorite hats to school to raise money for the Heavenly Hats Foundation, an organization that has donated more than 3.2 million new hats to cancer patients at hospitals and clinics around the United States. Snow Hill Middle School’s Heavenly Hats event, organized as a community service project by Stephen Decatur High School senior Lexie Van Kirk, left, raised \$264 to help patients in need of headwear for comfort, warmth, courage and strength. To support the Heavenly Hats Foundation, contact Anthony Leanna at anthony@heavenlyhats.com for information.



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SDHS KEY CLUB

During the Feb. 22 meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City, President Dana Kim of the Kiwanis-sponsored Key Club at Stephen Decatur High School visited and reported on the Key Club’s projects. Kim is pictured with Kiwanis President-Elect Ralph Chinn. The SDHS Key Club is very active and often supports the sponsoring parent club at the three annual pancake breakfasts and the Italian dinner as well as other events.



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WPS MATHCOUNTS TEAM

Eight members of the Worcester Prep Middle School MathCounts team competed in the regional competition on Feb. 25 in Baltimore. Two WPS team members, seventh grader Ayush Batra and eighth grader Daniel Chen, advanced to the state competition, which was held at Johns Hopkins University on March 18 because of their 10th and 12 place finishes, respectively. Pictured is math teacher Kathy Faheyre with MathCounts Team members, eighth graders Joe Schwartz, Will Mears, Chen, John Arrington, Hunter Gentry, Summer Walker and Anna Dashiell, and Batra.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

LITTLE LEAGUERS

Berlin Little League participants march down Main Street on Saturday en route to the sports fields, where opening day ceremonies and more than a dozen baseball games were held.



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WPS STUDENTS INDUCTED

Sixteen Worcester Prep students were inducted to the school’s chapter of the International Thespian Society. The ceremony was held in front of family and friends in the WPS Guerrieri Library on March 1. The International Thespian Society (ITS) is the Educational Theatre Association’s honorary organization to recognize high school student achievement in theatre. Pictured, in front, from left, are Isabella Osias, Emilee Dorey, Olivia Parker, Maddie Simons and Clare Riley; middle row, Carter Hill, Luke Buas, Ross Deckmann, Josh Willey and Porter Bunting; and in back, Zach Wilson, Thomas Polk, Jordan Welch, Davis Mears and Riley Dickerson. Not Pictured: Kendall Holmes.

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Reverse decision on pool

Editor,

I am writing to you today asking you to reverse the unilateral decision by the Acting General Manager to allow children at the Yacht Club Pool on Sundays.

Quite simply, the presence of children significantly changes the atmosphere of any social event, including a day spent poolside in the summer. The Yacht Club has always been a refuge away from the distractions created by children at a swimming pool. By example, the Wednesday evening Family Night at the Yacht Club is a noisy affair that can be heard from my back porch on Pintail Drive approximately 500 yards away.

The Ocean Pines Association provides multiple alternatives for children and their parents to spend Sundays at a swimming pool. There is absolutely no need to disrupt the Yacht Club pool scene.

My husband and I are frequent users of the Yacht Club for a variety of activities, including football games, live music performances, trivia contests, and casual lunches and happy hours, and special events upstairs. We've been supporting the Yacht Club as year-round residents for over 18 years.

Sundays, in many cases such as my husbands and my case, is the only day we have open to enjoy a day at the pool.

Now is not the time to reverse a 40-plus year tradition of the Yacht Club pool restricting the presence of children, particularly on Sundays.

Pam Wadler, Ocean Pines

Dumb, but consistent

Editor,

In reference to the recent change made by Mr. Hill to the Yacht Club pool, it is a dumb idea, but consistent with several that he has made as we pay for his learners permit.

Dennis Hudson, Ocean Pines

Bridge repairs welcome

Editor,

Congratulations to the board of Ocean Pines that contracted the company to do the repair work on the

bridge located on Clubhouse Drive. Those of us driving or walking over the bridge daily have been privileged to see the workmanship and communicate with the workers. In addition to doing an outstanding job, the workers have always been friendly, courteous and helpful. Drive by and see the results for yourself!

Mary Stephanos, Ocean Pines

Vet Russian involvement

Editor,

It is imperative that Russian involvement in the 2016 presidential election be investigated thoroughly by the FBI, the Senate Intelligence Committee and the House Intelligence Committee.

The reason is not to discredit the results of the 2016 election, but rather

to ensure that all future elections are accurate, fair and free from any tampering or influence by a foreign power. These investigations also should not be obfuscated by deflection or diversionary tactics.

No other presidential candidate has ever mentioned a Russian president so many times in any campaign as Donald Trump. What were his reasons for doing so? Why was/is he so enamored with Putin? Answers to these questions are important.

Aside from the concerns above, these investigations must ensure that all future elections are free from any foreign influence. Although it probably didn't happen in the 2016 election, the next time, it could involve hacking into the voting machines. The integrity of the electoral process cannot be compromised.

Jean L. Fry, Ocean Pines



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Berg donation benefits hospital foundation

(April 13, 2017) Atlantic General Hospital Foundation recently received a \$5,000 donation from Cliff and Donna Berg toward its Campaign for the Future and the development of the new Regional Cancer Care Center.

The Bergs live in Ocean Pines having moved to this community from Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania after retiring. Cliff was a principal in a financial planning firm, while Donna worked for Christiana Care Hospital as a medical technologist.

Cliff serves on Atlantic General Hospital's Foundation board and is president of the Ocean City/Berlin Rotary Club. Donna volunteers for the American Cancer Society and Atlantic United Methodist Church Thrift Shop.

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

"We're extremely grateful for the continued support of community members like Cliff and Donna that recognize the value of our local not-for-profit hospital and health system and its services to our friends, neighbors and visitors," Burbage said. "The new Regional Cancer Care Center is a much needed resource in our community and will provide convenient, quality access to care that Berlin and the region so deserves."

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

In addition to existing medical oncology and chemotherapy infusion services and integrative therapies, the new center will include radiation oncology, PET

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

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

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

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

Atlantic General Hospital has been

providing quality health care to the residents of Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset counties in Maryland, and Sussex County in Delaware, since May 1993.

Built by the commitment and generosity of a dedicated community, the hospital's state-of-the-art facility in Berlin combines old-fashioned personal attention with the latest in technology and services.

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

Atlantic General Health System, its network of more than 40 primary care providers and specialists, care for residents and visitors throughout the region.

For more information about Atlantic General Hospital, visit www.atlantic-general.org.

Worcester Arts Council grant review

(April 13, 2017) The Worcester County Arts Council Grants Review Committee is seeking applicants for local art projects to be held in Worcester County between July 1 and Dec. 31.

Organizations holding art projects and activities year-round or in both of the six-month periods (July 1 – Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 – June 30) may request grants which cover the entire fiscal year of July 2017 through the following June of 2018.

Proposed project must be sponsored or presented by incorporated in Maryland not-for-profit, tax-exempt organization and be open to the public. Grant amount requested must be matched one-for-one by organization funds. Last fiscal year the Arts Council awarded more than \$30,000 to local organiza-

tions through this program.

Funding will support a wide variety of creative and innovative projects that are of outstanding artistic quality and demonstrate community benefit enhancing the lives of everyone living and visiting Worcester County.

Applications must be received no later than 2 p.m. on April 15 at the Arts Council's office located at 6 Jefferson Street in Berlin. Application forms and guidelines have been recently revised and are available on the Arts Council's website: www.worcestercountycouncil.org.

The Worcester County Arts Council's Community Arts Development Grants program is designed to assist local community-based groups produce and pres-

ent arts activities in Worcester County and is funded and supported by the Maryland State Arts Council.

For further information or assistance, call Anna Mullis, executive director of WCAC at 410-641-0809 or e-mail anna@worcestercountycouncil.org.

The Worcester County Arts Council is a nonprofit corporation made up of 300 members whose mission is to promote and encourage visual and performing arts in Worcester County. The Arts Council is committed to providing necessary funds to various arts organizations as a way to increase public awareness of arts availability, and to provide affordable arts events not usually offered to those living in the surrounding areas.

Freshman students enrolled in seminar at Snow Hill school

By Kara Hallissey
Staff Writer

(April 13, 2017) To ease the transition into ninth grade and beyond, Snow Hill High School enrolled its freshman students into a new seminar class in the fall, hoping to provide a helpful structure and the necessary skills to succeed.

School officials said the shift to high school was often difficult for nine graders, many of which were lacking studying, typing and basic technology skills.

To help bridge the gap, the course introduced students to high school expectations, character development skills and digital literacy. In addition, students started looking into college and career opportunities.

The school started a freshman-mentoring program during the 2010-2011 school year, when each ninth-grade student was paired up with an upperclassman and met every other week to go over grades, attendance and school life.

Freshman seminar expands on the mentoring program by adding SAT preparation, study strategies, time management, social skills, note-taking, research methods, conflict resolution and social skills, school officials said.

In addition, students have study hall time to catch up on assignments. Guest speakers, including Sen. Jim Mathias and Worcester County Sheriff's Office Det. Alex Kagan, spoke with students.

Overall, school officials said the program has given nine graders an opportunity to be successful from the start, setting up vision for high school and establishing goals for the future.

OPA Rec & Parks Briefs

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(April 13, 2017) The Ocean Pines Association Recreation and Parks Committee discussed the following items during a meeting in the community center last Tuesday.

Board assistance

Committee Chairman Tim McMullen, at the start of the meeting, said the committee would prefer to have a board member in attendance to provide updates on ongoing projects. Board liaison and interim General Manager Brett Hill was not available to attend, as he is on leave until April 7 because of the birth of his son.

Project updates

McMullen said he had received several calls that the new restrooms

at White Horse Park were not open. He said he would look into the matter.

New information technology systems at the community center, according to McMullen, should be up and running by June. The systems are used, in part, to book activities through the recreation and parks department in Ocean Pines, including the Summer Youth Program. McMullen said the systems were a necessity.

New playground equipment will be installed at Huntington Park by mid-April, and renovated sports fields will be seeded this spring and open for use this fall.

McMullen said the Manklin Meadows Sports Complex hired a new racquet sports director, Erin Starr, who will start on May 1. He expected renovations of tennis and pickleball courts to start soon, but said weather was a factor. A week of continues 65-degrees or higher temperatures are

required.

Installation of new playground equipment at Manklin Meadows Park should be finished by Memorial Day. McMullen said public works would repaint the lines in the parking lot.

South Gate Lake trail

Committee members continued a discussion of establishing a lighted walking and jogging trail around the South Gate Lake.

Estimates for a solar array came back at about \$3,000 per pole, which would have to be installed every 100 feet. The total area was estimated at close to 3,000 feet.

McMullen said he would run it by Aquatics Director Colby Phillips, who helps oversee parks and recreation programs, and potentially present the idea to the board of directors for inclusion in the fiscal year 2019 budget.

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HAVING NOTHING ON

BY BYRON WALDEN / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

ACROSS

1 Ecclesiastical leader

6 “Get out!”

10 Blood enemy

14 Aussie critters

18 Diaper option

19 Bridge shape

20 French director Clément

21 Martial art whose name means “sword way”

22 Home for Bilbo Baggins

24 West Wing worker

25 A lot

26 A.L. East team: Abbr.

27 Contemptible sorts

28 The ladies-only Western-themed bar I own?

30 Inspector Clouseau or Borat?

33 Peevish

34 Most contemptible

35 Blowup: Abbr.

36 See 9-Down

37 Like some quilt blocks

39 Decoration in a deli case?

45 Tony who managed two World Series championships for the Cardinals

47 Setting for Cardinals home games, briefly

48 Vivacity

49 Neutral tone

50 Parliamentary proceedings, e.g.

51 Romeo or Juliet

53 ____ booster

55 Drained of color

56 “Indubitably”

57 Product of a stable of comic-strip artists?

62 Kentucky college

63 Communication system pioneered by Thomas Gallaudet, for short

64 Greek city where Perseus was born

65 Scaled-down woodwind?

70 Ice-cream container

73 Calendar model

74 Suffix with blast-bar I own?

75 Eight-time Olympic medalist Apolo Anton ____

76 Condo V.I.P.

77 Art Deco artist

78 Belgradian, e.g.

81 Audiophile’s collection

83 Elizabeth with the memoir “Saving Graces”

85 Audibly upset Belgian francophone?

89 Words after “Sure!”

90 Mournful work

91 MSN alternative

92 Musician in the woodwind section

94 Runs through

97 Satirical depiction of the story of Noah?

100 Most important mounted cavalryman?

102 Opposite corner in a romantic triangle

103 Bush league, for short?

105 Jean who played Aunt Martha in “Arsenic and Old Lace”

106 Important positions

107 Alphas

109 Son of Gloria on “Modern Family”

110 Food thickener

111 Big name among radio shock jocks

112 So-called “Butterfly Capital of Alabama”

113 Environmental bane

114 Hand (out)

115 Study of the heavens: Abbr.

116 Attacked

DOWN

1 Drei + fünf

2 Sign of spring

3 1992 Tim Robbins mockumentary

4 Horse picker’s hangout, for short

5 Melodramatic NBC hit starting in 2016

6 Indian “masters”

7 Hybrid bakery treats

8 Roman ____

9 With 36-Across, a Dr. Seuss book

10 Marker maker

11 Time on the throne

12 “____ Club” (No. 1 hit for 50 Cent)

13 Removes, as a sticker

14 They can provoke knee-jerk reactions

15 Reaching new heights in ballet?

16 Ancient theater

17 Little lad

21 Aussie critters

23 Quick series of social-media posts

28 Something seen at Frankenstein’s birthday party?

29 Shopping ____

31 Empty spaces

32 Rhubarb with deep roots?

36 Welcoming necklace

37 DVD remote button

38 Go a mile a minute

40 Woe for some 51-Acrosses

41 Shine

42 Tres + cinco

43 Two-tone treat

44 Georgia senator who helped establish “don’t ask, don’t tell”

46 Correo ____ (words on foreign correspondence)

52 Hairy hunter of Genesis

54 Big do

55 Elvis ____ Presley

57 Pitch in

58 “The BFG” author

59 Automaker that introduced the Rambler

60 Witch

61 2004 Scarlett Johansson film adapted from “Lady Windermere’s Fan”

62 Apt to go Democratic

65 Spit out

66 Actress Sorvino

67 One opposed

68 Big brass

69 Middling

70 Work out spectacularly

71 Beehive, for one

72 Overcome

76 Authority

78 Villainous visage

79 Vegetarian sandwich filling

80 Train syst.

82 Quarters : basketball :: chukkers : ____

84 Abrupt, disconcerting reaction

86 After-dinner volunteer’s words

87 Pays de ____ (Nantes’s region)

88 Variety of hold ’em

93 Frances who played TV’s Aunt Bee

94 Religious leaders

95 ____ President

96 Baldwin offering

97 Central

98 Gets ready to do push-ups, say

99 Title opera heroine who is a Druidic high priestess

101 Kind of boots

104 ETS offering

107 Going nowhere, metaphorically

108 Women’s-club event

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Calendar

THU, APR. 13

AARP CHAPTER 1917 MEETING
Ocean City Senior Center, 104 41st St., Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. Refreshments served at 9:30 a.m. The guest speaker will be from Peninsula Regional Medical Center. A luncheon at the Bayside Skillet will follow. New members welcome. Bob McCluskey, 410-250-0980

‘SEEDS & SPROUTS’
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 10:30 a.m. Plant seeds and see what happens. For 3 to 7 year old children. 410-632-3495

ARBOR DAY MEMORIAL TREE PLANTING
Pintail Park, Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 10:30 a.m. A tree will be planted in memory of loved ones who have passed away during 2016. Open to all. Pintail Park is located along Ocean Parkway in the middle of Ocean Pines on the waterway. A luncheon at The Cove in Mumford’s Land-ing (formerly known as the Ocean Pines Yacht Club) will follow the ceremony. Cost is \$20. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held at The Cove.

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

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

HOLY THURSDAY WORSHIP
Bethany Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, MD, 12 p.m. Worship in-cludes Holy Communion, hand washing, readings for reflection and stripping the church. All are welcome. 410-641-2186

WRITING WITH RUTH
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 1 to 3 p.m. Monthly gath-ering of local writers who share their inde-pendent work (poems, essays, memoirs, prose, etc.). All welcome. 410-524-1818

WRITING FOR WELLNESS
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 2 p.m. Research has shown that writing about stressful experiences is therapeutic and promotes physical and emotional healing. No prior writing experi-ence needed. 410-632-3495

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

ANIMATION AFTER HOURS
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 6:30 p.m. Animation ex-

pert Seth Nedrow hosts this educational showcase of rare, classic, groundbreaking and bizarre animation from every era around the work. Designed for an adult au-dience. 410-524-1818

BINGO
American Legion Post 166, 2308 Philadel-phia Ave., Ocean City, MD, 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., games start at 6:30 p.m. Food and non-alcoholic drinks available at 5:15 p.m. Open to the public. 410-289-3166, <http://www.alpost166.org>

HOLY THURSDAY WORSHIP
Bethany Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, MD, 7 p.m. Worship in-cludes Holy Communion, hand washing, readings for reflection and stripping the church. All are welcome. 410-641-2186

FRI, APR. 14

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

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, All Day Children and adults can submit an original photograph to be displayed in the library and entered into a contest for a chance to win prizes. All photo submissions must be turned in to the li-brary by 5 p.m. on April 17. 410-632-3495

O.C. EASTER ART, CRAFT AND KIDS FUN FAIR
Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Art & Craft Show will feature more than 75 vendors with a wide variety of unique gifts and accessories. The Easter Kids Fun Fair will feature Beanie the Easter Bunny, more than 15 Easter egg hunts, jelly bean guesses, coloring tables, kids games, magic shows, juggling shows and lessons, Balloon-a-mania and appearances by Sponge Bob. Admission cost is \$4 for adults, \$3 for sen-iors (60+) and students (4-18), free to kids 3 years and younger and free to military, police and fire with ID. Also featuring many activities on a pay-as-you-go basis. Trained staff from the The Maryland Insur-ance Administration will be on hand to offer materials on all types of insurance. events@oceanpromotions.info, 410-213-8090, <http://www.oceanpromotions.info>

DOLPHIN SCULPTURE CEREMONY
Dance of the Dolphins Plaza, Coastal High-way and Route 90, 11:30 a.m. The public is invited to the dedication of the Dance of the Dolphins Plaza on Coastal Highway at Route 90. There will be additional parking and rain locations at the Sea Bay Hotel, 6700 Coastal Highway, Ocean City.

CROSS WALK
The Son’Spot, 12 Worcester St., Ocean City, MD, 12 p.m. Meet at The Son’Spot at noon for a short time of ministry, and then pro-ceed down the boardwalk, past the sand sculpture, and end at Atlantic United

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Methodist Church on Fourth Street. The group walks together, carrying a cross, singing songs and having a brief time of ministry at several spots along the way. Re-freshments will be served at Atlantic United Methodist Church. Rain or shine. Ocean City Christian Ministers, 410-289-7430

FREE INTRODUCTORY PICKLEBALL CLINICS
Ocean Pines Community Center, gym, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Last chance for Spring Pickleball Clinics. Open to the public. Registration is required by calling or stopping by the front desk of the Community Center by the day before. While at the Community Center, register at the front desk for a free week of Ocean Pines Pickleball starting the day of the clinic. 410-641-7052

CRAB CAKE DINNER
Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 4 to 6:30 p.m. In-cludes single crab cake sandwich with green beans and seasoned baked potato. Cost is \$10. Carryouts and bake table available. 410-641-1137

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
St. Paul United Methodist Church, 405 Flower St., Berlin, MD, 7 p.m. “The Battle-ground To Victory,” presenting the seven last words of Jesus in story and song. Fea-turing Ashley Foreman accompanied by Virginia Harris. All are welcome.

SAT, APR. 15

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BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY
Applebee’s, 12849 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City, MD, 8 to 10 a.m. Easter goodies of the kids and raffles for the adults. Cost is \$7.50 for adults and \$5 for children 9 and younger. Fundraiser for Town Cats. For tickets, call 410-629-9134 or pick them up at OC Pet Spa in West Ocean City.

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

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

ANNUAL OC JOB FAIR
Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call the OC Chamber of Commerce at 410-213-0552.

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

GENEALOGICAL WORKSHOP
Worcester Preparatory School’s lecture room, 508 S. Main St., Berlin, MD, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. This is the third of a series of four genealogical workshops. The third session will continue the examination of specific types of local records, church records and, time permitting, personal records. Cost is \$25 per session. Reservations are required for the workshop. Theresa Bruner, Info@Historicmartinschurch.org, 410-251-2849

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EVERY BUNNY WALK AND EASTER BUNNY FUNSHOP
Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Every Bunny Walk, a free, 1-mile event, registration be-gins at 10:30 a.m. and the walk starts at 11 a.m., led by the Easter Bunny. Vendors will be located outside providing free health in-formation. Pre-registration is encouraged by calling 410-632-0056 or emailing regina.mason@maryland.gov. The Easter Bunny Funshop will follow from 1-3 p.m. Children, ages 2- to 10-years-old, may participate in an egg hunt, egg dyeing, arts and crafts and carnival games. Also fea-turing visits with the Easter Bunny, refresh-ments, face-painting, temporary tattoos and entertainment by The Schoolhouse Theater Arts Traveling Troupe. Entry fee is \$6 for Ocean City residents and \$8 for non-resi-dents. Only child participants pay the fee. Preregistration is mandatory and may be done online or in person at the Northside Park Recreation Complex. 410-250-0125, <http://oceancitymd.gov/oc/departments/rcreation-parks/>

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRIED CHICKEN DINNER
New Hope United Methodist Church, 7338
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New Hope Road, Willards, MD, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Menu includes mashed potatoes, greens, string beans, macaroni and cheese, beets, biscuits, dessert and coffee. Cost is \$13 for adults. Carry-outs available. 410-543-8244 or 443-235-0251

‘IN THE MOOD’ MUSICAL REVUE
Ocean City Performing Arts Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 7 p.m. A national show, celebrating the music of the 1930s and 40s — the Swing and Big Band era. Featuring the 13-piece String of Pearls Big Band Orchestra, singers and dancers. Tickets cost \$27.50 and \$37.50 and are available at the O.C. Convention Center Box Office or Ticketmaster, 800-551-7328, <http://www.ticketmaster.com>

SUN, APR. 16

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE
Boardwalk at North Division Street, Atlantic Avenue and N. Division Street, Ocean City, MD, 6 to 7 a.m. Ministers, musicians and singers from many of Ocean City’s Christian churches will participate. Singing, scripture and preaching. Bleachers and chairs will be provided, however attendees may want to bring a blanket. If there is rain, the service will relocate to Atlantic United Methodist Church, 105 Fourth St., Ocean City. ocbc-nacl@hotmail.com, 410-289-7430

EASTER SUNRISE WORSHIP SERVICE
Assateague State Park, 7307 Stephen Decatur Hwy, Berlin, MD, 6:30 a.m. Follow Route 611 south to its end; turn right into the parking lot. Dress warmly. Take a folding chair. Easter breakfast to follow at Bethany Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, MD. All are welcome. 410-641-2186

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

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

MON, APR. 17

SUPLEE FAMILY FUNDRAISER
Burley Oak Brewing Company, 10016 Old Ocean City Blvd, Berlin, MD, 6-10 p.m. Funds raised will help defray medical expenses from Julie Suplee’s final rounds of treatment and funeral expenses. She lost her decade-long battle with kidney cancer last month. Every dollar above actual expenses will be donated to KC Cure, an organization dedicated to curing kidney cancer. Event will include guest bartenders, Chinese auction and live music. Search “Supporting the Su-

plee Family” on Facebook.

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

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, All Day Children and adults can submit an original photograph to be displayed in the library and entered into a contest for a chance to win prizes. All photo submissions must be turned in to the library by 5 p.m. on April 17. 410-632-3495

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN’S CLUB MEETING
Ocean Pines Community Center, Assateague Room, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 9:30 a.m. Meet at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and 10 a.m. for meeting.

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

CURIOSITY CLUB ‘DETECTIVES AND CRIME SCENES’
Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 4 p.m. Monthly after school STEAM club has fun experiments, crafts and other hands-on experiences for 9-13 year olds. 410-641-0650

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

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

TUE, APR. 18

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

ALZHEIMER’S SUPPORT GROUP
Berlin Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 9715 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Support group for caregivers of Alzheimer’s patients. It meets the third Tuesday of each month. Open to the community. Info: Heather Cormack, 410-641-4400, Ext. 6123 or Kenneth Lewis, 410-208-1701 or 410-430-4818

AMERICAN LEGION UNIT 166 MEETING
American Legion Synepuxent Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave, Ocean City, Md, 11 a.m. Meeting will be followed by American-

ism Essay Awards Luncheon. Current members and those interested in becoming a member are encouraged to attend.

‘WOMEN: TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR MONEY’
Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 2 (upstairs), 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 12 to 1 p.m. This free, community workshop will provide valuable information to women on managing finances and planning for the future. Tammy Patrick, tpatrick@atlanticgeneral.org, 410-641-9690

THE GOLDEN AGE OF DOCUMENTARIES
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 5 to 7 p.m. The group meets on the third Tuesday of each month to explore the world of documentary film. 410-524-1818

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING
Worcester County Health Center, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Berlin group No. 0331. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly. jeanduck47@gmail.com

RECREATIONAL SAFE BOATING COURSE
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 6 to 9 p.m. The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary will teach this state mandated course held April 18, 19 and 20. The class and certificate are required for boat operators born after July 1, 1972. Cost is \$15 and includes all course materials. Register: Barry Cohen, CGAUXOC@gmail.com, 410-935-4807

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

WED, APR. 19

BERLIN RESIDENTIAL YARD WASTE COLLECTION
Berlin, MD, 6 a.m. If you live in the Town of Berlin and your normal trash day is a Tuesday or a Wednesday, your yard waste pick up day will be April 19. If your normal trash day is a Thursday, your yard waste pick up day will be April 26. Place leaves, grass clippings, pine needles and cones and garden waste in a paper bag, plastic bag or (maximum) 30-gallon container. Cut brush into 4 ft. lengths and bundles no larger than 18 inches in diameter. Items must be at the curb by 6 a.m. 410-641-2770

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

MARYLAND VA REPRESENTATIVE
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Michelle Licata is available to offer outreach services to veterans and their families on the third Wednesday of each month. No ap-

pointment necessary. 410-713-3482

PLAY TIME
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 10:30 a.m. For infant to 5 year old children. Learn new skills while playing with educational toys. 410-524-1818

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

SONGS OF THE PAST WITH CATHY GORMAN
Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 2 p.m. Gorman specializes in rock and roll (1957-1969 and jazz standards from the World War II era, including songs made famous by Etta James, Lena Horn, Kay Star, Doris Day, Dinah Shore, Frank Sinatra, Billie Holiday and more. 410-641-0650

RETIRED NURSES OF OP PRESENTATION
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 3 p.m. Coastal Hospice representatives will speak on the road of hospice, volunteer opportunities and about the new facility in Ocean Pines, Coastal Hospice at the Ocean. All Delmarva retired nurses are welcome. The public is welcome to attend to hear the speakers. 410-726-1843

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY BY PLANTING SEEDS
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 4 to 5 p.m. Plant your favorite flower seeds. The library will supply the soil, containers and seeds. For children ages 5 years and older. 410-632-3495

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Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 2 (upstairs), 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. This free, community workshop will provide valuable information to women on managing finances and planning for the future. Tammy Patrick, tpatrick@atlanticgeneral.org, 410-641-9690

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

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

OCEAN PINES BOAT CLUB GENERAL MEETING
Ocean Pines Community Center, Assateague Room, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 6:30 p.m. Social from 6:30-7 p.m. Mabel Rogers will discuss “Ship Wrecks and the Storm of 1933.” All are welcome.

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