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NEW DAWN

The sunrise over Berlin Falls, on Old Ocean City Boulevard, creates a gorgeous mirror image over the lagoons on the property, on March 29.

SonRise passes town council test, gets zoning change

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(April 14, 2016) They brought a small army, many of them armed with supporting anecdotes, as members of SonRise Church took an important step Monday toward securing a large piece of property near the northernmost tip of Berlin's Main Street.

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

The church plans to create three parcels, potentially housing a fast-food restaurant, a chain restaurant and a hotel, and to use those funds to build a nine-acre parish and religious complex.

First, however, they had to clear two major hurdles in Town Hall: Berlin had to agree to rezone the property from M-1 light industrial to B-2 shopping district, and to ratify a zoning code amendment allowing churches to be built in B-2 districts.

The Berlin Planning Commission recommended both changes last month. Previously, the town only permitted churches in R-1 residential districts.

Daryl McCready, lead pastor at SonRise, said his church started in 2002 with about a dozen members. Today, it has more than 800 parishioners and several parishes, including one that meets at Bennett High School in Salisbury, and a planned third parish, which would meet at Washington High School.

In Berlin, SonRise holds three services every Sunday at Stephen Decatur High School, drawing about 700 people in total.

"We haul two large trailers worth of equipment every Sunday ... and we're tired," McCready said. "We're a church that believes in being a vital part of the community, giving, serving ... helping, partnering, all for the benefit of the community and the people who live here. We believe

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Worcester 'Warriors' start strong

Anti-opiate advocacy group brings packed house to OP library during first meeting

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(April 14, 2016) About 50 people – advocates, teachers, nurses, lawyers, parents and children of addicts, and those on the road to recovery – came to the first meeting of the Worcester County Warriors Against Opiate Addiction last Thursday at the Ocean Pines Library.

Jackie Ball and Heidi McNeely, two local mothers who have watched their children struggle with heroin addiction, organized the meeting.

"It makes me cry to see so many people tonight," McNeely, a Bish-
opville resident, said. "I think we are all so thrilled.

"We have formed this group out of a passionate desire to eradicate opiate abuse and deaths in our county," she continued. "We want to be able to help the people that we love, whose

lives have been altered by opiate abuse, and to help each other in this tumultuous journey of loving someone who is addicted to opiates, or having loved someone whose life was ended as a result of opiate addiction."

McNeely said the purpose of the meeting was to explore how the group could achieve those goals. She asked those in attendance to fill out a contact sheet to be used to build an email group, and said a website and social media push would be a part of the campaign.

She also discussed free training classes for how to employ Naloxone, a drug used to treat opiate overdoses. Fact cards about the classes were passed out, and McNeely said the county health department offers at least four training classes each month.

"We, as a county, have a lot of resources that I didn't even know existed," McNeely said. "One thing that we can do is to share these resources and to educate loved ones about what kind of things are available to them."

McNeely said one of her goals was to build a "physical navigation center for anyone who is on this journey."

"I would ask that, tonight, you consider what you want this group to do," she said. "Think about what tools you have to arm yourself, and us, in this battle. Are you good at social media? Can you design a logo? Do you have a passion for event planning? Are you willing to make a phone call to a mom whose daughter has just been arrested for possession of heroin? Are you good at fundraising?"

The group will meet again on May 24, at 6:30 p.m., in the Ocean Pines Library.

For more information on the group, email McNeely at heidi.anne@verizon.net, visit www.wocowarriors.org, or search "Worcester County Warriors Against Opiate Addiction" on Facebook.

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Local robotics team advances to world stage

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(April 14, 2016) For the third consecutive year, the Titanium Wrecks robotics team is going to the FIRST Championship in St. Louis.

The local team, T-Wrecks for short, performed well during the Chesapeake Regional Championship last weekend to earn a spot on the For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) league's biggest stage.

"Last weekend's event was thrilling for Titanium Wrecks, because [the team] won two prestigious awards," Team

mentor Paul Suplee said.

That included the United Laboratories Industrial Safety Award, which recognizes effort put forth to ensure safety in all aspects of robotics, and the Judge's Award, given to the team that impressed the judging panel of professional engineers.

Suplee said this year has also been an exciting one for the Eastern Shore Robotics Alliance, which includes the TEC Tigers of Salisbury, Carbonauts of Onancock, Virginia and Shorebots of Northampton County, Virginia.

Three of those teams qualified to

compete in the regional match, and the T-Wrecks, based in Snow Hill and comprised of high school students from throughout Worcester County, and the TEC Tigers will now move on to compete in St. Louis, April 27-30.

"TEC Tigers from Parkside High School qualified for worlds by their ranking points, coming in third place out of 58 teams," Suplee said. "Their performance was stellar, and we're thrilled to be able to go to St. Louis with them. It doesn't get any better than that!"

Suplee said world championship matches would be held in the Edward

Jones Dome in front of an expected crowd of 40,000 people. During the competition, 900 teams from 39 countries will vie to be the next First Robotics Champion.

Before that can happen, however, the T-Wrecks need to raise money for the FIRST entry fee, and to help pay for travel expenses. To help the team, visit its GoFundMe page by searching "TWrecks World Championship Fund," or using the link www.gofundme.com/hbyejsjw.

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The former Somerset Packing Company building located on Market Street Extended in Pocomoke City was the scene of a fire responded to by firefighters from Pocomoke City, Princess Anne, Marion and Fairmount on April 10. No injuries were reported. The Pocomoke City Volunteer Fire Company reported the structure had been unoccupied for about 25 years. According to the Maryland State Fire Marshal's office, three juveniles were identified as responsible, and released to their parents.

Pocomoke to redo council election

New date not yet set; vote will be open to all residents living in town's District One

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

(April 14, 2016) After failing to certify the results of the April 5 election and asking at Monday's council meeting for more time to reach a decision, the Pocomoke Board of Election Supervisors has determined a new election will take place.

The date for the new election has not been set, but it will be open to all residents of District One, City Attorney and City Manager Ernie Crofoot confirmed. Pocomoke City officials had recently discussed holding a new election but limiting participation to the 132 people confirmed to have voted during the previous poll.

The Maryland ACLU and the group Citizens for a Better Pocomoke took exception to the idea of a limited election, arguing it would disenfranchise voters

from participating in the "real" election, and cited case law supporting this assertion in a letter dated April 8.

"In situations where elections are invalidated due to error, causing the need for an election to be run anew, the government is constitutionally required to conduct the new election in a completely free and open manner, not to limit the new election in any way that continues the taint of the invalidated election," Maryland ACLU Legal Director Deborah Jeon wrote in the letter.

The Pocomoke City Board of Election Supervisors on Monday had asked for and was granted a one-week extension to certify a disputed City Council election between District One incumbent George Tasker and challenger Sheila Nelson. However a new decision was reached much faster than that.

At the heart of the issue is a malfunction of some sort in the city's old, lever-based voting machines, which tallied 127 votes for the 132 verified voters who attempted to cast ballots on April 5, board Chairman John Haynie said.

No explanation as to the nature of the malfunction has been offered.

Addressing the council, Haynie said, "We've discussed this [the malfunction] at length and we hope to have information in the next few days to have the solution to the problem before us."

Haynie also confirmed Crofoot's assertion last week that there was indeed a winner of the election by a margin of nine votes using the machine totals plus another six votes counted from absentee ballots. But because the accuracy of the machines is now in question, those results are disputed.

Neither Tasker nor Nelson wished to comment on the record about the election. Nelson said she was attempting to remain humble and observant.

District Two incumbent Diane Downing was sworn in during Monday's session, having run unopposed, for her third term in office.

Later, as Crofoot mentioned the city's finances with regards to purchasing a new street sweeper, Haynie suggested purchasing new voting machines.

No tax increases in first draft of '17 Snow Hill budget

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

(April 14, 2016) Though the numbers could change — mainly dependent on Worcester County government's contributions to municipalities as the commissioners work on their own budget — the Snow Hill mayor and council on Tuesday approved the first reading of a balanced fiscal 2017 budget without tax increases.

Last year's rates of 86 cents per \$100 of assessed value for real property and \$1.82 for corporate personal property will remain in effect next year.

"I'm very pleased by not having to increase taxes or decrease services in the coming year," Mayor Charlie Dorman said.

The draft plan, unanimously approved, balances about \$2.46 million in expenses against anticipated revenues.

In March, Dorman requested about \$175,000 more than approved last year from the Worcester County Commissioners. He said he was seeking more from the county in lieu of taxes, because of the number of county-owned facilities within the town that don't pay taxes. The county provides \$100,000 to the town towards this end, but Dorman estimates the true tax bill on these properties is in excess of \$300,000.

In lieu of raises, town employees will receive a one-time bonus of up to \$500, based on hours worked. Dorman said the uncertain nature of the town's finances led the council to adopt this solution, rather than a one-percent across-the-board increase previously discussed.

The council decided to deny the request from the police department for an additional officer, but approved filling an open position. The additional officer would have increased the ranks of the department to eight.

The town may need to consider raising sewer rates soon, according to the minutes of a previous meeting, because income generated from processed waste could decrease.

The council will discuss the budget again during a May 3 work session held at the train station at 4:30 p.m.

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Ocean Pines directors get first detailed look at reserve study

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(April 14, 2016) No formal action was taken, but the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors on Monday did seem to come away with a better understanding of the reserve study produced by Design Management Association Inc.

The original proposal for the study was dated July 23, 2015, with a price tag of \$25,800 and was approved by the board on July 30.

A first draft was released to the directors in late January, but during recent meetings, several directors questioned the logic of the study, which suggested the association's reserves were grossly underfunded.

General Manager Bob Thompson said Virginia-based DMA arrived at its findings using existing data and visits to several Ocean Pines facilities. He also said the document was largely a "snapshot" of current assets set against a 30-year replacement and repair schedule.

Doug Greene, a senior partner with DMA who led the discussion, said the study was more of an "active tool" than a classical reserve study, and that it used an XML spreadsheet, which was easy to update and adjust.

Concerning reserves for bulkhead repair and replacement, Greene said Ocean Pines only has about nine percent of the estimated \$11.3 million it would need over a 30-year period.

"The goal is to be better funded," he said, adding that most communities were in the 30-100 percent range. He said 50-75 percent was "a good place to be."

By increasing Ocean Pines' annual contribution to the bulkhead set aside by 1.5 percent, the community would be able to comfortably fund bulkhead replacement, Greene said.

"This is the best account you've got," he said, with a laugh. "This was the easiest one to solve."

Looking at roads, Greene said OPA has roughly 5.5 percent of the nearly \$4.6 million it would need to meet its road replacement schedule. Ocean Pines had almost exclusively used its \$250,000 share of casino revenue distributions to communities to pay for road replacement.

"My concern about this is ... you need a lot more down the road, if you're not going to have it," he said. "That's the value of this study."

He recommended an annual contribution of about \$250,000, above casino revenues to make up the difference.

Golf course drainage projects were estimated to cost \$3 million, but were only 12.75 percent funded, according to Greene. He recommended a step increase in funding, from about \$213,000 annually, to \$420,000. That level, he said, could

be decreased in time.

"The reality is, this has been something that was deferred. It needs to be done. To do it, you need money now," he said. "Once you do that, you can probably then reduce the funding."

Greene said Ocean Pines has about \$3 million in overall replacement reserves, but needed roughly \$15 million in order to fully fund future projects, a level of 20.31 percent.

Director Dave Stevens argued that several of the numbers in the study needed to be corrected in order to paint a better picture. For example, he said the association actually had more than \$4 million in replacement reserves.

Possible state funding for bridge replacement could also be a factor, he said.

Still, Greene said Ocean Pines had serious work to do in addressing its reserve deficits.

"You've got to decide what your priorities are and how you want your community to age and live," Greene said. "You haven't had this tool before. In the absence of this tool, you just do it from year to year."

Because the fiscal year 2017 budget was just passed, he said Ocean Pines essentially had a year to rethink its funding levels.

Thompson agreed, saying the association needed to "start thinking [about] long-range planning so we can start to identify when we actually believe we're either going to replace or repair an item."

"The country club is a great example, because that's kind of a hot topic," Thompson said. "We need to decide what our ... funding policy needs to be. Should we be at 30 percent, which is minimum? Should we be at 50 percent? Should we be at 70? Whatever the board decides is a policy, then we [can] develop a strategy ... to get us there."

At the conclusion of the meeting, former Director Jeff Knepper, speaking as a member of the audience, said the Pines needed to pick a funding level, and get to work selling it to the public.

"The key missing ingredient is the funding percentage. Once you set that, then mathematically, the balance falls out," he said. "How you get that can have some political implications ... and there may be really hard work in there. That's what you all, in my opinion, need to work on."

"Even if the new [replacement reserves] total is \$10 million, we're still \$7 [million] short," Knepper added. "What are we going to do about that, and how are we going to do it, and how do we get the membership on board with the strategy, so they see the value? Because, if they don't see the value, you're going to get a finger back in your assessment envelope – and not money."

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SonRise receives unanimous approval from council, crowd

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"What we want to do with this property is set up a permanent home so most of our members, who are Berlin residents, can have their home church in the town they love and want to serve," McCready added.

He said the church complex would include several athletic fields, which would offer free programs for area youth.

Attorney Steve Smethhurst said one of the major benefits to the town would be a large increase in tax revenues that would far exceed what the town received from Merial Select. That assumes, however, the parcels are subdivided and sold as planned.

Realtor Wesley Cox, representing Merial Select, added that company endorsed the efforts of SonRise, and that he had been trying to find a suitable buyer for the property for more than two years.

Asked how quickly everything could occur, McCready replied, "at the speed of God."

"We enthusiastically support this concept, because we think it's the way churches are going to, not only survive, but to expand," Mayor Gee Williams said. "It's a realistic approach ... and I'm very pleased ... that this concept came up. Hopefully, it will set a precedent that not only can be followed in this community, but in other communities."

Several citizens of the town gave enthusiastic endorsements of the project during a brief public hearing.

Cam Bunting, the recently announced recipient of the 2015 Berlin Award, for volunteerism, said the project was "perfect" for the town.

Ernie Girardi said it would be a "real plus" for the community and an appropriate use for the property, and Robert Poli, from the town's historic district commission, said more restaurants would bring more tourism.

Both measures received the unanimous approval of the town council.

"I am so glad that you found that [permanent home] here in the town of Berlin," Councilmember Dean Burrell said. "I've been here for a long time, and never have I seen the audience [be] 100 percent in favor of a project."

Berlin evaluates playgrounds at Henry and Decatur parks

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(April 14, 2016) Two Berlin playgrounds require about \$2,700 in repairs and maintenance, according to Sean Cooper, a certified playground inspector.

Cooper, who is also the assistant superintendent of water for the town, presented several recommendations during a Berlin Parks Commission meeting at Town Hall, April 5.

For Henry Park on Flower Street, Cooper recommended repairs and maintenance with an estimated total cost of \$1,560. Those estimates did not include a slide exit chute, which needs to be repaired or replaced, as well as protective railing and mulch levels, which needed to be replenished.

Also not included in the estimate were portions of the shade fabric (\$3,200) and two 15-inch tires, about \$750 each. He said he was looking into cheaper options on the tires, with the caveat that alternatives were still compliant with playground regulations.

Cooper said the slide was installed in 2000, but the vendor had since gone out of business, and he was attempting to track down a suitable replacement part.

Committee member Patricia Dufendach suggested, because of the nature of the plastic material the slide was made of, the entire structure was likely failing.

"I am not at all encouraged to spend a lot of money on repairing this, when this plastic is telling us that it needs replacing," she said. "If it was in my backyard, I would replace it."

Cooper said he did not have an estimate for replacing it, but would work on one.

For Stephen Decatur Park, he recommended \$1,140 in repairs and maintenance, not including mulch, which also needs to be replenished at the playground on Tripoli Street.

Administrative Services Director Mary Bohlen, the town's liaison to the parks commission, said the town would look over Cooper's proposal, and that it was possible a portion of his recommendations would have to be addressed after July 1, when the 2017 fiscal-year budget takes effect.

"[Water Resources/Public Works Director] Jane [Kreiter] and I will need to sit down at some point and talk about our anticipated expenses for the rest of this fiscal year, including the quotes, and figure out if we're going to do it all now, [or] after July 1," she said. "One way or the other, we will get all the necessary work done."

Cooper said also said he wanted to power wash the playground equipment at both parks "before the weather warms up."

He said the town did not have an estimates on usage for either playground, but that Stephen Decatur Park was used "by more people more frequently."

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Purnell museum reopens to public, offers \$1 wknd. passes

Collection spans sublime, ridiculous; about 10,000 items on permanent exhibit

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

(April 14, 2016) Had he been actively collecting today, William Purnell would likely be classified as a hoarder, but one with some very interesting tastes.

That's according to Dr. Cindy Byrd, who oversees his collection as executive director of the Julia Purnell Museum in Snow Hill.

"He had a passion for stuff, and was known in town for being a bit of an odd duck," she said. A successful flower farm that produced the gladiolas and other blooms that he shipped to Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York, paid for his eccentricities.

He married, but never had children. The museum built to display his possessions — about 10,000 items in all — was named in honor of his mother.

"William Purnell collected many artifacts, but he didn't always know what he had. He labeled things as best he could — he labeled what the item was, what he thought it was, or what he'd been told it was," she said. "He did have some tourist-y things, things we'd classify as inauthentic."

The museum exhibits some of the items with the placards Purnell himself wrote. While some items may be of dubious origin — a clay lamp rumored to be from the tomb of Nebuchadnezzar is an easy example — the placard written in Purnell's own hand elevated the item from a possible fake to a curiosity.

The placards, she explained, were fashioned from other stuff Purnell had on hand, such as cereal boxes.

Byrd has a doctorate in Folklife and Folklore, and knows her way around stuff. She's been the director of the Julia Purnell Museum for about two years now, and before that was the staff curator/folklorist at the Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art in Salisbury.

Byrd's arrival signaled a change in the museum. She began updating exhibits and applying her skills to help separate the good things from the less-than-stellar items.

For example, the museum has a "People of the Pocomoke" exhibit. Byrd said the problem had been that not all the artifacts were what everyone thought they were. Byrd met with the Pocomoke Nation and worked with the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian to distinguish the local authentic artifacts from the other items Purnell col-

lected. The exhibit was redesigned and refocused to display the authenticated items.

Joining the collection are two new exhibits this year. "American History, Local Artifacts: A Timeline to Tomorrow" is a "brief fly-through" of history beginning with Native Americans on through the European settlers to today using items from the Purnell collection, she said. The second new addition is "Snow Hill: Continuing Community Traditions."

"It's a Snow Hill showcase of the people, places and traditions," also based on items from the collection as well as two new additions, she said.

First are the office sign and portrait of Dr. Robert LaMar, who practiced medicine in the town for 60 years before his death. Second are items celebrating the life of Mary Elizabeth "Lizzie" Waters, who passed away in February at the age of 109.

"She was an important tradition bearer, especially as a keeper of African-American oral history — particularly in the areas of civil rights and life within the Snow Hill community," Byrd said.

Waters had been alive during the times described in many of the museum's exhibits.

"We're only able to see the items but she could give first-hand accounts," she explained.

Byrd said she personally prefers the odder items.

"My favorites are the crazy things. Yes, we have quilts and, yes, we have a butter churn, but where else are you going to see a coin-operated perfume dispenser? A one-horse open sleigh? It's just so whimsical and wild," she said.

Next year, Byrd's plan is to renovate the "Toy Shoppe" exhibit containing Purnell's collection of old toys, and the mock Victorian bedroom containing all the necessities of proper living during that time.

"You should come see us at least once per year," she said.

The museum makes it easy, as well. On the first Saturday of every month, Worcester County residents get in free. One weekend per month, the museum joins with Furnace Town for a "see more, spend less" weekend where visitors get \$1 off the admission price of either site, so long as both are visited.

The Julia Purnell Museum, 208 W. Market Street in Snow Hill, is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. — 4 p.m. and 1 p.m. — 4 p.m. Sundays. Admission is \$3 for adults and free for children under 12. Visit www.purnellmuseum.org for more information.

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By Josh Davis
Associate Editor
(April 14, 2016) Following introductions during last Thursday’s inaugural meeting of the Worcester County Warriors Against Opiate Addiction at the Ocean Pines Library, the several dozen people each took a few minutes to talk about how drug abuse had affected them on a personal level.

There were plenty of tears.
A local man lost his partner in November to an opiate-related overdose. In September, a mother watched her son be arrested after six years of drug abuse. Another man said he, both of his parents, his brother, and several other family members all struggled with heroin abuse.

That was just the beginning.
A case manager at Diakonia said, out of every 100 calls she receives, between 80 and 90 were related to heroin.
“There are the people that have lost their housing due to their addiction,” she said. “It’s very frustrating for us. We want to house them, but we also want to help them.”

Erin McCormack, a defense attorney based in Salisbury, said he had lost several clients because of heroin addiction.
“I sort of privately complained about the lack of any observed resources out there, and any education programs [or] prevention programs,” he said. “Instead of continuing to complain, maybe I can

begin to participate in trying to create some sort of prevention programs and education programs.”
He said he noticed a sharp increase in opioid abuse around 2007.

“All of the sudden, every other client (involved) heroin,” he said. “I don’t know how it got here and it’s so cheap, but it’s here.”

Stacey Robinson, an Ocean Pines resident and a nurse at Sussex Central High School in Delaware, said she often feels like a “Benedict Arnold.”

“I started my career in orthopedics, and I went from feeling like a nurse to feeling like a drug dealer,” she said. “After my third friend entered a rehab program, I decided I couldn’t be on that end of it anymore, and I left my job at the hospital.

“I get really emotional and impassioned about this, because in the communities and the areas that I work with, I see my kids at school whose parents are dead, incarcerated, gone [because of] their issues with addiction,” Robinson continued. “I speak loudly everywhere that I can about this problem, because it’s touched my own family, it’s touched my own friends, and I see it every day.”

She said she carries Naloxone, an anti-overdose drug, in her school, and is often derided for it.

“There have been multiple comments by the people who teach in my

school, ‘Why do we have to have that here ... it’s a waste of our taxpayer dollars?’” Robinson said. “I want to stab those people with a ballpoint pen in the jugular.

“It’s a disease, and there’s so much information out there that we’re getting every single day that just reinforces that,” she added. “I’m in graduate school to get information and write papers. Everything I’ve ever done has been on this platform. I just am always looking for an opportunity to lend my voice and, hopefully, maybe even bridge some gaps across state lines, because we are louder together than we are alone.”

Robinson added that her young daughter was at home, recovering from having her tonsils removed. When she came out of surgery, the nurse offered her Fentanyl.

“I said no thanks, and, ironically, she’s fine,” she said.

Jake Windsor, from the Worcester County Health Department, said he first “crashed and burned” between 2006 and 2007.

“What happened during that time [was] they cracked down on all the doctors [issuing prescription pain killers],” he said. “Where is there left to go? You go to heroin. While their intent was good, we may not always see, down the road, what this ripple will do.”

Windsor said education was the “number-one, most-important thing” in

curbing opiate abuse.
“If you have a loved one ... that doesn’t want to get well, you educate yourself. That teaches you about how not to enable – how you can lovingly support someone, but not fuel their addiction,” he said.

“My mom got educated this last go-round, after I relapsed, and that helped her and myself ... You can give yourself the tools to keep yourself as well as possible, because this is a family disease.”

He encouraged other parents to similarly talk to their children.

“We cannot be afraid to talk about it, and that is the parents to the children, saying, ‘I noticed that you’ve been groggy lately. Let’s have an open discussion about drugs and alcohol,’ because the same sixth grader that was just playing My Little Pony is now learning about how to shoot up IV drugs in the bathroom,” he said.

Kevin Hassett, a West Ocean City resident, gave his phone number to the entire group.

“We’ve been through the journey,” he said. “If anybody, at the end of this, ever wants to call me and talk about their situation, you can call me any time.”

Hassett said both of his sons got into opiates about eight years ago in Montgomery County. They moved to Worcester County, but problems persisted.

“When you’re in this, you feel like

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Close to 70 people attend the first meeting of the Worcester County Warriors Against Opiate Abuse, last Thursday, at the Ocean Pines Library.

Four projects pass ‘historic’ test

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(April 14, 2016) A busy meeting last Wednesday saw four items earn the unanimous approval of the Berlin Historic District Commission in just under an hour.

The commission had to work fast, starting at 5:30 p.m., with another meeting, the Berlin Board of Appeals, starting at 6:30.

Two of the items pertained to 14 North Main Street, the former site of j.j.Fish Craft Gallery. Eight exterior renovations to the building were approved for current owner Michael Queen.

Hunter and Devon Bostic, owners of Sea La Vie in Berlin, will open their second shop, Fathom, in the space. Hunter Bostic described the store as an

“edgy clothing boutique.”

The commission backed a proposal for signs for the shop at the Main Street entrance and for a second entrance on Broad Street.

Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells asked for, and was granted, approval to install three bike racks on the visitor’s center, on 14 South Main Street.

Toby Gilbert, who is opening Gilbert’s Provisions in the rear of the building currently occupied by Bruder Hill, on 25 Commerce Street near Broad Street, also received approval on several exterior renovations.

Bruder Hill had been using that space for storage. When the new culinary curiosity shop opens, Bruder Hill will become 25 A Commerce Street, and Gilbert’s Provisions will officially

become 25 B.

The commission agreed to allow signs on two entrances, an awning, and several other minor improvements.

Commission member Betty Tustin said she had concerns that signs would direct customers through a busy parking lot and that only one of two proposed entrances would be ADA compliant.

Planning Director Dave Engelhart said the ADA entrance could be advertised on the signs, alleviating that concern.

Several members of the commission praised the new developments. Chairwoman Carol Rose said, “Our dreams have come true for Broad Street,” and Mary Moore said Gilbert’s Provisions, in particular, would be the “first of its kind” in the town.

Advocacy group gives voices to heroin epidemic

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you’re on an island by yourself and you don’t know what to do,” he said. “And there’s no social class, there’s no economic class, there’s no gender class – it affects everybody,” he said.

Both of his sons were sent to a 30-day treatment center in Florida. Within 60 days of returning home, they relapsed. Eventually, feeling like his options were exhausted, he kicked them out of his house.

“By the grace of God, they wanted to try again, and we started the process again, almost two years ago,” he said. After close to year in a treatment center in halfway houses in Florida, they came back completely clean and sober.”

His youngest son, he said, now works for a recovery center in Florida.

Ocean Pines resident Lauren Reinhardt said her eldest son’s addiction to heroin started while he was a student at Stephen Decatur High School.

“He’s been in and out of rehab, he’s overdosed twice in the past six months,” she said. “I have watched him die, every day, a little bit.”

Pam Wilson, also from Ocean Pines, said she moved to the area in 2006, from Anne Arundel County.

“My son died in June last year of an overdose, and he has two young, adult children – my grand children. They live in Anne Arundel County and they’re both addicts,” she said. “My grandson is homeless as well.”

Every month, she said she goes to see her grandson, meeting him in a parking lot and taking him to lunch.

“I just don’t know where to go for help,” she said. “My granddaughter went to court today. I don’t know what the outcome of that was. I just feel helpless.”

Sean Kelley, whose mother Heidi McNeely organized the meeting, was the last to speak. At 26, Kelley said he was a recovering heroin addict, who bounced in and out of treatment facilities for years.

“I kept using and I was tired of it,” he said. “I got a nudge from a judge, got arrested and got a DUI. Because I had a bunch of heroin, they tried to give me distribution of heroin [charges]. A couple of my friends had just gotten 8-10 years on distribution charges, and I was really scared.”

He stayed in a halfway house for six months and got clean, but he “still wasn’t in the right mindset of wanting to be sober,” and relapsed again.

Then, he got on suboxone, a drug used to treat addiction to narcotic pain relievers. Kelley said he eventually weaned himself off that and has been completely clean for three and a half months.

“It’s still a constant struggle every day,” he said. “One of my best friends died about two weeks ago of an overdose. I’ve had countless friends from rehab die of overdoses ... I don’t want to see any more of my friends die. I’m here to help in any way I can.”



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Setbacks, buffer issue for solar

Residents support project, but don't want to see it; 125-acre facility proposed

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

(April 14, 2016) While all parties appeared to agree the issues aren't intractable, it's clear that discussions of a proposed solar farm located off Public Landing Road are far from over.

The concerns are the setback and the density of a vegetative buffer that will be used to obscure the farm from view. As now laid out, the project would include 25 feet of vegetation, plus space for a fence and a road to provide fire protection access.

"If I wanted to put a house on that land, I couldn't build it 25 feet from the road," Todd Burbage, developer and nearby property owner, said.

Burbage was both the most vocal supporter of the project and the most concerned about the view.

Dane Bauer, managing director of local civil engineering firm Daft McCune Walker, said the setback area measured about 75 feet in total, which didn't relieve all of Burbage's concerns.

"I support this project — I just don't want to see it," Burbage said.

Burbage said his original intention was to ask for a 300-foot setback, which representatives of the project's

developers, Longview Solar, said would kill the project. Burbage said 100 feet would be appropriate.

"My favorite asset in my portfolio is at the end of that road," he said, adding he would sooner live in a doghouse than sell that particular property.

"We can provide a good screen at 25 feet — 100 feet is extreme. We look forward to working with the county and community to work with a 25-foot buffer," said Longview Solar's Jason Evans.

Bauer explained that Longview had many options for a vegetative buffer: trees, shrubs and grasses, but wasn't married to any particular option.

Several choices regarding the configuration of such a barrier were discussed, but ultimately the parties agreed to consider a berm, or small hill, surrounding the farm that could then be covered with a mix of vegetation to provide the proper camouflage.

"A solar farm is a good neighbor, because it's quiet. I want to see this project through," Mark Odachowski said.

Odachowski said he had no personal interest in the screen, but wanted to smooth the path between Burbage's concerns and the company's needs.

Burbage noted Public Landing Road is a designated Maryland Scenic Byway, which a State Highway Administration spokesman said carries little formal legal protection from projects like this. However, the spokesman said SHA prefers to work with counties directly on projects that involve designated highways rather than enforce rules and regulations.

Longview Solar, which is headquartered in Seattle and has an office in Baltimore, is proposing a 125-acre, 15-megawatt facility located about one-quarter of a mile from the intersection of Route 113 and Public Landing Road. The facility is proposed to more or less run the length of the northerly side of Public Landing Road until the area of Mt. Wesley Road lengthwise and will cover most of the area south of the treeline, except for a few houses located along the road.

Documents related to the project are available through the PSC's website: www.psc.state.md.us and can be found by referencing case number 9405. The filing contains maps, and more than one hundred pages of documents and exhibits.

Written comments about the project, also referencing case 9405, can be filed until April 29, 2016 and addressed to PSC Executive Secretary David Collins at 6 St. Paul Street in Baltimore, 21202.

Councilmember raises questions to appeals board

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(April 14, 2016) After running through a brief and relatively drama-free agenda last Wednesday, the Berlin Board of Appeals fielded a question from Councilmember Lisa Hall that sparked more than 15 minutes worth of additional discussion.

Hall said she had noticed a number of housing violations in the area, and asked if the appeals board could intervene.

"As a councilmember and also as a resident of the town ... I'm seeing a lot of things going on [and] I know of quite a few places in town that have built an apartment, they're renting the unit, nobody knows about it, nobody pays any attention," she said. "It's really not legal, but it's happening."

She said the house next door to her own home has become "a duplex [in] an R-1 neighborhood," a trend that is on the rise.

"You've got a lot of parents now, coming back, living with their children. They don't want to live in the house. They say, 'let's turn the garage into a mother-in-law apartment.' Before you know it, it's a full-blown apartment with a kitchen, granite counters, etc.," she said. "I ride around, I see these apartments attached to houses. I see these apartments on top of garages. According to everybody, they're not legal, but it's happening. What can we do to maybe look at the code again [and] make some concessions for these?"

Chairman Joe Moore said those kinds of decisions do not fall onto the board of appeals. That body, he says, simply makes determinations based on current town code.

"If the code needs to be changed, that's your job — not our job," he said. "It would be a determination made by the mayor and council — not this board."

"Respectfully ... you're in the wrong forum, and you are a councilperson, so you're the very person who can resolve those kinds of issues," Moore added. "And, respectfully, again, if you know of violations, then [Planning Director] David [Engelhart] needs to know about them, because they can be resolved."

In Berlin, Moore said the R-1 district allows for a single-family unit, which is defined as a family related by blood or marriage, or "a group of persons living as a single household." He said he believed garages with mother-in-law apartments were permitted under town code.

Engelhart clarified that attached garages are allowed to have such structures, but that detached garages are not. In the specific instance Hall referred to, a living space was built over an attached garage for "elderly parents who were not in the best health."

The problem, Engelhart said, was
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Nonprofits present funding pitch

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(April 14, 2016) Three locally well-known nonprofits made their presentations to the Berlin mayor and council Monday in an effort to land a spot on the town's budget for the coming fiscal year.

Diakonia, based in West Ocean City, was up first, with board member Jack Burbage leading the discussion.

"We're here to ask for money, like everybody else," Burbage said, adding that Diakonia was asking for slightly more funding this year — \$10,000 — than the \$7,500 it received from the town last fiscal year.

He said the nonprofit was asking all local governments for bigger contributions, requesting \$65,000 from the county (it got \$42,000 last year) and \$60,000 from Ocean City. Last year, the resort gave Diakonia \$40,000.

Burbage said Diakonia supplied 11,000 "bed nights" to 152 people in 2015, along with 55,000 meals and 10,000 case management sessions. He said about 16 percent of those served were from Berlin.

The organization's food pantry program served 968 Berlin households last year, distributing 43,000 pounds of food, and the emergency solutions program, which supports people at risk of homelessness, aided 15 people in the town.

Burbage said veteran's programs also helped 24 people in 12 households in Berlin and including providing \$17,000 in financial assistance.

In total, he said Diakonia paid out roughly \$150,000 to Berliners in 2015.

"The biggest problem is, last year we served over 9,000 people, and as of right now we're turning away 300 a month," he said. "We really need to try to increase it and make it even better."

"We really need any help that you can give us," Burbage added. "I really think that without Diakonia you'd have a lot of homeless people sitting on the streets, and we really need your help. If you could, in any possible way, find anything left over that

you could give us, more than \$10,000, we would really appreciate it."

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams said there were more nonprofits per capita in Berlin than any other town in the county.

"We have tried to be selective in supporting the nonprofits that, literally, perform things that we as a town government could never dream of," he said. "Diakonia, since it's beginning, has been a model for helping people who are in hard times and in transition."

"Your request will be given every consideration," Williams added. "We will do everything we can."

Jack Ferry, director of the Worcester County Development Center (WCDC) in Newark, spoke next, calling his facility's clients, adults with intellectual disabilities, "the best people in the world."

WCDC provides employment opportunities, residential services and community-based support, he said.

"Our mission is to help our clients to achieve their highest level of economic and social independence," he said. "We believe the economic independence comes before the social independence. If you have that dollar, besides knowing that pride of working, you're able to make choices ... about what you want to do, where you want to spend your money and

what you want to do with your life."

He said his clients provide janitorial services, cleaning homes, condominiums and businesses, as well as commercial laundry and food services, both in and outside the development center.

In 2011, total payroll of those served by WCDC was less than \$25,000. Last year, it was \$99,000, and this year Ferry said that number would rise to more than \$115,000.

"That's money that our clients earn. That's money that they spend at the Atlantic Hotel or Crush N Crab enjoying dinner. It's money that they spend at the Church Mouse thrift store buying clothes, or at the Food Lion buying groceries," Ferry said.

Ferry spoke about a client named Charlene, who works in laundry at WCDC. On a Friday afternoon, just before going home for the weekend, she told Ferry that she was excited because just got a big paycheck.

"When she came back on Monday she walked off the bus and she had a new hair style," Ferry said. "I said, 'Charlene, you look so beautiful, what did you do this weekend?' She said, 'I took my aunt out for dinner, I got my hair done, and I put money in the bank.'"

Ferry asked for a \$7,500 grant from the town, the same amount WCDC received during the prior

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Attorney Moore says code change up to town council

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that during permitting, the homeowner was instructed not to build a kitchen into the new living space.

"This is a sticky situation," he said. "It's got a stove, it's got a hood. I was there today on the final inspection. My feeling is they need to come back, to make it legal, to the board or zoning appeals, to get permission for that accessory dwelling unit. That section's in there to exactly handle this [situation]."

"It's done, so now I can either have them rip it all out, or I can use a little common sense and let the residents enjoy it for what they built it for," Engelhart continued.

Moore said that was a specific instance, and if brought before the appeals board, would be considered based only on the evidence presented during that hearing.

"If it's a nonspecific problem ... that is your unique ability to change, as a council person, by changing the code," he said. "The only thing we can do is under the code."

"I really think that we need to look at some of these things and bring them up into the 21st century," Hall said.

"And I agree, when you said 'we,' [that] means you," Moore said. "It's your authority."




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year.

“Thank you for the work you do,” Councilmember Dean Burrell said. “Your facility is fantastic, and the programs you have are second to none.”

Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services Inc., based in Berlin, rounded out the evening meeting by highlighting work done with the Berlin Youth Club (BYC).

Youth Project Coordinator Amanda Chaffee said that group recently took 17 children for an outing that included building and testing

model rockets, and participated in last weekend’s Spring Celebration in downtown Berlin.

On April 26, the group will plant flowers for Mother’s Day, and on May 13 BYC will help during the town-sponsored event, Mayday Playday.

Children in the club will also help paint phase two of the public mural on the north-facing wall of the Berlin Visitor’s Center, on Main Street.

A kickoff event for BYC will be held on June 14 in Henry Park, and new activities will begin on July 5. Chaffee said about 20 children had expressed interest this year.

Planned educational activities include water safety lessons, environmental education and involvement in the arts, and playtime activities will include events with officers from the Berlin Police Department, \$1 movie days in Salisbury, and bowling in Pocomoke and Ocean City.

Chaffee said those events help foster team building, teach children to respect themselves and others, and help to create lasting friendships.

“It exposes the kids to activities they might usually not be exposed to. Very rarely do the kids in our program go on vacation, or take ... trips

across the bridge,” she said. “They get to learn more about the community they live in [with BYC].”

Chaffee did not request a specific dollar amount from the town.

Williams said Berlin would host two international environmental education professionals in May and suggested the children in BYC try to arrange to meet with them.

“It can’t be anything but a positive experience,” he said. “The environment belongs to all of us, regardless of where we live on the earth. Hopefully that’s something that you all can work out together.”

Exhibitors sought for CAR tech fair

Vendors invited to present products and services in Salisbury, Thursday, April 21

(April 14, 2016) The Coastal Association of Realtors (CAR) is seeking exhibitors for its 2016 Realtor Technology Fair on Thursday, April 21 from 1:30-5 p.m. at The Fountains Conference Center in Salisbury.

Technology vendors are invited to present their products and services

and connect with the more than 1,000 real estate professionals who are members of CAR, as well as guests from neighboring Realtor associations.

“Attending real estate professionals will have the opportunity to discover the latest technology trends to help them grow their business and serve clients more efficiently by using the exhibitors’ products and services,” said Steve Parsons, a Realtor with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices PenFed Realty and chair of the 2016 CAR Technology Committee.

In addition to display tables, all exhibitors will have the opportunity to conduct 15- to 20-minute “how to” workshops for real estate professionals.

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For more information, visit www.coastalrealtors.org or contact Veronica Bishop at veronicab@coastalrealtors.org or 410-641-4409.

Bunting, Bertino to host joint mtg. in Ocean Pines

(April 14, 2016) Worcester County Commissioners Jim Bunting (District 6) and Chip Bertino (District 5) will hold a joint Town Meeting on Thursday, April 14 at the Ocean Pines library to discuss the Fiscal 2017 Worcester County budget.

The meeting, which will begin at 6:30 p.m., will include a presentation of the budget by the county finance team. The proposed FY17 budget includes general fund revenues of \$187.4 million.

Requested operating expenditures are \$193.9 million, leaving a shortfall of \$6.5 million which must be reconciled either by reductions in expenditures, additional revenues or a combination of the two. Contact Bertino at 443-783-3248.

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BERLIN BRIEFS

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(April 14, 2016) The Berlin Mayor and Council, Berlin Planning Commission and Berlin Board of Appeals discussed the following items during public meetings at town hall last week, and on Monday:

New chair delayed

Because the town council unanimously approved the reappointment of the entire committee, during a meeting on March 28, the parks commission is required to name a new chairperson. Currently, those duties belong to Mike Wiley.

Because of a shortage of attendees – just three of the five members were present when the requirement was discussed – the committee tabled the matter until its next meeting.

A formal date for that was not set, but parks meetings usually occur on the first Tuesday of each month.

Events

The commission discussed Berlin Clean Up Day, set for April 16, an annual event that asks volunteers to help with various maintenance tasks around town. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m., with sign-up at Henry and Stephen Decatur parks, and Berlin Falls.

Clean-up activities will run until noon, culminating in a free lunch for volunteers at Henry Park.

Spring Just Walk, May 7, and Summer Movie Nights were also briefly discussed. The former event will feature two routes, one and two miles, respectively, both starting at Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services, Inc., on 124 North Main Street.

Addressing Movie Nights, the committee mulled allowing vendors during the six scheduled screenings this summer. Committee member Patricia Dufendach said she was not in favor of “selling stuff,” and suggested the town

keep the event entirely free – and free of vendors.

Berlin Youth Club update

Amanda Chaffee, from Worcester Youth and Family, said participants in the Berlin Youth Club recently built rockets and hunted for Easter eggs on March 28.

The club will take part in Spring Celebration, April 9, making hats for the Mad Hatter contest and hosting other children’s activities. On April 26, the club will meet to plant flowers for Mother’s Day.

Apartment exception

With just one item on the agenda, the appeals commission unanimously voted to grant an exception to allow a two-bedroom second floor apartment to be constructed over a warehouse space on 305 Washington Street.

Town code allows for such exceptions in M-1 light industrial districts, as long as there are no industrial activities occurring in the building.

Berlin Councilmember Troy Purnell and his wife, own the company, TP LLC, which owns the property. His son, Austin, plans to live in the space, once it has been renovated.

Next meeting

The commission moved up the date of its next meeting in order to address two items Planning Director Dave Engelhart said were time sensitive. One of those, apparently, pertains to the new Royal Farms and Arby’s stores being constructed near the intersection of Friendship Road and Route 50.

That meeting will take place on April 27, at 6:30 p.m. at town hall.

Mayor and council, Monday, April 11

More events

The council voted 3-0 to approve two

town events. Councilmembers Lisa Hall and Elroy Brittingham were not present during the meeting.

Touch a Truck Day will return to Stephen Decatur Park on May 7, from 10 a.m. to noon. Perdue Farms will bring several tractors and hand out Frisbees and beach balls, and SonRise Church will cater the event.

The council also green-lit all six dates of the Summer Movies Series, a joint effort of the Berlin Arts & Entertainment Committee and the Berlin Parks Commission.

Four of the screenings will take place at Berlin parks, and two will run on Main Street. The series will open on June 18, with “Tuck Everlasting” and close on Aug. 27, with “Runaway Bride.”

All showings start at 8:30 p.m. Admission is free, and attendees are encouraged to bring chairs.

Annexation

After getting the approval of the Worcester County Commissioners, Berlin started the process to annex all parts of the former Tyson’s Chicken Plant, on Old Ocean City Boulevard, into the town.

Now being called Berlin Falls, the town is working to renovate the property into a large, multiuse park. Town attorney David Gaskill said the first reading essentially started the process, which includes advertising in local papers for four consecutive weeks.

Afterwards, the council must hold a public hearing and vote to approve the annexation.

Budget season

Finance Director Natalie Saleh said she received department reports for the fiscal year 2017 budget.

The Town Council will meet on April 18, in town hall, to discuss the general fund budget, during a public work session. Two weeks later, May 2, the council will review the utilities fund.

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Newark resident releases new novel, ‘Ape’

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(April 14, 2016) Newark resident Dr. Benjamin Beck explores the relationship between humans and chimpanzees in a new novel, “Ape,” released last year through Berlin-based Salt Water Media.

Born in Kingston, New York, Beck became the research curator and curator of primates at Brookfield Zoo in 1970, and served at the Smithsonian Institution’s National Zoological Park as general curator and associate director from 1983, until his retirement in 2003.

His published works include “Animal Tool Behavior” (1980) and the novel “Thirteen Gold Monkeys” (2013), as well as dozens of scientific papers. In 2010, he was appointed scientist emeritus in the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute.

He and his wife, who also worked at the Smithsonian, were frequent visitors of the lower shore during their time in Washington, D.C.

“We had been camping down here since 1983, and decided to get ourselves a small house, for weekend get-aways and that kind of thing,” he said. “We settled on Newark, and we still live in Newark.”

Beck, now 76, said he based “Ape” on work he did in Rwanda from 2007-2012 with the Great Ape Trust, a non-governmental organization based in Ohio.

The founder of the trust had met with the president of Rwanda, a small, troubled African nation located in the middle of the continent, and together they sought to establish a new national park for the conservation of great apes.

Beck was asked to organize and

manage the project.

“We settled on a very small piece of tropical forest that was surrounded by 800,000 hungry people and had about 15 or 20 chimpanzees,” he said. “Our goal was to save what was left of this area, expand it, and turn it into a national park. And we did all of that in five or six years.”

Today, that area, Gishwati, is an established conservation region with more than 30 chimpanzees. Beck said the footprint has “more than doubled” in size, and now enjoys the protections of full, national park status.

He chose to make “Ape” a work of fiction, he said, because he believed it would be more accessible to a general audience.

“A lot of the work I have been privileged to do, a lot of the places I was been privileged to work in, I lot of the people I have been privileged to meet provided a huge amount of backstory – stuff that hadn’t been told in scientific publications,” he said. “I wanted to get the science and those stories out to a larger audience than just professional peers, and that’s why I turned to fiction.”

Several of the main characters in the novel are chimpanzees, creating the challenge of conveying thoughts and emotions – not to mention moving the plot along – without being able to use dialogue as a driving device.

The book begins as a 20-year-old chimpanzee named Mango, craving salt, sneaks into a village where six human infants are sleeping, swaddled in their beds. He picks one up, and shakes it, knowing it will cry and produce salty tears, which he proceeds to lick away. Moments later, after his escape back into the forest, Stone, an elder ape and the tribe’s leader, chastises Mango for his actions.

Not a word of dialogue is spoken during the scene, but Beck thoughtfully conveys both the desires of the young ape, and the realization of the elder that peacefully coexisting with

humans is necessary for survival.

In his first novel, Beck wrote about monkeys in Brazil, who could – in the narrative – speak. He carried that device over to the initial draft of “Ape” as well, but later reconsidered.

“Several of my early readers – the folks I turned to, to give me feedback, before we went ahead and published the book – suggested that the story and these chimpanzees [were] sufficiently interesting without that piece of information, and that the descriptions of the behavior were sufficient to convey what the chimps were thinking and feeling,” he said.

“I think a lot of scientists, especially those who work with monkeys and apes, frequently think in terms of the animals as to what they would be saying if they could talk,” Beck continued. “It’s a way of giving you insight into what they might be thinking.”

Beck said there were only about 20 lines of dialogue in the first draft.

“What several of these folks pointed out to me is, ‘Hey, you’re associated with the Smithsonian. When people read these novels, they’re not going to think fiction. They’re going to think everything you’re saying is the real thing,’” he said. “That left me with the responsibly of cutting out the dialogue.”

“Although there is some evidence that apes have some of the biological abilities and psychological abilities that are necessary for language, they certainly don’t have language in the sense that we do,” Beck added. “That was a really far reach. The rest of the stuff in there about what they think and they feel has basis in reality.”

The message of the book, according to its author, is that apes are much less different from people than one might think.

“I want the readers to understand that these animals are very closely related to ourselves,” he said. “There is an enormous amount of similarities of anatomy, physiology, genetics, and

also psychologically in the way they think and feel,” he said. “I think, when people begin to appreciate that incredible similarity, they’re more inclined to support their conservation in the wild, and, hopefully, support also the conservation of other apes and monkeys, and also rethink our relationships with these animals.”

Beck said that includes reexamining views on everything from whether chimpanzees and other apes should be used in biomedical research, to whether they should be kept in our zoos.

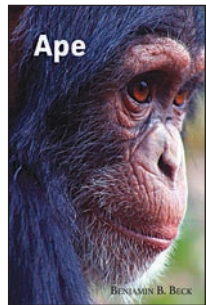
“I wanted people to tackle those sorts of ethical questions,” he said. “Of course there’s no right answer – everybody has to form their own opinions about things – but I think it might bleed over into the way we treat other humans who might be disadvantaged in some ways.

“There was a time, in this county, when we kept African natives in zoos – human beings, on exhibit,” Beck continued. “One of the most famous zoos in the world, the Bronx Zoo in New York, actually had a Congolese native, in a cage, on exhibit in the early 1900s. We’re only 120 years away from a time when there were human beings who were thought that they were so ‘unhuman’ that they could be kept in a zoo.

“I think we see remnants of that, today, in the way we treat other people. I hope that the book will stimulate compassion and concern towards animals, and also to people who are not exactly like us.”

“Ape” is available at Salt Water Media, on 29 Broad Street, Suite 104 in Berlin, or online at www.saltwatermedia.com, as well as through online retailers, like Amazon.com.

Beck will also be featured on an episode of the “So, What’s Your Story?” podcast, produced at Salt Water Media, today, April 14. Episodes are available for download, at no cost, on iTunes.



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Pocomoke welcomes spring this weekend

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

(April 14, 2016) For the third year running, a two-block section of Downtown Pocomoke will be closed to vehicle traffic as the town welcomes the return of warmer weather during the Downtown Pocomoke Spring Festival this Saturday.

The festival and live entertainment will begin at 11 a.m. and continue until about 4 p.m.

"It's similar to our fall festival," Karah Lacey, downtown project coordinator for the town, said. "There's no entrance fee, and most of the activities are free except for the pony

rides and cruises."

River cruises aboard the Uno Mas will run hourly and cost adults \$20, children between 6-12 \$10 and no charge for younger children. Pony ride fee information was unavailable.

In addition to the paid activities, many other free options are offered, including children favorites such as face painting, crafts and sidewalk chalk art.

"We're also bringing back the 'Passport to Pocomoke' game," Lacey said.

By picking up a card at Enchanted Florist at 145 Market St., this game directed at children will lead families throughout the area's shops and stores. Each visited outlet earns a stamp on

the card, or passport. Completed passports can be redeemed for either a movie ticket at the Mar-Va Theater, or a free pass to the Delmarva Discovery Center. The pass, however, can't be used the same day it's earned, for good reason.

"Entries into our museums are already free that day," Lacey explained.

The Delmarva Discovery Center, Costen House Museum and Sturgis One Room School Museum will all offer free admission during the event.

Also, Lacey said the Natural Resources Police will be on hand to teach children how to fish free of charge. Bait and tackle will be provided and there is no cost to learn.

Between 500-600 people participated in the festival last year, Lacey said.

"It's a block party. We section off two blocks of Market Street, set up the stage in the middle of the road to host local musicians, dance exhibitions and karate demonstrations," Lacey said. "The demonstrations will rotate about every half hour."

For the adults, beyond the flea market, sidewalk vendors and food, there will be a classic car cruise.

"There's no registration or fee, just show up and show off," she said.

'It's a block party. We section off two blocks of Market Street, set up the stage in the middle of the road to host local musicians, dance exhibitions and karate demonstrations'
Downtown Project Coordinator Karah Lacey

Berlin releases schedule for spring yard waste collection

(April 14, 2016) The Town of Berlin is reminding residents of its spring yard waste collection schedule.

If normal trash day is a Tuesday or a Wednesday, yard waste pick up day is Wednesday, April 20. If normal trash day is a Thursday, yard waste pick up day will be Wednesday, April 27.

Residents are asked to follow these guidelines: Do place leaves, grass

clippings, pine needles and cones, and garden waste in a paper bag, plastic bag or 30 gallon (maximum) container. Cut brush into four-foot lengths and bundles no larger than 18 inches in diameter.

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Mowery, and Paint Snow Hill, back in action this weekend

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(April 14, 2016) For 38-year-old Ash-ton, Maryland native Barb Mowery, Paint Snow Hill was the gateway drug to her fondness for plein air painting.

The popular annual event returns this week, April 14-17.

“It’s all Snow Hill’s fault,” she said. “We lived in Ocean City and I remember seeing a flyer for Paint Snow Hill, and I thought, ‘Oh, I’ve never painted outside before. I’ll give that a try.’”

That was a decade ago, and Mowery, who now resides in Lusby, Maryland, has been back each year.

“The first year, I really was kind of clueless, but I had a lot of fun,” she said. “And then I just kind of got hooked. I was never really interested in painting the landscape before, but I was probably equal-parts inspired by the landscape on the Eastern Shore, but also by the other painters and seeing all the amazing art-work that they were doing. It’s really in-spiring.”

During that first year, Mowery said her strategy was simple: seek shelter. Be-cause she works in acrylics – a quick-drying medium – she often found herself either stationed under the pavilion near the Pocomoke River, or painting, liter-ally, out of the back of her old hatchback.

“Gradually, I got braver and ventured out into the countryside. My husband is building me a plein air easel that I will be trying out this year when I paint, but I’m usually painting like a hobo out of my car,” she said with a laugh. “Most people are not doing that. Most people have a nice easel set up, and they get out there and trudge into the woods a little bit, or out by the water, or set up in front of people’s homes.”

She said the event has become more popular over time, as evidenced by the extremely short window registration was open this year – just three hours. She compared getting into Paint Snow Hill

to buying concert tickets.

“That’s kind of mind-blowing [how quickly it filled up],” she said. “I always feel like a nerd, because I know what time the email is going to hit for registra-tion, and I hang out next to my email, re-freshing the screen. You’ve got to be on top of it to get in.

“I think the event itself has always been great, and it’s really a testament to [Bishop’s Stock Owner] Ann Coates and Randy [Coates], and all the people who help put it together every year,” she said. “It’s so fun. I think that’s why it’s really popular. It’s not really competitive, and it’s fun for the artists, and for the patrons and the community. The only thing that really changes every year is the weather.”

For those who are participating for the first time, Mowery said dressing in layers and bringing plenty of water is es-sential.

“And bring more supplies than you think you need – it always comes in handy,” she said.

She also advised artists to take part in related social events, including a picnic on Friday afternoon, which has become an annual tradition, and the “wet paint” show and sale, Saturday and Sunday.

“It’s a wonderful opportunity to min-gle with collectors, and to share the ex-citement of painting outdoors with them,” she said.

The Saturday show and sale, April 16, is a ticketed preview event, taking place at the old firehouse, on West Green Street, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The \$30 cost to attend will be sub-tracted from any purchases made that evening.

On Sunday, April 17, the wet paint show runs from noon to 4 p.m., with free admission.

For more information on Paint Snow Hill, contact Bishop’s Stock at 410-632-3555, or info@bishopsstock.com.

For more information on Mowery, visit www.barbmowery.com.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Artist Barb Mowery has made Paint Snow Hill an annual tradition, for more than a decade. This year, she plans to make good use of a new plein air easel, made by her husband.

Ocean Pines Aquatics will present ‘Super Sprint’ event

(April 14, 2016) Registration is still being accepted for Ocean Pines Aquatics’ Super Sprint Tri to be held on Saturday, April 23 at 8 a.m. at the Sports Core Pool, located at 11443 Cathell Road in Ocean Pines.

The event will consist of a quarter-mile swim, a 6.2-mile bike ride and a 1.5-mile run. Twelve three-member teams will be competing. Each team member will compete in all three events and will tag off to the next team member.

Each participant will receive an Under Armour shirt, and food and drinks will be provided.

The cost is \$165 per team. A \$60 deposit is required to hold the team’s spot with the balance due prior to the event day. Registered team members may

train at the Sports Core Pool at a re-duced rate of \$4 a visit through April 22.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the event. To volunteer, email cphillips@oceanpines.org.

A team representative meeting will be held on Monday, April 18 at 6 p.m. at the Sports Core Pool. Instructions and a course description will be given at that time. Participants may preregis-ter on Friday, April 22 from 6-7 p.m. or at 7 a.m. on the day of the event.

For more information or to regis-ter, contact the Ocean Pines Aquatics Department at 410-641-5255.

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Paddling wknd. to span two states

Snow Hill, Laurel, to join forces during new outdoor activities event set for fall

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(April 14, 2016) Snow Hill and Laurel, Delaware will join this fall for a new two-state event that has been dubbed Delmarva Paddling Weekend.

The watersports happening is being modeled after the successful Delmarva Birding Weekend, April 21-24, which includes activities along the Chesapeake and Delaware bays and their tributaries as well as the coastal bays of both states.

Snow Hill Economic Development Director Michael Day said he and other organizers have attended several meetings in Laurel, and that a delegation from that town will visit Snow Hill on Tuesday, May 3.

"There's so many similarities between Snow Hill and Laurel," Day said. "They're trying to do a paddling town, and they've just done a branding. We've just got money to do the same thing here in Snow Hill."

Snow Hill sits on the Pocomoke River, while Laurel benefits from Broad

Creek, the Nanticoke River and more than 10 mill ponds.

"The idea here is to try to make this a weekend event and publicize it," Day said. "People will be able to come to Snow Hill for the day, paddle, eat, drink and be merry, and then they can go to Laurel and do the same thing."

Day said the weekend would likely include as many as 20 guided trips in both towns. In Snow Hill, visitors could stay in about 30 rooms in three different inns, he said. Other guests, Day suggested, could end up in hotels in West Ocean City or Salisbury.

Jim Rapp, from Conservation Community Consulting LLC, has helped develop and run Delmarva Birding weekend for more than two decades. He said that event, according to the most recent study, has an annual impact of about \$100,000.

He said Delmarva Paddling Weekend should produce similar economic returns, and would introduce new people to both towns. Rapp said attendees

have come from as far away as Mexico to Delmarva Birding Weekend, and estimated as much as 60 percent of the event's paddling enthusiasts would come from outside of the immediate area.

"It's like window shopping. Let us show you the thing first, and if you really like us, come back," he said. "I

think we can build a whole social thing into this, going to local breweries at night, having a little get together and maybe campfires at the campgrounds. If we can get people down here for a weekend of fun things, I think they'll want to come back."

Organizers purchased a website, DelmarvaPaddling.com, which is scheduled to go live by Memorial Day weekend. In the meantime, a Facebook page, Snow Hill Outdoors, will provide information on upcoming events. The town also operates SnowHillOutdoors.com.

Delmarva Paddling Weekend will run Sept. 30, through Oct. 2.

'People will be able to come to Snow Hill for the day, paddle, eat, drink and be merry, and then they can go to Laurel and do the same thing'

Snow Hill Economic Development Director Michael Day

Pines Rec & Parks to now offer school flyers electronically

(April 14, 2016) The Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department is now making its program flyers available electronically through Peachjar, a digital flyer management system used by Worcester County Schools.

Flyers promoting Ocean Pines camps and activities aimed at school-aged children, which were previously distributed to local schools on paper via backpack mail, are now hosted on the Peachjar website at peachjar.com and delivered via email.

Flyers may be viewed by clicking the Peachjar link on each school's website. Parents and guardians wishing to receive emails containing the digital flyers may sign up through the link or by visiting peachjar.com. There is no charge to receive the flyers.

Information about recreational activities will continue to be found in the department's seasonal activity guides and at OceanPines.org. For more information about Peachjar or about programs offered by the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, call 410-641-7052.



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Bayside Gazette expands mainland coverage

Snow Hill, Pocomoke join other communities on this paper's pages

This week marks a major step forward for the *Bayside Gazette* and *Ocean City Today*, as the local company that publishes both weekly newspapers begins countywide coverage for readers and advertisers.

The *Bayside Gazette*, which has become the definitive news publication in Ocean Pines and Berlin, is expanding to include the Snow Hill and Pocomoke City areas, giving it a reach that makes it the only newspaper to concentrate exclusively on all the mainland communities in Worcester County.

Going back to the 1970s, multiple newspapers have attempted to become the one paper serving the entire county, but found it impossible because of the tendency of those publications to concentrate on the Ocean City resort sphere to the detriment of coverage everywhere else.

The fact was and continues to be

that Worcester's traditional communities just aren't that interested in the goings on of a resort town that has no effect on their day-to-day lives.

That's how it was back in the days of the *Worcester Democrat* in Pocomoke and the *Democratic Messenger* in Snow Hill and how it is now. It's also the principle that we intend to follow with the *Bayside Gazette*, as it covers Ocean Pines, Berlin, Snow Hill and Pocomoke, which have more in common with each other than they do Ocean City and West Ocean City.

Ocean City Today, meanwhile, will continue to follow its successful formula of focusing on the resort, West Ocean City and county government.

We feel that going all-in with two papers makes more sense than attempting to claim expanded readership with a single paper simply by distributing it to more areas. To be effective as a news source and an advertising medium, people have to read the product.

To that end, this expansion of the *Gazette's* readership base establishes the final link in an advertising net-

work that stretches from Bethany, Ocean View and Fenwick Island, Delaware, which is blanketed by our sister paper, *Coastal Point*, to across Worcester County with *Ocean City Today* and *Bayside Gazette* and then up through Somerset and Wicomico counties via agreements with the *Crisfield-Somerset County Times* and the *Salisbury Independent*.

That's about 75,000 newspapers, with upwards of 150,000 readers.

While that's hard to beat in terms of circulation, it still all comes down to providing good local coverage with each publication.

To accomplish that, Brian Gilliland of Snow Hill has been named associate editor and will cover the towns of Snow Hill and Pocomoke for the *Gazette*. He had been covering Worcester County government.

Josh Davis, whose Ocean Pines and Berlin coverage has elevated the *Gazette* to its present level, also has been named associate editor and will continue his excellent work in northern Worcester.

Greg Ellison, a veteran reporter, who only recently returned to his

home state from a multi-year stint in Colorado, will cover county government, and Ocean City reporter, Katie Tabeling, who also recently joined the staff, will add West Ocean City to her beat. Kara Hallisey will continue to cover police, business and features for *Ocean City Today*.

One other addition to the news staff is Ocean Pines resident Taylor Sloan, as *Ocean City Today's* new entertainment writer/photographer.

All these plans, however, will mean nothing without the participation of readers. We invite and encourage residents of Pocomoke and Snow Hill to submit their announcements, news items, story suggestions, letters to the editor, photos and calendar of events notices to us for publication at editor@baysidegazette.com. Sales inquiries should be directed to Assistant Publisher/Sales Director Elaine Brady at ebrady@baysidegazette.com.

All else should be sent to Stewart Dobson, publisher (and former *Worcester Democrat* editor back in the day) at sdobson@oceancitytoday.net. We look forward to serving you from the beach to the bay.

— Stewart Dobson

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"Your ability to make mutple glasses of wine dissapear does not qualify you as a magician"

LETTERS

Pines planning lacking

The following letter was read during an Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors special meeting, on Monday.

Editor,
OPA lacks a strategic planning component, and frankly multiple boards have focused too much on short-term political matters, and not on long-term policy guidance and direction, which is the job of the board. A year or so ago, I supported the development of a comprehensive plan with the understanding and hope that the plan would be married with the reserve study.

At that point, it would become a blueprint for the future, not set in stone, but at least a beginning. It is obvious today that once again the OPA board and at least one board committee has failed in the effort to develop a comprehensive plan or vision. Some of that can be attributed to ineptitude, some to an almost maniacal desire in this community to criticize every effort and micro-manage from afar, and finally some on the board failing to set deadlines and/or a lack of will to push through and make decisions.

Regardless, it is a failure and that failure lies with the board. I would recommend simply abolishing the comprehensive planning committee and stop wasting time. We are currently a

dysfunctional, opinion driven organization, drifting without direction.

That said, at some point an OPA Board needs to get off the dime and focus on the future of this community. You asked the GM to provide a CIP and he did. Ask yourselves what have you done, what substantive action has taken place in the three months since he provided it? Nothing! You cannot abdicate your responsibility as a board by simply ignoring the hard part of the job.

Stop looking to see which way the wind is blowing; bending to the whim of those who yell the loudest; to those potentially running for reelection. Stop pandering to every interest group, and provide the fiduciary and mission driven leadership you were elected to give this community. In the absence of a strategic comprehensive plan, take the CIP recommendations of the GM and then actually act on those recommendations, either approving, disapproving or modifying them, assign a rough dollar value, insert those in the reserve study, and develop the funding plan, including reserve percentages and the capital component, moving forward. Stop pushing down the road decisions that need to be made and planning that must be completed.

Today, we get a draft reserve study that shows by any measure we are inadequate in our funding. It highlights a bigger problem, and that is we need

to use reserves for what they are meant for, we need to look perhaps at borrowing as a method of funding large new projects, versus reserve funds for existing replacement and upgrade projects. I expect today a series of in-the-weeds questions regarding classification, rather than a substantive discussion centered on policy. I hope you surprise me!

To cut to the chase I recommend four steps today:

1. I trust you have already done this, but if not, direct the GM to provide a report and recommended percentage funding/threshold levels of each of the four sections of the reserve study, and a projected timeframe. My guess is Bob [Thompson] likely will have a funding stream already calculated that will justify OPA remaining below the minimum threshold percentage amount in one or more reserve funds.

2. Do your homework. Get online, look at similar associations, HOA trade groups, etc., and determine what best practice target percentages OPA should be aiming for in each of the reserve categories. Before I ever looked at the study, I did this to verify the parameters provided in the report.

3. Receive the GM's recommendations and, coupled with your own independent research, commit that at the next regular meeting after the report is submitted the board will set policy for each of the reserves.

Once policy is enacted step four:
4. If you decide to continue with a comprehensive planning committee, give them until September 1, 2016 to present a plan to the board. If you eliminate the committee, or receive a report from comprehensive planning, pledge to take action [no later than] October 1, 2016 on the CIP or comprehensive plan. This allows the association to plug in long term expected depreciation, coupled with anticipated reserve needs, and allows the budget to be set based on policy, not fantasy.

On a different matter, yet much the same, get educated and prepared as a board. Do your own research homework, study issues, ask questions, but stop playing gotcha at every meeting. It does not equate to progress, and makes us look petty.

Last, whether it is board deportment, or board committee talk, everyone needs to remember that actions in open sessions travel far beyond meetings. It affects public opinion and, more importantly, it affects relations with elected officials. Our board, our committees need to influence, educate and cajole our elected officials. That doesn't mean when we exhaust our options that we don't go nuclear and public if we feel mistreated or underfunded, it simply means we must first work the system, control our emotions and lead by example.

Ted Moroney, Ocean Pines

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LETTERS

Celebrate Volunteer Week, April 10-16

Editor,

Volunteer Week is celebrated nationally from April 10-16. This is the ideal time for us to thank the 280 Coastal Hospice volunteers who open their hearts everyday to the patients and families we serve in Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties.

Our volunteers perform a myriad of indispensable tasks, whether they are visiting patients in their homes, or helping out in countless other ways.

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volunteers are generously welcomed into patients' homes, and always strive to fulfill whatever request they receive from a patient or family member, no matter how big or small.

They take patients shopping, to the hairdresser, to the bank, or to go pet a horse. They walk dogs, read stories, make a cup of tea, look at family picture albums, reminisce, give caregivers a break, or simply hold a hand.

Other volunteers stuff envelopes, water plants, put equipment together, attend health fairs, or work in the Coastal Hospice Thrift Shop in Berlin.

One dedicated volunteer gave us 635 hours of time in the last 12 months, a heroic accomplishment.

Our volunteers are a diverse group — young, and in their 90s, professionals and retirees, lifelong shore residents and snowbirds. But, they all have one goal in common: to help those who are going through a very special time of life.

We thank them for their dedication and service.

Judy Hunt-Harris
Manager of
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Mediacom running slow

Editor,

Is it me? Or, am I going crazy? Lately, we've noticed that our Internet service has been getting slower and slower.

Often times, our computers would shut down for no logical reason. Then, a few days ago, we received a phone call from Mediacom, asking if we wanted to pay an additional \$5.95 to improve our Internet speed.

We had just recently negotiated our contract with them. We had to give up some TV cable channels in order to keep our rate at about the same price. We are getting less now for the rate. When does this all end, with dealing with Mediacom? We welcome any suggestions.

Barbara and Andy Loffler
Ocean Pines

Berlin teams open Little League baseball play

(April 14, 2016) Berlin Little League play opened last weekend, with three Major League baseball games, and one Major League softball game.

Major League baseball
(Friday)
Blue Jays 5
Royals 3

Berlin Little League, Majors division, opened the 2016 season on Friday. Both teams battled through the chilly night, but Blue Jays pitching prevailed 5-3, as starting pitcher,

Ashten Snelshire, had 14 strikeouts and only allowed one hit in 4 2/3 innings. Logan Intrieri came in to finish the game, striking out three of the final four batters.

Blue Jays hitters Jonathan Mitchell, Andrew Schule and Steven Wade all contributed with big hits at key moments in the game. Gavin Weeks of the Royals also pitched well, giving up four runs on two hits. Luke Scott recorded a single for the Royals.

Tigers 9
Nationals 6

Evan Truitt of the Tigers went three-for-three, with two triples, and was the game-winning pitcher, throwing 81 pitches in five innings. Gus Croll picked up the save, throwing only 13 pitches in the sixth to pre-

serve the win.

Major League softball
(Friday)
Bulldogs 14
Hurricanes 9

Skylar Griffin of the Bulldogs allowed no hits and struck out nine in a winning effort on Friday night. She also helped her team to victory with a two-RBI triple. Katie Wrench hit a three-run home run to help the Bulldogs to victory.

Due to inclement weather, all opening-day festivities were canceled, and Saturday games were postponed until Sunday afternoon.

When the sun broke Sunday morning, the fields were in excellent condition, and Berlin Little League's opening day weekend continued.

Major League baseball
(Sunday)
Blue Jays 17
Orioles 1

The Blue Jays scored 17 runs on nine hits on Sunday against the Orioles, during their second game of opening weekend play.

Emanuel Aroh led the team with three hits and four runs scored. The game broke open in the final inning, when the Blue Jays added eight runs to secure the victory.

The Orioles used four pitchers and collected 12 strikeouts in the losing effort. Orioles' hitter Owen Knerr had a RBI double off the fence during the fourth inning, and Brendan Bradford led the team with two hits.

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AGH introduces new ‘price estimator’ tool

(April 14, 2016) As health plan deductibles rise and the portion of the hospital bill patients are responsible for only continues to increase, the value of price transparency to individuals considering their healthcare options is also rising.

Gone are the days when most insured individuals could expect to pay – and therefore plan for – a flat co-pay for a lab test or an ER visit. Preparing financially for an elective procedure, such as a hip replacement or gall bladder surgery, can be even more difficult.

That’s a key reason Atlantic General Hospital and Health System has launched a price estimator tool for its patients. The calculation takes into account the average cost for the test or procedure in question, the individual’s co-pay and co-insurance responsibilities under his or her health plan and how much of the deductible has already been met. This service is offered to patients when they schedule a procedure or diagnostic testing or when they check in for their care.

Estimate requests can also be made online or via phone by individuals who are considering Atlantic General Hospital and Health System for the care their doctor has recommended. Patient Financial Services representatives are available 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, at 410-641-6448. Requests can be submitted online at www.atlanticgeneral.org/For-Patients-Visitors/Billing-Information/Request-An-Estimate.aspx.

“We’re very excited about being able to offer this service to our community,” said Pattie Stamm, director of patient financial services at Atlantic General Hospital. “We feel being able to provide these estimates helps build trust with our patients and allows them to better plan financially for the care they need.”

Atlantic General has published estimated pricing for the most common blood tests, imaging tests and surgeries on its website since 2011. While helpful, these pricing charts don’t factor in patients’ individual insurance coverage to help them determine what their actual out-of-pocket cost will be.

Healthcare consumers can find themselves bouncing back and forth between their insurance company and the healthcare provider to narrow down the range of what they will owe. Atlantic General’s new service can reduce the steps in the journey to that estimate. Atlantic General has contracted with a third party, Experian Health, for a secure electronic solution that queries patients’ current insurance information and compares that information with the hospital’s fee structure to arrive at an estimated out-of-pocket cost.

While the estimator tool eliminates a great deal of uncertainty related to cost for patients, Stamm pointed out that it is still an estimate, not a hard figure guaranteed to appear on the bill.

“The base cost for a service is an average, and it can fluctuate somewhat based on the complexity of the patient’s condition being treated,” Stamm said.

One example is the estimate for a routine colonoscopy. While the gastroenterologist is performing the procedure, he may discover and remove suspicious tissue for testing in one patient while another patient is free of such growths and requires no further measures. The cost to the patient will be different. But, the total will come as much less of a surprise. Atlantic General Hospital and Health System is the first on the Eastern Shore to provide this level of price transparency to patients and the community.

Atlantic General Hospital has been providing quality health care to the residents of Worcester, Wicomico, 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 for individuals with cancer or blood/autoimmune disorders, retina surgery and a comprehensive women’s diagnostic center. Atlantic General Health System, its network of more than 40 primary care providers and specialists, care for residents and visitors throughout the region.

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Dr. Cindy Byrd, executive director of Julia A. Purnell Museum, with a portion of William Purnell's collection in the museum named for his mother. The museum opened to the public last week.



BRIAN GILLILAND/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

REELECTED

Pocomoke Mayor Bruce Morrison swears in District 2 councilwoman Diane Downing to her third term. Downing ran unopposed in the election. The Board of Election Supervisors failed to certify the results in the District 1 race Monday night, citing an equipment malfunction.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

SECOND FRIDAY

Shelby Long, a student at Parkside High School in Salisbury, poses with her prize-winning "Alice in Wonderland" poster at the Berlin Visitor's Center, during the 2nd Friday art stroll, April 8.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Harleigh Layton, left and Natalie Brushmiller try on their Spring Celebration costumes at Bruder Hill, during Berlin's April 2nd Friday art stroll.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Helen Wiley, from the Church Mouse, presents a check to Ron Pilling, from the Jesse Klump Memorial Fund, last Friday. The Berlin thrift shop donates proceeds from sales accumulated during the 2nd Friday art stroll, each month.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Stephanie Fowler shows off her Light of Literacy Award, recently presented for her efforts at Salt Water Media, inside the Berlin shop on April 8, during the town's monthly art stroll.

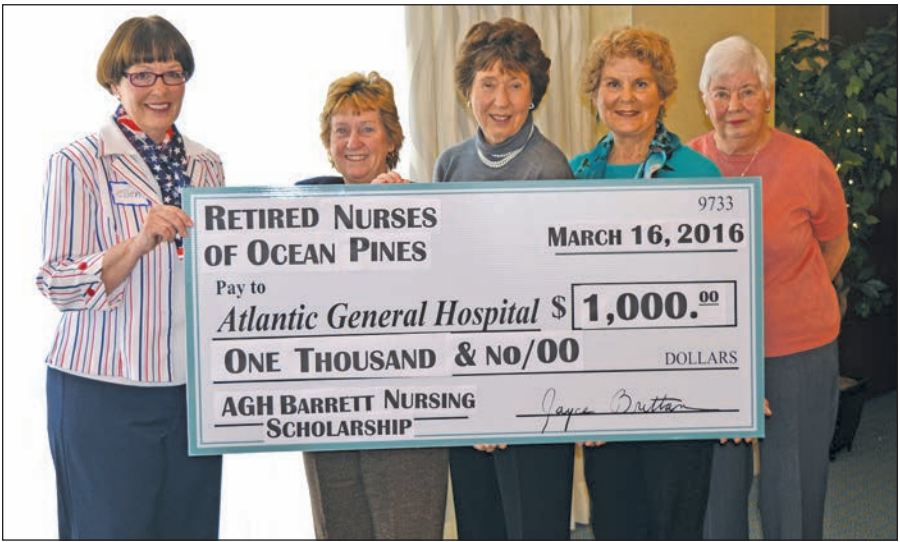
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NEW OFFICERS

Past Commanders of the Ocean City Power Squadron are pictured during the election of New Bridge officers for 2016 – 2017, on Feb. 26. The election was held on “Founders Day,” celebrating the anniversary of the United States Power Squadron, founded in 1914 and the local unit Ocean City Power Squadron founded in 1980. Pictured, from left, are John W. Tellman, Fredrick F. Stiehl, William E. Killinger, District 5 Commander Katherine J. Jones, OCPS Commander Stuart C. Glassman and Antonino G. Curro.



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CHECK PRESENTATION

The Retired Nurses of Ocean Pines recently presented a check for \$1,000 to Colleen Wareing, vice president of Patient Care Services at Atlantic General Hospital, benefiting the James G. and Nancy W. Barrett Nursing Scholarship Program. The Retired Nurses of Ocean Pines have contributed a total of \$8,000 to Atlantic General Hospital's nursing scholarship program since 2008. Pictured, from left, are Ellen Yannuzzi, president of Retired Nurses of Ocean Pines; Wareing; Joyce Brittan, treasurer; Jean Beatty, secretary; and Elaine Gilgenast, vice president of Retired Nurses of Ocean Pines.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

COMMUNICATING WITH CUBA

Stephen Decatur High School Spanish teacher Brian Phillips is joined by his Spanish I students after sending a video question to First Lady Michelle Obama, who is initiating communication with Cuban students.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

LINCOLN DAY DINNER

The Worcester County Republican Central Committee hosted its Lincoln Day Dinner on March 12 at the historic Atlantic Hotel in Berlin, where more than 70 people enjoyed dinner and conversation. Grant Helvey, chairman of the Worcester County Republican Central Committee, is pictured with Michael Anthony Peroutka, Esq., of the Institute on the Constitution.



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SURPRISE LUNCH

Ocean Pines residents Sis LeGates and Art Schmidt were given a surprise luncheon as the couple plans to move to Delaware. The luncheon was hosted by the members of the Ocean Pines Bridge Club. Candi Marceron is pinning the flowers on LeGate.



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PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

The Worcester County Commissioners present a proclamation on March 15 to Health Department Acting Prevention Director Mimi Dean, recognizing the week of April 4-10 as Public Health Week in Worcester County and commending health department officials for providing quality medical care and meeting the health needs in the community.

NOW PLAYING

ALIBI ROOM

Wicomico St & Baltimore Ave.
Ocean City
410-289-7687
www.bjsonthewater.com
April 15: LoveBettie, 9 p.m.
April 16: DJ Cinco, 9 p.m.
April 18: DJ Wax
April 20: The Room Sounds, 9 p.m.
April 21: Shawn Owen, 9 p.m.

BJ'S ON THE WATER

75th Street and the bay
Ocean City
410-524-7575
www.bjsonthewater.com
April 15: Tranzfusion, 9 p.m.
April 16: Over Time, 5 p.m.
April 17: Teenage Rust & the Fabulous Rustettes, 2 p.m.
April 20: 2 Guys & A Mama, 5 p.m.

BOURBON STREET ON THE BEACH

116th Street, behind Fountain
Head Towers Condominium
Ocean City
443-664-2896
www.bourbonstreetonthebeach.com
Every Wednesday: Open Mic, 8 p.m.
to midnight
Every Thursday: Chris Button &
Dave Sherman, 5-9 p.m.
April 15: Jack Worthington
6-10 p.m.

April 16: Sandra Dean, 7 p.m.
April 17: Just Jay, 4-7 p.m.

CAPTAIN'S TABLE

15th St. & Baltimore Ave.
Ocean City
410-289-7192
www.captainstableoc.com
Every Friday & Saturday:
Phil Perdue

CASINO AT OCEAN DOWNS

10218 Racetrack Road
Berlin
410-641-0600
www.oceandowns.com
April 15: Everett Spells, 5:30-9:30
p.m.
April 16: Sol Knopf, 4:30-8:30 p.m.;
Monkee Paw (Trio), 9:30 p.m.-
1:30 a.m.

DUFFY'S TAVERN

130th Street in the
Montego Bay Shopping Center
410-250-1449
www.duffysoc.com
April 15: Bob Hughes, 5-9 p.m.

FAGER'S ISLAND

60th Street and the bay
Ocean City
410-524-5500
www.fagers.com
April 15: DJ Hook, 9 p.m.,

Misspent Youth, 9:30 p.m.
April 16: DJ Groove, 9:00 p.m.;
The Jump, 9:30 p.m.
April 17: Everett Spells, 10 a.m.
April 21: Liz Brennan, 8 p.m.;
7Horse, 9 p.m.

HARBORSIDE BAR & GRILL

12841 S. Harbor Road
West Ocean City
410-213-1846
www.ocharborside.com
April 15: DJ Billy T, 4 p.m.
April 16: Simple Truth, 2-6 p.m.;
DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m.
April 17: Opposite Directions B,
2-6 p.m.; DJ Billy T, 7 p.m.
April 21: Opposite Directions,
9 p.m. - 1 a.m.

HARPOON HANNA'S

Route 54 and the bay
Fenwick Island, Del.
800-227-0525
302-539-3095
www.harpoonhannasrestaurant.com
April 15: Dave Hawkins, 5-10 p.m.
April 16: Dave Sherman, 5-10 p.m.
April 21: Melissa Alesi, 5-9 p.m.

HOOTERS

Rt. 50 & Keyser Point Road
West Ocean City
410-213-1841
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April 16: DJ BK, 7 p.m.

JOHNNY'S PIZZA & PUB

56th Street, bayside
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April 15: Troy Hanna, 9 p.m.
April 16: Randy Lee Ashcraft &
the Saltwater Cowboys, 9 p.m.
April 20: Randy Lee Ashcraft,
6 p.m.

KY WEST RESTAURANT & BAR

54th Street
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6:30-10:30 p.m.
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M.R. DUCKS

Talbot Street and the bay
Ocean City
410-289-9125
www.mrducksbar.com
April 8: DJ Batman, 5-8 p.m.
April 9: Tranzfusion, 3-7 p.m.

OCEAN CLUB NIGHTCLUB

In the Horizons Restaurant
In the Clarion Fontainebleau Hotel
101st Street and the ocean
Ocean City
410-524-3535
www.clarionoc.com
April 15-16: On The Edge,
9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.

ROPEWALK

82nd Street and the bay
Ocean City
410-524-1009
www.ropewalkoc.com
Every Friday & Saturday: DJ

SEACRETS

49th Street and the bay
Ocean City
410-524-4900
www.secrets.com
April 15: Opposite Directions,
5-9 p.m.; The Benderz, 10 a.m. -
2 a.m.
April 16: Full Circle, 5-9 p.m.;
Jon Maurer, 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.;
The Zoo, 10 p.m. - 2 a.m.
April 21: Full Circle Duo, 5-9 p.m.,
5-9 p.m.

SKYE RAW BAR & GRILLE

66th Street, bayside
Ocean City
410-723-6762
www.skyebaroc.com
April 16: Elwood Bishop, 4-8 p.m.

WHISKER'S BAR & GRILL

11070 Cathell Road, Suite 17
Pines Plaza, Ocean Pines
443-365-2576
April 15: Karaoke w/Donnie Berkey,
10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

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CUISINE

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Thank Babaar, the elephant in the room

If I had to guess, I was 8 years old, and at the time my father was one of the lead engineers at the National Gallery of Art in D.C. As such, we would find ourselves receiving tickets to a random quartet in the West Wing, or passes to a special event on the Mall or on the occasion in question, a reading of “Babaar the Elephant” at the Kennedy Center.



By Paul Suplee,
CEC PCIII

I was excited to hear our weatherman from WTTG read one of my favorite childhood books; I awaited the reading in rapturous anticipation. Alas, I realized that I had to go to the bathroom and that my time of imagination would have to wait.

I begged my father to let me go alone, and he acquiesced, believing that I surely wouldn’t be able to get that wrong since it was right down the hallway. Mayhap he was a little too confident in my navigational abilities at the ripe age of 8.

I asked the usher, a nice old man, where I would find the restroom, and he pointed and said “Down the hall to the left; by the elevator.” Following his instructions, I found myself in a room that housed the door I came in, an ominous door to the left, and the aforementioned elevator. Seeing no bathroom door, I decided to investigate further by going through the unmarked door.

It wasn’t until it slammed behind me, with the echoes of its metal frame bouncing off concrete walls that I realized that I was locked in a stairwell; a dimly lit stairwell. I banged on the door for what seemed like an eternity, but knowing that no one was within earshot, I started traversing stairs. I went up, I went down. I went anywhere I could. But, the doors were all locked. Tears and snot running down my face, I knew that I was doomed.

Desperate, I tried one last door. Finally, I was free, and my grand entrance was into the kitchen of the rooftop restaurant, pots clanking, people yelling and flames taller than me. One look at me and the cooks just laughed, gave me an arm around the shoulder, got me to the chef who made sure to get me a Coke, and I was personally escorted by chef to my seat in one piece.

I often wonder if that was when I realized I wanted to be a chef. Maybe I



have Babaar to thank for all of this.

Grilled Salmon

- Serves 4
4 6-ounces pieces salmon
Olive Oil
Trimix,” as needed (recipe follows)
3 cups Braised leeks & Fennel (recipe follows)
1 cup Beurre blanc (recipe follows)
Fried fennel fronds for garnish
1. Heat a grill until very hot and well-seasoned so that the salmon does not stick
 2. Brush salmon with oil and season liberally with trimix
 3. Place presentation-side down on the grill and cook for about two minutes
 4. Keeping tension on the spatula so that you can lift fish with ease without tearing it, turn the salmon 45-degrees to create the hash marks
 5. After two minutes, repeat this process by flipping salmon over. If you are like me, you can cook it for about a minute on the underside and eat it a little undercooked
 6. Serve salmon on a bed of braised leeks and fennel and sauce the plate with a considerate amount of beurre blanc
 7. Garnish with fried fennel frond and serve with a dry white wine, such as a Chenin blanc

Trimix

- Makes 1/4 cup
2 Tbsp. Kosher salt
1 Tbsp. Black pepper
1 Tbsp. Granulated garlic
1. This was a classic preparation that we made at Johnson & Wales in the 80’s, and it still serves its purpose to this very day
 2. Just combine these spices and use wherever you would use salt and pepper (within reason. If you are over-garlicked, just leave it out)
 3. Keep in an airtight container for up to a month
- ### Braised Leeks & Fennel
- Makes about 1 quart
2 Tbsp. Clarified butter
1 large fennel bulb, or 2 medium
3 each Leeks, whites and some light green parts
2 each Shallots
4 each Roasted garlic cloves
1 cup White wine
2 Tbsp. Champagne vinegar
Salt & Pepper, to taste
1. Heat the butter to medium and add the fennel and leeks
 2. Sweat them until they are tender, which will take quite a while
 3. Add the white wine and vinegar and reduce by half

4. Finish with salt and pepper and keep warm until service
- ### Beurre Blanc
- Makes 2 cups
2 cups White wine
1 Leek whites only
1 Shallot, julienne
2 sprigs fresh tarragon
2 Tbsp. Champagne vinegar
1 cup heavy cream
1/2 to 3/4 pound Whole butter, cold, in chunks
Salt & White pepper as needed
1. Combine the first five ingredients in a sauce pan and heat to medium
 2. Reduce slowly until it is in half
 3. Add cream and reduce by half. It should be a viscous sauce
 4. Pull the sauce off the heat and add the butter chunks, one at a time, and swirl them in until fully incorporated before adding the next
 5. Strain, season and serve. The addition of the cream will help to keep it stable much longer than in the case of the traditional beurre blanc
- Paul G. Suplee is an Assistant Professor of Culinary Arts at Wor-Wic Community College. Find his ePortfolio at www.heartofakitchen.com.

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HARD - 61

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

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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SOMETHING IN THE WATER
BY RANDOLPH ROSS / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

ACROSS
1 "Things aren't so bad!"
8 Memorable mission
13 Napoleon, for one
19 Head of the army?
20 Jerusalem's province, to the Romans
21 Role for Julia Louis-Dreyfus
22 Iron Man, e.g.
23 Where a 28-Across was often submerged in W.W. II
25 Prefix with comic
26 Chinese leader?
28 See 23-Across
29 More sound
30 Global supporter of the arts
33 Retailer ____ Taylor
34 Kind of PC port
37 Grocery chain since 1926
38 See 43-Across
39 A or O, e.g.
41 Ready to be drawn
43 Where you might tour the Grand Canyon in a 38-Across
47 See 50-Across
49 Young hare
50 Where an Italian tourist might ride in a 47-Across
52 Honkers

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DOWN
54 "If I Ruled the World" rapper
56 Heavy metal venue?
57 Approximately
58 Bars frequented at night
61 Tiny bit
62 Not, to a Scot
63 Saloon sounds
64 Knock over
65 Animal that an ailurophobe fears
66 Unimpressive mount
67 "So ____"
68 Where to find Moscow in the U.S.: Abbr.
69 1993 standoff site
70 Trembling trees
72 Does some grilling
73 See 79-Across
76 Solo pilot?
77 Vice ____
79 Where a 73-Across sails loaded with fuel
81 See 85-Across
84 What a vulgarian has
85 Place for an 81-Across to catch seafood
90 [Humph!]
91 Put one's foot down
92 Cowpoke's friend
93 U.K. award
94 Yearbook sect.
95 Political writer Matt
97 École educator
99 Ticked off
101 See 105-Across
103 First name on the Supreme Court

DOWN
104 Suite spot, say
105 What a 101-Across travels for some urban commuters
111 James Joyce short story in "Dubliners"
113 Self-image?
114 Time to start walking
115 Campaign poster word
116 Not quite
117 "Ain't happening"
118 Investigative pieces

DOWN
1 Great work of literature
2 Try
3 "But thy ____ summer shall not fade": Shak.
4 "It's a Wonderful Life" role
5 Attention to detail
6 Article in Le Monde
7 Sell
8 They have belts and coats
9 Cholesterol inits.
10 Top of the minors
11 Aid in picking sides
12 Crunchy snack
13 Butter ____ (ice-cream flavor)
14 Buckets
15 It counts as a plate appearance but not as an at-bat, briefly
16 Trash-bag accessory
17 Retrovirus component

DOWN
18 Appetite
20 Cabinet member who served all eight years under Bill Clinton
24 Saturn model with a scientific name
27 Awaiting
31 Basketball's King James, for one
32 Cassini of fashion
34 Let flow again
35 Lack of compassion
36 Russian relative of a guitar
38 Party with glow sticks, maybe
40 Stumbles
41 Rouen relation
42 Makeshift beds
44 Bread spreads
45 Lawyer's thing
46 Lake that's the source of the Mississippi
47 Banded rock
48 "Waiting for Lefty" playwright
51 Hindu soul
52 Metal grates for grilling
53 One-way flight?
55 Hide away
57 Seven U.S. presidents, by birth
58 Notre Dame football legend
59 They're blown in the winds
60 Tourist attraction on N.Y.C.'s Fifth Ave.

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64 Charged
67 Support for ballet dancers
69 Place for a spare tire
71 Send into a swoon
74 Lifts up a mountain
75 Geom. shape
77 ____ III, inspiration for Dracula
78 Cry of mock horror

80 "Don't forget about me"
82 Set off
83 Announcement at the end of a long car trip
86 Org. established by President Nixon
87 "Little piggy" holders
88 Lack
89 "Count me in"

91 When repeated, 1968 name in the news
95 Generic juice flavor
96 Scroll holder
98 Choking on a Life Saver, e.g.
99 Fowl language?
100 Rich kid in "Nancy"
101 Young Arab
102 Sant' Gria brand

105 "I don't think so"
106 Stowe girl
107 Card game for two
108 Financial report abbr.
109 Opposite of FF
110 Dangerous pet
112 Aggravate

CALENDAR

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

THURS. April 14

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT WORKFORCE CONFERENCE — Carousel Resort Hotel and Condominiums, 11700 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Check-in begins at 8 a.m., plated breakfast served at 10 a.m. Everything employers and mangers need to know about hiring international students. Free. Info: www.oc-workforce.com or lisa@OceanCity.org.

ANNUAL TRIP TO HARRINGTON’S — The Ocean Pines Boat Club is sponsoring a bus trip to the newly renovated and expanded Midway Casino at Harrington’s on April 14. Cost is \$18, which includes the bus ride and driver gratuity. Attendees will receive \$15 credit towards playing plus \$7 towards the buffet lunch. The bus will leave the Ocean Pines Yacht Club at 10:15 a.m. and return at 5 p.m. Everyone is invited. Sign up: Barbara Southwell, 410-641-5456.

SPRING LUNCHEON — Poplar Hill Mansion, 117 Elizabeth St, Salisbury, 11:30 a.m. Menu includes soup, chicken salad, gelatin salad, Madeleines, dessert, coffee and tea. Raffle tickets available. Cost is \$22. RSVP: 410-749-1776 or 410-749-5168. Info: curator@poplarhillmansion.org. All proceeds benefit the mansion. Non-perishable food and personal items collected for the Joseph House food bank.

ARBOR DAY MEMORIAL TREE PLANTING CEREMONY — Pintail Park, Ocean Pines, 10:30 a.m. A tree will be planted in memory of loved ones who have passed away during 2015. Open to all. A luncheon at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club will follow. Cost is \$20. Reservations: Marian Bickerstaff, mbickerstaff@mchsi.com or 410-208-2508.

PAINT NIGHT — Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th Street, 5:30-7:30 p.m. No experience is needed. Canvas, paint, brushes, aprons, easels and light snacks provided. For families with children 5 and older. Cost is \$25 for adults and \$18 for children 5-12 years. Info: Lynda Brittingham, 410-250-0125 or lbrittingham@oceancitymd.gov.

BUNTING, BERTINO BUDGET MEETING — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 6:30 p.m. Worcester County Commissioners Jim Bunting (District 6) and Chip Bertino (District 5) will host a joint Town Meeting.

3RD ANNUAL ‘TOAST FOR THE COAST’ — West-O Bottle Shop and Bar, West Ocean City, 6-8 p.m. Free tasting of SweetWater’s latest craft beer creations, snacks and discounted SweetWater beer specials in commemorative Coastkeeper pint glasses. ACT will be screening a short film chronicling the triumph over Big Oil on the offshore drilling front. No entrance fee, proceeds from the sale of the featured beer and drinks will be do-

nated to support the Coastkeeper program and Assateague Coast Trust. Info: Sara Hambury, 410-213-2079 or Steve Farr, 410-629-1538.

AARP MEETING — Ocean City Senior Center, 41st Street & Coastal Highway, 9:30 a.m. Meeting will feature travel opportunities and guest speaker Rina Thaler from the Art League of Ocean City.

HEALTHY LIVING WITH DIABETES WORKSHOP — Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin, 5:30-8 p.m. Free, six-week workshop designed to help those affected by diabetes better manage their disease. Pre-registration required: Dawn, 410-641-9268.

CELIAC SUPPORT GROUP — Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, second Thursday of each month, 7-8 p.m. Support and information for those affected by celiac disease. Info: Betty Bellarin, 410-603-0210.

YOUNG & RESTLESS ‘OCEAN DISCOVERIES’ — Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Children, 3 to 7 years old, will explore the ocean with art and science activities. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org. or 410-632-3495.

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

EXPORT FORUM — Greater Salisbury Building in the Downtown Plaza, 200 W. Main St., Salisbury, 10 a.m. to noon. Worcester County business owners interested in expanding their business reach overseas are invited to participate. There is no cost to attend. Refreshments provided. RSVP: 410-749-1251 or info@swed.org.

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

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

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

BEACH SINGLES — Every Thursday, Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour at Harpoon Hanna’s, 39064 Har-

poon Road, Fenwick Island, Del., 4 p.m. Info: Arlene, 302-436-9577; Kate, 410-524-0649; or Dianne, 302-541-4642.

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

SOUP BOWL PROJECT & EXPO NIGHT — Berlin Intermediate School, 309 Franklin Ave., Berlin, 5-7 p.m. Soup and soup bowls will be for sale. In addition, other pieces of art made by students will be for sale to benefit the “BIS Kids - Sunshine Fund.” Expo night will showcase what students are doing in the classroom and assist parents in understanding strategies and programs that are available for use at home. Info: 410-632-5320.

FRI. April 15

OCEAN PINES TWO-WEEK INDOOR PICKLEBALL CLINICS — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Second session is Friday, April 22. Beginners and advanced beginners can learn to play one of the fastest growing sports in the country. Pickleball combines elements of badminton, tennis and ping-pong. No experience required. Cost is \$10. Info: 410-641-7052 or www.oceanpines.org.

MINI GOLF FUNDRAISER — Old Pro Golf, 6801 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City, 5-7 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person/per game. Bake sale and Chinese auction available. Benefits American Cancer Society Relay For Life. Info and tickets: Tina, 302-853-0565.

THE ART STUDIO — Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 3:30 p.m. Children 8 and older learn to draw, paint and create with artist Dale Rohl. RSVP: 410-957-0878.

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

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

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

SAT. April 16

KOMEN MD RACE FOR THE CURE — Inlet lot and Boardwalk. Race Village opens at 7 a.m., survivor parade at 7:40 a.m., 5K timed run begins at 9 a.m. and fun walk begins at 9:15 a.m. Race Village is family-

friendly festival with vendors, activities, entertainment and food. Race begins at the inlet and continues up boardwalk to 17th Street. Info: Jessica Evans, 443-366-5083 or jevans@komenmd.org.

FREE HEALTH FAIR — St. Paul United Methodist Church, 405 Flower Street, Berlin, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Topics include wills, living wills and estate probate, prostate cancer, early heart attack care and arthritis joint pain. Refreshments will be served. Info: Kenny Morris, 410-641-3481 or Dale Smack, 443-783-0395.

PAINT SNOW HILL “WET PAINT” PREVIEW SHOW AND SALE — Old Firehouse, 212 W. Green Street, Snow Hill, 6-8 p.m. After three days of Paint Snow Hill, artists will display their work. Tickets are \$30, which is taken off the purchase of a painting. On Sunday, the show continues 12-4 p.m. with free admission. Info: Bishop’s Stock, 410-632-3555 or info@bishopsstock.com.

WHEELS AND WAVES AUTOFEST SHOW — Casino at Ocean Downs, 10218 Race-track Road, Berlin, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Gates open at 9 a.m. Open to all years, makes and models. Award ceremony at 3:30 p.m. Event includes food tent, door prizes and live entertainment. Free for spectators. Info: Scott, 302-983-0588 or TRISAWevents@gmail.com.

BUILT IT! — Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 10 a.m.- 12 p.m. Hands-on constructive free play with fun activities for children 18 months and older. Info: 410-957-0878.

PJ PARTY! — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 9:30 a.m. Wear PJs, bring a pillow, enjoy breakfast snacks and watch classic cartoons. For all ages. Info: 410-524-1818.

SWORD FIGHTING! — Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 10 a.m. Medieval European Martial Arts instructor Josh Hawley invites kids 12 and up to participate. Everyone else can observe. Rain date April 23. Info: 410-641-0650.

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

CLEAN-UP BERLIN DAY — Berlin Falls Park (former Tyson property), Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin. Sign-up begins at 8:30 a.m. in Stephen Decatur, Henry and Berlin Falls Parks. Clean-up ends at 12 p.m., followed by lunch for volunteers in Henry Park. Info: 410-641-4314, www.berlinmd.gov or “Take Pride in

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CALENDAR

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Berlin Week” on Facebook.

SUDDENLY SINGLE WORKSHOP — Home Depot, 11408 Ocean Gateway, Berlin, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Suddenly Single events are open to all coping with loss of partner’s support through illness, death, separation or divorce. Free spring “spruce-up” workshop will cover using tools and gardening tips. Space is limited. Register: 410-208-2569 or mcgrawd@mchsi.com.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST — Ocean City Airport, 12724 Airport Road, West Ocean City, Saturdays through May 28, 9 a.m. to noon. Menu includes pancakes, sausage and coffee. Suggested donation is \$5. Proceeds benefit the Huey Veterans Memorial Fund. Info: Coleman Bunting, 410-726-7207.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST — VFW, Post 8296, 104 66th St., bayside in Ocean City, 8-11 a.m. A \$6 donation for all-you-can-eat pancakes or 2-2-2, two eggs, two pancakes and two bacon slices. Info: 410-524-8196.

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

SUN. April 17

PAINT SNOW HILL “WET PAINT” SHOW AND SALE — Old Firehouse, 212 W. Green Street, Snow Hill, 12-4 p.m. After three days of Paint Snow Hill, artists will display their work. Free admission. Info: Bishop’s Stock, 410-632-3555 or info@bishopsstock.com.

BOWL FOR KIDS’ SAKE — Ocean Lanes, 115 72nd Street, Ocean City, 12-2 p.m. Big Brothers Big Sisters will host fundraiser for local disadvantaged youth. Teams of five can register at www.biglittle.org/shorebowl. Info: Jessica Mimms, 410-543-2447 or jmimms@biglittle.org.

JAZZ CONCERT FEATURING JACOB TODD — First Presbyterian Church, 1301 N. Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 5:30 p.m. Light dinner will be served before and desserts after. Contributions gratefully accepted. Info: 410-289-9340.

FRIED CHICKEN DINNER — Waterman’s Seafood Company, 12505 Ocean Gateway, Ocean City, 1 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person and includes 4-piece chicken dinner, two sides, rolls and butter and non-alcoholic beverage. Eat in or carry-out. Raffles and bake sale available. Benefits American Cancer Society Relay For Life. Info: Dawn, 443-497-1198.

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morial Fund. Info: Coleman Bunting, 410-726-7207.

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

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

MON. April 18

TAKE HOME PIZZA FUNDRAISER — Little Lambs Learning Center, 11227 Race-track Road, Berlin. Orders and payment due today and pick up will be Thursday, April 21, 4-6 p.m. Cheese pizza \$10, Pepperoni pizza \$12 and BBQ chicken pizza \$13. Pizzas can be ordered hot or unbaked. Benefits American Cancer Society Relay For Life. Info: 410-641-5434.

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

LIVE BETTER FIT CLUB — Urban Nectar, 10019 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin. Arrive by 5:30 p.m., workout starts by 5:45 p.m. Come workout with the famous trainers you’ve seen on T.V., such as Shaun T, Autumn Calabrese and others. Cost is \$5. Take water and a mat (optional). Info: Sandy: 443-340-0988.

LINE DANCING — Urban Nectar, 10019 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Lessons and dancing. Cost is \$8 per person. BYOB. Info: Sandy, 443-340-0988.

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

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

TUES. April 19

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING - Berlin group 331, Worcester County Health Center, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 5:30-7 p.m. TOPS is a support

and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly. Info: jeanduck47@gmail.com.

YOUNG & RESTLESS ‘OCEAN DISCOVERIES’ — Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke, 10:30 a.m. Children, 3 to 7 years old, will explore the ocean with art and science activities. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org. or 410-957-0878.

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

WORCESTER COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN MEETING — Worcester County Board of Education, 6270 Worcester Hwy., Newark, 5-6:30 p.m. Women of all ages are invited. The purpose of the WCCW is to promote social, education and economic equality for women in Worcester County. Info: L. Eloise Henry-Gordy, 443-235-3124.

GENEALOGY GROUP MEETING — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Presentation on writing a family history followed by open discussion. Everyone welcome.

MARYLAND BASIC BOATING SAFETY COURSE — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road. Class is held for three nights, April 19, 20 and 21. The Maryland Safe Boating Certificate is required for all those born after July 1, 1972. Fee is \$15. Register or info: 410-935-4807 or cgaux1205@gmail.com.

CHICK-FIL-A SPIRIT NIGHT — Chick-fil-A, 12901 Ocean Gateway, Ocean City, 5-7 p.m. Support Town Cats, a non-profit organization saving community cats through spay/neuter, rescue and adoptions.

CARING FOR CAREGIVERS WORKSHOP — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. The program will address issues to help caregivers of movement or memory challenged persons. Free lunch box. Info: 410-208-0525. Reservations: WorcesterPD1@gmail.com.

WORCESTER COUNTY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 9:30 a.m. All meetings are open to the public.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 166 MEETING — American Legion Synepuxent Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 10:30 a.m. The monthly meeting will be followed by the Americanism essay contest luncheon at 12 p.m.

SUSHI AND CERAMICS — Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th Street, Ocean City, 6-8 p.m. Make a complete sushi set out of clay and nibble on a freshly prepared sushi roll. Cost is \$50 and includes all materials, a pre-ordered sushi roll and beverages. Allow 2-3 weeks for pieces to be fired and ready to take home. Benefits American Cancer Society Relay For Life. Register: 410-524-9433.

ALZHEIMER’S SUPPORT GROUP — Berlin Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Berlin,

11 a.m. to noon. Support group for caregivers of Alzheimer’s patients. It meets the third Tuesday of each month. Open to the community. Info: Heather Cormack, 410-641-4400, Ext. 6123 or Kenneth Lewis, 410-208-1701 or 410-430-4818.

GRAND OPENING RIBBON CUTTING — SeaFloor Carpets, Hardwood & More, 11312 Manklin Creek Rd., Unit 1, Ocean Pines, 4-6 p.m. Info: Don or Tabby, 410-208-3789 or Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce, 410-641-5306.

WED. April 20

YOUNG & RESTLESS ‘OCEAN DISCOVERIES’ — Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 10:30 a.m. Children, 3 to 7 years old, will explore the ocean with art and science activities. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org. or 410-641-0650.

ANNUAL ‘SHRED IT DAY’ — The Bank of Ocean City, 10005 Golf Course Road, West Ocean City. Limit 3 boxes or bags per person. Monetary donations will also be collected for Diakonia’s Food Pantry. Info: 410-213-0173.

STORY TIME — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-524-1818.

RETIRED NURSES APRIL MEETING — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 3 p.m. Guest speaker will be Steve Taylor, executive director of Worcester Youth & Family Counseling Services. Info: 302-436-4378.

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

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

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

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP — Atlantic General Hospital, Atlantic Health Center conference room, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 1-2 p.m. Support group for current patients and survivors. Lunch is provided. RSVP to Women Supporting Women, 410-548-7880.

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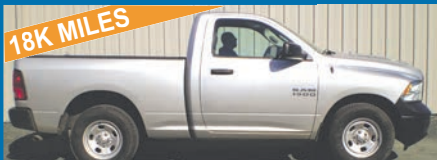
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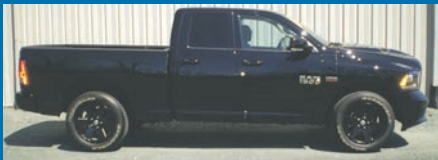
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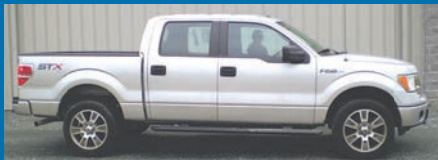
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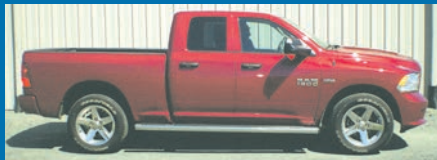
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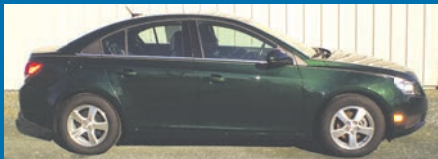
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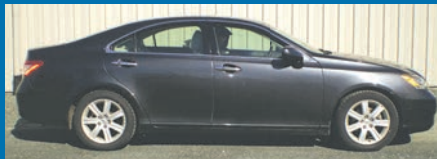
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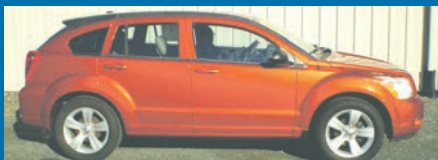
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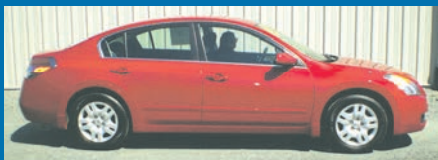
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