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EGG-CELLENT ADVENTURE

Hundreds of children race through a field near downtown Berlin on Saturday to scoop up some of the thousands of eggs hidden there. The annual Easter egg hunt was part of Spring Celebration, sponsored by the Berlin Chamber of Commerce.

Barbara Purnell named winner of '17 Berlin Award

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(April 20, 2017) Longtime Berlin resident and president of the committee overseeing the Germantown School Community Heritage Center project Barbara Purnell, 74, has won the 2017 Berlin Award presented by the Berlin Lions Club.

The award, recognizing volunteer work in the town, is in its 52nd year. The previous co-winners were Cam and Woody Bunting.

"I was really shocked. It was a great surprise," Purnell said on Monday. "It was a great honor to receive it."

Former Berlin Shoe Box owner Jesse Turner, who passed away last month, nominated Purnell. A committee of previous honorees handles the selection process.

In the nomination form, filled out last year, Turner wrote that Purnell was hardworking, loyal, honest, put others before herself and had a strong will to motivate. He cited her activities

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Barbara Purnell

Not in our Oasis: OPA reverses GM

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(April 20, 2017) About 200 people – an unusually large turnout for an Ocean Pines Board meeting – crowded into the community center last Thursday night and heard what they hoped they would hear: the introduction of family fun day on Sundays at the previously adults-only Oasis swimming pool is not going to happen.

After hearing resident after resident decry the schedule shift, the Ocean Pines Board of Directors voted 5-2 to reverse the decision of acting General Manager Brett Hill.

So concerned about the change were homeowners and residents that

they spilled over into two standing-room-only sections in the rear and side of the Assateague Room. In addition to the addition of the family day at the Oasis pool, Hill planned to introduce adults-only hours on Sundays at the Swim and Racket Club.

Previously, a family event was held at the Oasis pool, formerly called the yacht club pool, on Wednesday evenings until 8 p.m. That was shifted to another pool after an apparent conflict with county regulations forced the pool to close at 6 p.m. It was discovered after the fact, however, that the county would allow hours until 7 p.m.

At one point during the meeting, supporters of the new policy were asked to stand, and just two people

rose to their feet. After nearly two hours of public debate, the board of directors voted to overturn the change.

Before that could happen, Board President Tom Herrick opened the meeting up to public comments, which he said were strictly limited to the pool discussion, the meeting's lone agenda item.

"Also, no negative comments are allowed," Herrick said, drawing laughter and boos from a large portion of the audience.

Board Vice President Dave Stevens clarified that no negative comments "of a personal nature" were permitted.

Stevens and other directors said

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The Ocean Pines Board of Directors vote 5-2 to overturn a policy change made by interim General Manager Brett Hill regarding the Oasis Pool. Only Hill and Pat Supik, who participated via speaker vote, voted for the measure during the special meeting, last Thursday.



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RECOGNIZING HOLLAND

Town of Berlin Managing Director Jeffrey Fleetwood, right, presents a service award certificate to Berlin Police Special Officer Claude Holland on Thursday. Holland, who has served on the Berlin Police force for a decade, was not able to attend a ceremony held in March when the town honored 22 town employees for their combined 255 years of service.

Berlin unveils first draft of \$8M FY18 general fund budget

Big ticket item \$2.5 million new police station building

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(April 20, 2017) The Town of Berlin released preliminary details of its \$8.06 million fiscal year 2018 general fund budget during a work session at Town Hall on Monday night.

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams said department heads and the town administrator had worked for the last several months to prepare the draft. The meeting on Monday was for review by the mayor and council.

“[The approach] was to hold the line wherever possible and cut if we can,” Williams said on Monday. “What this preliminary general fund budget process seeks to do is simply [provide] an ongoing commitment ... to take care of our immediate needs while also planning for the future.”

The general fund was about 10 percent less than the previous year, in large part because of the \$2.75 million purchase of the Berlin Falls park property in 2017. The big-ticket item this year is a \$2.5 million new police station, which Williams said would be paid off over a period of 10-12 years by casino revenues.

The budget draft includes a \$97,000 increase in property tax revenue, estimated by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation and based on the current tax rate of 68 cents per \$100 of valuation, set in 2012.

Two consultant studies were included in the budget, to update water and sewer rates and create a prioritized list of town-owned streets that are in need of repairs.

The Town of Berlin workforce would also get a wage increase under the budget draft, accounting for \$102,003.

During the session, the mayor, council and staff also discussed changes to workman’s compensation insurance, new security procedures related to technology and updates related to the new police station, which broke ground this year near the corner of Flower Street and Route 376.

Williams said, on Tuesday, the budget had no real surprises.

“[The draft] is basically a continuation of what we already started over the last couple of years, but nothing really new,” Williams said. “Everything in that budget, as far as I can see, has been some things that we’ve been either considering, studying or taking actions for the last, at least, two-to-three years.”

A work session for the utility fund portion of the budget will be held on Monday, May 1 at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

After that, Williams said the town would advertise in local newspapers and hold a public hearing on June 12. The council would then vote on whether to adopt the budget.

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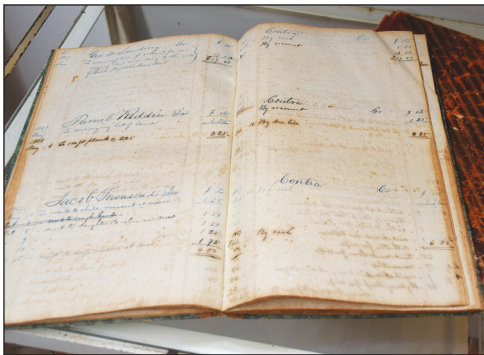


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Dr. Cindy Byrd, Julia A. Purnell Museum executive director, displays a mobile baby delivery kit once used by Snow Hill's former town physician Dr. Robert LaMar. Also pictured is (top) antique medicine bottles and (bottom) 18th century medical ledgers.

Developers look for new direction for Summerfield

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(April 20, 2017) The next chapter in the long-stalled Summerfield development project in Snow Hill unfolded during an informational meeting on Tuesday at the Train Station on Belt Street.

Matt Odachowski, who owns approximately 400 acres of what had been an 1,000-acre parcel, opened the meeting by noting the population of Snow Hill has declined from more than 2,400 residents in 2000 to its current level of roughly 1,900 inhabitants.

"It's an important time for figuring out a direction for the Summerfield project," he said.

In February Odachowski submitted a list of potential projects to develop the

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Purnell Museum opens 'Community Medicine'

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(April 20, 2017) The Julia A. Purnell Museum's new exhibit, "Community Medicine: The Art and Science of Healing," which honors longtime town physician Dr. Robert LaMar, had a well-attended opening reception on April 7 during the First Friday Art Stroll in Snow Hill.

Dr. Cynthia Byrd, Purnell Museum executive director, said about 50 people were on hand for the opening, most of whom had first hand dealings with LaMar.

"So many people from his life came and I was so glad they were still around," she said.

In addition to LaMar's son and daughter-in-law, Philip and Suzanne LaMar, Byrd said two former nurses, along with the physician who took over his practice and numerous patients were on hand to remember the man who served as Snow Hill's town doctor for almost 60 years.

"He was the last general family doctor who was certified to deliver babies at Peninsula Regional Medical Center,"

she said. "That was back when a general practitioner was general. He had to do everything ... you didn't have specialists."

LaMar, who passed away in 2005, began practicing medicine in Snow Hill during the 1940's, Byrd said. During the opening night reception his son Philip shared the poignant memory of his father's last day on the job.

"Somebody came and needed a prescription renewed [and] the doctor needed to sign off," Byrd said. "Dr. Lamar was sitting there, with his pen and his pad, and he just could not seem to remember exactly what it was this patient needed. His wife [Freda] took the pen from him and said 'I'm sorry, he can't do this.'"

Byrd said the couple realized the end had arrived.

"That day was his very last day in the office," Byrd said. "He was upset because he wasn't feeling confident that he remembered the right thing to write. He and she both said it was time."

The heartfelt recollection elicited tears from many at the reception, including LaMar's family, cohorts and

patients, Byrd said.

"He was here so long there were multiple generations of families that he delivered," she said.

Judging by the memories shared, Byrd said LaMar had a well-developed sense of humor and cared immensely about his patients.

"You didn't know if he was funny, grumpy or just teasing you," she said. "People described him in a way that you got the sense he was just a character."

With his residence located next door to his office at 104 North Bay St., Philip LaMar recalled his father would often field phone calls during dinner and dash off to assist a patient.

"It wasn't like they went to the emergency room, they would bring them to his office," Byrd said.

The Community Medicine exhibit features medical equipment and furniture used by LaMar, along with items from his predecessor, Dr. John Riley. Byrd also noted there were antique medical ledgers on display from Dr. Ezekiel Haynie, who practiced medicine in Snow Hill from 1785 to 1798.

"It kind of gives this huge overview

of everything the doctors were doing at the time," she said.

The Community Medicine exhibit will remain on display until Oct. 31, at which point Byrd said the museum would switch up offerings for the Christmas holiday.

The museum is open year round from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, and from 1-4 p.m. on Sundays. Adult admission is \$3. Child admission is free.

Yearly memberships are \$15 for individuals or \$25 for families.

"We do tours for groups and kids," Byrd said. "If people need a special time for a big group, or they want a special introduction or talk about the exhibit, just call and let me know."

Byrd also noted the museum has a free day for Snow Hill residents one weekend every month.

"If they're a Snow Hill resident a little bit of their taxes every year come to help us," she said. "According to my philosophy all these items belong to the town ... so people should have some opportunity to come in and see them without having to pay."

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"I don't ever remember hiring a babysitter and saying, 'make sure they



"I really just came out here to voice support for the return of Family Fun Night," he said. "My son is a teenager now and I'm here for no other reason than to support the past and the good times that we had as a family. It was a very special time and those kids really, really enjoyed those three hours that

"He's not available at a whim like a full-time general manager would be," Herrick said. "And there are some issues. All I'm asking to you is to understand that it's a different situation

“We have let you down,” he said.
“We have signed up for a job that’s not

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Board received pool emails ‘every two or three minutes’

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always easy and we’re doing the best we can.

“Having said that, I’m deeply disappointed that we’re even faced with this situation,” Trendic continued. “I hope it wasn’t intentional and we’re trying, now, to rectify that. The fact remains that the process was not followed. The discussions should have happened at the board level, at the committee levels, at the community level. Let a lesson be learned from this – this should never happen again.”

Director Cheryl Jacobs said the board had received emails from homeowners and residents “every two or three minutes.”

“It is clear what the overriding opinion is about the use of the yacht club pool,” she said. “There [is] not a revolt by four directors – there are simply four directors who are doing what we believe is our job, what we were elected [for], and I do not like to be characterized as somebody who is revolting simply because we are taking a stand which we believe is in the best interest of the entire community.”

Jacobs was referring to a letter to the editor sent by Hill to the Gazette last week. In it, he wrote, “I now have four directors revolting against me, and bringing me into a special meeting.”

She brought up Resolution M-02, governing amenities and cited by both Hill and Herrick as evidence the general manager is allowed to make such a change to Ocean Pines policy.

“The point is [M-02] talks about rules – it doesn’t talk about policy. Policy clearly comes from the board,” Jacobs said. “That is why, rather than getting input from your staff, you should have gotten input from your board.”

Director Doug Parks moved to direct the general manager to cancel the Sunday event and take no further action on the matter.

The motion passed 5-2, with Hill and Pat Supik voting “no.”

Several directors said they would look into a variance with the county to bring back the Wednesday evening event. The board could also explore changes to Resolution M-02 during a later meeting.

Barbara Purnell nominated by former Shoe Box owner Turner

■ PURNELL continued
with the heritage center and with organizing a neighborhood crime watch, working with Eastern Star, and serving on the Worcester County Economic Development Advisory Board.

She is also an active member of the New Bethel United Methodist Church and worked with Assateague Island National Seashore and the Head Start program.

She was honored by the Worcester County Commission for Women during a gala last year and recognized by the Worcester County Commissioners during Black History Month in February.

Turner wrote that Purnell spent countless hours dedicating herself to homelessness and to needy people in the community.

“I knew Jesse very well. He lived around the corner from me and was a part of the Germantown School,” Purnell said. “For him to think of me [in the nomination] is a very humbling experience. I just can’t really describe it.

“To think that he’s gone and can’t see it to fruition – I’m grateful to him,” Purnell said.

The Berlin Award, Purnell said, “seems like something much different” from other honors she has received.

“It’s sort of hard to describe. I didn’t realize that what I have done or what I’m doing means that much to people,” she said. “That’s not what I’m working for actually, but it’s a humbling experience.”

Purnell hopes the honor will help

raise the profile of the Germantown School Community Heritage Center, a former African-American-only two-room schoolhouse on Trappe Road. The building was shuttered in 1953, converted into a county highway garage facility in 1962 and finally reclaimed as a historic site in 2001.

Purnell has served as president of the Heritage Center committee for more than a decade. She deflected some of the attention surrounding the Berlin Award and said she would share the credit with others that have aided in the restoration effort.

“It has helped to get the word out, but I am not the only one that’s doing it,” she said. “When I’m being honored, I always recognize the group that I’m working with. You can’t do it alone.

“It’s a humbling experience, but I also want them recognized as well and to give them recognition for being there with me and helping to get it done.”

The 2017 Berlin Award will be presented at the Berlin Lions Club on Wednesday, May 10 at 6 p.m. Worcester County Superintendent of Schools Lou Taylor will be the guest speaker.

Tickets cost \$25 and may be purchased by calling Bill Burke at 410-641-4207. Checks can be made payable to the Berlin Lions Club and mailed, c/o Bill Burke, to 12 Meadow Street, Berlin, Maryland, 21811.

For more information on the Germantown School Community Heritage Center, visit www.thehermantown-school.org.

Naming parks and public spaces cmte. nearing finish line

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(April 20, 2017) The Berlin Naming Parks and Public Spaces Committee is poised to introduce a new public policy at a Town Council meeting as soon as next month.

The committee met last Wednesday to discuss a draft policy prepared by Town Administrator Laura Allen, the staff liaison to the group.

Allen said the protocol was based on one from a community in Florida that Councilman Dean Burrell brought to the committee’s attention during an earlier meeting.

She said Burrell edited that policy to fit the town of Berlin. Allen revised it further, adding samples from other community policies that were discussed by the committee. She then checked the draft against prior meeting minutes to make sure all the major points of discussion were included in the draft, she said.

The document was looked over by Town Attorney David Gaskill, who had no objections.

The meeting last week was just the third by the committee, which was formed in January.

“We’re just working a few kinks out and then I think we’re looking into May-ish to bring it up [during a council meeting],” Councilman Zack Tyndall, the committee chairman, said. “When you get a good group of people and some clear direction it works pretty well.”

Tyndall said the committee was targeting Town Council meetings on either May 8 or June 12. The council would have to vote to ratify the policy.

The Naming Committee will meet again Today, Thursday, at 5:30 p.m. at Berlin Town Hall.

Berlin ambassador program looking for friendly new faces

(April 20, 2017) America’s “coolest” small town is looking for volunteers to help with the Town of Berlin’s ambassador program, which received the 2015 Governor’s Award for Volunteerism.

“Berlin Ambassadors are a friendly face on Main Street that help our visitors with any questions they might have, hand out town information, and guide our guests towards shops, restaurants or attractions they are looking for,” said administrative assistant Sharon Timmons.

Ambassadors are needed from May 30 through Sept. 22, Monday through Friday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1-3 p.m. Volunteer ambassadors will be representing the town and helping guests in Berlin to discover the variety of ways to spend time during their visit and learn about the town’s many events throughout the year.

For more info or to sign up, contact Timmons at stimmons@berlinmd.gov or 410-629-1716.



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Berlin Elementary K-Kids present Vicky Nock from the Stevenson Church Spirit Kitchen donations from the school and the sponsoring Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines – Ocean City. Teacher Advisor Julie Young, left, and Advisor Debi Wooten help the students learn about volunteering to serve their community.



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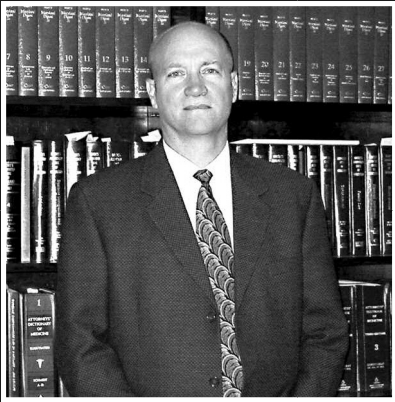
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dormant Summerfield property.
“I was trying to figure out a developer I could team up with,” he said. “I’m not a developer ... I know how to do things, but I wanted to make sure that I brought on somebody I felt comfortable with that I can move forward with that has the same goals in mind: protecting the community, our jobs and the future.”
To that end Odachowski introduced Michael Glass, founder and managing partner with the Waterfall Group, a multi-platform real estate and financial services enterprise based in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.
“I met Matt two years ago in Wilmington, Delaware and he became very quickly someone I can trust,” Glass said. “I’m here to listen to what the community tells us they want in Snow Hill.”
Glass said his group has twin visions in mind for Snow Hill.
“I will say first and foremost we want to build housing and we want to build a facility to care for our veterans,” he said. “We always start with the end in mind.”
Odachowski said among the primary issues the town needs to address are allocation of wastewater EDU’s, or equivalent dwelling units.
“There’s a certain level where it doesn’t make business sense anymore even though your heart says it makes sense,” he said. “In the last 10 years there have been no new EDU’s allocated. We need the town to commit to the development in Snow Hill and they need to support it.”
He also noted the lack of new housing options in Snow Hill.
“There’s a lot of people that want to live in this community that are getting up there in age and need a new home, so it’s easier for them to maintain,” he said. “They’re being forced to go somewhere else even though they don’t want to.”
Councilman Michael Pruitt inquired about the size of the proposed veterans medical facility.
“Just to clarify on the VA Hospital, it could be as small ... a little medical center depending on what the support is,” he said. “We’d like to make sure it’s a benefit to the veterans and the community. The EDU allocation is really what determines if we go forward or not.”
After roughly an hour, Mayor Charlie Dorman closed the meeting to enter into closed session to discuss potential next steps.
“The future depends on our choices now,” Odachowski said. “At this point if I can’t get it figured out I’m just going to land-bank the property.”



Matt Odachowski

LaToya Purnell brings youth,
energy to Snow Hill election

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer
(April 20, 2017) Snow Hill Council candidate LaToya Purnell said she is seeking office to enhance her efforts to positively impact the town.
“I’m very active in my community with the young people, the elderly people, that is what I do,” she said. “I just wanted to go to the next level of actually having a voice being heard.”
Purnell filed last month to replace retiring Western District incumbent Michael Pruitt. She said Pruitt and Worcester County Commission Vice President Diana Purnell encouraged her involvement.
After graduating from Snow Hill High School in 2005, Purnell attended Chesapeake College, but later transferred to Wor-Wic Community College. She earned an associates degree in business management in 2013.
Purnell was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa honor society and held the office of treasurer for the organization while at Wor-Wic. She co-founded the multi-cultural organization Uhuru while attending Chesapeake College.
“That was one of my main goals on campus, because even on campus sometimes you can get divided,” she said. “I want everyone to come together.”
Love and concern for others was imparted at a young age by Purnell’s father, Lyonell Purnell Sr., who serves as pastor at God’s Leading Church Transformation Ministry in Berlin, she said.
Her grandmother Barbara Purnell, who is the president of the Germantown School Community Heritage Center project, was also an influential figure in her life, she said.
Lineage and accomplishments aside, Purnell said she would bring a humble – but driven – approach to the council.
“I don’t see myself as better than anyone,” she said. “I’m very energetic, I’m very outgoing and I’m willing to help a change be made.”
If elected, she pledged to reach collective decisions with fellow councilmembers while remaining responsive to constituents concerns.
“I don’t want to be one of those people who say I promise you we’re going to get this or I promise you that I’m going to do that,” she said. “I want to be that person who says ... we’re

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Parks to run again for OPA

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(April 20, 2017) Ocean Pines Association Director Doug Parks finished ninth in an election that saw 12 men and women declare candidacy and three new faces take office last August.

He joined the board a month later, as an appointed director, after Pat Renaud resigned. This year, he's hoping to earn reelection and stay on.

Parks, 61, is senior executive with the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development – or ASCD – and has a three-decade career in the information technology sector, including stints with the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and the Pew Charitable Trust.

The chairman of the new technology workgroup, Parks made the motion last Thursday to do away with the family night event at the adults-only Oasis pool. It passed 5-2 and had the widespread support of the several hundred homeowners who attended the meeting.

Parks said what happened during the meeting was a good thing and that he has tried to give interim General Manager Brett Hill “as much wiggle room as possible.”

“He’s been doing just an absolutely outstanding job in tackling a lot of these issues that we needed to get done,” Parks said. “I think the community first and foremost is benefitting from it, but you get into a little bit of a gray area where you get that momentum going and maybe you don’t take that proverbial step back.

“We found that it was an issue and I think, as a board, we did the right thing,” Parks added. “I don’t want to call it a watershed event, but I think it was an affirmation we weren’t doing a good enough job communicating.”

The previous election turned into a referendum on former General Manager Bob Thompson. Parks isn’t sure if the election this year, when two seats

on the seven-member board will come up, would have a central issue.

“I think there’s a lot of things that need to be assessed to kind of figure out how they fit into the overall picture,” he said. “A good example is the yacht club, which is something that still needs to be looked at very closely.”

Parks said Hill has done a “yeoman’s effort” attempting to tackle issues there, but “despite his best efforts ... it’s still not working.”

“We really need to look at a different approach for that, and by that I mean we absolutely have to consider closing it – period – during the offseason,” he said.

Last year Parks, Hill and Tom Janasek ran as a team. Hill finished first in the voting, while Janasek finished eighth. Parks does not have similar plans during the current election, but said former Director Marty Clarke, who also declared his candidacy, would be a major asset to the board. Clarke also favors closing the yacht club for part of the year.

He said any director would be a welcome addition “as long as they’re willing to work as a group.”

“I’ve let things go that I might not have necessarily agreed with, but felt it was more important for the overall harmony of the board and the collective thinking of how best to move forward,” Parks said. “I find myself doing, probably, a little too much of that, but [Ocean Pines needs] somebody that’s willing to listen to all of the different opinions.

“The one thing I’ve learned and value, quite frankly, is how you can take an issue and put it in front of seven different people and get a number of different interpretations,” Parks continued. “I really do enjoy listening to somebody else’s perspective because it’s a learning experience for me too.”

Parks said he still had a strong desire to serve the community, despite facing several controversial topics during the current board session.

“There’s no guarantee that it’s going to be smooth sailing from day one to the end of your term,” he said. “But despite some of the bumps in the road, it hasn’t given me a sour taste at all. In fact, it’s encouraged me to continue to work.”

Purnell will hold meet and greet April 28 at library

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going to bring this to the table and as soon as we bring it to the table I’m going to get back to you with the decision that we make collectively.”

Since turning 30 earlier this year, Purnell feels she has matured both mentally and spiritually, which will allow her to be an impactful council member.

“I don’t think more on the political side, I just think about my community,” she said. “I’m more for the love of the people of the community. I want the people ... to see growth in Snow Hill.”

Empowering youth is another objective for Purnell, who also volunteers as an assistant coach for the Snow Hill High School girls’ basketball team.

“We know we should be out there helping, but we don’t understand, ‘OK are they going to let us be a part of this or will we get rejected?’” she said. “I just wanted to take this initiative to step up to the plate and say, ‘Ok, I’m going to do this and I need everyone else to come along with me.’”

Regardless of who wins the Western District seat on May 2, Purnell feels Snow Hill will be the ultimate victor.


“They do have two good candidates and whatever way it goes I still want to be able to do the outreach,” she said. “Just because I don’t hold the seat or just because he doesn’t hold the seat it doesn’t mean that we have to stop there. It’s all about coming together.”

Purnell will hold a meet and greet on April 28 at the Snow Hill Library on 307 North Washington St. from 6-8 p.m.

“I don’t want to see color, I don’t want to see race, I don’t want to see denomination, I don’t want to see any of that,” she said. “I just want to see all people come together.”

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Berlin community supports Suplee, KC Cure nonprofit

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(April 20, 2017) The bar at Burley Oak Brewing Company in Berlin was packed on Monday night, as it normally would be, but this time it was about more than beer, as members of the community came to support Paul Suplee and his family following the passing of his wife, Julie, last month. Organizer Todd DeHart said Tuesday that about \$2,500 was raised during the event to help defray medical expenses from Julie's final rounds of kidney cancer treatment at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital, as well as pay for funeral expenses. Every dollar above the family's actual expenses will be donated to KC Cure, an organization of patients, caregivers, doctors and medical researchers dedicated to curing kidney cancer.

Dena Battle, president of KC Cure, was among the many who came to support the Suplees. "I lost my husband to kidney cancer. My husband was treated by the same doctor that was treating Julie at Johns Hopkins," Battle said. "We wanted to do something because we knew there just wasn't enough money going to kidney cancer." The nonprofit, she said, helps with peer-reviewed grants for kidney cancer research. "Most cancers have peer-reviewed grants, so doctors who want to do research in a certain area in the field of cancer will apply for those kinds of grants. And nobody offers those for kidney cancer," she said. "It was such a problem that they shut down the kidney cancer lab at Johns Hopkins. There wasn't enough funding – there was no outlet to go to." She said kidney cancer research struggled for funding because of its relative obscurity – roughly 60,000



Todd and Natalee DeHart guest bartend at Burley Oak Brewing Company Monday during a benefit for friend Paul Suplee. The DeHarts organized the event, which helped recoup medical expenses following the passing of his wife, Julie, last month. Julie Suplee fought a 10-year battle with cancer.

cases are diagnosed each year versus about 222,500 new cases for lung cancer, for example, according to American Cancer Society statistics published last year. "It's certainly significant to the families that are impacted by it," Battle said. "But when you compare it to lung cancer, colon cancer or breast cancer it's just a much different number." Started last year, KC Cure will award its first \$100,000 grant for kidney cancer research in May, Battle said. In the past, she said, a single molecule discovered in a small research lab by a pair of scientists in Germany has paid enormous dividends in the treatment of kidney and other cancers. About 15 years ago, that molecule, sunitinib malate, became the first FDA-approved drug in the treatment of kidney cancer. "It just started with this early seed

funding," Battle said. "It literally changed the landscape for kidney cancer and we now have five similar drugs like Sutent on the market that we can use to treat advance stages of the disease." "We can't have those kinds of molecules developed unless these small grants are around to sort of plant those seeds. That's what we do," Battle said. "Just in a year we're going to do our first grant, and the goal over time is to do 10 or 15 of those every single year." Each grant, she said, opens the door to other funding sources and can have a ripple effect in improvements in cancer treatments across the board. An increase in funding, Battle added, could also help address the shortage of specialists devoted to kidney cancer. "When I decided to do this, I sat down with someone who worked for another cancer research organization

and she said, 'you're crazy, it will never, ever work.' But less than a year later here we are. It's actually been very successful," Battle said. Battle said she was in Berlin on Monday not to represent KC Cure, but to show support for her friend Paul and his family. "We're not here for KC Cure – we want all the money to go to the Suplee family. We know what it looks like when a family deals with that type of situation," she said. "A 10-year battle [with cancer] is long and it's devastating. Our hope is every cent goes to the Suplees. We're here to support them and to say we're behind them." For more information on KC Cure, visit www.kccure.org. A YouCaring page was established to help the Suplee family. As of press time, Tuesday, 174 donors had given \$21,275 towards a \$30,000 goal. For more information, visit www.youcaring.com/thesupleefamily-785141.

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Meet Jon Hill, Snow Hill's new code enforcement ofc.

By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(April 20, 2017) Jon Hill, who came on board as Snow Hill's code enforcement officer in January, is looking to cultivate a new approach to the position.

"We're here not only just to enforce the code, but to help people achieve their project goals too," he said.

Hill, who grew up in Whaleyville, spent two decades working with his father as a home improvement contractor.

"In college I did new-home construction for a couple different companies," he said. "I've always been in the trades. Anything that you could possibly do to a structure that's already existing, I've done."

Before accepting the code enforcement position, Hill spent four years working at the Eastern Correctional Institution, a 3,400 capacity medium-security prison in Somerset County.

"I was a supervisor at a furniture production plant that they have inside of the prison that employs inmates," he said. "It was carpentry work, but it was mainly supervising inmates, most of which were lifers. It was always interesting."

The prison supervisory position was "quite a bit different" than his current employment, Hill said.

"It's a rough place to work around guys, most of which were murders, or in there for some other heinous crime," he said. "It was a very stressful place."

Despite the potentially challenging clientele, Hill came to appreciate the work ethic exhibited by long-term inmates.

"The lifers are actually some of the best workers you had, because they really relied on the few dollars a day they made in there," he said. "They really prized their jobs a little bit more than the newbies or the guys that had short-term sentences."

While his wife acknowledged the merit of steady employment offered at the prison, Hill said she also expressed concerns about the long-term impact on her husband's psyche.

"I saw that the position (in Snow Hill) was open and it's something I've been thinking about doing for a while," he said. "It was quite a bit different from what I'm doing now, so this is more getting back to what I used to do."

Hill, who has lived in Snow Hill for the past three years, said he was impressed by the steady flow of people relocating to the area.

"Snow Hill is a growing community with quite a few 'come here's' and they seem to have quite a bit of energy," he said. "That's exactly what this town needs is some energy to create growth. Sometimes you need new blood and you need fresh ideas."

In late March, Hill attended the inaugural "Meet and Greet," event organized by Joe Kane, who purchased

a pair of properties in Snow Hill last year.

"That was nice to see a lot of people who have recently moved here that really love Snow Hill," he said. "You can see things from the outside that I think people who have lived here all their lives don't recognize."

Hill feels the growth trend in Snow Hill will continue and hopes the newcomer event will become a tradition.

"I think it was a success and I think it will grow if they continue to do it yearly," he said. "Welcoming newcomers probably wouldn't have been something too many people would have done 15 or 20 years ago."

To continue stoking growth, Hill said Snow Hill should address the sizeable number of vacant, dilapidated properties found throughout town.

"We've got to work to improve property values by either improving or demolishing these structures," he said. "We have a lot of absentee landlords where properties just sit and it's impossible in some cases to get in touch with the owners."

Moving forward, Hill sees infill potential as a means to foster continued growth in town.

"We don't have many building lots available in town, but we have a lot of structures that before long are going to be demolished by neglect," he said.

Since taking over code enforcement this year, Hill has worked diligently to assure lines of communication are open with homeowners and prospective builders.

"I don't know if the communications have been the best in the past," he said. "Sometimes it's given the town a bad reputation as being opposed to growth, and I'd just like to say that is definitely not the case."

Hill said his intention is to lend assistance to help homeowners or developers navigate bureaucratic requirements that can be challenging at times.

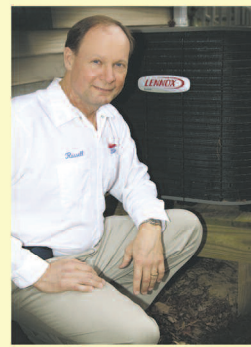
"It can be depressing when you think you can do something and (then) find out there's a lot of hoops you've got to jump through, but I can help people jump through them if they want to get the work done," he said. "I will work with them as much as I can to help the growth come here."

With extensive hands-on experience in the building trades, Hill feels empathetic to those seeking building permits and hopes to share a common perspective.

"There's a lot of people that do (code enforcement) for a living that have never drove a nail, built a house or done a remodel," he said. "It's kind of hard having somebody that's never done it for a living tell you what to do. I've felt that before."



Jon Hill



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Fundraising for two Stephen Decatur teens battling cancer

By Kara Hallissey
Staff Writer

(April 20, 2017) Two local students, Kylie Boston and DeShawn “DJ” Spence, are currently battling cancer as schoolmates and the community rallies around them.

Boston, an eighth grader at Stephen Decatur Middle School, was diagnosed with brain cancer in January after a routine eye exam. She had no symptoms.

“Her parents want to bring awareness to brain cancer,” Brenda Kelly, a family friend, said. “The main thing is to warn parents to keep an eye on their kids, even if they don’t think anything is wrong.”

The 14-year-old has already endured one surgery and will have extensive therapy and treatments for at least the next 11 months at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, she said.

To help with medical expenses, a “Karaoke for Kylie” event is planned for this Saturday, April 22 from 6-10 p.m. at the Showell Volunteer Fire Department on Worcester Highway.

Tickets cost \$15 for adults and \$5 for children. Guests age 5 and younger are admitted free.

“You are supporting a family during a time when they need this. Her dad had to quit his job,” Kelly said.

A lite fare dinner including roast beef, chicken, macaroni and cheese and a green vegetable will be provided with the purchase of a ticket. Attendees are also encouraged to check out the bake sale table.

There will be a 50/50 raffle, Son-Rise Church is providing bouncy houses, and a deejay is slated to spin tunes for karaoke and dancing.

Home Depot employees will be on hand to assist with arts and crafts. Stephen Decatur High School students will also be there to help with a number of games.

Several raffles are planned throughout the event including silent and live auctions with gift baskets, a cornhole board, beach décor, restaurant gift cards, hunting and fishing trips, hotel stays and a Yeti cooler.

“The community has been amazing,” Kelly said.

Rock band themed T-shirts can be purchased at the event for \$15, \$10 for youth sizes.

For more information, call Kelly at 410-726-1441.

DeShawn “DJ” Spence, a junior at Stephen Decatur High School, was diagnosed with B-cell leukemia in March.

“He wasn’t feeling good, had flu-like symptoms and lost 10 pounds in a week,” Mark Taylor, his great uncle, said. “He already had blood transfusions [since he was diagnosed]. It is going to be a war, but he is a fighter.”

The 17-year-old will undergo chemotherapy at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore with at least nine months of treatments ahead.

“He’s a trooper and in really good spirits,” Taylor said.

Spence has been on the wrestling team since his freshman year and participated in the 145-pound weight class this season.

“He is a vital part of the team and well-liked,” said Todd Martinek, head wrestling coach. “He has a good sense of humor and we hope he gets better. A lot of kids have been asking how he is doing. Our prayers are with him and his family. Hopefully he will be healthy in no time.”

Last Monday, the Stephen Decatur High School softball team played in support of Spence and wore orange T-shirts in his honor.

There was also a donation table and bake sale to collect money, which raised \$350 for Spence and his family.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Kylie Boston, an eighth grader at Stephen Decatur Middle School, was diagnosed with brain cancer in January after a routine eye exam. She is pictured with her parents, Tammy and Rodney.



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DeShawn “DJ” Spence, a junior at Stephen Decatur High School, was diagnosed with B-cell leukemia in March.

Taylor set up a Go Fund Me page to help pay for housing and transportation expenses two weeks ago. As of Monday afternoon, \$1,695 was

raised, with a \$10,000 goal.

“Any money left over after expenses will be going into a savings account for DJ,” Taylor said. “He likes to take long walks during the day for exercise [at Johns Hopkins]. He met royalty, Queen Latifah, and she gave him a hug. It made his day.”

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Clean-Up Day in Berlin scheduled for Sat.

Volunteers can help tidy up Stephen Decatur and Dr. William Henry parks

(April 20, 2017) Berlin’s annual Clean-Up Day, Saturday, is the kickoff for Take Pride in Berlin Week, which ends April 29. Volunteers will dedicate a few hours to help give Berlin’s parks and neighborhoods a spring-cleaning. Individuals and teams are

needed to help with planting, weeding, raking, mulching and whatever else needs attention. Students can also earn service hours. The main cleanup areas are Stephen Decatur Park on Tripoli Street and Henry Park on Flower Street, with signup in either park starting at 8:30 am. Some supplies will be available for use, but participants are encouraged to bring their own if possible – rakes, shovels and wheelbarrows are always

needed. There will be a free children’s activity at 11 a.m. in both parks, and students from Salisbury University will be on hand with information about green initiatives. Volunteers can spend their time anywhere they feel needs attention. Trash pickup will be available; items for pickup will need to be placed in one location at the cleanup area and the town must be contacted so that crews are aware

of the need. To register a location or notify the town of a pickup location, email Mary Bohlen at mbohlen@berlinmd.gov or call 410-641-4314. All volunteers will get a yellow “I have Berlin Pride” wristband, which can be shown at local merchants for special offers. For those who can’t attend Clean-Up Day, stop by Town Hall or the Berlin Visitor’s Center to obtain a wristband.

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Planning Commission OKs Burley Oak stage expansion

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(April 20, 2017) The Berlin Planning Commission unanimously approved an expansion at Burley Oak Brewing Company last Wednesday, but not without some trepidation.

The Brewery will add a covered outdoor stage between the existing main building and an existing storage facility. According to site plan drawings, the front left stage support would be a tree, like the one in the Burley Oak logo.

Owner Bryan Brushmiller said he had spoken with the brewery's neighbors on Old Ocean City Boulevard about potential noise concerns. During the five-plus years the brewery has been open, he's had a good relationship with his neighbors and could not recall a noise complaint, Brushmiller said.

The brewery's liquor license allows for music seven days a week, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., according to Brushmiller. He agreed not to have music before noon on Sundays out of respect for nearby churches, and at the request of commission member Phyllis Purnell.

Part of the property would be cleaned up and covered in gravel to create new parking spaces, but no new paving would be done. The brewery would have a total of about 60 spaces.

No stormwater study was done, but the planning commission made that a contingency of the site plan approval.

Following the vote, commission member Rob Cascio said he was concerned about the lack of consideration for stormwater.

"I just don't want any more coming to us [like that]. To me, I've never seen anything like that before," he said.

Berlin Planning Director Dave Engelhart said a stormwater plan would ultimately be a consideration for permitting, and the commission had granted site plan approval under similar circumstances before, including the recently opened Arby's and Royal Farms stores on Route 50.

"I just think it's premature for us to approve a site plan without stormwater management in place – or a plan," Cascio said. "It doesn't seem right to me."



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Plans for a new outdoor stage area between two existing buildings were approved by the Berlin Planning Commission during a meeting last week.

"Duly noted," Engelhart said.

Also during the meeting, the commission granted approval to Steve Black for a Shoreline Auto Sales steel pole building near Ocean Gateway and Seahawk Road, and to Palmer Gillis for Main Place, a new health care center on North Main Street.

The commission briefly discussed a design guidelines and standards document that has been in the works

for several months. Engelhart offered to draft a document using suggestions offered when the commission reviewed similar plans approved by Worcester County and Ocean City during earlier meetings.

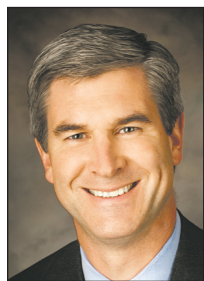
A motion to approve that was unanimous, and Engelhart said he would present a draft for review before the next commission meeting, May 10.

AGH outlines future moves to SH

CEO presents community update concerning Berlin hospital's upcoming goals

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(April 20, 2017) Michael Franklin, Atlantic General Hospital president and CEO, presented a community



Michael Franklin

update concerning the institution's upcoming goals during a Snow Hill Council meeting last Tuesday.

In 2014, Maryland's all-payer hospital system modernization model was approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as a five-year pilot program with the federal government.

"[Through] that new waiver relationship between the state and federal government, Maryland is allowed to have an experiment going that makes us different than every other state in the country," Franklin said. "They're going to double down on it in a couple of years when this experiment runs out."

Franklin said hospitals had used a provider-centric delivery system that focused on testing for ailments and treating once discovered, which created a constant back and forth be-

tween patients and hospitals.

"The new model is based on how to work in communities to prevent illness where we can," he said. "How do we manage chronic illness and illnesses we can't prevent ... how do we become more efficient in how we deliver health care when people show up in the hospital."

The overarching goal is to helping patients avoid a medical crisis, Franklin said.

"If we can potentially prevent them from coming to the hospital or the emergency room, or moving into an institutional based level of care, then we can reduce the cost of health care overall," he said. "We can make people healthier."

While certain variables, such as family history or genetics, are impossible to impact, Franklin said the focus should be on environmental and social factors.

"How do we deal with having access to fresh fruits for people who may be in what are designated as food deserts, or people who may be food insecure," he said. "How do we deal with those types of environmental and social factors to keep people from relying on McDonalds as their source of food choices because it's low cost and easy to get to."

The largest contributors to health problems are personal behaviors, Franklin noted.

"Things like smoking, dietary habits, lack of exercise, those type of things are huge contributors to what

drives up health care costs," he said. "For us it's about working in the community."

Franklin also said AGH is looking to invest more than \$35 million in upgrades over the next five years through its new "Campaign for the Future."

"Of that \$35 million were hoping to raise \$10 million from our community to help offset costs," he said.

In addition to a proposed 18,000-square-foot regional cancer care center; AGH's campaign will focus on comprehensive women's health, modernizing the patient-care areas and surgical facilities, in addition to expanding the emergency room and outpatient services.

"The emergency room last year saw almost 30,000 patients and were sized for about 25,000 to 30,000 patient visits," he said.

Franklin said the fiscal picture for the new cancer center was coming into focus.

"The governor's budget that was passed last week included a \$681,000 grant to help us build this facility," he said. "In Worcester County we have about 450 new cancer cases diagnosed every year."

Franklin said groundbreaking for the center would occur in about two months.

"My purpose in coming is to share what we're doing at the hospital and letting you know the changes that are going to be happening in the near future," he said.

Commissioners honor service of fmr fire marshal

(April 20, 2017) The Worcester County Commissioners and staff bid a fond farewell to their dear friend and former Emergency Services Director and Fire Marshal, Edward "Sykes" Cropper, who passed away Friday, April 14.

Cropper began his 33-year career with Worcester County government in 1963 as a part-time fire marshal before being hired full time on June 1, 1966. He retired Sept. 24, 1996.

In 1985 when the state required each Maryland county to establish a 911 communications center, Cropper was appointed to serve as the first Emergency Services director and also continued to serve as fire marshal until his retirement in 1996.

"Fire Marshal Cropper was an icon within Worcester County Fire and Emergency Services," Fire Marshal Jeff McMahon said. "His 30-plus years of service will not be forgotten. Sykes was very instrumental in many modern firsts for Worcester County."

"His leadership established the county's 911 communications' center, the implementation of the county's 911 addressing system, paved the road for how the county Fire Marshal's Office operates, and saw the success of the start of the county's fire training center," he continued. "Even in retirement, Sykes remained a close friend, not only to me, but the entire county Fire and Emergency Service community."

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Extended hours, full slate of events coming to Taylor House

Berlin Chamber will host business after hours next Thursday at Berlin museum

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(April 20, 2017) When the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum opens for the season on Saturday, May 27, it will do so with expanded hours and a new exhibit.

The exhibit, spearheaded by museum Board Member Patricia Dufendach, will highlight local involvement in World War I.

The new hours will be Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., through October. Previously, the museum was open from 1-4 p.m. Museum Curator Susan Taylor said she hoped the new hours would draw more morning visitors to the town.

The Taylor House and its staff of mostly volunteers are also gearing up for more than a dozen upcoming events.

Next Thursday, April 27, the Berlin Chamber of Commerce will host a Business After Hours at the museum from 5-7 p.m. The Worcester County Garden Club will have its annual plant auction on the lawn on May 6, and the museum will offer

free tours from 1-3 p.m. on International Museum Day, May 18.

The first big event of the season is the second annual Afternoon on the Lawn gala on Sunday, June 4 from 3-6 p.m.

Tickets at \$50 go on sale in May and include food from Berlin restaurants and shops in a cocktail party setting, and live ragtime music by Earl Beardsley.

Last year, the event drew about 100 people. Melissa Reid, museum board member, hopes to double that number this year.

"We got the idea from 'Downton Abbey' – tea parties on the lawn," Reid said. "We're fortunate enough to have such an amazing space right here in the middle of Berlin that we wanted to make one of our biggest fundraisers take advantage of this lawn."

The museum previously held spring fundraisers at Harrison's Harbor Watch in Ocean City, she said.

"Last year we felt like it was very successful, for a starting event. We had great feedback from the restaurants and the people that attended ... so, we're doing it again," Reid said.

Along with raising funds to keep the lights on, Reid said the event would celebrate some of the people who helped found the Taylor House



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Calvin B. Taylor House Museum Curator Susan Taylor, left, and Board Member Melissa Reid will great guests during extended hours when the museum reopens for the season on May 27.

Museum.

The Calvin B. Taylor House was built in 1832 for Isaac Covington and his family, who lived there during the Civil War. Calvin B. Taylor, teacher, lawyer and founder of the Calvin B. Taylor Banking Company, lived in the home with his wife, Mattie, from 1890 until his death in 1932.

The Berlin Heritage Foundation bought the home and the lot from the town in 1982 and the museum held its first tour a year later. Community donations of more than \$100,000 were raised to restore the home.

"We were really trying to figure out the best way to celebrate the people that came together to create this museum and we were struggling – in a good way – to make sure nobody was left out," Reid said. "We had a list of original board members and we had a list of original directors, but we felt like it was missing the people that showed up to volunteer and clean up the lawn when the house was first cleaned out, or [the people who] came in and scraped wallpaper off the walls."

Civic pride will be a theme of the event this year, Reid said, and museum helpers are in the process of putting together photos that show the transformation of the building into a historic gallery for the community.

"Without people just coming in and putting in sweat equity, this museum wouldn't have happened," Reid

said. "It really wasn't for financial gain – it wasn't for anything other than making Berlin a wonderful place to be."

"The Atlantic Hotel [and the Taylor House Museum] were the beginning anchors of the renovation of Berlin and the rejuvenation of Berlin, and how we got to where we are now," Reid continued. "Without local community people putting in their time to make it happen, it might not have happened."


Additional events include the annual Concert on the Lawn Series, which runs from June through September.

The Missy Cassell Trio will perform on June 4, followed by the Chesapeake Brass Band on July 9, John O'Dell and Windy Ridge on Aug. 13 and The Rehoboth Concert Band on Sept. 10. Each concert runs from 3-6 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

The Taylor House will hold its biggest event of the year, the annual Berlin Peach Festival, on Aug. 5 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The festival draws several thousand people and includes local history and vendor booths, live and interactive entertainment, and all manner of peach sweets for sale, including the official dessert of Berlin, the peach dumpling.

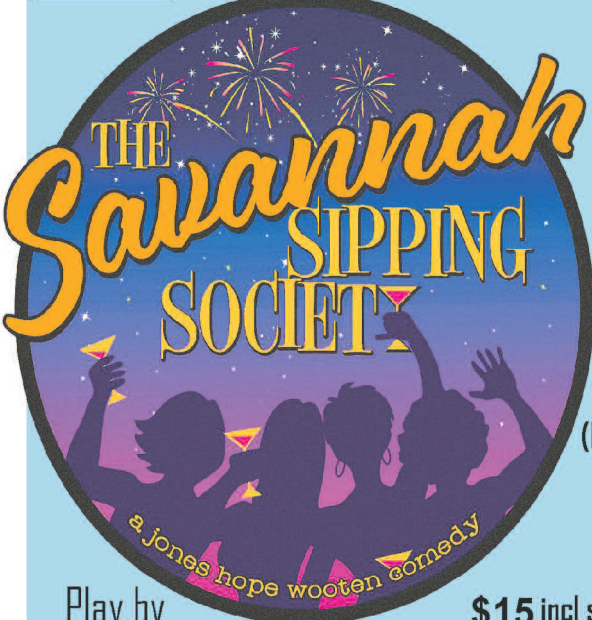
December events at the museum include Wassail and Gingerbread Day

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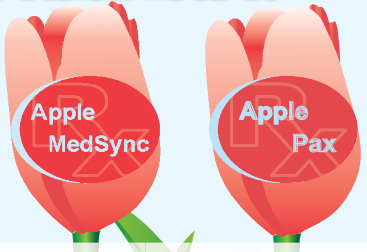
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Berlin museum looking for WWI exhibit artifacts

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on Dec. 2, Classical Christmas on Dec. 4, Candlelight Tours on Dec. 8 and guided tours on Dec. 9.

Taylor said the museum is asking for help in growing its collection of artifacts related to World War I.

“We’re looking for anything we can have from that time period, focused on local involvement, kind of like we did for the World War II exhibit years ago,” she said.

“The same will be true of the Afternoon on the Lawn event,” Reid said. “If anyone has photographs, before or after, of what the museum looked like we would greatly appreciate being able to borrow them.”

Additionally, the museum is looking for volunteers to add to its cast of roughly two-dozen helpers.

“We have two new docents so far, so we’re always up for more,” Taylor said. “They can contact the museum and I’ll give them a tour of the hour and an information packet and sign them up for dates.”

Reid, an art teacher at Buckingham Elementary School, said the museum was also working on an outreach program for local school students. Members of the museum board recently met with teachers at Buckingham, Berlin Intermediate School and Stephen Decatur Middle School to discuss new curriculum ideas related to local history.

“We’re also looking to develop some hands-on activities so that families visiting the museum would have things [to do]. Once they’ve toured upstairs and seen the history of Berlin, they could come [downstairs] and potentially do some things that would make some connections with what they saw upstairs,” Reid said. “That’s something we’re at the very beginning stages of.”

Taylor said a long-term goal of the museum is to raise funds for a historically accurate storage facility, on the grounds.

“What we want to ensure is that this cornerstone of Berlin continues forward,” Reid said. “So many people in this community have worked so hard to get this museum up and running.”

Many more continue to bring historical items to museum workers for display, from old letters to items from their homes, she said.

“We feel like this is an important piece of Berlin and we want to make sure we’re doing the best we can to ensure that it continues on as long as it can,” she said. “Any fundraiser we have, really, is just to keep this museum going.”

For more information on the museum or to inquire about volunteering, call 410-641-1019 or email taylorhousemuseum@verizon.net.

Visit the museum on 208 North Main Street in Berlin, or on the web at www.taylorhousemuseum.org.

Birding Weekend registration solid

Activities held throughout county, including annual Ward Museum event in OC

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

(April 20, 2017) Next weekend is one for the birds as the Delmarva Birding Weekend spaces events out throughout the county, while the Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art hosts its annual carving competition at the Ocean City convention center on 40th Street.

While carvers and artists have been working for months on pieces to submit to the contest, the birding weekend is a much more ad hoc affair, with reservations being taken up until the last minute.

“If it doesn’t say sold out on the website www.delmarvabirding.com, and you want to come, just give us a call — Dave Wilson and I will have out cell-phones on us and our numbers are listed on the site,” Jim Rapp, event organizer, said.

Rapp and Wilson formed Conservation Community Consulting in 2015 to help promote ecotourism and other environmentally conscious projects, like birding weekend and Delmarva Paddling Weekend.

If there is space, Rapp said, “you’re in.”

But not every trip has a limit on the number of people who can attend.

Some, particularly the Shorebird Explorer boat trip from the inlet in OC, isn’t likely to fill up no matter how many people show up.

“I will warn you that those trips are colder than they look. The wind comes off the water and brings everything down a few degrees,” Rapp said.

Rapp said participants should rely on the adage of it’s better the have something and not need it, than to need something and not have it.

That trip is next Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m.

Apart from that, the trips span locales, species and degree of commitment to see the shore’s selection of fine feathered friends, as some trips require only a bit of walking while others involve kayaks.

And there’s no need to be an accomplished or even dedicated birder to enjoy what the shore offers in terms of wildfowl.

“The hardcore guys, the really really serious birders don’t need us — they already know where the species are and how to find them,” Rapp said.

What remains is a chance to explore some of the less-visited areas of the county and the chance to learn a little about the local wildlife.

“I think one thing we stumbled onto in the 20 years we’ve been doing this is something I like to call ‘social birding.’ It’s an interesting little niche,” Rapp said. “It’s not a club, because clubs have

dues and meetings, but something people want to give a try and end up coming back for another tour or the next year.”

Rapp said about 70 percent of the people who have already registered are repeat customers, and despite opening registration a bit later, attendance appears to be similar to last year’s weekend.







SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Loons and other waterfowl can be seen during Delmarva Birding Weekend events.

Many of the trips are similar to last year’s offerings as well, as Rapp explained they were all popular and worth repeating.

Plus, as is the case with Sunday’s WARBLERMANIA! event, even though the trip is fundamentally the same, the timing is a bit different.

“Last year we were a week earlier, and that makes a huge difference for warblers. It’s looking like it’s going to be a pretty good year,” Rapp said.

For more information, including trip schedules and costs, visit www.delmarvabirding.com.






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Blessing of the Wheels bows at Berlin's Decatur Park, Sat.

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(April 20, 2017) Berlin resident Gussie Sholtis has seen all manner of wheeled implements roll by her Shepard Realty Inc. office on Main Street downtown, from bicycles and skateboards, to strollers and wagons.

Occasionally, she said, she has witnessed the wobbly to-and-fro of an off-road unicyclist.

Sholtis said a light bulb recently went off while listening to a program on NPR about a minister from Colorado who held a "blessing of the bicycles" at his church.

That, she said, was the inspiration for the inaugural Earth Day Blessing of the Wheels event, this Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. at Stephen Decatur Park.

"I am notorious for having random parties – I like a party for the sake of a party," Sholtis, a 22-year resident of Washington Street, said. "And I thought that would be a cool thing for our town."

She pitched the idea to various people in the community, from town staff to local cycling advocates and event organizers, but initially found no takers.

"It was either let the cool idea die or do it myself," she said. "I was like, whatever, I throw parties every weekend – I can just take my party to the park!"

Sholtis said what she initially envi-

sioned as a small, self-contained blessing at the Atlantic Hotel grew into a sprawling daytime festival at the park with activities and events geared toward all ages – from small children to seniors.

She met with members of town staff and the police department, and the Town Council in February gave its approval. From there, she started soliciting help from friends and acquaintances and things started to steamroll.

"I've had a lot of people volunteer to help. Everybody is just taking over and doing stuff," Sholtis said.

The nondenominational blessing will start at noon and include "anything with wheels" that is nonmotorized.

Other activities, spread throughout the day, will include yoga with Chrissy Ehrhart of Zenna Wellness Studio, a guided walking tour of the park led by Patricia Dufendach of the Berlin Parks Commission, tie-dye demonstrations by Bronwyn Betz, a nature scavenger hunt, a drum circle, a chalk graffiti wall and several craft stations for kids, and a ".10 K race" for seniors who use walkers or wheelchairs.

Erin Bilenki will host a bake sale and Sholtis will sell T-shirts and posters to try to recoup some of the costs associated with the event.

"It's not just specifically, 'here's an



Kids crafts made using items that can be found in nature are among the events scheduled during the inaugural Blessing of the Wheels, Saturday, at Stephen Decatur Park in Berlin.

old people event' or 'here's a young people event,'" Sholtis said. "Everybody can come and do the same cool things. I thought we would just throw everybody together and have a good time."

"I've never done this before, so I don't know what to expect, but if the

weather is good and enough locals show up I could see it be a reoccurring thing," she added.

For more information, search "Earth Day Blessing of the Wheels" on Facebook or visit www.berlinmd.gov/town-events/berlins-blessing-wheels.

Rev. Dr. Baker to speak on Congolese Ministry, Sunday

(April 20, 2017) Bethany United Methodist Church in Berlin will host Rev. Dr. Jonathan Edwin Baker, who will speak of his ministry in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, on Sunday, April 23, at 10 a.m.

Rev. Baker is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church (UMC) and serves as the coordinator for the Peter D. Weaver Congo Partnership.

The Partnership, named for a retired bishop, is a mission collaboration of the Central Congo Episcopal Area and a network of annual conferences of the UMC in the United States. As partnership coordinator, Rev. Baker works closely with the Central Congo Episcopal Area in planning mission outreach and service in a region where UMC is growing rapidly.

The partnership puts strong em-

phasis on the physical, emotional and spiritual welfare of the Congolese people. Working with their leadership, many services are provided, including medical centers, nutrition/feeding centers, trade school, agriculture projects, and ministries with children, social programs for young and sewing projects.

In addition, Bethany Church will observe Holy Humor Sunday, an old Easter custom where the week following Easter Sunday was observed by the faithful as "days of joy and laughter." This was to celebrate Christ having the last laugh over death through His resurrection.

All are welcome to hear Rev. Baker talk about his experiences. Bethany United Methodist Church is located at 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway (corner of Route 611 and Snug Harbor Road) in Berlin. For more information, call 410-641-2186.



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Snow Hill Council Briefs

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(April 20, 2017) Show Hill Town Council discussed the following items during a meeting on April 11 at the Train Station on Belt Street.

Town mourns with Hall

Councilwoman Jenny Hall fought back tears as numerous condolences were offered following the passing of her husband, Jimmy Hall, on April 4.

John Holloway, Snow Hill EMS supervisor, said the Pocomoke Volunteer Fire Company was also in mourning.

“Our thoughts and prayers are with Ms. Hall for the loss of her husband Jimmy, who was a life member of our fire company,” he said.

Free bulk trash day

Snow Hill residents are invited to spruce up their surroundings as part of Town Cleanup Day on April 24.

Trish Goodsell, assistant to the town manager, said all discarded items for the spring cleanup should be placed curbside.

“We ask that you have everything out by 6 a.m. that morning for public works to pick up,” she said. “It’s a free service.”

The town will pick up regularly discarded materials, appliances, furniture, mattresses and box springs.

Public works will not pick up the following items: liquids, poison, batteries, medical waste, tires, fuel tanks, electrical equipment, yard waste, wood, demolition materials, or anything that could possibly harm the environment.

The town asked that all small items be placed in garbage cans or trash bags.

Short-term rentals

The council unanimously passed an ordinance to establish short-term rental regulations on second reading, following a few minor revisions.

Code Enforcement Officer Jon Hill said the term “continental” was removed from the definition of food that

may be provided for guests.

The new ordinance will amend the section on rental properties in Snow Hill’s town code to include a definition for short-term rentals and primary residences.

Included in the ordinance are provisions for parking, owner contact information, insurance coverage and compliance with town code standards.

Budget first reading

The council held a first reading for the fiscal year 2018 budget.

Mayor Charlie Dorman said preparation work has been ongoing since January and included a relatively flat request from the county.

In fiscal year 2017 Worcester County gave a \$450,000 unrestricted grant to Snow Hill, along with \$150,000 in lieu of taxes for county

owned property in the town.

“Hopefully that will go up because the taxable property that the government buildings sits on we lose \$320,000 in taxes,” he said. “They’re giving us \$150,000 back for that so it’s better than nothing.”

While Dorman noted there would not be an increase to real or personal property tax rates, but said residents should be ready for other hikes in subsequent budgets.

“Water and sewer rates are going to have to go up because the water and sewer plant is suppose to pay for itself and right now were not,” he said. “Somewhere in the future we’ll have to make that adjustment but not this year.”

Meeting poorly attended

Dorman expressed disappointment with the lack of attendance at an opi-

oid information meeting organized by Police Chief Tom Davis during the previous evening.

“We had advertised this so much and the chief put a lot of time in this,” he said. “If you don’t think we’ve got a problem in this town I don’t know where you’re looking at.”

The information session was intended to encourage a dialogue on the issue and teach community members how to spot the signs of drub abuse and lend assistance to help their neighbors.

While acknowledging the paltry turnout, Councilmember Michael Pruitt said the meeting was a first step.

“We all know people who are now buried because of this drastic situation,” he said. “We need to keep at it [because] we’re not going to fix this overnight. We just need to do it again and we will.”



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Pines waters still murky

Although many in the community came out Thursday evening to make their views clear on the issue of the Family Fun Day on Sundays at the adult pool during the summer, they also addressed the more important issue of how the decision process should work in such instances.

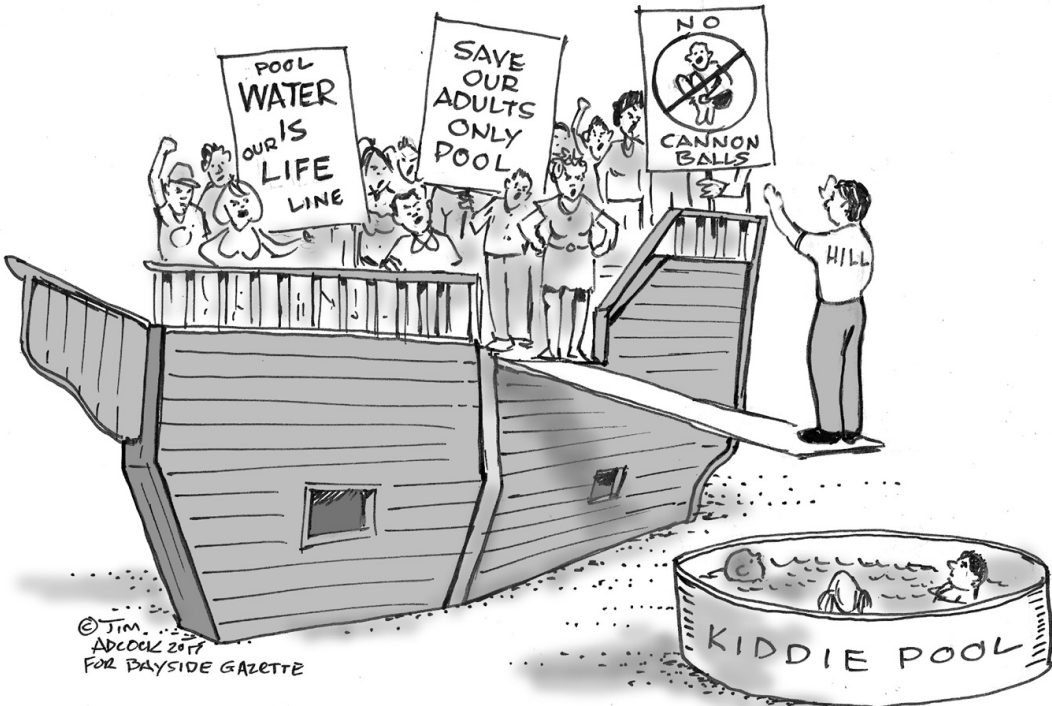
In last year's election, voters sent a pretty clear message they wanted more input and elected those who promised to do so. Most disappointing was the response by board member and acting General Manager Mr. Hill along with board President Herrick, who were voted onto the board with just that promise.

Rather than hear the public outcry as one addressing a valid issue, Hill and Herrick instead chose to lash out publicly at other board members, who acted promptly when they learned of the decision made without their or the community's input by calling for a public meeting to address those concerns.

Their response of blaming the board for acting politically and revolting against them caused an unfortunate rift within the board along with unrest and distrust by members of the community.

Having a board member serve as general manager makes it difficult enough for the directors to balance the latitude given to a peer versus the authority given an employee. Having the president and acting GM not act cooperatively to put community concerns ahead of petty differences only serves to make it more so.

While the board can be commended for moving quickly to resolve some issues, it also has dragged its feet in the search for an experienced manager, something they should move quickly to rectify.



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Letters

Supporting HR 610, School Choice Act

Editor,

HR 610, the School Choice Act, will eliminate the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, which was passed as a part of Lyndon B. Johnson's "War on Poverty." Federal funds that are now given to schools will be given to parents who choose to enroll their children in private schools or to homeschool their children.

Finally, the right to choose. Oh, but wait, the liberals don't like this. I thought they support the right for a woman to choose. I was just told that that only applies to choosing whether their unborn child lives or dies, but not the right for her to choose where her still alive children can go to school.

These same women don't like the right to choose where their Social Security money can be invested, or the right to choose to have a gun, or the right to choose not to bake a cake that supports something they do not believe in, or the right to choose same-sex privacy in the bathroom, or the right to choose to turn away dangerous foreigners from our

shores, or the right to choose who can rent their property, or the right to choose not to wear a seat-belt or a helmet, or the right to choose to have a commercial establishment that allows smoking, or the right for a priest to choose to write a sermon promoting a politician, or the right to choose to speak about conservative values at a college, or the right to choose to speak freely on a college campus outside of a free speech zone, or the right to choose to where your union dues go, or the right to choose to pay employees what you want to, or the right to choose to burn as much fossils fuels as you can afford, etc. Those that are opposed to these free choices are called liberal, progressives and have found their home in the Democrat party. They illustrate here, and in many, many other examples of their profound hypocrisy.

They argue that HR 610 abolishes the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act. It is not the state or county's responsibility to feed children. Hey liberals, flash, it is the parent's responsibility! They also argue school vouchers for private schools have mixed results. Catholic and

private schools are enjoying phenomenal success rates at a far less expense than public schools. It is a disgrace that Worcester County educates our children at over 18,000 per student per year and this May the school employees will scream for more money at the budget hearing as they always do. The county commissioners should demand an itemized listing of where all this money is being allocated before a budget approval. Why can private schools and Catholic schools educate so well for so much less?

Remember this, Vladimir Lenin said, "give me four years to teach the children and the seed I have sown will never be uprooted." The liberal/progressives want public schools and the ridiculously liberal colleges to continue to influence our children and instill in them, directly and indirectly, that America is not such a great place and capitalism is harmful for all mankind and especially the earth.

Tell Rep. Andy Harris that school choice is part of our American freedoms and to continue to support HR 610.

Dennis W Evans

Berlin

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Gifts Fulfilled receives recognition Letters

Newark-based company recently named American Small Business Champion

By Kara Hallissey
Staff Writer

(April 20, 2017) Gifts Fulfilled, which sells baby, birthday, get well and special occasion gift baskets, was named an American Small Business Champion on March 23 by SCORE, the nation's largest network of volunteer business experts.

"We are super excited," Gifts Fulfilled owner Kim Shanahan said.

Shortly after starting her business in September of 2015, Shanahan teamed up with the Worcester County Developmental Center in Newark, Maryland, to provide employment for the non-profit's clients who have disabilities.

"My best experiences are going to WCDC and working with clients," Shanahan said. "Everyone should have a day like I do during production. Everyone is so positive and uplifting. They support each other and love working in teams. They love this job, learning these skills and take pride in their work. I leave feeling amazing."

The Worcester County Develop-

mental Center clients assemble and create gift baskets including student care packages, Mother's Day and Easter-themed presents, which are then sold on Amazon and the Gifts Fulfilled website.

When Shanahan saw the theme of this year's SCORE/Sam's Club small business contest – "What Makes Your Business Unique" – on Facebook in the beginning of February she said she had to enter.

She submitted an online application describing the most unique aspect of her small business, the positive impact Gifts Fulfilled has had on the community and her plans on using the prizes to grow business.

"It was amazing. You had to at least get 5,000 votes on social media for judging and I couldn't believe it when we hit 5,000," Shanahan said. "WCDC got the word out to people and I shared it with a couple business networking groups. Everyone jumped on the bandwagon and voted. I think we ended up with more than 7,500 votes by the time it closed on Feb. 20."

Gifts Fulfilled was one of 102 entrepreneurs who will receive a \$1,000 Sam's Club gift card, an all-expense-paid trip to a training and networking

event in addition to SCORE mentoring and publicity throughout the year.

The local business is also eligible to win one of three \$25,000 grand prizes, which will be determined this summer by a panel of small business experts based off of utilizing the Sam's Club gift card and SCORE training events to grow business revenue as well as how effectively Gifts Fulfilled is promoted in local media and on social media.

She plans to use the \$1,000 gift card to purchase items for her college care packages, which she hopes to expand with grand-prize money.

On April 27, Shanahan will head to Texas for a day of mentorship and networking. Experts will provide key tips for business visibility, facets of cash flow and marketing.

"Everyone should be so lucky to have the work days that I have over there [WCDC]," Shanahan said. "They just started doing a skills assessment sheet so clients can go out in the community and show other employers what they can do. Not only can I provide jobs, but enable people to get a job at other places as well."

To order a gift basket from Gifts Fulfilled, visit www.giftsfulfilled.com or Amazon.com.

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Pines directors should practice what they preach

Editor,

I read the letters in the *Bayside Gazette*, April 13 edition and I believe the pool problem will be resolved by the Ocean Pines board of directors.

I also read a letter from a past director who I voted for and had his campaign sign in my front yard. In my opinion shortly after being elected he did a 180-degree reversal in his views. I do agree with two things in his letter.

There should be transparency and the board and property owners should not find out things after the fact. This would include no attempts to have secret meetings with newly elected directors, no secret leases on golf equipment and no secret bonus given to the previous general manager.

At least three directors did not know about this bonus until after the fact. We have an election coming up for the board, I hope the new directors practice what they preach.

Michael H. Graves
Ocean Pines

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April 22-29 designated as Take Pride in Berlin Week

(April 20, 2017) The Berlin Mayor and Council passed a proclamation designating the week of April 22-29 as the fourth annual Take Pride in Berlin Week.

There are two new activities added to this year's event: a photo contest and Take Pride in Berlin Week business specials.

From April 22-29, post a photo to the Take Pride in Berlin Week Facebook page or Instagram using the hash tag "betterinberlin." Only one photo per person may be entered.

Photos must be taken in Berlin and must show one of the following: helping a neighbor, beautifying your neighborhood, picking up trash, cleaning up Main Street, planting flowers, wearing something that says "Berlin" on it, or volunteering.

Photos will be entered to win a drawing for a basket filled with items related to the "Better in Berlin" theme.

Also new this year, many Berlin merchants and restaurants are showing their Berlin pride by offering specials to anyone sporting the official "I Have Berlin Pride" wristband. The wristbands will be given to everyone who registers at Stephen Decatur or Henry Park or Berlin Falls on Clean-Up Day on April 22, starting at 8:30 a.m., and will be available throughout the week at Town Hall and the Berlin Visitor's Center.

The week kicks off with the annual Clean-Up Day – a decades old tradition of community spring-cleaning that centers on Stephen Decatur and William Henry parks. Throughout the week residents and business owners are encouraged to show pride in being a part of the Berlin community in any way that has meaning to them.

For more information, contact Mary Bohlen at 410-641-4314 or email mbohlen@berlinmd.gov. Information can also be found on Facebook by searching "Take Pride in Berlin Week."

Pines Players to serve up 'Savannah Sipping Society'

(April 20, 2017) "The Savannah Sipping Society," the latest offering by the Ocean Pines Players, runs April 21-23 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church on 103rd Street in Ocean City.

Although it is hilarious, the humor in this award-winning play comes from the realistic struggles of these women, who have absolutely nothing in common except that they have all lost their footing and could use a friend, whether they want one or not.

With the help of some snappy direction, fun music, insightful performances and a cozy and lushly decorated set, the play is a reminder that despite our individual quirks and foibles, we all just want to feel safe, loved and at home in the world, no matter how crazy we feel sometimes.

Despite the all-female cast, nationwide reviews of the play assure audiences that this is not just a "chick play." The struggles faced by these women are universal: illness, divorce, grief, job loss, caregiving, etc. Several reviewers noted that it is often the men who are laughing the loudest and everyone can relate to at least one of the challenges these ladies are dealing with – not always with grace and finesse.

If this were a film, it would be rated PG: the language is clean, but the characters occasionally consume alcohol modestly and there are some nuanced sexual references.

Curtain time is 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 4 p.m., Sunday. It is open seating and tickets cost \$15, which includes snacks, beverages and dessert. Wine is optional at \$1 per glass.

For reservations or questions, call 410-600-0462. Walk-ins are also welcome on a space available basis. Doors open 30 minutes before curtain time.

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SHARE THE LOVE

Buchanan Subaru Inc. of Pocomoke presented \$5,000 to MAC, Inc. on April 11. Subaru of America hosts a “Share the Love” campaign where customers buying a new Subaru between Nov. 20 and Jan. 4 designate a \$250 donation to a national charity. Subaru also allows dealers to include a local charity in the list customers can choose from. Buchanan Subaru nominated MAC, Inc. (Maintaining Active Citizens) as its “Hometown Charity” for this year’s campaign. MAC, Inc. is the designated area agency on aging for Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties. It is dedicated to the principle that older persons are entitled to lives of dignity, security, physical, mental and social well-being; and to full participation in society.



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POCOMOKE ROYALTY

The 2017 Miss Pocomoke and Little Miss Pocomoke was held on April 8 at the Pocomoke High School Auditorium and is the 61st Miss Pocomoke pageant. This is a long-standing tradition where Miss and Little Miss represent the community in events. The pageant is sponsored by the Junior’s Woman’s Club of Pocomoke. Pictured is Little Miss Maybree Walston and Miss Pocomoke Peyton Becker.



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WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH

The Worcester County Commissioners meet with Commission for Women Chair Eloise Henry-Gordy and other members to proclaim March as Women’s History Month in Worcester on March 7 and to recognize the contributions of women locally to the economic, cultural and social vitality of the county.



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COMMITTEE MEETING

Members of the Democratic Central Committee Worcester County recently met at the Ocean Pines Library for their monthly meeting and to discuss “messaging.” Guest speaker Dan O’Hare, of Salisbury, presented. The organization has representatives from Pocomoke, Snow Hill, Berlin, Ocean Pines and Ocean City. Pictured, in front, from left, are guest Priscilla Zytkowicz, members Dr. Roxie Dennis Acholonu, Cyril Acholonu, Jerry White, Jim and Barbara Richardson, and in back, Buck Shockley, Kathleen Emmert, Doris Fields, Joan Roache, President Joshua Nordstrom, O’Hare, Howard Sribnick, Chuck Herbert and Judy Davis.



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MAKER DAY

On March 3, Worcester Prep ninth and 10th graders participated in “Maker Day,” a day to celebrate inventing, problem solving, working collaboratively and constructing solutions. Students broke into small teams that constructed operating displays of technologies from the Renaissance Period. Upper School students tested their creativity and problem solving skills while stressing the STEAM areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics. Upper School teacher Michael Schaeffer is the first to demo the made-from-scratch telescope created by the 10th grade Maker Day team.



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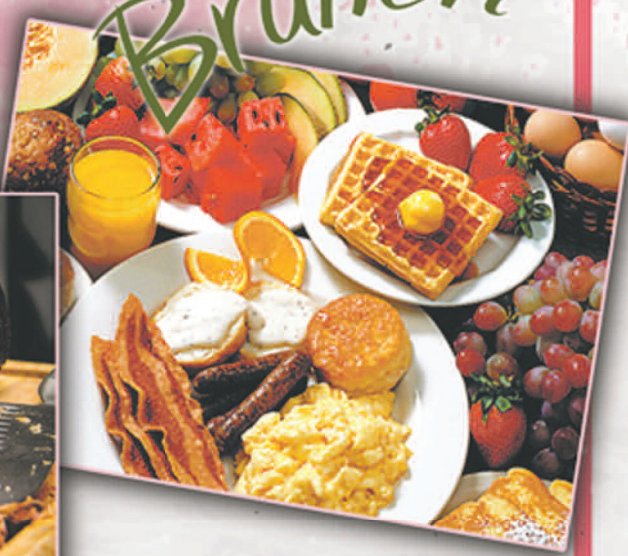
Berlin Intermediate School held a Heavenly Hats Spirit Day on March 3. For just a \$1 donation, students had the privilege of wearing a favorite hat to school to raise money for the Heavenly Hats Foundation, an organization who has donated more than 3.2 million new hats to cancer patients at hospitals and clinics around the United States. The faculty and staff had a Wear Jeans Casual Day to support the cause as well. Berlin Intermediate’s Heavenly Hats event, organized by Stephen Decatur High School senior Lexie Van Kirk, as a community service project, raised \$553 for the Heavenly Hats Foundation. It is her hope that one day a cure for cancer will be found and that no one will be in need of a Heavenly Hat.

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Ocean Elements Salt Spa features new Float Center

By Kara Hallissey
Staff Writer

(April 20, 2017) Escaping the pressures of life and succumbing to relaxation are a couple of the benefits offered by a floating session at Ocean Elements Salt Spa in the Serenity Salon in Ocean Pines.

“You can’t tell where your skin ends and the water begins,” owner Jeanne Mills, said. “It is quite an experience to offer the community and Eastern Shore.”

Floaters lay naked on their backs in a 200-gallon water pod filled with 1,000 pounds of Epsom salt, which is kept at the skin-neutral temperature of 93.5 degrees, although it will vary throughout the session.

“It releases tension, dopamine and endorphins,” Mills said. “A session offers stress and pain relief. The objective is to lay in the water, relax, mediate and clear your mind.”

After shutting the pod door, all sounds from the outside world are gone. Patrons can choose a color light setting or unwind in total darkness and relax to calming music, bring their own meditative tracks or indulge in silence.

“It is totally up to the person having the experience,” Mills said.

A welcome message begins each session, which are generally an hour long. Ear plugs are provided.

“The dissolved salt gives you a buoyancy and the feeling of floating on a cloud,” Mills said.

Afterwards, an exit message will play and clients are encouraged to take a shower, with all the necessities for bathing provided.

An appointment takes 90 minutes, including the hour-long session, but can be adjusted to be shorter or longer.

“The skin is the biggest organ in



KARA HALLISSEY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Director of Marketing Julie Redden, left, and Owner Jeanne Mills show off the 200-gallon sensory deprivation tank at Ocean Elements Salt Spa in the Serenity Salon in Ocean Pines.

the body and Epsom salts absorb magnesium, which helps with nutrient balance,” Mills said.

Floatation spa therapy has been used to relieve chronic pain, anxiety and stress in addition to helping clients recover from injuries, PTSD and addictions, she said.

“There are a lot of good benefits and it is a more natural alternative for chronic pain management,” Mills said. “This is something I am passionate about. I have been a nurse [for more than 20 years] and I really believe in this.”

Mills discovered a salt spa when she was celebrating her anniversary with her husband during an October trip to Williamsburg, Virginia.

“We were looking for something different to do and came across a salt spa,” Mills said. “We loved it. The

first thought out of my head was I have to have one of these and it would be wonderful to bring it to my community. There is nothing around here similar. You would have to go to Williamsburg or Annapolis.”

After doing research online, the couple found Superior Float Tanks, a manufacturer in Norfolk, Virginia.

“Michelle [O’Ferrall] had space available and we approached her in November,” Mills said. “I appreciate Serenity Salon for taking the chance on me.”

The sensory deprivation tank was delivered on March 3 and became available to the public by March 7.

“We have been steadily booked ever since,” Mills said.

The goal is to open a second location in West Ocean City during the summer that would include a salt

cave, where people can lay back in chairs and breathe in the salt.

“There is salt on the walls and floors,” Mills said. “Salt is a good relief for upper respiratory diseases.”

Ocean Elements Salt Spa and Float Center in Serenity Salon on Manklin Creek Road in Ocean Pines is open Monday through Friday from 4:30-9 p.m., 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 9 p.m. on Sunday.

Call 410-463-0857 to schedule an appointment. Package deals, memberships and gift cards are also available.

“You sleep so much better after you float,” Mills said. “The relaxation effect lasts about 48 hours.”

Additional information is available at www.oceanelements.life or email info@oceanelements.life.

Spring BJ’s Wholesale membership

Discounts offered through Ocean Pines Association, available at admin building

(April 20, 2017) BJ’s Wholesale Club is once again partnering with the Ocean Pines Association to bring a special membership offer, effective April 13-27, to benefit the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines Foundation.

In addition to offering special membership benefits, BJ’s will donate \$5 of each membership fee to the foundation. The offer, which is available to new and renewing members, is not available for purchase online or at any BJ’s location.

Other benefits include receiving \$15 off the BJ’s \$50 Inner Circle

membership fee or \$25 off the \$100 BJ’s Perks Rewards membership fee, one additional free month of membership and a free second membership card for a household member. With this offer, 13 months will be added to the expiration date of a current BJ’s membership, regardless of when the membership was last renewed.

This special promotion is only offered through Ocean Pines two times a year. The next promotion will be in October. Current BJ’s members whose memberships will expire before then are encouraged to renew during the spring offer.

BJ’s operates over 200 clubs in 15 states from Maine to Florida, including a location in Millsboro, Delaware. The wholesale club offers a large assortment of products

for home and business, savings of more than 30 percent off supermarket prices and acceptance of all manufacturers’ coupons and BJ’s store coupons.

BJ’s membership applications are available at the Ocean Pines Association administration building at 239 Ocean Parkway and online at OceanPines.org.

Applications must be returned with payment by April 27. They may be dropped off at the administration building or mailed to Ocean Pines Association, Attn: Denise Sawyer, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, Maryland 21811.

For more information, contact Sawyer, director of marketing and public relations for the Ocean Pines Association, at 410-641-7717 ext. 3006.

Berlin spring yard waste collection

(April 20, 2017) The Town of Berlin’s residential Spring Yard Waste Collection is scheduled for Wednesday, April 26.

Yard waste collection dates are based on Berlin residential garbage service. If your normal trash day is a Thursday, your yard waste pickup day will be Wednesday, April 26.

Do: Place leaves, grass clippings, pine needles and cones, and garden waste in a paper bags, plastic bags or (maximum) 30-gallon containers.

Cut brush into four-foot lengths and bundles no larger than 18 inches in diameter.

Do not: Mix in stones, rocks, metal or other inorganic matter, dirt, sod, lumber or other materials.

Items must be at the curb by 6 a.m. on pickup day. For more information, call 410-641-2770.

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North Worcester: Verizon Plaza
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410-641-0680

Pocomoke
122 Newtowne Blvd., Pocomoke, MD 21851
410-957-3912

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OC DISTILLERY Plain, Lemonade, Strawberry/Lemon and Orange Vodka (750ml)

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PARAMOUNT Grape Vodka (1.75L) WAS \$14.49 ... ON SALE \$10.49

FINLANDIA Tangerine Vodka (750ml) WAS \$18.99 ... ON SALE \$13.99

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BOWMANS Rum (1.75L) WAS \$13.49 ... ON SALE \$9

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WAS \$5.99 ... ON SALE \$2.50

BOSTON Crème De Banana (L)

WAS \$6.99 ... ON SALE \$3.25

VEEV Acai Liqueur (750ml) WAS \$27.99 ... ON SALE \$15.49

MANY OTHER SALE ITEMS TO CHOOSE FROM -- ALL LOW PRICES

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Calendar

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

THU, APR. 20

PINE'EER CRAFT CLUB MEETING
Ocean Pines Community Center, As-sateague Room, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 9:45 a.m. Refreshments served at 9:45 a.m., business meeting at 10 a.m. The craft will be a beaded watch band. Sharon, 410-208-3032

TRIP TO HARRINGTON CASINO
Ocean Pines Yacht Club, 1 Mumford's Land-ing Road, Ocean Pines, Md, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Ocean Pines Boat Club is sponsoring this trip on April 20. To sign up, contact Tom or Barbara Southwell at 410-641-5456. Cost is \$20 and includes \$15 slot play, \$7 food voucher and bus transportation. Bus will leave at 10 a.m. from the Ocean Pines Yacht Club parking lot and will return at 5 p.m.

'SEEDS & SPROUTS'
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10:30 a.m. Plant seeds and see what happens. For 3 to 7 year old children. 410-208-4014

STORY TIME 'EARTH DAY'
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 10:30 a.m. For 2 to 5 year old children. 410-632-3495

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

ADULT COLORING ZEN
Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 2 p.m. A therapeutic and fun activity. Coloring pages and pencils provided. 410-957-0878

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

TEEN ADVISORY GROUP
Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 4 p.m. For 12 to 18 year olds. 410-641-0650

DISCOVERING THE GUITAR: A CLASS FOR BEGINNERS
DRAT Studios, 11022 Nicholas Lane, Unit 8, Ocean Pines, MD, 6 to 7 p.m. A free course for anyone interested in learning more about the guitar. Bill Dickson, 410-598-7585

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

COSTEN HOUSE MUSEUM DINNER AND DANCE
Elk's Lodge, 1944 Worcester Highway,

Pocomoke City, MD, 6:30 p.m. Featuring Frank Nanna and the WWIIunes with music from the '40s. Special appearance of Todd Crosby, Gary Weber and Mike Pruitt from the Blue Dog Cafe. Tickets cost \$25 and are avail-able in Pocomoke at the 1st Shore Federal, Lusby's and Market Street Deli. Also available at Taylor Bank in Pocomoke and Snow Hill.

FRI, APR. 21

BERLIN BOOK OF THE MONTH
Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 1 p.m. This month's book is "After You," by Jojo Moyes. Books are available in advance at the library. 410-641-0650

HUMANE SOCIETY DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION
Adolfo's on the Ocean, 1301 Atlantic Ave, Ocean City, MD, 4 to 9 p.m. Seatings are 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Advance tickets cost \$25 and are available online, at the shelter or at Adolfo's. Tickets available at the door for \$30. Adolfo's will donate a percentage from each ticket to the Worcester County Humane Society. There will be auction items ranging from \$10 to \$700. <http://www.worcester-countyhumanesociety.org>

'SWING INTO SPRING' WINE TASTING & SILENT AUCTION
Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Featuring great wines, food, live music by "Still Rockin" and a silent auction. Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines- Ocean City. Tickets cost \$15 and can be pur-chased in advance by calling 410-208-6719 or 443-896-4914. Must be 21 years and older to attend. <http://www.kiwanisofopoc.org>

ANNUAL SNOW HILL TEACHERS OF THE YEAR DINNER
Snow Hill Lions Club, 5458 Market St., Snow Hill, MD, 5:30 p.m. Snow Hill Rotary Club to recognize the five outstanding edu-cators selected as "Teachers of the Year" within the Snow Hill community. Tickets cost \$25 and are available from any Rotary member or by calling Chris Welch at 410-726-0846 or email kbbwills@comcast.net.

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'THE SAVANNAH SIPPING SOCIETY'
St.Peter's Lutheran Church Life Center, 10301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 7 p.m. Featuring the Ocean Pines Players. Tickets cost \$15 and include snacks, bever-ages and dessert. Optional wine at \$1 per glass. Doors open 30 minutes before show-time. Reservations: 410-600-0462.

SAT, APR. 22

EARTH DAY BLESSING OF THE WHEELS
Stephen Decatur Park, Berlin, 12 p.m. to 3

p.m. The nondenominational blessing will in-clude "anything with wheels" that is nonmo-torized. Other activities include yoga, a guided walking tour of the park, tie-dye demonstra-tions, a nature scavenger hunt, a drum circle, a chalk graffiti wall, several craft stations and a ".10 K race" for seniors who use walkers or wheelchairs. Bake sale and T-shirts available. <http://www.berlinmd.gov/town-events/berlins-blessing-wheels>.

ANNUAL POOCH PALOOZA DOG FESTIVAL
Frontier Town Western Theme Park & Campground, 8428 Stephen Decatur High-way, Berlin, MD, All Day Featuring canine sports, arcade style canine games, canine contests; including the Delmarva Dock-Dogs, Lure Coursing, Agility exploration, costume contest, the FastFetch Cup, Del-marva Unleashed Cover Model Search, ca-nine pie eating, canine photo booth, K-9 demos, shopping and more. Tickets cost \$5 for adults, \$2 per dog and free to children 9 and younger. Sandy Phillips, sandy@del-marvaunleashed.com, 410-726-7334

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

QUESTERS ACCESSORIES SALE FUNDRAISER
Ocean Pines Community Center, East Room, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Gently used purses, scarves and jewelry for sale. Funds will be donated to The Julia Purnell Museum and Historic St. Martin's Church.

WALK MS 5K AND 1-MILE
Jolly Roger, 2901 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD, 8 a.m. The walk will begin at the Jolly roger entrance on Philadelphia Ave-nue and 30th Street and participants will make their way to the boardwalk. Teams that raise \$5,000 will receive a 10x10 pop-up tent, which will be set up near the Jolly Rodger tents. The event starts with registra-tion, breakfast, entertainment, vendors and team pictures at 8 a.m. Opening ceremonies at 8:45 a.m. Event begins at 9 a.m. Whitney, whitney.pogwist@nmss.org

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT 2017
St. Paul United Methodist Church, 405 Flower St., Berlin, MD, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Breakfast, bag lunch and door prizes. Breakout sessions are: Drug War on the Shore, Project Hygiene and Skin Care. Josephine Jarmon, 443-880-4658

CLEAN-UP BERLIN DAY
Stephen Decatur Park and Henry Park, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Individuals and teams are needed to help with planting, weeding, raking, mulching and whatever else needs attention. Great opportunity to students to earn service hours. Sign-up begins at both parks at 8:30 a.m. Some supplies will be available for use, but participants are encouraged to bring their own if possible; rakes, shovels and wheelbar-rows are always needed. There will be a free

children's activity at 11 a.m. in both parks. Mary Bohlen, mbohlen@berlinmd.gov, 410-641-4314, <http://www.berlinmd.gov>

18TH ANNUAL BOARDWALKIN' FOR PETS
Ocean City Boardwalk Inlet, 806 S Atlantic Ave, Ocean City, MD, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Regis-tration starts at 8:30 a.m. Raise money for the walk and receive prizes. There is a \$25 minimum for individuals and for teams, a \$25 per team member minimum. Enter con-tests and win prizes for largest dog, smallest dog, best dressed dog and best dog trick. Re-freshments provided. To "adopt" a shelter dog for the event, made arrangements in ad-vance by calling 410-213-0146. Proceeds ben-efit the Worcester County Humane Society. Rain or shine. <http://www.worcestercounty-humanesociety.org/boardwalk-for-pet>

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

WALK WITH A DOC
Veterans Memorial, South Gate Pond, Ocean Pines, MD, 9 a.m. Walk with Atlantic General Women's Health provider Brandi Musselman, M.D. Wear comfortable shoes. Angela Simmons, CRNP, CBN, 410-641-9568, <http://www.atlanticgeneral.org/walk-withadoc>

GENEALOGICAL WORKSHOP
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. This is the final session of a series of four genealogical workshops to be held March 25, April 1, 15 and 22. The final session will be "hands on," that is, participants will have a chance to actually work one-on-one with Dr. Thompson in using the various types of records. This session will uti-lize Eastern Shore sources, in particular. Cost is \$25 per session or \$95 for all four. Reserva-tions are required. Theresa Bruner, Info@His-toricstmartinschurch.org, 410-251-2849

BUILD IT
Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 11 a.m. Fun, family-friendly, build-it-yourself activities for all ages. 410-957-0878

DISCOVERING THE GUITAR: A CLASS FOR BEGINNERS
DRAT Studios, 11022 Nicholas Lane, Unit 8, Ocean Pines, MD, 1 to 2 p.m. and 3 to 4 p.m. A free course for anyone interested in learning more about the guitar. Bill Dick-son, 410-598-7585

'MISS OCEAN CITY'S OUTSTANDING TEEN' PRESENTATION
The Commander Hotel lobby, 1401 Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, MD, 2 to 4 p.m. Katie Allen will lead a presentation about the im-portance of dental health for children and teens. Admission is free.

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MARCH FOR SCIENCE EARTH DAY CELEBRATION
Ocean City Inlet, 806 S Atlantic Ave, Ocean City, MD, 1 p.m. Speakers, music and a march on the Boardwalk. Wear green for Earth Day.

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REV. JONATHAN BAKER TO SPEAK
Bethany United Methodist Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, MD, 10 a.m. All are welcome to hear Rev. Baker talk about his experiences as a missionary in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. 410-641-2186

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT 2017
St. Paul United Methodist Church, 405 Flower St., Berlin, MD, 10 a.m. Annual Youth Day guest speaker will be Elder Craig Wilson, Cathedral of Love, Salisbury. Josephine Jarmon, 443-880-4658

BENEFIT DINNER FOR KRISTEN DAVIS
Girdletree Fire Department, 2739 Snow Hill Road, Girdletree, MD, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Featuring an Italian feast and silent auctions.

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

BOWL FOR KIDS’ SAKE
Ocean Lanes, 115 72nd St., Ocean City, MD, 1 to 3 p.m. Each team member is asked to raise \$50 in donations. Those who do will be able to enjoy free food, refreshments, two free rounds of bowling and an event T-shirt. There will be trivia competitions, a

raffle and top fundraisers will win prizes. Register: buses.wixsite.com/bfks2017. Proceeds benefit Big BrothersBig Sisters of the Eastern Shore. 443-235-3946

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St.Peter’s Lutheran Church Life Center, 10301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 4 p.m. Featuring the Ocean Pines Players. Tickets cost \$15 and include snacks, beverages and dessert. Optional wine at \$1 per glass. Doors open 30 minutes before show-time. Reservations: 410-600-0462.

3RD ANNUAL JESSE KLUMP SUICIDE AWARENESS & PREVENTION NIGHT
Chipotle Mexican Grill, 12909 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City, MD, 4 to 8 p.m. Mention the Jesse Klump Suicide Awareness & Prevention Program when you pay for your dinner and 50 percent of the total bill will be donated to the program. http://www.choosetolivemaryland.org

ITALIAN DINNER
Church of the Holy Spirit, 10001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 4 to 6 p.m. Catered by Carrabba’s, the feast includes Chicken Bryan, penne pomodoro, Caesar salad, garlic breadsticks, iced tea, lemonade and coffee. Desserts available for \$1. Tickets cost \$15 and are available at the church. Info: 410-723-1973 or Monica, 443-235-8942

MON, APR. 24

IPAD CHICKS - BEGINNERS
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Explore the world of iPads while learning from each other. Men welcome. Register: Norma Kessler, 410-641-7017

WRITING FOR WELLNESS
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 1:30 to 3 p.m. Research has shown that writing about stressful experiences, like illness, may boost health & psychological well-being. No prior writing experience needed. 410-208-4014

LEARN TO SELF PUBLISH
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 2 p.m. Published author Michael Healy will teach how to self-publish works and sell them on Amazon and other websites. 410-524-1818

GEOBOARD IT!
Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 3:30 p.m. STEAM activity for those 12 years and older. 410-957-0878

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

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

TUE, APR. 25

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

LIVING WELL: CHRONIC DISEASE SELF-MANAGEMENT
Pocomoke Senior Center, 400 Walnut St., Suite B, Pocomoke City, MD, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Free, six-week interactive program for anyone who has a chronic condition. Topics include better breathing; how to manage pain, stress and discouragement; improving communication with family and healthcare providers; eat and exercise for your health; and more. Dawn, 410-641-9268

‘SEEDS & SPROUTS’
Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 10:30 a.m. Plant seeds and see what happens. For 3 to 7 year old children. 410-641-0650

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT
Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 10:30 a.m. For 2 to 5 year old children. 410-957-0878

WOMEN TALKING ABOUT WOMEN
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 2 to 4 p.m. The group meets monthly for reading selections based on women, their accomplishments, attitudes, challenges, etc. This month’s book is “Sisters In Law” by Linda Hirshmand. Selections are available in advance at the library. 410-208-4014

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

OCEAN PINES EVENING BOOK CLUB
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The month’s book is “The Pecan Man,” by Cassie Selleck. Books are available in advance at the library. 410-208-4014

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

MARYLAND SALTWATER SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING
Ocean City Lions Den, 12534 Airport Road, Ocean City, MD, 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. DNR Officer Dave Bloxom will speak on new regulations and answer questions. Guests are welcome. http://www.mssaatlanticcoastanglers.com

WED, APR. 26

STORY TIME ‘TEDDY BEARS’
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 10:30 a.m. For 2 to 5 year

old children. 410-524-1818

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

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

FOREIGN POLICY KEY ISSUES: DISCUSSION GROUP
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Group meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month to discuss major foreign policy issues. Study guide provided. Jim Young, 410-208-4014

MAKING JEWELRY FROM SEA GLASS
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 2 p.m. Learn how to wrap sea glass for earrings, rings and pendants. Bring some of your found treasures and learn what bottles they may have come from. Register: 410-524-1818

FAMILY NIGHT ‘EARTH DAY’
Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 4:30 p.m. Fun for the whole family. 410-641-0650

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

SNOW HILL BOOK OF THE MONTH
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 5:30 p.m. This month’s book is “The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society,” by Mary Ann Shaffer. 410-632-3495

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

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

CALL

410-723-6397

BY MONDAY

5 P.M.



MARKETPLACE

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Central Reservations has a seasonal position for an Administrative Assistant. Must be dependable, have good computer skills, and be able to provide great customer service. Duties include answering phones, filing and assisting agents. Seasonal employment, 40 hour week, Spring until September. Must work weekends.

Please send resume to robbieh@centraloc.com

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Please send resume to:

Maintenance
P.O. Box 3500
Ocean City, MD 21843

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