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Barbara Purnell accepts the 2016 Berlin Award presented by the Berlin Lions Club, last Wednesday. The award is given annual for outstanding civic service. The late Jesse Turner nominated her.

Eight filed and seven certified for Ocean Pines BOD election

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(May 18, 2017) Seven applicants — four women and three men — were confirmed as candidates in the 2017 board of directors election in Ocean Pines this week.



Colette Horn

Director Doug Parks and former director Marty Clarke, and newcomers Colette Horn, Nicole Schaffer Crosariol, Paula Robertson Gray, Arie Klapholz and Brenda Lynn Wascak, will vie for two seats on the board.

Ocean Pines Association Board President Tom Herrick said Monday that eight candidates had filed to run for the two available seats in the Au-



Marty Clarke



Doug Parks

gust election. One candidate who filed, former Director Ray Unger, apparently did not meet the election criteria.

To be eligible, candidates had to complete an application before the deadline and must have not have unpaid annual charges or violations as of May 15.

Adding a wrinkle to this year's election is that it could increase the number of

women directors on the board. With two women already serving on the seven-member panel, the association

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Barbara Purnell wins Citizen of Year

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(May 18, 2017) In consideration of a lifetime of civic duty, Barbara Purnell was honored as the 2016 Berlin Citizen of the Year during the 52nd annual Berlin Lions Club Awards gala last Wednesday.

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams, serving as emcee for the event, hit upon an overarching theme during his initial remarks that were later echoed by guest speaker and Worcester County Schools Superintendent Lou Taylor.

"Gee said something very important, ladies and gentleman: 'we've got to work together,'" Taylor said. "It's not about one race, it's not about one people, it's not about one



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Berlin Award winner Barbara Purnell embraces Worcester County Commissioner Diana Purnell, left, during a banquet last Thursday. Also pictured is Worcester County Commissioner Bud Church.

person. It's about working together."

Taylor said volunteerism is a core value that makes Purnell an asset to the community.

"Working hard for something we love is called passion," he said.

He added Purnell set an example that others should follow.

"We must take pride in our community," he said. "Barbara Purnell takes pride in her community."

During his introduction speech, noted Eastern Shore painter Patrick Henry said he called Purnell both a friend and family.

"A solid family environment in Barbara's childhood instilled the sense of purposeful living that she has carried throughout her life," he said.

Taking it a step further, Henry said Purnell has worked diligently to continue that tradition of excellence.

"She has instilled that same outlook to her five children," he said. "Each of her children, in their own way, are influential and solid members of the community."

Henry highlighted the words of last year's honoree, the recently deceased Jesse "The Mayor of Germantown" Turner, who lost his battle with cancer on March 31. The longtime proprietor of the Berlin Shoe Box, who shuttered his business earlier that same month, was a lifelong friend of Purnell who partnered on numerous community initiatives.

"In nominating his best friend Barbara, the late Jessie Turner stated that she was a 'hard worker, loyal, honest,

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Communication issues linger for Berlin and BFC

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(May 18, 2017) Town of Berlin officials balked last year when the Berlin Fire Company requested more than \$1 million in funding from the town, more than double what had been allocated during the two previous years.

Instead, the mayor and council kept its allocation to fire and EMS a flat \$400,000, and said a lack of information made it difficult to justify such a drastic increase.

This year, Mayor Gee Williams said the town is budgeting \$250,000, plus an additional \$150,000 if the fire company agrees to third-party funding study that would help determine future needs.

Williams said the study was discussed during a budget work session last May and that Fire Company President David Fitzgerald had initially agreed.

"They agreed. They were there in

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The Worcester County Commissioners voted on Tuesday to spend \$71,000 to address several issues at the Ocean Pines library, including a leaky roof and outdated HVAC systems.

The commissioners also agreed to provide \$50,000 in match funding for a state grant for the Berlin replacement library project, which is scheduled for a groundbreaking ceremony on June 6, according to Jennifer Ranck, library director.

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Town of Snow Hill approves fiscal year 2018 budget

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(May 18, 2017) The Snow Hill Council approved a \$2.5 million fiscal year 2018 budget, which was balanced without raising property tax rates, during its meeting last Tuesday.

The budget passed by a 2-0 vote with Councilwoman Alison Cook not in attendance. Town Manager Kelly Pruitt noted the final budget remained unchanged from a version put forth during a first reading on April 11.

On the revenue side of the ledger, real estate taxes represent the single largest tally at \$890,000.

Additional revenue, a \$450,000 grant from the county, has yet to be approved by the Worcester County Commissioners.

That figure would match last year's county contribution to Snow Hill.

The budget also includes \$110,000 in revenue from state income taxes and \$105,000 in corporate personal property taxes.

Pruitt noted the tax levies of \$0.86 per \$100 of assessed value on real property and \$1.82 per \$100 of assessed value on corporate personal property are the same rates as the current fiscal year.

The highest figure on the expenditures side was more than \$589,000 in department salaries, followed by approximately \$281,000 in salary costs for police officers. The budget also factors in more than \$179,000 for health insurance premiums.

Councilman Michael Pruitt said to the best of his knowledge Snow Hill residents were satisfied with the budget as approved.

"No one approached me on the street or called me about this," he said. "I applaud the effort of not raising taxes. We try and do that every year."

'I applaud the effort of not raising taxes. We try and do that every year.'
Councilman Michael Pruitt



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CLASS IN SESSION

Current and former state and county officials cut the ribbon on Tuesday for the new larger and more technologically advanced Snow Hill High School.

Solving Pocomoke water problem

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(May 18, 2017) In an effort to remedy water quality issues that have plagued Pocomoke for decades, the city council approved an emergency expenditure of more than \$100,000 for repairs at the water treatment plant during a budget work session on Friday.

City Manager/City Attorney Ernie Crofoot said a recently commissioned report by Hungerford & Terry, a water treatment contractor, identified problems with the filtering media and water flow control valves at the treatment plant.

"Over the years the backwashing apparently has been at an inappropriate pressure, which has caused a significant amount of the filtering material to go down the drain," he said. "There were also valves ... not opening and closing at the right

time."

In addition to replacing six water valves, Crofoot said the report also recommended changing the filter media in four water filters.

"They say we should consider this as an emergency situation to repair and quite frankly I understand why," he said. "The filtering mechanism we need in our water filters isn't there."

When backwash pressure levels are set appropriately, Crofoot said, garbage is removed while the media is flushed and water is filtered.

"If the pressure's too high that media goes out with the stuff that's washed out of the filters," he said.

Crofoot also questioned the accuracy of previously conducted water quality testing, which did highlight improperly sized media, but may have given faulty iron level readings.

"The fact of the matter is that test-

ing, when its drawn and where its drawn, it's not giving us an accurate reading of the iron that's leaving the plant in the water," he said.

As the water flows to areas of low usage it settles longer and higher iron levels become problematic, Crofoot said.

"Our problem is iron we're sending into the water is sitting and it's reacting to the chlorine because it's sitting there a long time," he said. "They view it as a major contributor to our red water problem."

Councilman George Tasker said, adding that residents in certain areas have dealt with poor water quality for at least 30 years.

"I'm getting tired of buying new clothes and the water dinges them out in my wash," he said. "The black looks grey."

Mayor Bruce Morrison concurred
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Allen: Town will not pursue Harrison Avenue land records

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(May 18, 2017) The Town of Berlin will not pursue land records confirming it owns part Harrison Avenue north of the Adkins Company, Town Administrator Laura Allen said last Thursday.

Representatives from the Adkins Company expressed concerns over a truck ban related to planned Baker Street repairs during a recent Town Council meeting. If Baker Street is closed to trucks, they said, it would affect the business because they believed the Harrison family owned a portion of Harrison Avenue.

All but about 60 feet of Adkins land is next to Harrison Avenue and the company owns a part of the road, which it blocked from public use last June in a dispute with the town.

Town officials, however, said the company has access in and out of the north end because the town owned that section.

“My sense was, from the meeting, that the council didn’t want the town attorney or town staff to dig into that any longer,” Allen said. “They’ve approved the ordinance and they’ve approved the resolution, so they’ve taken steps to do what they need to do if they want to ban Baker Street [from heavy truck traffic].”

She said the ban would go into effect 20 days after it was passed on May 8.

“We already have the signs, we just haven’t put them up yet, because we’re waiting for the resolution and ordinance process to work itself through,” Allen said.

Repairs of Baker Street should begin during the next several months, once the town passes the fiscal year 2018 budget. A public hearing and a vote on the budget were scheduled for June 12.

Elsewhere in Berlin, Allen said the town is running into some challenges associated with construction on West Street.

“There’s concrete in part of the road and concrete not in part of the road, and apparently concrete and pavement interact differently,” she said. “We’re trying to figure out a way to pave the road so it has a tight final product even though we’ve sort of gone in and made these little patchy cuts. We’re working on that.”

Allen said stormwater upgrades on Williams Street and on Graham, Grice and Nelson streets “should be going out to bid relatively quickly.”

“The challenge we’re having there is getting State Highway approval in some of the things we want to do,” she said. “It’s just a difference of opinion in terms of how to approach the project.”

Holland exit confirmed

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

(May 18, 2017) Responding to a Public information Act request by Ocean City Today and the Bayside Gazette, the Town of Snow Hill has confirmed Erica Holland’s employment ended on April 25, the day she was escorted from Town Hall by police.

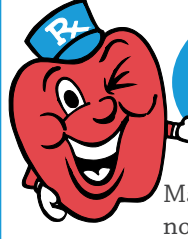
Holland served as the town’s receptionist and was hired on Jan. 27, 2014, according to Kelly Pruitt, town manager.

While conflicting reports of Holland’s status were received from town and county officials, what is clear is that police removed Holland from her workspace during business hours. The

response by Pruitt confirms Holland was also separated from her position on that day.

No charges have been filed against Holland, but Mike Lupiwok of the county’s Criminal Bureau of Investigations confirmed an investigation is taking place. He declined to elaborate.

Holland is married to Fulton Holland, assistant warden at the Worcester County Jail. Because of the recent death of Warden Garry Mumford, Fulton Holland, along with Donna Bounds, both assistant wardens, are in charge of the day-to-day operations of the jail, County Administrator Harold Higgins previously confirmed.



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Barbara Purnell on BLC award: ‘honoring me is honoring you’

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[with] a strong will to motivate and [was] always putting others before herself,” he said.

In addition to serving in a multitude of roles as a longtime member of New Bethel United Methodist Church, Henry noted Purnell has also worked with the Worcester County NAACP, the Order of the Eastern Star (a Masonic appendant body), the Worcester County Economic Advisory Board and the Worcester County Board of Elections.

“What’s most fascinating is how she balanced motherhood, career duties and civic activism,” he said.

Her lifetime of service culminated with being honored as Worcester County Woman of the Year in 2005, Henry said.

The Berlin Award was due, in part, to her involvement in reviving the Segregation-era two-room German-town School on Trappe Road. Purnell attended the school as a small child prior to it being closed in 1953.

“I believe Barbara can tell you that a great sense of fulfillment has come from the groundbreaking and restoration of the German School Community Heritage Center,” Henry said. “Barbara had volunteered countless hours of her time since 2001 ... [and] she is now working tirelessly to make the center a historical and cultural attraction, and a space for all races to gather and celebrate.”

The packed room stood in applause as Henry awarded the official proclamation and warmly embraced the star of the evening.

Purnell, during her own comments, was characteristically humble and soft-spoken. She said she shared the award with others in the community who volunteered by her side.

“Honoring me is honoring you, because what I do I couldn’t do it alone,” she said. “You all have supported me, and when I am honored you all get the honor as well, so thank you for your support.”

She expressed gratitude to the Lions Club award committee and singled out her friend, Turner, for the nomination.

‘You all have supported me, and when I am honored you all get the honor as well’

Barbara Purnell

Additional commendations followed, beginning with County Commissioners Bud Church and Diana Purnell.

“One thing I know about Barbara, if she has a task to do she will get it done,” Diana Purnell said.

State Del. Charles Otto (R-38A) carried citations from the state legislature as well as from the governor’s office.

“I can’t say no more than the other speakers have,” he said. “They covered the bases and I say amen.”

Purnell, following the ceremony, said the evening brought back more than a few memories.

“There’s so many things I’ve almost forgotten that I had done,” she said.

Ocean Pines Board election roster includes five newcomers

■ PINES ELECTION continued

could see its first female majority.

Officials in the Ocean Pines Marketing and Public Relations Office believe Ocean Pines has never had a majority of women on the board, a woman board president, or a woman general manager.

Trendic said last Thursday that the search committee had yet to provide him with the candidate list and had until Monday to do so. He also endorsed the idea of a board of directors led by women.

“I would love to see a board with that kind of a makeup. I think the time has come,” Trendic said. “I believe the guys have demonstrated very strong opinions and very assertive positions on a number of issues and seldom would budge. I would love to see a board that’s really going to have a strong presence by women and see how they perform in comparison to how the guys have performed in the past.

“Maybe we’ll have more patience,

more diplomacy, more understanding and more open-mindedness,” Trendic added. “Maybe the community is ready for a change.”

Trendic also said he would like to see more oversight of management under the next board. The directors will interview general manager candidates starting in July.

“This is not just to benefit the board, but also the future general manager,” he said. “I think what we are lacking is that two-step governing process, which is something that’s very common in Europe, but not in the U.S.

“Having that management oversight really allows the board and the GM to make sure that when we make certain decisions that there is a proper input and oversight from the right constituencies,” Trendic said.

Ballots for the 2017 election are mailed in July and the election results will be announced during the annual meeting on the second Saturday in August.



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Election dates for Board of Directors in OPA announced

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(May 18, 2017) Ballots for the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors election will be mailed on July 11. They are due back Aug. 10.

The Ocean Pines Elections Committee will count ballots on Aug. 11, for the first time during a public session, and announce the results on Aug. 12 during the annual meeting at 10 a.m. in the Assateague Room inside the community center.

Two seats are up for grabs this year, one that currently belongs to Doug Parks and one held by Dave Stevens. Stevens announced he would not run for reelection and Parks was appointed to the board after Pat Renaud resigned last year.

Board President Tom Herrick said this week eight people – four men and four women – had filled out applications for the two seats.

Committee Chairman Steve Tuttle, during a meeting Friday, said he would send a letter to board candidates informing them of upcoming election dates. He said the candidates would be asked to send a photo, a 200-word bio and answers to three questions.

Traditionally, Ocean Pines publishes that information in its summer newsletter and includes it in ballot mailings.

Tuttle said the elections committee also recently tested the elections phone bank, set up each year to answer resident questions.

Additional upcoming elections dates include a candidate draw and workshop on June 9 at 11 a.m. in the Assateague Room. A candidate forum is scheduled for June 21.

The committee will meet again on June 9 at 10 a.m. in the administration building.

C. Bertino to hold town meeting this Saturday at library

(May 18, 2017) Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino will host a town meeting on Saturday, May 20 at 10 a.m. at the Ocean Pines library.

He will discuss issues and developments impacting the Ocean Pines district and the county as well as the fiscal 2018 county budget. Bertino's guests will include Register of Wills Charlotte Cathell and Chief Administrative Officer Harold Higgins.

This town meeting will be the 10th Bertino has hosted since being sworn in.

"These meetings are an opportunity for residents to learn and understand what is going on within our county and it gives them the chance to ask questions and comment on topics of interest," he said.

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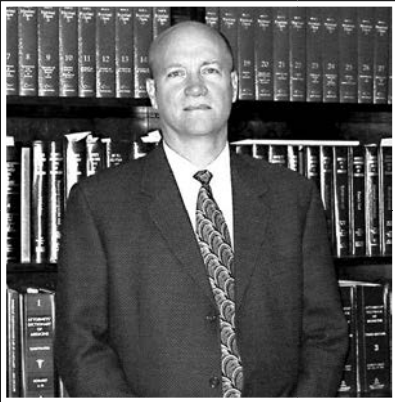
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Winter Quarters Golf Course could get six-month trial run

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(May 18, 2017) Efforts to balance Pocomoke's fiscal year 2018 budget while providing Winter Quarters Golf Course an opportunity to address its own financial challenges highlighted a City Council budget work session on Friday.

City Manager/City Attorney Ernie Crofoot said despite removing all capital outlay items from the budget except approximately \$79,000 to replace police radios and dispatch consoles, there is still a roughly \$182,000 deficit. He said the vast majority of that, \$154,000, was because of losses at the golf course.

Councilman Dale Trotter suggested funding the golf course for the next six months to allow it a chance to rebound.

"If it's improved compared to previous years then approve it again for the following six months," he said.

This move would cut the net loss in half, which would total approximately \$77,000, Crofoot said. He also noted that after six months the council would have to amend the budget if they wanted to keep the course operational.

"As I've said before the cost for next year is fairly static," he said. "It's the play that has to increase."

Over the last few months Trotter said marketing efforts have intensified at the course.

"You're not going to see the product of that for at least three months," he said. "Wallops has a lot of people there who want to come up and play."

Crofoot said the course, which currently brings in more than \$50,000 annually, would need to pull in roughly \$200,000 to reach break-even status.

"So we'd have to have four times as much revenue as we have now," he said. "We'd have to have a 300 percent increase in revenue, [and] a 300 percent increase in play. That's lot of golf."

Based on recently revamped marketing efforts, Trotter thinks the course is poised to make a comeback.

"There were two other tournaments that did not play last year that have agreed to come back this year," he said.

Earlier during the meeting a previously discussed proposal to raise trash service fees was examined.

Crofoot said the town currently charges \$10 for twice-weekly trash service and once-a-month bulk collection, which nets the town roughly \$160,000 per year. Doubling that charge would generate an additional \$160,000, while a \$5 rate jump would net the town an additional \$80,000.

Mayor Bruce Morrison suggested phasing in the price changes at a \$5 increase for each of the next two years.

"I don't want to do \$10 this year because I think it's a big increase for people," he said. "It's still cheap at \$20."

Based on his market research, Trotter said regardless of the price increase Pocomoke residents would still get a relative bargain. He noted that BFI Waste Services and Waste Management charges \$42 and \$38, respectively.

Morrison said the same holds true for other municipalities.

"A lot of towns are doing once a week pickup and theirs is like \$25 or \$30," he said.

Another proposal discussed would increase the late fees on water and sewer billing from \$12 to \$25, which at its current rate raises approximately \$59,000 annually, Crofoot said.

"However [with] more prompt payment we may net \$30,000 more," he said.

Considering the potential to cut losses at the golf course by approximately \$77,000, and raise an additional \$80,000 from increased trash fees, Crofoot said the roughly \$182,000 deficit appears manageable.

The council will hold another budget work session on May 22 and will hold a first reading and public hearing on the matter at its meeting on June 5.

Water issues to be addressed during current fiscal period

■ POCOMOKE WATER continued the issue needed to be addressed.

"I'm really getting agitated with it," he said. "There needs to be some kind of rigid maintenance program."

Although the work session was actually evaluating the next fiscal year budget, Crofoot said the emergency expenditure should be allocated from the current budget.

"I think between now and the end of June we can squeeze this in," he said.

Following a motion by Councilwoman Esther Troast, the emergency expenditure received unanimous approval.

Crofoot expressed surprise no one had dug into the water quality issue previously.

"I have been ... pushing to find the cause of this since I got here and we might have stumbled onto the right answer," he said. "We just didn't look under enough rocks all those years to see what might be going on."

May Day Play Day kicks off busy Berlin events season

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(May 18, 2017) A crowd of thousands is expected in downtown Berlin Friday night for the seventh annual May Day Play Day festival, hosted by Radio Ocean 98.

The headlining act this year is Jocelyn and Chris Arndt, a Cambridge, Massachusetts group described as a cross between Grace Potter and Led Zeppelin. The band's latest album, "Go," was released on May 5.

The Rogue Citizens, a four-piece rock and reggae band from Ocean City, will also perform.

Berlin Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells said only two bands were booked "to allow for them to play longer." Four bands performed in 2016.

Horseshoe crab tagging demo by AIA this Saturday

(May 18, 2017) Assateague Island Alliance (AIA), the Friends Group of Assateague Island National Seashore (ASIS), will host "Horseshoe Crab Ecology and Tagging Demonstration" on Saturday, May 20.

Meet at 12:30 p.m. for refreshments prior to the program which begins at 1 p.m.

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The program will be held at the Assateague Environmental Education Center, located at 7206-2 National Seashore Lane, Berlin, Maryland 21811.

The Assateague Island Alliance (AIA), a 501(c)3 organization, is the Friends Group to benefit Assateague Island National Seashore. AIA financially supports educational, interpretive, scientific and recreational programs. All funds raised by AIA are for the direct benefit of Assateague Island National Seashore. Donations are tax-deductible.

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"It's kind of the first kickoff, nighttime event for the season," Wells said of May Day Play Day. "It's a chance to come out and have a great time and listen to some music under the stars."

She said event planners worked with the Berlin Arts & Entertainment Committee to recruit more artist vendors this year. Several tables will be set up on Jefferson Street, near Main Street, in a fashion similar to the Maker's Market that runs during 2nd Friday art strolls from May through December.

Burley Oak Brewing Company and the Atlantic Hotel will operate beer gardens. Wells said restaurants would offer food to go and picnic tables would be set up in the downtown area.

No outside alcohol is permitted during the event.

Ocean 98's newest member, Stevie Jay, will host rounds of Bingo between bands. Prizes will include tickets to the NASCAR Cup race in Dover on June 4 and a 43-inch TV from Rent-A-Center in Berlin.

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Fire co., town remain at odds over funding

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person,” Williams said. “This year’s budget is identical to last year in both the amount of money and the contingency on the \$150,000 ... the budget is exactly the same and the conditions are exactly the same.”

According to Berlin budget documents available online, the fiscal 2015, 2016 and 2017 budgets included \$250,000 for fire and EMS operations and \$150,000 for fire and EMS capital reserve funding.

The budget draft this year has \$250,000 for fire and EMS operations and \$150,000 under a column labeled “funding studies.”

Williams said the \$250,000 could be used “any way that they deem appropriate,” from replacing equipment to funding for a new fire station. However, he said fire company and town officials have not “sat down and come up with a mutually accepted plan for operating expenses and short-term and long-term capital expenses.”

“We’re saying that the Town of Berlin Mayor and Council – not any one individual – is stating the same thing we did last year,” Williams said. “The Town of Berlin will contract with an experienced professional in the field of firefighting and EMS services to do a study of what their needs are for operating expenses, equipment and for capital expenses. Certainly, all those things in the short term, but also to do a longer-range projection so we can start planning like we do for everything else.”

The fire company allocation is the single-largest grant the town provides to any agency, Williams said.

“We need the same kind of information that we base everything else on,” he said. “We have the in-house professional staff and years of experience with the electric utility, public works, water resources and so on. But if we’re going to continue to grant what we have with what they’re stating – that they’re going to need even more money in the future – then we need a professional, objective rationale for what that would be and why.”

Williams said the town has not seen any bookkeeping information from the fire company. The company does participate in an annual audit by an outside firm the town hires.

“Basically, we have the minimum necessary so we can at least track what is happening with the money,” Williams said. “Now we need to know, if you want more money ... we need an objective and informed recommendation from a professional in the field.”

“It’s not 1967 – it’s not even 2007,” Williams continued. “It’s 2017, and like many municipalities, we have



Town of Berlin officials are calling for an independent study of expenses for the Berlin Fire Company. The town’s proposed fiscal year 2018 budget includes \$250,000 in funding, plus an additional \$150,000 contingent on the study.

changed with the times. It’s just something you have to do.”

He added the fire company is being treated no differently than any other municipal department or agency.

“We can’t have one set of rules and one set of operating procedures for the grant making we do for all the town departments and a completely different set of criteria and requirements for the largest grants we make – by far,” he said. “The nonprofits come in for \$5,000 and make a presentation. That’s for the smallest grants we have.”

Fire company officials did not show up for town budget hearings this year, despite being invited to do so, Williams said.

Fitzgerald and Fire Chief Jim Corron attended a work session last year.

“It’s not the town’s job to call and say, ‘where are you?’ We’re all adults here,” Williams said. “I think in time this will all work out. The next step is to have this comprehensive study that is independent.”

Asked if Williams expected to hear from the Berlin Fire Company before an expected vote to approve the fiscal year 2018 budget, June 12, he replied, “Quite honestly, I don’t know what to expect anymore.”

Fitzgerald did not return calls and emails for comment.

OPA Match Play Championship

(May 18, 2017) Ocean Pines will host the annual Match Play Championship, beginning Thursday, June 1, at the Ocean Pines Golf Club.

This event is open to all men who are members of the Ocean Pines Association or the Ocean Pines Men’s Golf Association. The format is single elimination with players seeded by handicap. Players will have two weeks to complete each match. Competition will continue until a winner is declared.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three players. The cost is \$15 per player, plus golf and cart fees.

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Looking inside Berlin's FY 2018 budget draft

Town Administrator Laura Allen says version proposed not likely to change much

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(May 18, 2017) Most items in Berlin's \$19.2 million fiscal year 2018 budget draft introduced last week will likely to remain intact when the Mayor and Council meets again to discuss and finalize the budget on June 12, Berlin Town Administrator Laura Allen said last Thursday.

She said \$150,000 earmarked for Berlin Falls park was for an "unspecified capital project" and part of that would go toward project coordinator David Deutsch's contract.

"We felt like it made sense to put to put money in the budget because we'll probably be doing some work in

the park, it's just not clear exactly what right now," she said.

Allen said a 24.45 percent (\$433,819) decrease in the administration portion of the general fund was because money put into administration last year for Berlin Falls was moved to the capital budget. A more than \$1 million decrease in general fund revenues was also tied to the park and a \$611,253 drop in the police portion of the general fund is because of the new police station being constructed on Flower Street.

Of the three major parks and recreation expenditures, Allen said at least one of those would likely be removed before the final budget is approved. The town received a grant to install prefabricated bathrooms at Dr. William Henry Park and some funding to repair the tennis courts at Stephen Decatur Park. The \$137,250

allocated for bathrooms at Stephen Decatur Park, however, would likely come out.

"We just found out we're not going to get the money for that from Community Parks and Playgrounds, in part because we've got money for the Henry Park restrooms and the tennis courts," Allen said. "That granting agency decided we've got too much of their money at this point. We're not going to be doing the Stephen Decatur restrooms this cycle, so we're in the process of adjusting that now."

Allen said early budget drafts included many similar wish list items that are winnowed down or refined as the town receives replies from various state and federal grant agencies.

She said money allocated for a water and sewer rate and capacity study, spread out over the water and wastewater funds, would help the town set municipal rates in the future. The town has not done a study in five or six years, Allen said, and the last rate increase was in 2013.

"What these studies would do is they would take a look at our development plans and tell us what we should be planning in terms of capacity and [whether] your rates are covering your costs or not quite covering your costs," Allen said. "If rate increases need to happen, the plan is to get in front of it in such a way so there can be gradual increases as opposed to big, substantial increases that really have an impact on people's wallets."

More than \$1 million in stormwater grants from the Department of Natural Resources and FEMA must be spent before the end of the calendar year. Allen said that money would go towards the William Street culvert replacement and stormwater upgrades on Graham, Grice and Nelson

streets. Stormwater work on Flower Street is essentially finished, she said.

She said a \$144,000 increase in residential impact fees, along with several similar increases, were tied to the new Oceans East apartment complex on Seahawk Road.

Allen said the town also is working on a fire company audit. The council allocated \$250,000 for operating expenses for the company and set aside \$150,000 for fire and EMS studies.

A \$48,000 decrease in credit card fees was largely thanks to Finance Director Natalie Saleh, Allen said. She said Saleh was able to negotiate the rate down under new financial systems provider Tyler Technologies.

The town absorbs the fees, associated with residential and commercial utility bill payments done online, so customers would not feel an impact, Allen said.

"Really, all it means is the town is being efficient and effective in the way it manages its money, and we're being smart about how we negotiate contracts with vendors to make sure we get the best deal possible," Allen said.

Employee health insurance is projected to increase \$4,895 under new provider Evergreen Health.

Overall, Allen said, the numbers in the budget draft were "pretty close" to what the final numbers will likely be.

"There's a couple things we're doing right now. We're looking at capital project budgets to see how accurate they are, because we don't want to shortchange anybody when we go into the New Year. And also, we're hearing from granting agencies, so if we get a grant then we'll move quickly to get it in there," she said. "Right now I'm not expecting any substantial changes, but you never know."



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Trendic: Procedures were not followed

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(May 18, 2017) Ocean Pines Association Director Slobodan Trendic says he was kept out of the loop of election news last week and he isn't happy about it.

Trendic, the board secretary and the liaison to the elections committee, said during a committee meeting last Friday that he was due to receive a list of candidates after the May 10 filing deadline, but that did not happen.

"It's an odd situation," Trendic said. "According to the bylaws, I'm supposed to, as association secretary, receive a list of the candidates and the applications. I don't have it yet."

He said that list was given instead to Michelle Bennett, the executive assistant in the general manager's office. She was out of the office on Friday.

"I, as association secretary, have to be given the candidate's information by May 15. That information was given to Michelle, but not to me," Trendic said. "The way the process works, the search committee is supposed to inform me ... by May 15."

Trendic said he had an appointment with Membership and Assessment Supervisor Ruth Ann Meyer and he hoped to verify candidate eligibility then. Candidates cannot have unpaid assessments or outstanding compliance, permit or inspections violations in Ocean Pines.

Committee member Rick Turner said the search committee met last Thursday with Board President Tom Herrick. His wife, Peggy Turner, is on that committee.

"They met ... and presented the list to [Her-



Ocean Pines Association Director Slobodan Trendic, pictured bottom left, discusses what he saw as a gaffe in elections protocol during an elections committee meeting last week.

rick]," Turner said. "The president has them in his hands."

Herrick is the liaison to the search committee.

"So, the board liaison has the information – the association president has the information – and, according to the bylaws, it's supposed to be the association secretary," Trendic said. "We are being kicked for not following rules [and this happens]."

"He's not supposed to do that. He should know," Trendic continued. "He should have said, 'no, I'm not supposed to.' He knows the rules. He was the secretary last year."

After the board failed to recruit the minimum five members to the search committee by the Feb. 1 deadline stated in Ocean Pines bylaws, Trendic

and the election committee scrambled last month and found five volunteers. The board confirmed them unanimously in April.

"I gave [the new committee members] a heads up on all the rules when they volunteered. They was my last informal act to support [them] because I recruited these guys and I wanted to help them get jumpstarted," Trendic said. "I gave them ... key milestones, so they were all aware of it."

"It shouldn't have happened like that. Tom should have said to the [committee] chair, 'no, that information goes to the association secretary,'" he added.

Herrick, reached for comment on Monday, said the normal procedures were followed.



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Committee could pursue additional reforms next year

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(May 18, 2017) The Ocean Pines Association Election Committee might have had a difficult time getting election reforms passed by the board of directors this session, but it got almost everything it recommended.

During a meeting on Friday, committee Chairman Steve Tuttle said about 98 percent of the committee recommendations were approved. The board did not agree with the committee members that election results should be announced immediately after ballots are counted.

The process, however, dragged on for several months and the revised version of Resolution M-06 governing elections was only passed after Board Vice President Dave Stevens introduced a last-minute compromise during a meeting in April.

Tuttle said the approved text was sent to association secretary Michelle Bennett and was waiting for signatures from Board President Tom Herrick and Director Slobodan Trendic, the board liaison to the committee.

"The hard part is they wouldn't go along with our announcing the vote as soon as we've completed the count. Everything [else] that we did they've incorporated in there 100 percent," Tuttle said.

That includes counting the ballots during an open session, capping candidate statements in Ocean Pines election materials to 200 words each, and the option for multiple candidate forums. Several minor language changes recommended by an Ocean Pines attorney were also included in the reforms.


"I really want to commend all of you for what you've done. It's been a pleasure to be your liaison," Trendic said. "I don't know what's going to happen next August [after the election] ... but I'm glad you stuck to your guns and you did what you did, and I'm sorry that you had to compromise on one area that I think was very important to all of you."

Trendic said additional election reforms could be pursued under a new administration, including the possibility of outsourcing the vote-counting operation and moving to electronic or online voting.


"And announcing the results the day of the count," he said. "You might have a more open minded board come August – a more forward-looking board that's going to look at the election process and say this is a no-brainer."

The committee was re-staffed this year and members have more than two years remaining in their respective first terms.

"We've had many conversations and I've felt very supported by [Trendic]," Tuttle said. "We'll see how it goes when we do the [ballot] count with people in the room ... that may actually lead to even more impetus to go to announcing the count at the end of the vote next year."



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Pocomoke City community garden life-size chessboard

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(May 18, 2017) The Pocomoke Downtown Community Garden's latest addition, a life-size chess/checkerboard, will be featured as part of Family Game Night at next week's Fourth Friday Street Festival.

Children and adults can try out life-size versions of chess, checkers, tic-tac-toe, Connect 4, and snakes & ladders. For good measure, cornhole beanbag toss is also part of the festival agenda on May 26.

The most recent project to enhance the garden, which was created in 2012, came about because of Worcester Technical High School students Victoria Moreau, 17, a senior, and Adam Taylor, 19, who participates in the post-graduation Transition Program.

Last month, the pair took home first-place honors at the SkillsUSA Maryland State Championship in the Community Action Project category. The statewide competition was held April 28-29 at the Conference Center at the Maritime Institute in Linthicum Heights.

The competition was a rout for students from Worcester Technical High School, having won first place in 14 categories. Moreau and Taylor, along with two-dozen classmates, will

travel to Louisville, Kentucky in late June for a national competition.

Taylor said Neelam Strom, who works with the students as part of the school's Community Work Experience program, and co-founded the Community Garden with Norma Howard, suggested the life-size game board.

Since Strom planted the first seed with the student garden enthusiasts in January, Taylor and Moreau worked on the project weekly.

In the meantime, Taylor, who knew little about chess, has come to appreciate it.

"It wasn't a game, it was serious," he said. "Kings played it and it was kind of like war."

After the students completed their research, they received an assist from Lowe's Home Improvement in Pocomoke City and its store manager, Scott Gausmann. The building supply and home improvement company provided materials, expertise and additional labor through its Lowe's Heroes program, which backs school projects.

In addition, Pocomoke government lent a bobcat excavator and operator Billy Young, to help level the ground. Volunteer help was also provided by Devin Martin.

With the game board leveled and



PHOTO COURTESY NEELAM STROM

The Pocomoke Downtown Community Garden's latest addition is this life-size chessboard, the brainchild of Neelam Strom, left, who co-founded the garden in 2012. She is pictured with Worcester Technical High School senior Victoria Moreau, 17, and school alumni Adam Taylor, 19.

pavers installed, Taylor said the next move was purchasing life-size chess pieces, which the pair found on Amazon.

"They're big giant plastic pieces," she said. "They're about two feet big."

Now that construction has been completed, the game itself is afoot.

"We ... have a person coming out there to start a chess club with us," she said, adding that four chess masters also have volunteered their time.

In the meantime, Taylor hopes other novice chess players will follow

his lead and take advantage of the opportunity to become acquainted with the game of kings.

"The guy came and taught me how to play chess so I kind of know the moves," he said.

Still, Taylor admits to maintaining his previous preference.

"I like it but I like checkers better," he said. "I think checkers is more fun."

Moreau sees it differently: "It's life-size, you can see it ... you can become one with the piece."

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Jocelyn & Chris Arndt to headline May Day Play Day

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(May 18, 2017) Brother and sister-fronted rock group Jocelyn & Chris Arndt will headline the annual May Day Play Day festival in downtown Berlin Friday night, before embarking on a national tour in support of their latest release.

Formed about three years ago, the band already has two EPs and a live album under its belt. Their newest album, “Go,” was released on May 5.

The siblings grew up in Fort Plain, New York, about an hour west of Albany. Their musical partnership started, literally, in grade school.

“I think Jocelyn was in fourth grade when she started playing piano and I was in third grade when I started playing guitar about a month later,” Chris said. “There was a year when all of our musical instruments were in one room and we had to wait for the other to finish practicing. Eventually we said, ‘Why don’t we just do this together?’”

They played a few talent shows and were booked to perform during town events, then formed a band in high school. By Jocelyn’s senior year, they were already signed to a professional management company.

Jocelyn, the lead singer, is 22 and Chris, lead guitar, will be 21 in June.

Both credited their parents with turning them onto music at an early age, although their influences vary slightly.

“Our parents had this amazing CD collection and we grew up listening to classic rock and ’80s pop and everything from jazz to modern stuff,” Jocelyn said. “I really like big, giant-voiced singers like Freddie Mercury from Queen, Aretha Franklin, Janis Joplin and Pat Benatar. And Chris is really into guitar-



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Rock group Jocelyn & Chris Arndt will promote their new album “Go” during the annual May Day Play Day festival in Berlin, Friday.

heavy music.”

Chris said he gravitated towards acts like Pink Floyd, Jimi Hendrix, Led Zeppelin and Stevie Ray Vaughan.

Their first studio record came out in March 2016, followed by a second EP around Christmas and a live album in January.

The latest record, “Go,” was recorded at White Lake Music & Post in Albany and produced by David Bourgeois. Guest stars include Danny Louis from Gov’t Mule and Beau Sasser from Kung Fu, both on Hammond organ.

“We love the new record,” Jocelyn said. “It’s 12 tracks of mayhem – about as Jocelyn & Chris of a record as you can get. I think you get a lot of different facets of our songwriting personalities. There’s a ballad on

there that’s one of my personal favorites, there’s a couple of real rock tunes and then we mellow it down a little bit for some of the other songs.

“It’s a rollercoaster,” she added. “There’s lots of great instrumental work – Chris killed it on the guitar. It’s very far from our self-produced high school records that we recorded in our garage!”

Chris said the band would embark on a national tour starting in June, playing venues as far west as California, as well as several dates in Nashville, Knoxville and Chattanooga in Tennessee, and others in Denver, Kansas City and New York.

The band will also play promotional shows for radio stations across the country. Chris said one of the goals for “Go” was to break into the top 100 on the FM AAA charts.

“We just found out last week the lead single is number 84 and the album is number 89,” he said. “We did that in week-four, so now we’re kind of goggling our eyes and seeing how far we can take it.”

While they’re in Berlin, Jocelyn said they would play at least four or five songs from the new record, as well as some older material and a few covers.

“It’s going to be really upbeat,” she said. “We’re going to make it kind of like a festival rock set. I’m really excited for people to hear the new music and I’m excited to play it live.”

“Go” is available for digital download and on CD through sites like Amazon.com and iTunes, or through the band’s website, www.jocelynandchrismusic.com.



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Cruisin' OC celebrates 27 years in resort this weekend

Hot rods, customs, street machines, muscle cars and classics will be on display

By Kara Hallissey
Staff Writer

(May 18, 2017) Spectators can check out more than 3,300 cars, listen to live music, browse hundreds of vendors and meet celebrities during the 27th annual Cruisin' Ocean City this weekend.

The event, which starts Thursday and continues through Sunday at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center on 40th Street and downtown at the inlet parking lot, draws thousands of spectators over the course of four days. Hot rods, customs, street machines, muscle cars, rat rods and classics from 1976 or earlier will be on display at those locations.

"The event has something for everyone," said event promoter Meredith Herbert. "It's a great opportunity to see some sweet rides, check out new automotive products and visit with people who share a love of cars."

Highlights of the weekend include appearances from celebrity Erik Estrada, who is best known for his role as "Officer Frank

Poncherello" on the television show "Chips." He will be in the convention center on Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the inlet on Saturday during the same hours and at the inlet on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to pose for photos and sign autographs.

In addition, Kevin Mack, from the hit television show "Counting Cars," will be on hand to sign autographs, greet fans and talk about the show. Visit Mack at the inlet on Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and in the convention center on Saturday during the same hours.

Top national companies will be showcasing their products at the manufacturer's midway in the inlet parking lot throughout this weekend's festivities.

Look for companies such as Chevy Performance, Mothers Polish, Miller Electric, Tremec Transmissions, Ridetech Suspension, Pennzoil, GEICO, Flowmaster Exhausts, Advance Auto Parts, Amsoil, March Performance, Meguiar's Car Care, K&N Filters and Speed Unlimited, among others.

At the convention center, Treasured Motor Cars and Wears Woody will join additional vendors selling automotive merchandise alongside

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Cruisin' OC to include Boardwalk parades

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arts, crafts, vintage items, jewelry, T-shirts, LulaRoe, gear, car parts and other specialty items.

There will be more than 100 vendors inside and outside both venues, Herbert said.

Fans will also have the chance to check out the Flintstone Mobile Show Car inside the convention center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

"[Cruisin'] is also great to shop the vendors, meet the celebrities including Erik Estrada from 'Chips' and Kevin Mack from 'Counting

Cars,' Herbert said. "See the Flintstone Mobile Show Car and watch the excitement build at the auction."

'The event has something for everyone. It's a great opportunity to see some sweet rides, check out new automotive products and visit with people who share a love of cars'

Meredith Herbert, event promoter

Other features of the 27th annual Cruisin' event in Ocean City include the Express Auctioneer's OC Collector Car Auction, which kicked off on Thursday and includes dozens of

cars, such as a 1955 Chevy Bel Air which appeared in the recent film, "Jackie," a 1964 Ford F-100 pick-up truck, a 1969 Chevelle Malibu, a 1974 Volkswagen Thing and a 1930 Pierce Arrow Model B, Herbert said.

An auction preview begins at 9 a.m. Friday, with a live auction at 11

a.m. in the convention center.

Bidders can register onsite before the event, online at www.occollectorcars.com or call 410-365-2759 to participate.

Another favorite of annual Cruisin' participants is the Boardwalk parades, which take place Friday and Saturday at 8 a.m. starting at North Division Street and proceeding south to the inlet. Staging begins at 27th Street.

"The Boardwalk parade is a great way to start the day as the cars parade down the iconic Ocean City

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Spring Cruisers in downtown Berlin, Saturday

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Boardwalk,” Herbert said. “Spectators can follow the cars down the Boardwalk and into the inlet parking lot where they can get an up-close look at them as well as check out the sponsors, music and entertainment.”

Back this year, a swap meet will be taking place on Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. inside the convention center where participants can buy, sell or trade car parts and collectibles. To reserve a space, call 410-798-6304.

Cruisin’ will feature live music all weekend in both locations and a number of activities such as bingo at the convention center.

There will be prizes given away including travel bags, coolers, T-shirts, sunglasses and fuzzy dice. In addition, participants can win

weekend getaways, trophies, plaques, cash and door prizes, Herbert said.

Awards will be presented daily with the Grand Finale Awards closing out ceremonies, which will honor sponsors and top awards are announced. There will be more than 500 trophies, plaques and awards handed out before the weekend comes to a close, Herbert said. The Grand Finale Awards ceremony begins at 2 p.m. at the inlet on Sunday.

“A major reason for the continued success of the event, in addition to the location, is the Cruisin’ format where participants have the pleasure of driving from one location to another all day and each day of the event,” Herbert said.

Car shows will be taking place in the convention center and inlet

parking lots in addition to Crab Alley, Hooters and the Tanger Outlets in West Ocean City, and in Ocean City – Embers on 24th Street, the Marina Deck on Dorchester Street, the Big Easy on 60, Northside Pit & Pub on 127th Street, Phillips Crab House on 20th Street, Seacrets on 49th Street and Pickles Pub on Eighth Street, among others all weekend long.

“This year, we have the most satellite shows scheduled, which is great to see the business community and town supporting the event year after year,” Herbert said.

A neon and LED light show will take place on Friday night from 9-10 p.m. on South First Street, just off the Boardwalk.

On Saturday night, the 28th Street Pit & Pub will host its third annual Cruisin’ pin-up contest at 8:30 p.m. Registration begins at 7:30 p.m. Attendees are asked to dress up in their best pin-up gear or cheer on contestants. There will be giveaways with cash and trophies awarded to contest winners.

The event runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday at the 40th Street convention center and downtown at the inlet.

Friday and Saturday admission cost is \$15, and \$10 on Thursday and Sunday. A four-day pass costs \$35. Children under 14 get in free with an adult and passes are good at both locations.

For more information and a schedule of events, visit www.cruisinoceancity.com or call 410-798-6304.

Also, stop by Berlin’s Spring Cruisers event, which will take place on Main Street between Jefferson and West streets, Saturday, May 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration runs from 7-10 a.m. with a cost of \$10 per vehicle, payable to the Berlin Chamber of Commerce, who hosts the event each year.

The event is a smaller version of OC Cruisin’ with hundreds of classic cars from the 50’s, 60’s and 70’s parked along the street in downtown Berlin. Judges will score the different vehicles in a number of categories and trophies will be handed out at 2 p.m. to the winners.

No pre-registration is required. The first 50 registrants will receive a commemorative dash plaque. There is no fee for spectators. For more information, call the Chamber at 410-641-4775.

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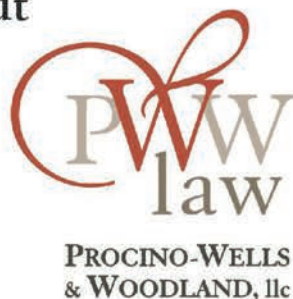
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Snow Hill Council Briefs

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(May 18, 2017) The Snow Hill Council discussed the following items during a meeting at Town Hall last Tuesday.

Snow Hill marketing

Economic Development Director Michael Day reported that Snow Hill is launching a new print advertising marketing campaign aimed at beach towns in Delaware.

Day said the opportunity to expand Snow Hill's market reach was presented by Worcester County Tourism Director Lisa Challenger. The town is working with Coastal Media in Rehoboth Beach, with the bulk of expenses paid by Challenger's office.

"She paid for the development of the ad and pretty much all the expenses of the ad," he said. "It goes to all the hotels and motels in Dewey, Rehoboth, Lewes and Bethany."

Day said the town would have a centerfold ad appearing in a full color informational booklet provided to lodgers. The ad will highlight Snow Hill as an outdoor adventure town, Day said.

Although the campaign has an overall price tag of \$7,000, Day said Snow Hill only has to pony up \$1,000 thanks to support from Worcester County Tourism and Challenger.

Police training

Snow Hill Police Chief Tom Davis provided an update about a recently approved grant from Local Government Insurance Trust, a nonprofit that provides self-insurance programs for municipalities in Maryland.

"I applied for a grant for body cameras," he said. "That will help replace our older body cameras."

Davis also said he is in the midst of composing two new programs

based on directives from the Maryland Police Training Commission.

"The Police Training Commission has dictated that the police department has to have a new field training program sent to them," he said. "The next program is the performance appraisal system."

The appraisals will be done on a semi-annual basis, Davis said.

"Everything will be documented," he said. "Positives and negatives."

Another priority for Davis is reorganizing and cleaning out the police property room.

"Old evidence and junk that needs to be destroyed," he said. "All of these things should be done by July 1."

Men's conference

Sylvester "Dawk" Bratten Sr. was on hand to report the inaugural Men's Conference at the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church on April 29 was well attended and will likely be duplicated in the future.

"It was a great success," he said.

Bratten thanked Councilman Michael Pruitt for attending and Public Works Director Randy Barfield for helping to prepare the pavilion at Byrd Park for the free barbecue provided for those in attendance.

"I thank you, Michael, for showing up," he said. "I thank you, Randy, for all that you gave to keep it clean for us."

For his part Pruitt, who is nearing the end of his term on council, asked Bratten to keep him informed of future endeavors.

"The next time you have the meeting I'd like to attend," he said. "It was very uplifting."

Mayor Charlie Dorman said previous engagements restricted his attendance, but he plans on prioritizing the next conference.

"It was a busy day, but I'll make the next one," he said.

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Gender shouldn't matter

Ocean Pines Association voters will see one of the more interesting board of directors races in some time later this year, considering that the ballot has more women than men.

If this isn't the first time that has happened, and community historians would know, it is at least a rarity in a community whose leadership has been dominated by men throughout its 49-year history.

But to say that this elections development offers the possibility of big changes in how the board of directors does business, as some people undoubtedly will, would be wrong.

That's because such a statement assumes that women's approach to politics, government, management and business is vastly different and is based on old stereotypes, like putting Betty Crocker in the boardroom.

Such thinking does a disservice to female candidates and officeholders, who possess the same qualities, quirks and foibles as their male counterparts, with the possible exception of the occasional clash of thundering egos, which seems to be a male leader-of-the-pack thing.

Serving on the board of directors is not an arm-wrestling contest. It's a mental exercise that requires consensus building, the ability to listen, being able to assess risk, having a sense of fairness and knowing the difference between foolishness and facts.

In voting for two directors this year, association members should consider a candidate's substance and style exclusively and not rely on those old male/female stereotypes, which never were accurate to begin with.



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Letters

Recognizing AGH intensive care unit

Editor,

During National Critical Care Awareness Month, observed each May, Atlantic General recognizes and applauds the efforts of our intensive care unit (ICU).

Patients admitted to an intensive care unit require rigorous attention, whether it be constant monitoring, breathing support, treatment for life-threatening medical problems, or palliative care while dying. Prolonged ICU stays are extremely difficult for patients and families, emotionally, physically and financially.

Atlantic General Hospital and healthcare organizations across the country continuously strive to improve the quality of critical care they provide while also decreasing the length of stay for these individuals. Each May, the tireless efforts of ICU physicians and clinical staff to care for this fragile patient population are celebrated through Critical Care Awareness Month. Atlantic General Hospital's ICU staff has much to celebrate.

Medical procedures can make hospitalized patients, especially those in the ICU,

more vulnerable to infection. Nationally, healthcare associated infections, or infections that occur while receiving medical treatment, affect one in 25 hospital patients on any given day, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

Patients who need medical or surgical care are often in a weakened state due to illness and it can be easy for germs to attack; however, most healthcare associated infections are preventable.

At Atlantic General, the ICU has had pneumonia infections associated with the use of ventilators, the machines that assist patients with breathing, since 2008, and blood stream infections caused by central lines (catheters) since March 2015.

Unlike most rural acute care hospitals, Atlantic General has two full-time board certified intensivists, Medical Director Susan Andrews, M.D., and Atif Zeeshan, M.D., on staff to care for ICU patients. Their expert care is augmented by ongoing remote monitoring through Maryland eCare, a collaborative Atlantic General joined in 2008.

Scott Rose, director ICU & Cardiopulmonary Services
Atlantic General Hospital

Coastal Bays meeting Tues. at OP Library

(May 18, 2017) The Maryland Coastal Bays Program (MCBP) is hosting a meeting Tuesday, May 23, at the Ocean Pines Library from 5:30-7:30 p.m. for residents to discuss the program's Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) and future climate change impacts.

The CCMP is a 10-year plan of goals and actions that include emerging issues such as climate change, and the challenges those risks bring to the management of the surrounding bays' natural resources.

This plan can be found at www.mdcoastalbays.org/pdf/ccmp.pdf. All are encouraged to participate in this important conversation that will help shape the future of the MCBP watershed management plan.

Science and technical experts have weighed in on their view of likely climate change impacts to the goals of the CCMP. Now it's time to hear from community residents who may speak firsthand of changes locally, and share observations with the MCBP and University of Maryland Sea Grant staff.

RSVP by contacting Katherine Phillips at 410-213-2297 ext. 109 or mcbp@mdcoastalbays.org.

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Brown Box Theatre slated to perform musical, May 20-28

(May 18, 2017) Brown Box Theatre Project is set to tackle its most ambitious production to date with an outdoor presentation of Jason Robert Brown's hit off-Broadway musical, "Songs for a New World."

Brown Box will bring the production to Delmarva May 20-28.

Expanding upon their annual tradition of touring accessible Shakespeare productions throughout the Delmarva Peninsula each summer, "Songs for a New World" kicks off Brown Box's season of free, outdoor programming. Open-air performances of the musical will come to the streets of Berlin and Salisbury, local parks of St. Michaels and Chincoteague, and outside of the Ocean City Center for the Arts.

Kyler Taustin, Brown Box founder and executive artistic director, said he was inspired to direct "Songs for a New World" because of its timeliness and urgency.

"The play is about taking risks, taking steps," he said. "We are in a time of great change; personally, professionally, and universally; and this play speaks to that turn, the pivotal shift, the unavoidable leap that must be taken to accept, embrace, and champion change. It's about one moment."

"Songs for a New World," Jason Robert Brown's breathtaking song cycle, weaves together the stories and voices of a diverse cast of characters in a musical journey that transcends time and space. A soaring, vibrant score transports the audience through a mesmerizing exploration of the unknown world and the tough choices that follow.

Bursting with life and discovery, "Songs for a New World" begs to be liberated from the walls of a theater and will be presented at over 10 outdoor venues throughout Massachu-

setts and Delmarva as Brown Box's premier musical spectacular.

All "Songs for a New World" performances are free, outdoors, and open to all audiences. Blankets and lawn chairs are recommended.

Funding for the performances is provided in part by the Maryland State Arts Council, the Salisbury Wicomico Arts Council, the Worcester County Arts Council, and the Talbot County Arts Council, organizations dedicated to cultivating a vibrant cultural community where the arts thrive.

Brown Box Theatre Project's mission is to create high-quality theatre and deliver the unheard voice directly to communities to expand the reach of impactful, professional performing arts.

For rain locations and more information, visit www.brownboxtheatre.org.

Performance locations and times:

May 20-21 - Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th Street

May 25 - Downtown Salisbury, Main Street

May 26 - Muskrat Park, 207 Willow Green Street, St. Michaels

May 27 - Robert Reed Waterfront Park, Chincoteague Island, Virginia

May 28 - Downtown Berlin, corner of Main Street and Pitts Street

All performances begin at 7:30 p.m.

All performances are free and open to all audiences. No reservations required.

Pirate Party held at Sunset Grille to benefit WYFCS

(May 18, 2017) Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services will host its ninth annual Pirate Party fundraiser to benefit the children of Worcester County, on Friday, May 19, from 6-9 p.m. at Sunset Grille in West Ocean City.

Attendees are encouraged to join in the fun by coming dressed in their best pirate garb. This annual fundraiser is always a big hit with area residents since it represents the kick-off party of the summer.

There will be two tiers of admission this year. A \$20 donation at the door includes a light fare buffet, happy hour drink prices, live entertainment, raffles and an auction. A \$49 donation adds two drinks, a T-shirt and V.I.P. access to special areas of the event with butlered food service, including service aboard the Duckaneer Pirate Ship, docked at Sunset Grille.

This is WYFCS's most popular annual event and all monies raised will support its youth programs. These programs have a huge impact on the lives of Worcester County's most vulnerable residents.

Event sponsors include Sunset Grille, Kendall Furniture, Insurance Management Group, D3 Corp, CrossFit Ocean City, Castle in the Sand Hotel, Bergey & Company, P.A., Duckaneer Pirate Ship and Ayers Creek Adventures.

Pirates shanghaied to help raise funds and featured during the event include Andrew DelCorro, Annie Buxbaum, Chris Ray, Colleen Brown, David Nolan, Deb Travers, Deeley Chester, Earl Conley, Ellen Waters, Evan Elliott, Hugh Cropper, Jeanice Dolan, JL Cropper, Joe Kendall, Karen Bush, Kelly Beauchamp, Kenny Tomaselli, Lindsey Jenney, Mike Ciorrocco, Mike DiPietro, Mike Goodbrod, Mike Hayman, Nick Feickert, Patrick Brady, Sarah Stritzinger, Sharon Knowles, Shawn Harman, Shelly Callahan, Shelly Delzel, Spencer Byrd and Todd Ferrante.

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‘Discover Your Watershed’ at Ilia Fehrer Nature Park, Sat.

(May 18, 2017) The Maryland Coastal Bays Program (MCBP) will host the second series of the “Discover Your Watershed” program, Saturday, May 20, at the Ilia Fehrer Nature Park from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Ilia Fehrer Nature Park is a former loblolly pine monoculture owned by Worcester County in which MCBP is managing a project of restoring the pines with Atlantic white cedars, hardwood tree species and other native plants.

The Ilia Fehrer Nature Preserve is not open to the public yet, so this event is a unique opportunity to see this hidden restoration property firsthand. The first half of the day will consist of identifying and documenting the unique flora the Ilia Fehrer forest has to offer. Participants will be looking at areas of the forest using a technique called quadrat sampling.

The primary goal is to collect data regarding the hardwood trees recently planted. Then participants will work to clear trails that were previously developed. These activities will require hiking through challenging, un-even terrain.

This is the perfect opportunity for school groups, church groups, families and individuals to explore a MCBP management property that is typically closed to the public. Lunch will be provided after the event. Long pants, old shoes or boots, sunscreen and bug spray are encouraged. This event is free and open to the public.

RSVP by contacting amandap@md-

coastalbays.org or call 410-213-2297 ext 103.

The Ilia Fehrer Nature Park is located at 11242 Assateague Rd., Berlin, Maryland 21811.

The third program will be held June 17 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bishopville dam.

“Discover Your Watershed” series is a program dedicated to providing residents and visitors the opportunity to explore and learn about area restoration properties in the coastal bays watershed. The first “Discover Your Watershed” event was a great success as 15 volunteers participated in sampling for macroinvertebrates and removing invasive species from a created wetland site, Lizard Hill in Bishopville.

MCBP is a 501 c3 nonprofit dedicated to protecting the five coastal bays located behind Ocean City and Assateague Island.

AGH Foundation receives donation from Joe Wilson

(May 18, 2017) Joe Wilson recently gifted the Atlantic General Hospital Campaign for the Future with a \$5,000 donation.

Wilson is a native of the greater Ocean City area and has spent most of his life here. Upon graduating from Worcester Prep in Berlin, he attended the College of Charleston where he earned a degree in Political Science.

Following college, Wilson returned to Ocean City to care for his parents and take over their real estate business before they both passed away from cancer.

He chose to invest in the Atlantic General Hospital Campaign for the Future because of its commitment to affording patients and their families more time together, the ability to telecommunicate with physicians from across the bridge at the University of Maryland Medical Center and cut down on frivolous travel time.

“I wish this was an option for me and my family five years ago when my parents were battling cancer,” said Wilson, a realtor with Mark Fritschle Group Condominium Realty, Ltd. “It is of the utmost importance to do my part to try and help impact the lives of others within our community that may be going through similar experiences.”

“We’re extremely grateful for the unwavering support of the community,” said Campaign for the Future Co-Chair, Jack Burbage. “The way healthcare services are delivered is changing, but Atlantic General’s commitment to state-of-the-art medicine only grows stronger. We can help AGH meet the challenges of providing the very best healthcare services right here – close to home, so that families like Joe’s can have the quality of life they so deserve, rather than traveling countless miles for treatments.”

Funds raised during the \$10 million campaign will allow AGH to complete \$35 million in capital projects.

Assateague Island Park visitor impact more than \$98M

(May 18, 2017) A new National Park Service report shows that 2.3 million visitors to Assateague Island National Seashore in 2016 spent \$98.3 million in communities near the park.

That spending supported 1,300 jobs in the local area and had a cumulative benefit to the local economy of \$112.2 million.

“Assateague Island National Seashore welcomes visitors from across the country and around the world,” said Superintendent Debbie Darden. “We are delighted to share the story of this place and the experiences it provides. We also feature the park as a way to introduce our visitors to this part of the country and all that it offers.

“National park tourism is a significant driver in the national economy, returning more than \$10 for every \$1 invested in the National Park Service, and it’s a big factor in our local economy as well,” she continued. “We appreciate the partnership and support of our neighbors and are glad to be able to give back by helping to sustain local communities.”

The peer-reviewed visitor spending analysis was conducted by economists Catherine Cullinane Thomas of the U.S. Geological Survey and Lynne Koontz of the National Park Service. The report shows \$18.4 billion of direct spending by 331 million park visitors in communities within 60 miles of a national park.

This spending supported 318,000 jobs nationally; 271,544 of those jobs are found in these gateway communities. The cumulative benefit to the U.S. economy was \$34.9 billion.

According to the 2016 report, most park visitor spending was for lodging (31.2 percent) followed by food and beverages (27.2 percent), gas and oil (11.7 percent), admissions and fees (10.2 percent), souvenirs and other expenses (9.7 percent), local transportation (7.4 percent), and camping fees (2.5 percent).

Report authors this year produced an interactive tool. Users can explore current year visitor spending, jobs, labor income, value added and output effects by sector for national, state and local economies. Users can also view year-by-year trend data. The interactive tool and report are available at the NPS Social Science Program webpage: go.nps.gov/vse.


The report includes information for visitor spending at individual parks and by state.


To learn more about national parks in Maryland and Virginia and how the National Park Service works with Maryland and Virginia communities to help preserve local history, conserve the environment, and provide outdoor recreation, go to www.nps.gov/Maryland and www.nps.gov/Virginia.


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Husband and wife duo to play first of new concert series

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(May 18, 2017) The Bilenki Duo will be the first to play Berlin’s new 3rd Thursday Concert series today on Artisan’s Way, next to Go Organic Grocer and House by Salvaged, in downtown Berlin.

Husband and wife George and Pat Bilenki have been a band for as long as the couple has been married – 45 years.

“Music brought us together as a young couple and we’ve played throughout our life while raising our three children,” George Bilenki said. “Since I recently retired from my regular day job, we decided to get back into it. We’re concentrating on enjoying our music and getting out and sharing it with the people that we love – and we’ve been getting a good response!”

He was a cabinetmaker and his wife continues to work a few days a week as a medical assistant, Bilenki said.

The duo has played often at the Atlantic Hotel and hosts an open mic every Wednesday evening at the Maryland Wine Bar in Berlin. They also play there about once a month, on Fridays.

Last October, the pair, as part of a full band, performed at Burley Oak Brewing Company during an election night rally there for Mayor Gee Williams.

“Once in a while we do expand into a full band,” Bilenki said. “We enlist the services of my son, Adam Bilenki, who is a drummer, and then we’ll add a bass player also. But typically we’re just a duo.”

In both forms, the Bilenki Duo plays songs from 1960s classics to contemporary pop hits.

“We call it an eclectic list of songs – anything from roots music to country to rock to folk,” he said. “We do a lot of 1960s stuff, but we also go up to date and do Lady Gaga.

“[On Thursday] we’re just going to do a nice mix of things from the ’60s and up to the current time and try to engage everybody and enjoy a nice lunchtime concert,” Bilenki said. “Hopefully it’ll be nice weather and we can all have a picnic lunch together. We’re really looking forward to it.”

The concert is free and open to the public and scheduled to run from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Up next in the series, Rob Fahey will perform on June 15. Darin Engh from Opposite Directions will perform on July 20 and The Country Grass will close the 3rd Thursday Concert series on Aug. 17.

For more information on the Bilenki Duo, visit www.facebook.com/George-and-Pat-Bilenki-Duo-1738699893109657 or search “George and Pat Bilenki Duo” on Facebook.



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SDHS BOOK DRIVE

Nearly 3,000 books were collected during the annual Stephen Decatur High School book drive sponsored by the National English Honor Society. After they are categorized by reading level and genres, they will be donated to local schools, hospitals, shelters and churches.



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CONTEST WINNERS

The Ocean City – Berlin Optimist Club's 2017 Oratorical Contest winners were recently announced. A total of 117 area students participated. Winners include Skyler Mahoney (gold), Fiona Pando (silver) and Izzy Vazquez (bronze).



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MSO MASTER CLASS

Representatives from the Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra made a trip to Berlin Intermediate School on April 11 to teach master classes to fifth and sixth graders who play the violin, viola and cello. Each group of students met with the MSO professional musician who plays a similar instrument. MSO string quartet then performed for students and answered questions. This MSO School Outreach program was paid for by Michael Jahnigen. The fifth and sixth grade orchestra at BIS is taught by Lisa Adams. Pictured is Corbin Denk, Juwan Carelock, Gavin Stearn, Aiden Foley, Hayden Mills and MSO cellist Devree Lewis.



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TERRAPINS OF THE MONTH

Berlin Intermediate School's fourth grade Terrapins of the Month of March are recognized for exemplifying the three R's: Respect, Responsibility and Ready to Learn on a daily basis. Pictured, from left, are Daisy Pugh, Kayla Lewis, Michaela Brown, Trentin Ferguson, Steven Navarro and Koen Watts.



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WPS PROM COURT

Madison Bescak and Luke Buas were named Worcester Prep queen and king during the Junior/Senior Prom held at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club on April 8.



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PILOT VISITS MBS

Every spring, Southwest Airlines, Inc. Capt. Bob Finley instructs the fifth grade class of Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School in a four-week program on the principles of flight aeronautics. The students connect with Capt. Finley to study geography through "Mystery Cities," traveling through time zones, Bernoulli's principle of flight, and the scientific process. Finley is pictured with fifth grade students and teacher Delia Buschman.

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KIWANIS MEETING

Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean City - Ocean Pines members, seated, from left, Roy and Candy Foreman and Wilma Chinn, and standing, Ralph Chinn, President Barbara Peletier and husband, Dan, enjoy lunch recently at Dunes Manor on 28th Street in Ocean City.



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NUMBER ONE

The Mid-Atlantic Shockers 12U-Hastings team from Berlin came in first place in the Jackie Robinson Rundown Tournament at Sports at the Beach in Georgetown, on Sunday, April 9. Pictured, in front, are Jack McCabe, Tayden Kelly, Jamie Bender, Jimmy Osman, Cade Mason and Cole Swift; second row, Brooks Kendall, Cade Hastings, Casey Gabbard, John Smith, Dylan Mandley and Roman Keith; and in back, Mike Kelly, Chris Mandley, Jim Osman and Coach Jamie Hastings.



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PARK RIBBON CUTTING

The Ocean Pines Association held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the newly installed Manklin Meadows playground on Saturday, May 6. The event included live music, food and remarks from several Ocean Pines representatives, including acting General Manager Brett Hill, Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee Chairman Tim McMullen, Recreation Manager Debbie Donahue and Director of Marketing and Public Relations Denise Sawyer. Local dignitaries Maryland State Sen. Jim Mathias and State Del. Mary Beth Carozza were also in attendance.



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NHS INDUCTION

Eighty-one juniors and seniors were inducted into the Stephen Decatur High School chapter of the National Honor Society on April 5. To gain admittance into the organization, students must satisfy the four principles of character, scholarship, leadership and service. Junior Rebecca Tudor emerges from the celebratory tunnel after being inducted.



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SPRING SPRUCE-UP

With the arrival of spring, platform tennis member Carolyn Henglien spruces up the courts in Ocean Pines.

WCHS's fourth annual 'Pars for Paws' golf tournament

(May 18, 2017) Worcester County Humane Society invites golfers to the fourth annual "Pars for Paws," on Thursday, June 1, at Eagle's Landing Golf Course, in Berlin.

Registration starts at 11:30 a.m. with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. Entry fee is \$100 per player and includes greens fee for 18 holes, a cart, box lunch and awards ceremony immediately following the tournament at Harborside Bar and Grill, with appetizers and drinks sponsored by Absolut.

All money raised goes to the care of the animals at the no-kill shelter. Last year more than \$7,000 was raised.

Golfers, donations and sponsors are needed to make this a success. The humane society is looking for individuals and businesses that would like to make a monetary donation or would like to donate raffle prizes.

"By having generous sponsors, the money raised at the event goes directly to the care of our animals instead of paying for the event," said Sandy Summers, "Pars for Paws" chairwoman.

Hole sponsorship cost is \$100. In return, a sponsor's business will be advertised at one of the holes, as well as in all literature associated with "Pars for Paws." Businesses who sponsor a team for \$400 can also receive a hole sign for \$50.

To become a sponsor, make checks payable to: "Worcester County Humane Society" and mail to the shelter at P.O. Box 48, Berlin, Maryland 21811 by May 23. Email business logo to sanz24@aol.com.

Those unable to sponsor the event may consider donating a gift certificate or other item for prizes in the silent and Chinese auctions.

For more information about "Pars for Paws," contact Summers at 443-235-5647.

Worcester County Humane Society, located at 12230 Eagle's Nest Road in Berlin, is a private, nonprofit, no-kill animal shelter that relies primarily on donations to care for the many animals that find their way to the facility.

Visit www.worcestercountyhumesociety.org. Follow the shelter on Facebook and Instagram for available pets and event updates.

PenFed Realty recognizes top Mid-Atlantic Realtors

(May 18, 2017) PenFed Realty's Mid-Atlantic Region recently held its annual Sales Rally and Awards Ceremony, recognizing its top Realtors in the Mid-Atlantic Region, and celebrating the company's success at the new MGM National Harbor in Oxon Hill, Maryland.

"Our agents are the greatest assets for the company. They contribute to the success and growth of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices PenFed Realty," said Kevin Wiles, president of the Mid-Atlantic Region. "We are extremely proud of our award-winning sales professionals. They provide dedicated service and expert representation to each and every client."

Added Ocean Pines Branch Manager, Sharon Curtiss, "I am so proud of our Ocean Pines agents. Their dedication to customer satisfaction continues to rank us as the No. 1 brokerage in the Ocean Pines market."

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CASINO AT OCEAN DOWNS

10218 Racetrack Road
Berlin
410-641-0600
www.oceandowns.com
May 19: Sol Knopf, 5:30-9:30 p.m.
May 20: Everett Spells, 4:30-8:30 p.m.; Monkee Paw, 9:30 p.m to 1:30 a.m.

COCONUTS BEACH BAR AND GRILL

In the Castle in the Sand Hotel
37th Street oceanfront
Ocean City
410-289-6846
www.castleinthesand.com
May 19: Darin Engh, noon to 4 p.m.; Over Time, 5-9 p.m.
May 20: Kevin Poole & Joe Mama, noon to 4 p.m.; Lime Green Band, 5-9 p.m.
May 21: The Lauren Glick Band, 4-8 p.m.
May 22: Nate Clendenen, noon to 3 p.m.; Bob Wilkinson & Joe Smooth, 4-8 p.m.
May 23: Jack and T, noon to 3 p.m.; Kaleb Brown, 5-9 p.m.
May 24: Chris Button & Joe Mama, noon to 3 p.m.; Chris Diller, 4-8 p.m.
May 25: Matt Tichon, noon to 3 p.m.;

Kevin Poole & Joe Mama, 4-8 p.m.

COINS

28th Street and Coastal Highway
Ocean City
410-289-3100
www.coinspub.com
May 20: The City Painted Green, 9 p.m.

DUFFY'S TAVERN

130th Street in the
Montego Bay Shopping Center
410-250-1449
www.duffysoc.com
May 19: Bob Hughes, 5-9 p.m.
May 20: Live DJ, 9 p.m. to midnight

GUIDOS BURRITOS

33rd Street and Coastal Highway
Ocean City
410-524-3663
www.guidosburritos.com
Every Thursday: DJ Papi Roisterous. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

HARBORSIDE BAR & GRILL

12841 S. Harbor Road
West Ocean City
410-213-1846
www.ocharborside.com
May 19: DJ Billy T, 4 p.m.
May 20: Side Project/Simple Truth, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m.
May 21: Opposite Directions & Friends, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Billy T, 6:30 p.m.
May 25: Opposite Directions, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

HARVEST MOON TAVERN

208 W. Green St.
Snow Hill
410-632-9890
harvestmoontavern@gmail.com
May 19: The Stims, 7-10 p.m.

JOHNNY'S PIZZA & PUB

56th Street, bayside
Ocean City
410-723-5600
www.johnnyspizzapub.com
May 19: Dave Sherman, 8-11 p.m.
May 20: Randy Lee Ashcraft and the Saltwater Cowboys, 8-11 p.m.
May 24: Randy Lee Ashcraft and the Saltwater Cowboys

MACKY'S BAYSIDE BAR & GRILL

53rd Street and Coastal Highway
Ocean City
410-723-5565
www.mackys.com
May 19: DJ Vybe, 10 p.m.
May 20: DJ Cowboy, 10 p.m.
May 21: Survey Sez, 7 p.m.
May 25: DJ Casper, 10 p.m.

MARINA DECK

306 Dorchester St.
Ocean City
410-289-4411
www.marinadeckrestaurant.com
May 25: Karaoke w/J-Lo, 9-11 p.m.

MARYLAND WINE BAR

103 N. Main St.
Berlin
410-603-6278
www.themdwinebar.com
May 19: Paul Lojewski, 7-9 p.m.

M.R. DUCKS

311 Talbot St.
Ocean City
410-289-9125
www.mrducksbar.com
May 19: Batman, 5 p.m.
May 20: Bird Dog, 4 p.m.
May 21: Bo Dickerson, 3 p.m.

MUMFORD'S LANDING OCEAN PINES

1 Mumford's Landing Road
Ocean Pines
410-641-7501
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FIRST CLASS
MUMFORD'S LANDING OCEAN PINES: May 19, 8 p.m. to midnight

May 19: First Class, 8 p.m. to midnight
May 20: Full Circle Duo, 8 p.m. to midnight
May 21: Tommy Edward, 8 p.m. to midnight

OCEAN CLUB NIGHTCLUB

In the Horizons Restaurant
In the Clarion Fontainebleau Hotel
101st Street and the ocean
Ocean City
410-524-3535
www.clarionoc.com
May 19-20: On the Edge
May 24: Bryan Clark, 6-9 p.m.
May 25-28: Power Play

PRINCESS ROYALE OCEANFRONT RESORT & CONDOMINIUMS

91st Street, Oceanfront
Ocean City
410-524-7777
Schooner's
May 19-20: Harry O, 6-10 p.m.

PURPLE MOOSE SALOON

108 S. Atlantic Ave.
Ocean City
410-289-6953
www.purplemoosesaloon.com
May 19-20: CK the DJ/VJ, 2 p.m.; Total Distraction, 10 p.m.

SECRETS

49th Street and the bay
Ocean City
410-524-4900
www.secrets.com
May 19: Jim Long Band, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Tuff, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; Jah Works, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; Blue Label, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
May 20: DJ Cruz, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; DJ Tuff, noon to 2 a.m.; Jim Long Band, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; Jah Works, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; DJ Bobby-O, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; Steal The Sky, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
May 21: DJ Davie, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; New Direction, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
May 22: DJ Davie, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; New Direction, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
May 23-24: Element K, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.;
DJ Mike T, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
May 25: Full Circle Duo, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Tuff, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; Go Go Gadget, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.

SKYE RAW BAR & GRILLE

66th Street, bayside
Ocean City
410-723-6762
www.skyebaroc.com
May 19: Elwood Bishop, 4-8 p.m.
May 20: Aaron Howell, 4-8 p.m.

WHISKER'S BAR & GRILL

11070 Cathell Road, Suite 17
Pines Plaza, Ocean Pines
410-208-3922
www.whiskersbar.com
May 19: Karaoke w/Donnie Berkey

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Saturday, May 20
at 2pm and 7pm

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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ARREST	HIM	MAUL	LOOFA
LBOS	REN	GASMAIN	EDEN
SAP	BYE	KOSHER	NOSHER
ANSEL	OTTO	DUVALL	
MOOC	PORCH	SAGE	
HENNAS	PIKE	GRADS	
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ACROSS
1 Necklace parts
7 Extreme
14 Peter out
19 Relative of a brasserie
20 Phoenix event
21 Power machine in woodworking
22 Dropped out
23 U.S. heartland
24 Dexterous one
25 Where you might stop before going home
26 Prince Buster's genre
27 Heathrow facilities
28 Cherished by
29 Start of a boast
30 Battle-torn Syrian city
32 Org. that delivers
34 Contraction lacking just a "v"
35 You might find one under a Christmas tree
37 One using 32-Across, e.g.
39 Hideouts
40 Did a cobbler's job on
42 First-year law student
43 Sinus suffix
45 "Who ____?"
48 Enter
50 Tool for talking online
52 Angel dust
55 Knightstick?

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57 Colossal head sculptors
59 Setting for John Ford's "My Darling Clementine"
61 Sarah Palin, by birth
63 ____ Gunderson, sad sack on "The Simpsons"
64 Average
65 White House worker
66 Abandoned
67 Person pretty far up the corporate ladder
69 Having correct opinions
71 No longer in the company, say
72 Singer/reality TV personality Aubrey
74 What old couches tend to do
75 ____ up on (conspiring against)
76 It lacks locks
78 Credit-card provider, e.g.
80 Theft preventer ... or theft encourager
81 Equal
82 Mushroom makers
84 R.&R. by oneself
86 H.S.-level exam
87 Smooch
88 Vinick's portrayer on "The West Wing"
90 Searcher for "the lost village," in film
92 Catalyst
95 "Told you so!"
98 Accountant's list

101 Creature also called a catamount
102 All-inclusive
103 Aggrandize
105 Apple of Discord thrower
107 Poison victim's remedy
109 Fidel's brother
111 Whack
112 Suburb of Minneapolis
113 Blind-side protector, usually, in an offensive line
114 Chaucer's tongue
116 Brings up a menu with a PC mouse
117 Waters and Kennedy
118 Aisle's head?
119 Disavows
120 Juicy bits, in slang
121 Item for a cafeteria worker
122 Whim

DOWN
1 "The Late Show" ainer
2 Reindeer moss, e.g.
3 Glowing
4 News highlights
5 Nudge
6 La preceder
7 Rapper with the 4x platinum album "Views"
8 Charts again
9 Fin
10 Boneless cut
11 Huey, Dewey and Louie, e.g.

12 Brangelina was one
13 Gliding step, in ballet
14 Wings, to zoologists
15 Grand pooh-bahs
16 Russian film director Tarkovsky
17 Threaten to fall
18 They may be unforced
21 Many pros
26 Think over
30 Bedfellow
31 Contribute to a radio show
33 Syringe sensations
36 Lavish with attention
38 They provide backing for churchgoers
39 Sight at a red-carpet event
41 Director Guillermo ____ Toro
44 City SSW of Seattle
45 Fictional woodcutter
46 Was belligerent
47 Debt-ridden
49 Coming-out words
51 Vulgar sort
52 Indulging (oneself) in self-satisfaction
53 Rhythm
54 Vowed
56 Neglected one, stereotypically
58 Bourgeoisie
60 Mezzo-soprano, for female voices
62 Rescues a foundling, say
64 Smooth transition
67 Yoga equipment

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- 68 Line to a pilot?

70 Figures out

73 "Is that so?"

75 [That's painful!]

77 Fox neighbor

78 Part of a chain

79 Many "Star Trek" characters, for short

83 Home of the highest point in Africa
- 85 Cry to a sled dog

87 Where teams that have little-to-no chance of winning are found

89 Inhabitant of the ocean's benthic zone

91 Profiting from the misfortunes of others

92 Treated with malice
- 93 Transform, as larvae

94 Actor Don

96 Cult leader killed in the Waco siege

97 Sibelius's "Valse ____"

99 One of the Nixon daughters

100 Fishing item

102 Part of a dead man's hand
- 104 Onetime tool for talking online

106 Full of lip

108 First word in a Shakespeare title

110 Hybrid citrus

112 Home of Zeno and Parmenides

115 Roadside stop

116 405, to Flavius

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, MAY. 18

26TH ANNUAL CRUISIN' OCEAN CITY
Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Events also takes place at the Ocean City Inlet. Featuring more than 3,400 hot rods, customs, classics, street machines, muscle cars and more. Live entertainment, celebrity guests, boardwalk parades, manufacturers vendor midway and more. Boardwalk parade at 8 a.m. Admission cost is \$10 on Thursday and free to children 13 and younger with an adult. Tickets are good for both locations. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, <http://www.cruisinoceancity.com>

INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM DAY
OC Life-Saving Station Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Enjoy free admission to the museum. Featuring interesting displays on history, the lore of the sea and more. Sandy Hurley, Sandy@ocmuseum.org, 410-289-4991, <http://www.ocmuseum.org>

PINE'EER CRAFT CLUB MEETING
Ocean Pines Community Center, Assateague Room, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. Refreshments served at 9:45 a.m. Craft following meeting will be glass etching. Guests welcome. 410-208-3032

COASTAL HOSPICE GRIEF SUPPORT
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

3RD THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERT
Artisan Greens, 12 Artisan's Way, Berlin, MD, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Bilenki Duo will be performing. Restaurants featuring Grab and Go lunches, picnic tables provided.

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

BINGO
American Legion Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia 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>

NAACP MEETING
Save Our Youth - Crime Office, 1520 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 6:30 p.m. Retired teacher, Fred Grant will be the guest speaker. 443-944-6701

'JULIUS CAESAR' PERFORMANCE
Stephen Decatur High School, 9913 Sea-hawk Road, Berlin, MD, 7 p.m. The Theatre

Department at Stephen Decatur High School presents Julius Caesar in the Gladys C. Burbage courtyard theatre. Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Tickets: stephendecaturtheatre.weebly.com. Receive \$1 off admission by using the promo code "Caesar" upon checkout. 410-641-2171

'UNDER THE STREETLAMP' IN CONCERT
Performing Arts Center in the Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 8 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Composed of recent leading cast members of the Tony Award-winning sensation "Jersey Boys." Tickets cost \$25 and \$45. For tickets, call or visit the Ocean City Convention Center box office, 800-OC-OCEAN or call Ticketmaster, 800-551-SEAT. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, <http://www.oceancityconcerts.com>

PERFORMANCE BY RADIO AIRWAVES
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 7 p.m. Featuring "Lucy's Spring Cleaning & The Bickersons," radio show. 410-208-4014

FRI, MAY. 19

TOWN CATS YARD SALE
Terns Landing, Ocean Pines, MD, 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Turn into Terns Landing community in Ocean Pines and follow the signs. Proceeds benefit Town Cats Incorporated. Karen Lutz, 443-366-7699

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HOSPICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING SESSION
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is no commitment to attend this free session. Seeking patient care volunteers, grief support volunteers, veteran volunteers and thrift shop volunteers. Early registration is encouraged. Volunteer Services, volser-vices@coastalhospice.org, 410-742-8732

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

GARDENING WITH GINNY
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 2 p.m. Learn about seeds, how they germinate, grow and transplant. Get dirty while creating seed balls. All supplies provided. 410-524-1818

NATURAL SCIENCE EXPLORATORIUM AT THE POCOMOKE RIVER STATE PARK
Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 3:30 p.m. Join the group for a nature hunt. Space is limited and children must be accompanied by an adult. For further details and to register, call 410-957-0878. For children 8 years and older.

9TH ANNUAL PIRATE PARTY
Sunset Grille, 12933 Sunset Ave., Ocean City, MD, 6 to 9 p.m. Come dressed in your best pirate garb. A \$20 donation at the door includes a light fare buffet, happy hour drink prices, live entertainment, raffles and an auction. A \$49 donation adds two drinks, a T-shirt and VIP access to special areas of the event with buttered food service, including service aboard the Duckaneer Pirate Ship, docked at Sunset Grille. Proceeds support Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services' youth programs. Rain date is June 2. 410-641-4598, <http://www.gowoyo.org>

7TH ANNUAL MAYDAY PLAYDAY
Berlin Main Street, Main Street, Berlin, MD, 5 to 9 p.m. Live music from Jocelyn & Chris Arndt and The Rogue Citizens, corn-hole games, bingo, beer garden and more.

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO
Columbus Hall (behind St. Luke's Church), 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 6:30 p.m. Held each Friday night. Doors open at 5 p.m., games begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments for sale. 410-524-7994

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YARD SALE
Willard Fire Hall, 7370 Main St., Willards, MD, 7 a.m. Breakfast sandwiches and lunch served. Chicken salad sandwiches, soup, baked goods and homemade ice cream. Table rentals are \$10. Benefits Willards Ladies Auxiliary. 410-726-1583 or 410-835-2285

FARMERS MARKET
White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Held every

Saturday. Locally grown vegetables and fruits, eggs, honey, kettle corn, flowers, artisan breads, seafood, meats and more. New vendors welcome. 410-641-7717, Ext. 3006

RECREATIONAL SAFE BOATING COURSE
Ocean City Chamber of Commerce, 12320 Ocean Gateway, Ocean City, MD, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary will teach this state mandated, one-day course. The class and certificate are required for boat operators born after July 1, 1972. Cost is \$15 and includes all course materials. Register: Barry Cohen, CGAUXOC@gmail.com, 410-935-4807

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

POCOMOKE LIBRARY BAZAAR
Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A day of yard sales, craft vendors and local author signings. If interested in setting up a table, call 410-957-0878 to reserve a spot for \$5.

WALK WITH A DOC
Ocean Pines War Memorial, South Gate Pond, Ocean Pines, MD, 9 to 10 a.m. Family and pet friendly event. There is a short presentation by a doctor on a current health topic followed by a walk around the pond. Ashley, agodwin@atlanticgeneral.org, 410-641-9644

'DISCOVER YOUR WATERSHED' PROGRAM
Maryland Coastal Bays Program office, 8219 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, MD, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The group will meet at the MCBP office, then carpool to the Ilia Fehrer Nature Preserve. The first half of the day will consist of identifying and documenting the unique flora the Ilia Fehrer Nature Preserve has to offer. The primary goal is to collect data regarding the hardwood trees that were recently planted. Then the group will work to clear trails that were previously developed. Activities require hiking through challenging, un-even terrain. Long pants, old shoes or boots, sunscreen and bug spray are encouraged. Lunch will be provided at the event. RSVP: Amanda, amandap@md-coastalbays.org, 410-213-2297, Ext. 103

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‘HOW MONEY WORKS’ FREE SEMINAR
Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. Ken Wilkerson, an individual representative of Primerica, will discuss the three root causes of the financial problems facing most families. Advance registration is required: Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, 410-641-7052. <http://www.OceanPines.org>

BERLIN’S SPRING CRUISERS
Berlin Main Street, Main Street, Berlin, MD, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. See the best in classic cars and cruisers along Main Street. Competition at 2 p.m.

SAFE BOATING WEEK CELEBRATION
West Ocean City Public Boat Ramp, Ocean City Commercial Harbor, Sunset Avenue, West Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. After a brief opening comments about boating safety, there will be tours of a Coast Guard boat and the Ocean City fire boat. There will be demonstrations of safety gear, knot tying, fishing tips and free safety boat inspections. There will also be free hot dogs and soda for all participants in the children games and the “Wear It” group photo of everyone wearing a life jacket for the Guinness book of records, held at 10:30 a.m. Martin Killian, 717-701-1021

TOWN MEETING
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino will discuss issues and developments impacting the Ocean Pines district and the county as well as the Fiscal 2018 county budget. Guest speakers include Register of Wills Charlotte Cathell and Chief Administrative Officer Harold Higgins.

BBQ CHICKEN DINNER FUNDRAISER
American Legion Post 123, 10111 Old Ocean City Blvd., West Ocean City, MD, 11 a.m. Chicken BBQ platters include 1/2 BBQ chicken, baked beans, cole slaw and roll. Cost is \$9. The public is welcome.

BBQ CHICKEN SALE
St. Paul United Methodist Church, 405 Flower St., Berlin, MD, 11 a.m. Cost is \$8 for 1/2 BBQ chicken and roll. Patrick Henry, 443-880-4746

ANNUAL CHICKEN BARBECUE/AUCTION
Snow Hill Lions Club, 5458 East Market St., Snow Hill, MD, 12 to 4 p.m. The renowned barbecue has been prepared for more than 50 years and is available for carryout for \$8. The auction, starting at 1 p.m., will include gift cards, decoys, golf packages, sports items and more. Proceeds support vision, youth and charitable programs in the community. Kirk Hudson, 410-632-2931

HORSESHOE CRAB TAGGING DEMO
Assateague Environmental Education Center, 7206-2 National Seashore Lane, Berlin, MD, 1 p.m. Refreshments served at 12:30 p.m. Join AIA volunteer and citizen scientist, Dick Arnold, for an informative, hands-on program discovering horseshoe crabs and how valuable they are to the global ecosystem. Plus participate in a live tagging demonstration.

‘JULIUS CAESAR’ PERFORMANCE
Stephen Decatur High School, 9913 Sea-

hawk Road, Berlin, MD, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. The Theatre Department at Stephen Decatur High School presents Julius Caesar in the Gladys C. Burbage courtyard theatre. Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Tickets: stephendecaturtheatre.weebly.com. Receive \$1 off admission by using the promo code “Caesar” upon checkout. 410-641-2171

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

‘SONGS FOR A NEW WORLD’
Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., Ocean City, MD, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free. A soaring, vibrant score transports the audience through a mesmerizing exploration of the unknown world and the tough choices that follow. Talia Curtin, talia@brownboxtheatre.org, <http://www.brownboxtheatre.org>

SUN, MAY. 21

TOWN CATS YARD SALE
Terns Landing, Ocean Pines, MD, 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Turn into Terns Landing community in Ocean Pines and follow the signs. Proceeds benefit Town Cats Incorporated. Karen Lutz, 443-366-7699

26TH ANNUAL CRUISIN’ OCEAN CITY
Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Events also takes place at the Ocean City Inlet. Featuring more than 3,400 hot rods, customs, classics, street machines, muscle cars and more. Live entertainment, celebrity guests, manufacturers vendor midway and more. Admission cost is \$10 for Sunday and free to children 13 and younger with an adult. Tickets are good for both locations. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, <http://www.cruisinoceancity.com>

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

EMS WEEK OPEN HOUSE
Ocean City Fire Department Headquarters, 1409 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Family-friendly activities include paramedic-firefighters providing hands-only CPR demonstrations, tours of the new fire headquarters and life-saving equipment demonstrations. Light refreshments served. 410-289-4346

FRIED CHICKEN CARRYOUT
Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department, 10709 Bishopville Road, Bishopville, MD, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$8 for half chicken (four pieces) and \$14 for full chicken (eight pieces). Bake table will be available. For pre-made carryouts, call 443-235-2926. Proceeds go toward the cost of the new firetruck.

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

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MON, MAY. 22

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 ADELIN 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

JAZZ CONCERT
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 7 p.m. Frank Nanna and The Dukes of Delmarva featuring Benjamin Simmons on saxophone jazz concert. 410-208-4014

TUE, MAY. 23

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.

ASK A MASTER GARDENER
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road 410-208-4014, 1 to 4 p.m. The clinic is free and held every Tuesday through September. Master Gardeners will be available to help with gardening questions. Put plant damage samples in a plastic bag and label with your name and phone number. 410-208-4014

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 “A Call To Action” by Jimmy Carter. Selections are available in advance at the library. 410-208-4014

COMMUNITY INPUT MEETING
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. For area watershed residents to discuss the issues around the Maryland Coastal Bays Programs Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan and future climate change impacts. This plan can be found at <http://www.mdcoastalbays.org/pdf/ccmp.pdf>. Light snacks will be offered. RSVP: Katherine Phillips, 410-213-2297, Ext. 109,

mcbp@mdcoastalbays.org.

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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

FREE LECTURE
Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., Ocean City, MD, 6 to 8 p.m. “Daring to Say Yes!” with Karen Barwick, LPCMH. 410-524-9433, <http://artleagueofoceancity.org>

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. Open to the public. 410-957-3556

WED, MAY. 24

BERLIN SPRING BULK TRASH PICK UP
6 a.m. For residents who’s normal trash day is on a Thursday. Items collected include furniture, appliances, electronics, mattresses, carpet, sinks, toilets, etc. No hazardous waste, chemicals, insecticides, paint, construction materials, lumber, propane tanks, tires or yard waste. Items must be at the curb by 6 a.m. on pickup day. 410-641-2770

KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OP/OC
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 DISCUSSION GROUP
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Meets bi-monthly to discuss major foreign policy issues. Study guide provided. Jim Young, 410-208-4014

RETRACING AMELIA’S LAST FLIGHT’
Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 2 p.m. Dave Horner, author, brings into focus Earhart’s final days. 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>

OC/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. Pastoral Care Services, gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org, 410-641-9725

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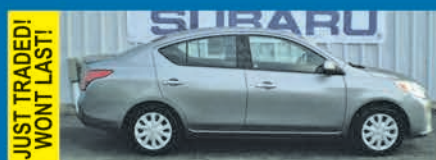
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