



## Community comes together, despite more bad weather

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(June 2, 2016) The rain couldn't dampen the spirit of community that normally highlights the Old Fashioned Memorial Day Parade in Berlin on Monday, as several hundred people and five local youth dance groups moved indoors to the multipurpose building on Flower Street for an impromptu celebration that played to a packed house.

Outside, working under a large tent, volunteers from Lincoln Lodge 53 put together a fish fry. By about 11 a.m., the time when the parade was supposed to start, they were up and running and ready to cook for whoever came out.

"Normally, we're here with the Memorial Day Parade, but with the rain it got canceled," Jabbar Mills said, adding that he still expected a good crowd of people despite the poor conditions.

Just down the street, St. Paul  
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## Morris: remember the sacrifices

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(June 2, 2016) While parts of Berlin's annual Old Fashioned Memorial Day Parade carried on, albeit indoors, what was lost during the day's celebration were the half-dozen ceremonies organized by the American Legion, Post 231, that specifically remember veterans.

Each year on Memorial Day, the Duncan-Showell branch of the Legion makes stops at five different churches in the area, saluting fallen veterans with from the community.

Then, they gather in Berlin to lead the parade down Flower Street.

On Sunday, before the rain, Post 231 held a joint service for fallen veterans with the Boggs-Disharoon Post 123 in downtown Berlin, before traveling to the Williams A.M.E. Church in Newark.

Leading that group was Kenneth Morris, 65, who served in the United States Army during the Vietnam era and has been with the Legion for 35 years.

"During the service we have a part where we take over and the commander does a speech, and we read off all the deceased members of the post and of the community," Morris said. "Right now we're up to about a good 100 or better that we read off in church.

"Once they read off, the color guard does a salute and 'Taps' are played," Morris added. "We try to get to each church in the community, and we've got about six

churches that we attend to."

Usually, the services include the Sons of the American Legion and the Ladies Auxiliary, as well as junior auxiliary members.

"Due to the weather, we only went to Williams for church service," Morris said. "Normally, on Monday, our day starts at about 8 o'clock at the American Legion post. We do our ceremonies out there and we put the flags at half-mast. We've got one

great, big flag that we always raise half-mast at the old Flower Street School by the multipurpose building."

That flag once belonged to Joseph Purnell, Sr.

"He was a big, real name in Berlin. Everybody knows him," Morris said. "They presented that flag to us and we fly that flag over there. It's a real  
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Plans for Memorial Day celebrations in Berlin were shifted because of heavy rains. Pictured, top left, members of the Duncan-Showell American Legion had to cancel a half dozen appearances, including leading off the annual parade down Flower Street. Pictured, bottom right, the Destructive Divas were one of five youth dance groups that moved their act indoors to the multipurpose building on Flower Street.

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# Pocomoke High class of '16 graduates 82

**By Brian Gilliland**  
Associate Editor

(June 2, 2016) The Pocomoke High School auditorium was packed full of parents, relatives, siblings and well-wishers during Tuesday night's celebration of the Class of 2016.

All told, 82 students — all of them with college acceptances, Principal

Annette Wallace said — were handed diplomas, granted handshakes and hugs and emerged from the ranks of high schoolers.

Wallace said the class received about \$800,000 in scholarships, or almost \$10,000 each.

Graduating with highest honors were Maverick Kieu, Jaclyn Laman

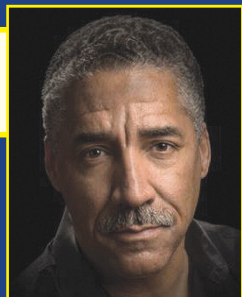
and Ethan Taylor, with greatest distinction were Jacobb Hardwick and Shayla Jones and with honors were Katlynn Tatterson and Tyler Nixon.

Jones and Laman were invited to speak in their roles of class president and National Honor Society president, respectively.

The guest speaker was Desmond

Mackall, PHS class of 1996 student athlete who graduated cum laude, who is now employed as a staff developer for Montgomery County Public Schools.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Jerry Wilson, other Board of Education officials and staff were also present during the ceremony.



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## CONGRATS, GRADS

Pocomoke High School Principal, Dr. Annette Wallace, left, addresses the Class of 2016 as well as the capacity crowd of parents, relatives and well wishers during Tuesday's graduation ceremony. The class consists of 82 students, all of whom are attending college, Wallace said. See story on page 2.

# Bishop's Stock to host book signing

By Brian Gilliland

Associate Editor

(June 2, 2016) Writing isn't often celebrated in the same breath as visual art, and with local art events generally focused on things that can be felt, puzzled over, glanced at or constructed, it can be harder than it already is for the ink-stained few.

But for this First Friday and next, Ann Coates of Bishop's Stock will host writers at her gallery on Green Street to help recognize the fact that some residents are writers too.

"There's a wonderful creative energy in writing, and it's another venue for local endeavors," Coates said. "I think it can be a great outlet for people."

Plus, it fits Coates' own vision of what these monthly events should be about.

"We always have to showcase the creative efforts of locals. It's going to help the town become what it's always been," she said.

But there can be difficulties.

"The written word isn't viewed the

same. It's not something you can hang on a wall," she said.

To that end, Jen Labesky and her debut novel "And Then She Flew" aren't the only attractions at Bishop's Stock this Friday. Ocean Pines artist Deborah Rolig will also be showing new work at the festival.

Coates said following the plein air event in May, she wanted to focus on promoting writing with book signings in June and July. Though July's author has yet to be announced, she decided to feature Labesky early in the process.

"She had finished her manuscript and did a little soft promotion early," said Coates, who then invited her to participate.

"This is a book I started 14 years ago before I had kids," Labesky said. "I re-discovered it in 2012 and spent the last couple of years working on it. I published in November."

Labesky had worked in the mortgage industry, and owned her own business, before relocating to Snow Hill a decade ago. The decision to move entailed working a deal with her

husband.

Their deal, she said, was to move to a place where one parent could remain with the children full time. The parent who was best able to provide for the family would continue working, and the race was on. Labesky's husband, who works in the construction industry, quickly became successful enough to support everyone, so she stepped back from mortgages.

Now, years later, with their children in school, she picked up her novel, dusted it off and completed it.

"It's a story of healing with multiple characters interwoven into the narrative," she said. "It's about trusting things will work out if you remain true to yourself."

The book can be read in several ways, Labesky said.

"It can be entertaining but it can also strike a chord. It starts in a dark place, but the story is one of healing," she said.

First Friday will be held in downtown Snow Hill between 5-8 p.m. tomorrow.

# Incumbent Tasker retains District 1 seat in Pocomoke

By Brian Gilliland

Associate Editor

(June 2, 2016) In hand-counted paper ballots, George Tasker, incumbent District 1 city councilman, defeated challenger Sheila Nelson 98 votes to 91 in Tuesday's election.

"I'm just happy it's over. It's been a long five months, and we both worked really hard," Tasker said following the announcement of his victory by Board of Elections President John Haynie.

Nelson accepted the outcome of the election, and hinted she would be run again in three years.

"Thank you to each and every one of my supporters. I'm elated people turned out the way they did, and I may be back, because I believe I'm the better person," she said.

The vote was a redo of the April 5 election, in which only 132 votes were cast — an increase of 43 percent. The results of that vote had been questioned because of a counting error, with 132 people confirmed by the election board to have voted, while the tally from the voting machines was 127.

Although the absentee and provisional ballots had decided one of the candidates was victorious beyond this margin of error, the results of the election were questioned.

Because the mechanical machines didn't leave a paper trail, there was no option for a recount.

The Pocomoke City Charter didn't foresee this kind of difficulty, and provided little direction for the council or board of elections on how to proceed.

According to the charter, "The candidate or candidates for Councilman with the highest number of votes in each general election shall be declared elected as Councilman," and requires elections to be certified 12 hours from the time the polls are closed.

"I just need time to decompress," Haynie said.

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# Berlin vandals to face judge again

By Brian Gilliland

Associate Editor

(June 2, 2016) The Worcester County State's Attorney's office is calling both Jordan Denton, 18, of Ocean City and Nicholas Bonser, 18, of Ocean Pines, back to District Court to answer for possible parole violations stemming from a Jan. 25 vandalism spree that caused more than \$11,000 in damages.

District Court Judge Gerald Purnell approved State's Attorney Paul Haskell's request to review the pair's parole based on three suspected failures and one modification request.

Haskell filed a "show cause order" in late April, asking the judge to find that the accused have failed to abide by the conditions of their parole.

Bonser and Denton are accused in court documents of failure to complete their community service hours, failure to pay restitution and failure to obey laws, including use of controlled substances. The order also seeks to change the terms of the remainder of their parole, about one year, to include drug testing.

The case is scheduled to appear in District Court on June 10.

Bonser and Denton were convicted last June on 11 of the 40 counts they each faced individually as part of a plea bargain for stealing spray paint from the Berlin Wal-Mart and then using it, along with an unnamed juve-

nile, to tag vehicles and buildings with movie quotes, offensive language and random doodles.

As part of the deal, they each pleaded guilty to 11 charges, were placed on probation, were ordered to perform a total of 450 hours of community service within Berlin, ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$8,843.06 to the victims and write letters of apology to the town. In exchange, prosecutors did not pursue the remainder of the charges.

Initially, Bonser and Denton had 90 days to complete the terms of the deal, but their lawyers subsequently extended the deadline, which was approved by Judge Purnell last year.

The juveniles admitted to being "involved" in all 40 instances to authori-

ties. Juveniles are given two options to plea during proceedings: involved or not involved.

The town calculated the damages to be in excess of \$11,000.

According to a Berlin Police Department press release following the incident, the investigation revealed 36 separate victims, including the Town of Berlin, which had one vehicle, 10 electric meters and four trashcans damaged.

Three buildings and 33 additional cars were spray painted during the incident that spanned a dozen streets: Ann Court, Ann Drive, Branch Street, Buttercup Court, Harrison Ave, Henry's Mill, Littleworth Court, North Main Street, Pitts Street, Powell Circle, West Street and William Street.



Jordan Denton and Nicholas Bonser



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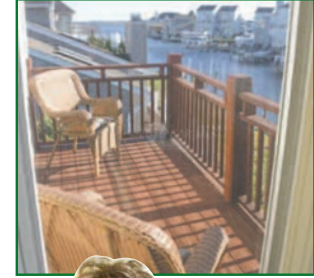
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Jack Helgeson will be opening A Diamond on Pearl in the renamed Emporium building on Pearl Street for First Friday in Snow Hill next week. In addition to his own art, Helgeson will offer a selection of pieces from three other artists.

## A Diamond on Pearl will debut at First Friday in SH

By Brian Gilliland  
Associate Editor

(June 2, 2016) Jack Helgeson's goal in taking over the Emporium in Snow Hill was to ensure that it wouldn't be recognizable to anyone as the old Emporium.

To wit, it's not even called the Emporium any more (despite the sign remaining on the façade for now), he's redubbed the building "A Diamond on Pearl," which is a play on the address, 111 Pearl Street.

It's also not an eatery any more. Helgeson is also the owner of Choptank Charlie's in Cambridge, and A Diamond on Pearl is building off the ideas he started there — selling art, interior design, window treatments and formal wear — and with many of the same associates.

Primarily, Helgeson said, he's going to be offering a mixture of art from four artists: Dawn Tarr, Kirk White, Marty Gillard and himself. He said he's dealt with the other artists for years at Choptank Charlie's, and wouldn't immediately be expanding this base.

"I moved to Snow Hill because it's beautiful and both Dawn Tarr and Michael Day are there. Day is a door-opener," Helgeson said. "I looked at Berlin but it was too expensive. I want to work hard, but not just to pay my rent."

Helgeson has been working by himself to prepare the Emporium for its transformation into A Diamond on Pearl. Gone are the benches, tables and chairs of a restaurant and re-

placing them are new floors, lights and art displays. Pictures and paintings line the walls floor to ceiling, the restrooms have been completely redone — the only similarity between new and old is the location of the central counter space where orders were placed and payments received at the restaurant.

Inside, it's colorful and bright. The collection is modern and whimsical. Helgeson confessed he has a love for art made from recycled materials and a soft spot for Tarr's work.

"I've sold her work for 18 years — hundreds of pieces," he said.

A different section of wall space is devoted to another of Helgeson's passions, window treatments and interior design. Sample treatments are on display opposite of the main artwork display, but are surrounded on all sides by more art.

Additionally, Helgeson said he would be offering tuxedo rentals — another piece of Choptank Charlie's moving into Snow Hill.

"I just love proms," he said. This combination approach is deliberate, and has been proven with the ongoing success of his Cambridge location.

"It's a beautiful combination of businesses — when one is busy another is slow," he said.

A Diamond on Pearl is scheduled to be open for First Friday on June 3 downtown.

"I'm very excited. If I could work faster I'd be open sooner but I'm doing this all myself," Helgeson said.

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# Thompson: Manklin has become 'bigger, uglier' than it needs

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(June 2, 2016) Looking for a compromise in the long and winding road involving racquet sports in Ocean Pines, the board of directors voted 6-0 last week to convert two existing tennis courts for pickleball.

If that sounds simple and straightforward, it was not.

"This whole thing has grown into something much bigger, much uglier than it needed to be," General Manager Bob Thompson said last Thursday.

The board approved several upgrades to the Manklin Meadows Racquet Sports Center more than a year ago, but ballooning cost estimates and the fact that the association received just one bid on the entire project effectively applied the brakes.

Thompson blamed stormwater costs for most of the price increase, and said he would try to break the project down into smaller, more manageable phases.

Then, in March the board narrowly approved spending \$150,000 to expand and resurface the parking lot, repair and relocate the playground and community gardens and install fencing around the area.

Some board members, however,



OPA General Manager Bob Thompson, right, defends his role in developing plans for the Manklin Meadows racquet sport center last Thursday. Director Bill Cordwell looks on.

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saw that as just the first step in completing the entire proposal that would have cost Ocean Pines \$750,000. Original estimates were for \$250,000.

Questioned by the directors on how Ocean Pines was addressing the needs of the increasingly vocal racquet sports community – including contingencies from tennis, platform tennis and pickleball – Thompson was clearly frustrated.

"Every time I bring it to you all, it pivots. We could have had this done

four years ago – definitively," Thompson said. "We made changes each time [and] those changes have increased the cost just where it is. I'm not delaying it – we've teed it up multiple times. I need direction of what you all want to do.

"I don't know what to do with it except keep bringing you the pieces that you're asking for," Thompson added.

Director Dave Stevens said the original idea for Manklin evolved, not by the board, but by Thompson, "into  
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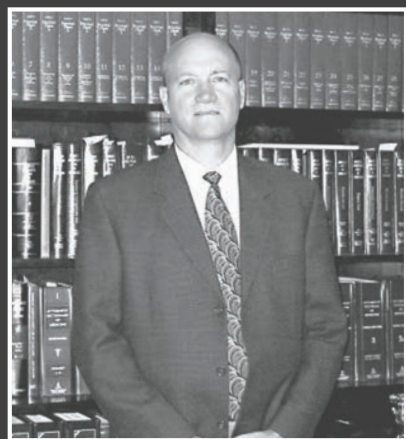
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# Legion members hope to reschedule memorial events

■ AMERICAN LEGION continued  
old flag, because that pole has been there ever since the school was there.”

After hanging the flag the Legion would then go to Pulletts Chapel, in Whaleyville, followed by Curtis Church in Selbyville, New Bethel Church in Germantown, Fooks Cemetery in Sinepuxent and St. Paul United Methodist Church in Berlin.

“Most of the time when we get to these cemeteries there’s a group always waiting for us to be there. It’s really honoring our veterans and our comrades,” Morris said. “We do that all from about 9 [a.m.] to about 10:30. After we get done with that we have to get back and lead the parade. It’s normally a very busy day on Monday.”

“Memorial Day is honoring our fallen comrades. That’s what the main thing is all about, and so we try to make sure we get all these cemeteries done before we go to the parade,” he continued. “With the weather, we really couldn’t do anything.”

Still, the day of remembrance has become “so routine” for the Legion members that most showed up at the post by 8 a.m. on Monday.

“The weather never broke, so we had to call around and tell the folks that were waiting on us that we weren’t going to be there,” Morris said. “They understood our situation.”

Morris said the Legion members

are hoping to get together at a later date and at least visit some of the sites they had planned to.

“That’s one of our main objectives – honoring our veterans on Memorial Day,” he said. “It’s really patriotic and it’s a day of mourning and remembrance. We start off [with names of those who served] in World War One, all the way through. We have lost a lot.”

“All of our World War One’s are gone and our World War Two’s – I think we only have a bout four left,” Morris continued. “They were our backbone.”

In general, he said the Vietnam-era vets are the ones who organize and carry out the business of the Legion. Many of those men, however, are getting up there in age.

“We were looking at each other Sunday before our church service saying, ‘you know what? We’re the next in line for carrying on things around here.’ We’ve been doing that anyway, but we’ve got to get the younger ones to take over for us because we’re fading too,” Morris said. “We’re slowing down a little bit.”

“I’d like for people to just sit down and remember the sacrifices that the veterans have done for their freedom,” he continued. “When you see a veteran, just go out and say ‘thanks for your service.’ That’s a big help. I’ve got a hat that I wear that says ‘United States Army veteran’ and I get a lot of handshakes and some hugs. That means a whole lot to a veteran.”

# Dancers move indoors to Berlin multipurpose building

■ MEMORIAL DAY continued  
United Methodist Church went on with the show indoors, cooking crab cakes and chicken.

Inside the multipurpose building’s kitchen, more volunteers and workers made fried chicken and chicken and dumplings, while a DJ played hip hop and dance music in the main hall.

Tony Bowen, who was supposed to help judge the parade, instead pitched in as a greeter and doorman at the front entrance.

“I found out at about 9:30 or so this morning that the parade had been canceled,” he said. “But I live right down the street and my wife is working in the kitchen, so I thought I’d help. I’m just killing time.”

Lakema Hayward, an instructor with the Berlin Heat and Praise Ablaze dance groups, took over as emcee of the main event, which also featured local groups Destructive Divas and the Destructive Dancers, as well as the Salisbury Elite and the Salisbury Top Rockers.

“We’re going to go on and get rocking. The rain can’t hold us down,” she said just before the first group took the floor. “People can expect a lot of energy, a lot of fun and excitement.”

That enthusiasm spilled out onto the crowd just feet away from the dancers. Several times, they were asked to move back, out of range of the frenetic movements of the performers.

It might not have been exactly what organizers originally envisioned when they started planning for Memorial Day back in January, but by the end of the roughly hour-long showcase the crowd left with smiles on their faces.

The Old Fashioned Memorial Day Parade was the third straight Berlin event to be canceled or cut short by rain. Still, hundreds of people came together to enjoy the holiday, and the dozens of local youth who clearly put in plenty of hard work were able to show off their talents to plenty of cheers and applause.





JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

OPA Director Dave Stevens argues, during a meeting last Thursday, that an initial plan for the Manklin Meadows racquet sports complex was uniformly panned by the board after estimates came back three times higher than expected. Also pictured are directors Jack Collins, left, and Tom Herrick, right.

# Despite squabbles, racquet sports additions approved

Continued from Page 7

a \$750,000 master plan.”  
 “It ended up being something that this board basically said ‘no’ to. I think it was uniform,” he said. “When it came to the meeting, you decided that, and presented to the board, that you were going to break it up into phases.”

Stevens said the first phase did not include platform tennis, which was pushed aside despite board instruction to explore it.

Director Tom Terry offered a history lesson, saying the original plan for the racquet sports complex “blew up” on the day it came to a public meeting and took the directors more than a year to get back on track – and that was before the \$750,000 estimate came back.

Now, it appeared the board was verging on a similar position.

“We are now in a situation where we are, in fact, taking parts of that master plan that was voted on by the board and now trying to implement them,” Terry said. “We now have in front of us an opportunity where I think we have some cooperation going on amongst the various racquet sports ... that would allow us to take action and get pickleball [on two tennis courts.]”

The board also had an option to

build “above-ground” platform courts, although pricing was not available at the time of the meeting.

“Until we know what the impact of that raised court is, we don’t know the answer to what the stormwater impact is,” Terry said. “I see two things on the table ... I see an option for us to find a home for the pickleball players, and I think we have an option to now finalize what the step would be for platform.”

Following public comments, the board returned to the issue and voted unanimously to turn the two tennis courts into pickleball courts at a cost “not to exceed \$25,000.” Terry noted the board would likely have to suspend its normal policy of receiving at least three bids in order to do so.

Director Tom Herrick the moved that the board “price out” stormwater mitigation for two elevated platform tennis courts, and an amendment was added requiring Thompson to have an estimate ready by the next regular board meeting, in June.

“Violating every procedural rule in the book ...” Terry said.

“We’re damned good at it,” Director Bill Cordwell added.

“...We’ve revised this motion ... to have a proposal and report by the next board meeting,” Terry continued.

That motion also passed 6-0.

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# Crowd gathers to celebrate 50 years of Church Mouse

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(June 2, 2016) Berlin's Church Mouse Thrift Shop has done big things during its 50 years of existence, having supported scores of local nonprofits and helped countless individuals and families get back on their feet during times of need.

It was no surprise, then, to see a throng of supporters present last Thursday as the little-shop-that-could celebrated its anniversary with a brief ribbon-cutting ceremony on Main Street.

Following a blessing by the Rev. Michael D. Moyer, the rector's at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, where the shop operates, Berlin Councilmember Troy Purnell and Del. Mary Beth Carozza presented official proclamations to the Church Mouse.

Accepting was Helen Wiley, who has run the shop for the last 10 years.

"I want to thank everyone that has come out tonight to celebrate this time," Wiley said. "I really appreciate



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Helen and Mike Wiley cut the ribbon at the Church Mouse last Thursday, in honor of the shop's 50th anniversary. For five decades, the Berlin store has supported countless nonprofits and needy people in the area.

the support, because the support I have received from this community – it's just overwhelming."

Among those on the sidewalk outside the Church Mouse's home at 101

Main Street, were dozens of faces familiar to Wiley, many of whom were longtime customers.

"The customers not only buy, but they also bring me donations," she

said. "I'd also like to thank many of the local merchants right here in the town of Berlin, because many of [them] have been so generous in donating items to me new, or gently

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# For five decades, volunteers have driven Berlin outreach

used – sometimes brand new.

“I can’t name all the merchants because it’s just too many, but I would say it’s this whole community of Berlin,” she added. “A lot of the merchants have been very good about giving me some pointers.”

Wiley was a retired sign language teacher when she came to town, and had no retail experience. Still, she dove in and has since become an integral part of the shop and the town itself.

When she took over, it was for a pair of volunteers who essentially ran the store by themselves. By the time they retired, both of them were well into their 90s.

Today, Wiley operates with the help of about a dozen volunteers. The Berlin and Ocean Pines chambers of commerce also lend support and helped raise awareness for the Church Mouse, she said.

She also singled out Michael Day, former Berlin Main Street coordinator and the town’s economic and development director. Day, who has since become the economic development director in Snow Hill, was on the sidewalk watching the ceremony.

“The Church Mouse is great, because it’s been here for so long, and it does great charity work,” Day said. “Everybody benefits from it, from the

people to all the nonprofits it’s helped support over the years.”

Shelly Bruder, owner of Bruder Hill, agreed.

“Everybody does benefit,” she said. “It’s an outreach ministry, and it and the church that has been running it for all these years has been amazing for the town.”

Also at the ceremony was Police Chief Arnold Downing, who surprised several longtime friends in Berlin.

“The Church Mouse is awesome. It’s been around ever since I’ve been around,” Downing said. “You see folks lined up every summer to go ahead and see what’s good. It’s one of those good things that supports the community.”

Along with the volunteers who help run the store, Wiley said she wanted everyone to remember Annabelle Hastings and Ruth Neville, whose efforts helped the shop grow from its first home as part of the Atlantic Hotel, to a small space with dirt floors and stove heat on Old Ocean City Boulevard, to its current place on Berlin’s thriving Main Street.

“They are the ones that really initiated this whole idea of this outreach,” she said. “It all goes back to what they started.”

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# Fourth Friday Art Stroll



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Musician Neal Hooks entertained the crowd during Pocomoke City's monthly Fourth Friday Art Stroll.



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Jailbirds Melissa Freistat, representing Pocomoke Elementary School and Brandi Castaneda from Kids Against Cancer look forlorn as they solicit donations toward their bail for Relay for Life.



BRIAN GILLILAND/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Little Brayden Todd, 1, meets Rudder on the streets of downtown Pocomoke last week.



BRIAN GILLILAND/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The Delmarva Discovery Center's diamondback terrapin, Scorchy, makes an appearance outside of his tank during the event.



BRIAN GILLILAND/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

George Tasker, councilman and reverend of the Abundant Life Apostolic Church, provides food to the Fourth Friday attendees.



BRIAN GILLILAND/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Mayor Bruce Morrison raised \$850 in support of the Relay for Life during Fourth Friday last week. Every 30 minutes individuals and teams were switched out until they made their "bail" set at \$300. This was the final fundraiser before the June 11 event held at the Pocomoke Fairgrounds.



# Ocean Pines Association Briefs

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor

(June 2, 2016) The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors discussed the following items during a meeting in the community center last Thursday.

## Absences

The board was down two directors during the meeting, although President Pat Renaud participated via telephone.

Director Tom Terry said Renaud was at home recovering from an illness. Terry filled in for the position during his absence.

"I'm 95 percent back, but I'm not quite enough," Renaud said. "I don't think I could last a two-hour meeting."

"With me running the meeting,

we'll probably go five hours," Terry deadpanned.

Vice President Cheryl Jacobs was also not present during the meeting. Terry said her absence was because of a "family illness/semi emergency that she had to respond to."

## Capital purchases

With one director out and six remaining, several votes on capital purchases ended in a tie and must be addressed during a closed session. Among the proposed purchases were the food truck and several new mowers for the golf course, both of which failed to pass with 3-3 stalemate. Both items were approved in the fiscal year 2017 budget by slim margins and are expected to pass when Jacobs returns.

Several other items, including new awnings for the tiki bar at the yacht club and repaving the parking lot at the Mumford's Landing Pool, were approved by a 6-0 vote.

## Project updates

Terry said the budget and finance committee was reviewing Ocean Pines' investment strategy and investing in longer term CDARS, or Certificate of Deposit Account Registry Service.

He said he would report in July.

An overhaul of the CPI, or Compliance Permit Inspection process, is almost being examined. This would likely involve changes to resolution M-01 and would attempt to shorten the process, which, as it is now written, last anywhere from several months to

more than a year.

## Pending action list

Director Dave Stevens reviewed several pending items, most of which had already been addressed during the meeting before the list came up on the agenda.

Stevens said the purpose of the list was to help provide clarity and give updates on association business.

"Too often we meet and come to a conclusion, but nothing happens," he said.

One item that had not yet been addressed was the in-progress reserve study, which needs updated financial numbers. The board expects to hold at least one work session on the subject.

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# Worcester Warriors work to keep momentum

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(June 2, 2016) Heidi McNeely has seen the effects of the heroin epidemic in Worcester County personally, having watched her son struggle with addiction like so many other parents in this area, and across the country.



Heidi McNeely

Now that he is in recovery and by all accounts doing well, she has dedicated herself to raising awareness and finding solutions to the problem, chiefly through her new group the Worcester County Warriors Against Opiate Addiction.

During their first meeting a few months ago, they drew about 50 people. Last month, during the group's second meeting, that number was closer to 300.

"Isn't that remarkable?" McNeely said in an interview on Monday. "I think several factors came into play. A lot of people heard about us through [various newspaper articles] and on Facebook."

In particular, McNeely credited Brad Hoffman, whose 500-word "anti-opiate rant" in late April was shared almost 350 times. Another post on social media also helped boost attendance.

"There was also another overdose death and our sister-warrior's son, Kyle [Harmon], wound up on life support as a result of opiates," McNeely said. "She posted on Facebook, 'So many people are asking what you can do? Here is what you can do – attend this meeting and join this group so we can battle this problem together.' I think many people attended in honor of Lauren and her son."

Guest speakers at the May 24 meeting, held at the Worcester County Worship Center in Berlin, included a state delegate, the Worcester County State's Attorney and members from

the county board of education, the health department and the drug task force.

That, McNeely said, all happened "by the grace of God."

"They each contacted us and expressed their support and asked what they could do, so we invited them to the meeting," she said. "Believe me, we planned absolutely nothing."

At the start of the meeting, McNeely asked for a moment of silence for Harmon, as well as four other local people, Chris Taylor, Patt Ligor, Dylan Ludlam and Mark Beinschroth.

Ludlam, who apparently suffered a fatal drug overdose last month, was a neighbor of McNeely for about eight years.

"He was my son's first friend – a talented musician, great looking, intelligent, loving young man," she said. "That was absolutely devastating."

"My son had another friend [who overdosed] that I knew since he was 11," she continued. "They were friends through middle and high school, and he was an absolutely great kid – funny, smart and from a wonderful, loving family. He overdosed in February and that is kind of what solidified for me that I needed to move ahead with this vision I had."

She added that she receives an average of five emails a day from other people who have "lost their children to death, jail or [their children are] on life support."

The next step for the Warriors is to form subcommittees, drilling down into areas of education, awareness and resources navigation in order to best utilize the energy of a suddenly involved public.

"That was a result of our first meeting," McNeely said. "Jackie [Ball], Cheryl [Hassett] and I felt like the best way to focus everyone's interests and passions would be to form committees that could utilize them. So many people have signed up, and we are very ex-

cited about that. Our meetings will begin in June."

The next "general" Warriors meeting will be held on June 21 at the Ocean City Firehouse on 15th street, an even larger venue.

McNeely hopes she and Warriors co-founder Ball can keep the momentum going.

"I think that last meeting was absolutely outstanding," she said. "We were so grateful to Pastor Bryan and [the Worship Center] for letting us be there. The facilities were ideal."

"We expected a lot of people because Facebook showed that a lot of people were coming, but we also knew that could be very ambiguous," she continued. "By 6:25, the 230 seats were filled and people were spilling outside. It was amazing and overwhelming. I was so proud of our community."

"No one was angry or offensive, even though they may not have agreed with everything that was said. I think every person in that room was there because they want to see an end to this."

"There were a couple of people there who are struggling with addiction and that just tore at my heart. They were there because they want help – they want to be healed. That's why we do this – because we want to make help easy for them to find and get."

After the initial meeting, McNeely said there was no doubt in the minds of the organizers that they were onto something. The second session, however, drove that sentiment home. It appeared as though a movement had been born, and all the guest speakers there seemed to agree on one thing: no one had ever seen anything like it.

"Now, every night that I turn on my computer and read about someone else in trouble, or another mom who is hurting, I think about the Mark Twain quote that Kevin Hassett shared at our first meeting: 'The two most important

days of your life are the day you were born and the day you find out why.' I am pretty sure I have discovered why," she said.

The Worcester County Warriors Against Opiate Addiction is driven by a steering committee that includes McNeely, Ball, Hassett, Richard Dize, Jamie McNeely and Sean Kelley.

For more information, email McNeely at heidi@wocowarriors.org, visit [www.wocowarriors.org](http://www.wocowarriors.org), or search "Worcester County Warriors Against Opiate Addiction" on Facebook.

## Coastal Hospice earns 'elite' status with latest award

(June 2, 2016) Coastal Hospice has been recognized for excellence, as reported by the families of patients in its care.

Deyta Analytics, a division of HEALTHCAREfirst, named Coastal Hospice a recipient of the 2016 Hospice Honors Elite Award in April during the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization's Management Leadership Conference in National Harbor, Maryland. Hospice Honors recognizes hospices nationwide that provide the highest level of quality as measured from the caregiver's point of view.

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"Hospice Honors is a landmark compilation of hospices that provide the best patient and caregiver experiences," said Bobby Robertson, president and CEO of HEALTHCAREfirst. "I am extremely proud of Coastal Hospice for achieving this highest of honors, and I congratulate them on their success."

"Receiving an award based on the opinions of the families we serve is the highest honor we can achieve," said Alane Capen, president of Coastal Hospice. "Our mission is to provide the best medical care in the most compassionate way to the patients in our service, and it is rewarding to hear that our families feel we are fulfilling that mission."

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# Cohen out; Daly in on OP committee

### Pending board approval, new chair will take over comprehensive plan group

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor

(June 2, 2016) The Ocean Pines' Comprehensive Planning Committee will undergo some changes, including one at the leadership position.

During an Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors meeting last Thursday, President Pat Renaud and the other directors expressed disappointment with the committee's performance and leadership over the past several months and agreed that change was needed.

Renaud said he called the chairman, Steve Cohen, and gave him the opportunity to resign or else "be asked to leave."

"He opted to resign," Renaud said.

In an email to the board, Cohen said was stepping down "due to time constraints on [his] job." He added that he would like to remain on the committee.

Renaud said Frank Daly, who had been taking on a leadership role during recent committee meetings – and is a candidate for the board this year – would take over as chairman.

He also commented on the termination of the contract with Salisbury University group BEACON, which was working on a community survey designed to gather data for the comprehensive plan. Renaud is the liaison to the committee.

"We're all disappointed that we didn't have the survey questionnaire that we could send out to [the board's] liking," Renaud said. "We're



Frank Daly



Steve Cohen

going to work hard on that and try to get that resolved."

Director Dave Stevens said the board was not unanimous in removing Cohen, and suggested suspending the activities of the entire committee until the board could agree on its direction.

Stevens also asked when the board would make a public statement about "what happened between [the board] and BEACON."

"I don't think we're supposed to mention anything," Renaud said.

"You have to read what the opinion was and read what the contract said, and then you will see, if you look

at the last line, that this is what we can say," Stevens said. "And it's very simple – it's just one sentence. All you have to do is put it [out] so people know what happened after all this time. You just put it on the webpage. That's a public statement."

Director Tom Terry suggested the directors not make that statement right there, "on the fly."

"I don't think we should either, but on the other hand we as a board owe it to people to get to what happened," Stevens said.

Terry added that the full board would have to approve Daly's chairmanship, although no vote was taken on that matter.

"As far as what we do with this committee ... they're trying to figure that out. I think we need to figure that out," Terry said.

The comprehensive planning committee was scheduled to meet on Thursday, May 26. That meeting was rescheduled for June 1, after press time.

Daly said the committee would be discussing an outline he drafted for the comprehensive plan, which it approved in April, as well as vote on an "action plan and schedule" of committee activities that included identifying how the group would gather data to inform the comprehensive plan and to make a recommendation to the board on, potentially, developing a new survey.

"I don't expect any problems in it passing, as it is the plan we are currently working to," Daly said in an email. "I have also sent it to all board members."

**'We're all disappointed that we didn't have the survey questionnaire that we could send out to [the board's] liking. We're going to work hard on that and try to get that resolved.'**  
President Pat Renaud

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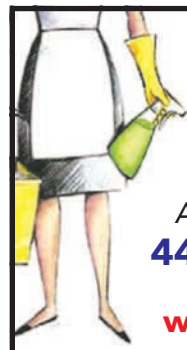
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# Berlin Jazz & Blues Bash brings music to downtown

Ninth annual festival marks return Saturday; live music, food, craft beer scheduled

By Josh Davis  
 Associate Editor

(June 2, 2016) The ninth annual Jazz and Blues Bash will bring live music, artisan merchants, craft beer – and likely thousands of visitors – to downtown Berlin on Saturday, June 4, as it opens what should be another busy season of events in the town.

The Shrapnels, the New York Connection, the Larks and the Chris English Band are scheduled to play the free, outdoor festival, which will run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Launched in 2007, Jazz and Blues is the second-largest event staged by the Berlin Chamber of Commerce, behind only the Fiddler's Convention held each September.

New this year are more attractions aimed at children and their families. These included a moon bounce and arts and crafts activities sponsored by Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services. The chamber will also bring a cotton candy machine to the party.

Along with the roughly dozen restaurants and cafes already in the downtown area, additional food ven-

dors for the event will include the Berlin Lions Club, Eastern Shore Kettle Korn, Rosenfeld's Jewish Deli and the Waystead Inn.

Burley Oak Brewing Company will debut its new beer truck and will be selling commemorative T-shirts and cups to benefit the Town of Berlin fireworks display scheduled for July 3.

Chamber Administrator Morgan Coulson estimated the event draws about 3,000 people to Berlin each year.

"Last year, unfortunately, it rained, but this year it's looking like we'll have amazing weather. It should be a really good day for the merchants as well as the tourists," she said. "The Jazz and Blues Bash is basically an opportunity to bring as many people into Berlin as possible so they can see why it's America's coolest small town, while bringing some well-deserved business to the merchants, and also some exposure for the chamber.

"We want everyone to come and have an amazing time," she added. "We are really looking forward to this year. This is [Executive Director] Larnet [St. Amant] and my one-year anniversary of joining the chamber and we believe we've got everything really dialed now. We want everyone to experience everything Berlin has to offer."

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# Pines approves lease agreement with Dumser's

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(June 2, 2016) Ocean Pines Association meetings can be long, as was illustrated last Thursday when acting President Tom Terry quipped that, with him the driver's seat, the meeting would "probably go five hours."

That was not the case, however, as the regular meeting ran just under three hours, including a lengthy period of public comments.

A closed session afterward was even shorter, lasting less than 15 minutes.

The subject of the adjourned meeting was the Dumser's Dairyland lease of the OPA Beach Club. Terry spoke briefly about the subject during the regular meeting, calling it, "basically just a renewal."

"It's just a very small [lease]," he said. "It's a small piece of the property that they use that we have an agreement [for]. That's all. It's not a big deal."

Terry said the terms of the lease were about \$1,200, coming to Ocean Pines from Dumser's.

Similarly, in March, the directors approved a renewal of a lease agreement with Seacrets that allows the nightclub to use parking spaces at the Beach Club during off hours.



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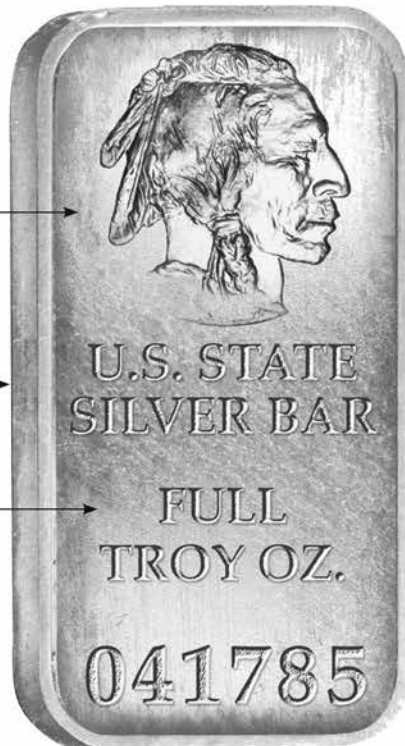
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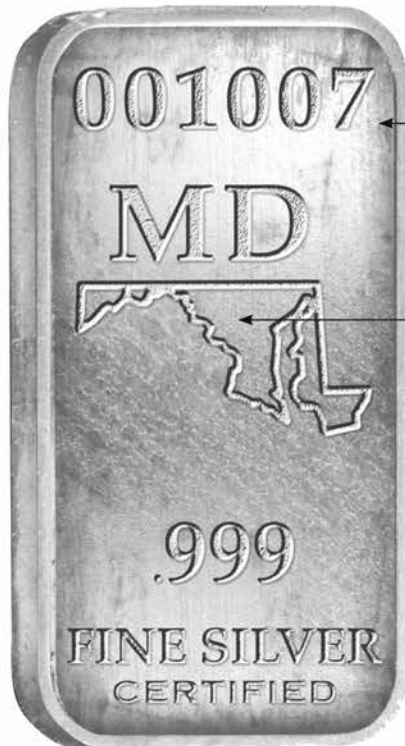
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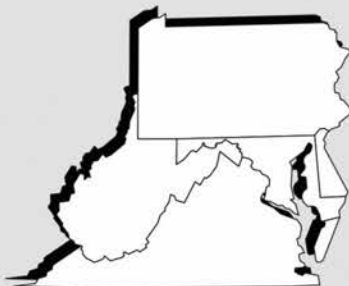
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# Opinion

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## Cheers to Church Mouse

Fifty years of helping people is a rare thing, even among the largest of organizations, but when it's the smallest of enterprises that itself depends on the public for help, it's exceptional.

That's why praise for the Church Mouse Thrift Shop at a short ceremony marking its half-century of service last week in Berlin was unquestionably sincere.

The congratulatory speeches offered just plain heartfelt thanks, instead of the platitudes and routinely issued hurrahs that are often heard at such affairs.

At a time when so many people disagree with each other, often to the extreme, it's comforting to know that good work, selflessly pursued, still means something to just about everyone.

An extension of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the Church Mouse, long under the guidance of early volunteers Annabelle Hastings and Ruth Neville, and for the last 10 years Helen Wiley, grew into more than a successful charity to become a community institution.

That's a spectacular achievement, considering that at one point during its earlier years it operated out of a warehouse with a dirt floor.

In addition to the church, volunteers and the operation's leadership, a good deal of the credit for the Church Mouse's success is the town itself and the residents, merchants and business people who have supported it, bought from it and donated to it since the 1960s.

In that regard, this golden anniversary is a celebration of the community overall. As good a job as the Church Mouse has done, and no matter how much effort its workers put into it, it wouldn't have worked without townwide support.

Congratulate the Church Mouse, and congratulate yourselves for helping it happen.



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## Letters

### Make the effort

Editor,

An excerpt from a letter that ran in the May 26 Gazette read:

"They held the entire Ocean Pines community hostage for three or four years by insisting that Sandpiper Energy pay a franchise fee to the OPA in order to convert the community to natural gas. Ocean Pines has been bypassed and delayed due to bullying behavior by some members of the OPA for no good reason other than stubbornness."

As a Board Member who became involved in this issue, I felt I needed to respond to these allegations of bullying. Fact: In late 2013 ESG [Eastern Shore Gas] approached the OPA to request an extension on their expiring 20-year contract agreement. They were in the process of being purchased by Sandpiper.

An initial problem was that Sandpiper would not acknowledge OPA membership of the right of ways in Ocean Pines. Sandpiper would not agree to meet until mid-2014. In the meantime, the OPA extended the contract several times and was forced into hiring an outside law firm to help craft a draft agreement that would at least begin the transition to natural gas. Tom Terry, Jeff Knepper and Marty Clarke represented the board until August, when I was elected and replaced Jeff. We continued to reach out to Jeff, and he was very gracious in continuing to consult with us. The one thing I found was

that all three directors were of a very like mind, as was I after learning what had transpired. The issue was, as Tom Terry said in a September 2014 OPA press release, "The Board understands the desire of some of our OPA membership for the lower energy costs that have been long promised with the introduction of natural gas. At the same time the board must fully understand how that promise will be met and assure our community has appropriate protections." In the end the board did the exact opposite of bullying by asking Bob Thompson to lead the negotiations with Sandpiper to reach a mutual agreement.

To suggest that hundreds of hours of work put in by four different Directors and the GM was "bullying and stubbornness" is itself as unknowing, uncivil and insulting as any behavior referred to in the article. During this negotiation period Bob Thompson and the board considered the interests of all residents, including those who used electric power or gas from tanks and many switched to lower priced tank propane, saving more than a thousand dollars a year. Bob set an example by negotiating an agreement with Sandpiper to switch to tanked propane at the Sports Core with a reduction in utility expenses, of as much as \$24,000 in a single year. We believe competition was a positive step in bringing the parties together toward solutions.

The idea of a "franchise fee" or "surcharge" to be paid by

Ocean Pines gas customers were suggested as ways of compensating those many residents whose property was going to be used, but would receive no benefit since they would not be connected to the Sandpiper system. The final agreement contains no Ocean Pines specific franchise or surcharge. However, in the final agreement Sandpiper will pay easement fees totaling \$136,000. Other fees payable by Sandpiper included a payment of \$75,000 for OPA legal expenses, \$1,350/month for lease of OPA property and \$450 per month for OPA services to Sandpiper. The total was a little under \$400,000, a substantial benefit to our entire community that resulted directly from extended negotiation.

If that is what we gained, what did OPA members lose by being "bypassed and delayed?" The answer is absolutely nothing! Only one consolidated rate was approved by the PSC [Public Service Commission] and it is the same for everyone on the system, whether they are connected to natural gas or propane. That was true from the beginning and it will continue to be true into the foreseeable future. There was no advantage to those who were converted first.

Public statements and accusations made without facts are harmful to the community as a whole. Even on issues as complicated as natural gas conversion it is possible for OPA members to get the truth if they are willing to make any effort at all to do so.

Dave Stevens, OPA

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# Letters

## Clarifying Stevens comment

Editor,  
If you are going to "set the record straight," do it with factual information.

Director Stevens [in a letter in the May 12 issue of the Gazette] found it necessary to "set the record straight" about the machinations behind the 6-1 vote to extend the contract of the OP General Manager. Unfortunately, he did not use correct information to make his point. During his letter, he said that the letter received from the general manager about renewing his contract should not have been released to the public and then he proceeded to release the information. I totally agree with him that the information being released is in itself a "procedural and ethical violation." It is a personnel and a legal issue, and should have been held in confidence by the members of the board.

So why then did Stevens choose to release the details? Other members only talked in general terms and not in specific language contained in a letter, which was not officially acted upon. This goes against human resources and employee personnel protocol. And to see Stevens reveal that an employee had been "reprimanded," which was done in private, is totally inappropriate and may have put the community in a bind legally. But, we have seen in the past that Mr. Stevens plays by one set of rules and everyone else is supposed

to play by another.

Stevens went on to discount Director Jacobs' assertion that "the vote (6-1) says a lot about the confidence the board has in Bob," and says it is "untrue and self-serving to her point of view." Really? Then why did Stevens vote for it? He tried to say that it was a long, seven-hour meeting and intimated that some directors may have voted because they were tired. Oh well.

We have long meetings routinely because Mr. Stevens has to argue over nothing, so I don't get that point. Besides, the general meeting started at 9 a.m. and was a couple hours. Then, we took a break and all moved to another building where we waited a while for Mr. Collins to stop campaigning, back at the first meeting location, before we could start. Collins eventually arrived and we had discussions, ate lunch and voted, and walked out of there at approximately 1:30 p.m., two-and-a-half hours less than Stevens thought the meeting was. He also said that he had just found out about this closed meeting and the reason for it a few days ahead of time and after he had left for vacation. Sorry, completely untrue.

Back in February, Mr. Herrick made a motion about looking at going to a management company in place of the general manager concept that has been used since the community was formed. His motion was voted down, partially because of the fact that it was in an open

session and should be discussed in closed session, and that it was in the GM's contract that a decision [on his contract] would be made by the end of April, and that we could discuss this proposal further after the April meeting in closed session. So, he actually had two months notice, not a couple of days.

The General Manager had to notify us in writing about his intent to stay on by the end of April. That is exactly what happened. And as far as Mr. Stevens being on vacation, our board schedule is completed in August for the entire year. This was a regularly scheduled meeting. I don't begrudge the guy for going on vacation, but as the former board president, he should have been fully aware that the GM's contract calls for these discussions to be held by the end of April, which means after the April general meeting.

I applaud him for getting up and joining the meeting by phone, as Vegas is a few hours behind us in time, so he started the morning early. Also, he said that there were no other options put on the table. We were in the meeting for almost two hours, so there was plenty of time for anyone to suggest other options, including Mr. Herrick's previous proposal, but there were none. Instead, we concentrated on the letter from the GM.

This letter was a suggestion. Anything in it could have been modified. For some unknown reason, we spent most of our time discussing the vacation carryover. This went back and forth for a long time and no compromise could be agreed to. I didn't know why this was such a big deal, as Bob Thompson hasn't

taken a vacation in years. He is entitled to four weeks a year, but he either uses them or loses them, which he has done every year. Mistery Collins and Herrick insisted they were going to "force him" to take vacation. I didn't understand this and told them that if he doesn't take vacation, that it was his loss and the associations gain, but they insisted they were going to "force him" to take it.

After approximately one-and-a-half hours, we decided that the first thing that should be taken into consideration should be the removal of the bonus from his contract. This removal is what would have given way to the other suggestions. After a brief discussion about this, it was evident that there wasn't going to be a compromise on this either. Someone then made the statement to just extend the contract as is for another three years. Mr. Collins threw his hands up in the air and yelled, "that's a great idea." We looked at each other for a minute or two, and then I made a motion that we do just that and Mr. Collins seconded my motion. The only discussion was Mr. Collins saying, "this contract has been great for him and for the association for 3 years," and Mr. Stevens agreed over the phone, even though the contract has only been in effect for two years. We then voted 6-1 in favor of my motion to extend as is.

Now, I hear that Mr. Collins is saying that he only voted for it because he thought the "majority" wanted it and he wanted to save the community from a drawn out negotiation. Horse manure! He was very exuberant in his approval

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# Aquatics continues to profit, offer activities

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(June 2, 2016) Finding something everybody in Ocean Pines can agree on can be tricky.

One notion that's nearly universal, however, is the widespread praise for the aquatics amenity, which has consistently shown positive numbers and won rave reviews from nearly all of the homeowners.

The most recent monthly financial report shows an improvement of more than \$150,000 in revenues over last year, and profits of more than \$30,000. Those are startling numbers when compared to the association's other major amenities such as golf and the yacht clubs.

Aquatics Director Colby Phillips, who came on in 2014, credits her team with the improvement.

"We work very well together, and I have a lot of motivated people around me," she said. "I have a very supportive boss who allows me to use the ideas I come up with, and we've really gotten an outreach to the public. We've also been very verbal on social media, which has been huge for us. A lot of people didn't even know where we were before."

Word of mouth and a slew of new programs has also helped the cause, from more swimming lessons and water exercise programs, to the new

junior lifeguard program, which offers certifications for youth.

"We're really just trying to reach all age groups and get the word out there," Phillips said. "But I definitely give all the credit to the team around me, and a very supportive boss."

More than 200 children have already participated in the junior lifeguard program, and Phillips said a third level of training would be added this summer.

"My aquatics supervisor, Kathleen Cook, came up with an officer program, which is completely different from what we've done," Phillips said. "The kids coming back for the third time will actually be officers this year."

Phillips said aquatics has expanded the swim lessons and are now targeting children with working parents.

"We have 10 WSI (water safety instructors) on staff, so we have very qualified swim instructors," she said. "That's the highest level of certification. Anyone can teach lessons, but they actually went through certification."

The pools also offer "mermaid" parties, both public and private, and open



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Ocean Pines Aquatics has earned rave reviews for producing an impressive financial turnaround. The amenity is also offering a slew of new and expanded programs this summer. Pictured, from left, are aquatics staff Rich Rafer, Colby Phillips, Katie Bear and Stephanie Smith.

to children and adults, where swimmers can wear removable tails and simulate swimming like mermaid.

Private parties of all kinds can also be booked at the Mumford's Landing pool on Yacht Club Drive.

The Sports Core pool, on Cathell Road, will close on Monday, July 11 and undergo extensive renovations over the summer. The scheduled reopening is Sept. 12.

Improvements there include a two-foot shallow end, with entry stairs, Diamond Brite resurfacing of the inside surface of the pool, resurfacing of the entire deck, and a new slide.

"It's getting quite a facelift. It's going to be really, really nice," Phillips said. "The original goal was to close in the winter, but we're so busy in the winter time ... we picked the two hottest months of the year where we'll have four outdoor pools still open and people can still enjoy swimming."

The offices at the Sports Core pool will remain open, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week to take registration for classes and other activities, as well as to answer questions.

"I really appreciate the support of the Ocean Pines community and the public," Phillips said. "We've had a lot of support, and I thank everybody for coming out to our events and enjoying it, and for giving us the feedback to help us improve where we need to. The goal is always to keep moving forward."

For more information on Ocean Pines Aquatics, call 410-641-5255, visit [www.oceanpines.org](http://www.oceanpines.org) or search "Ocean Pines Aquatics" on Facebook.

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of the suggestion and his seconding of the motion. And negotiations are done in private, so the residents wouldn't have known about it anyway.

And about the "majority" wanting the renewal, I personally would have gone with the GM's suggestions and modified them, and apparently Ms. Jacobs had the same idea, so I have no idea what "majority" he is speaking of. My personal belief is that some felt that because the general manager proposed it, they felt there had to be something wrong with it but they couldn't figure out what was wrong, so they figured they were safer going with the known.

Then, in the same paper Mr. Collins writes reasons for why he is running again for the board. That is his right, but what occurred leading up to this is very concerning. Mr. Collins was the board liaison to the search committee. These volunteers work hard for months trying to find qualified candidates to run for the board. They keep information confidential about who they have contacted and who has decided to run for the board, so everyone is on equal ground going in. Collins was told months ago that he needed to remove himself from the committee if he was going to run for the board, like Terri Mohr did a couple years ago when she knew she was going to run. Collins did not remove himself, and was therefore privileged to the confidential information of the committee and the names of who had filed to run and who his competition would be before deciding whether to run or not. I understand he was also sharing this information with another potential candidate, Slobodan Trendic. These actions were totally unethical and inappropriate.

He clearly just stuck a finger in the eye of every one of the committee members, who worked so hard to get us the 12 candidates who filed to run. If I was one of the candidates, I would be furious that Collins used his position as a director to give him and Trendic an unfair advantage. I'm sure Mr. Collins will say that he didn't make up his mind until the last minute, but anyone who has been paying attention has heard Collins make his campaign speech every meeting for the last year. But quite frankly, knowing those involved, I am not at all surprised.

Bill Cordwell, OPA



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# Ocean Pines Youth Theater presents 'Salem's Daughter'

(June 2, 2016) Under the direction of Paulette DeRosa-Matrona, the Ocean Pines Youth Theater presents performances of "Salem's Daughter," June 7-8.

Written by Craig Sodaro, this gripping drama is a tale of suspense that draws the audience in and doesn't let go until the unforgettable climax. The shows are on stage at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 10301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, at 7 p.m., with doors opening at 6 p.m.

The \$10 cost of admission (\$5 for students) also includes a variety of desserts. All proceeds will benefit the Mastocytosis Society, an organization dedicated to the treatment, care, and support of those affected by the blood disorder, mastocytosis.

For more information, call 410-251-1402.

# Pines Chamber to celebrate 40th anniversary June 9

(June 2, 2016) The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce commemorates 40 years of serving the businesses in the Ocean Pines area. An anniversary celebration will be held on Thursday, June 9 from 5-7 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club, with food, live music by Troy Mawyer, and the organization will be recognizing members.

For more information, contact the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce at 410-641-5306.

# Rec and parks hosts June bus trips

### Pines offerings include visit to Camden Yards, Nationals Park and to New York City

(June 2, 2016) Hit the road with one of the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department's bus trips scheduled in June.

On Sunday, June 5, watch the Baltimore Orioles take on the New York Yankees at Camden Yards. The bus will leave Ocean Pines at 8 a.m. and arrive in Baltimore before the 1:35 p.m. game time to allow time for lunch or sightseeing. The cost is \$75 per person, which includes transportation and game ticket.

Nationals fans can head to Nationals Park and watch their team play the Philadelphia Phillies on Saturday, June 11. The bus will depart Ocean Pines at 8 a.m. and arrive in Washington before the 12:05 p.m. game time. The cost of the trip, which includes transportation and game ticket, is \$80 per person.

On Saturday, June 18, ride with Ocean Pines to Manhattan and enjoy springtime in the big city. Spend the day shopping, taking in a show or sightseeing. The bus will arrive in New York at approximately 10:30 a.m. and depart at 6 p.m. and will make stops for breakfast and dinner along the way. The fee is \$80 per per-

son, which includes the cost of transportation only.

The buses for these trips, which are open to the public, will depart from the Ocean Pines Community Center, located at 235 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines. Reservations are required. Refunds will not be issued for cancellations unless vacant seats can be filled.

For more information or to register, call the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052. Information regarding additional recreational programs, including an online version of the Ocean Pines Activity Guide, is available at [OceanPines.org](http://OceanPines.org).



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# Berlin Little League play: week 8

Offensive explosions mark several local baseball and softball games, last week

(June 2, 2016) Last weekend, Berlin Little Leaguers continued into their eighth week of the season, including a slew of baseball and softball games.

## Major League Baseball

### National 6 Royals 0

The Nationals jumped out to an early lead, scoring six runs during the first three innings to pull out an easy victory over the Royals, last Thursday.

A two-run double by Brooks Kendall and a groundout by Jack Quisgard during the first inning sparked the Nationals' offense early. Kendall went three-for-three in the game.

Pitcher Kellen Catrino put together a nice outing, holding the Royals to just one hit, walking none and striking out five in three innings of work. Adam Gardner took the loss, lasting just one inning after allowing three runs, striking out one.

The Nationals added three more runs in the top of the third, including a two-RBI single by Quisgard.

### Nationals 11 Orioles 3

The Nationals beat the Orioles 11-3 Tuesday behind both the bat and the arm of Brooks Kendall. Kendall racked up three RBIs on three hits, including singles in the first and third, and a double in the fifth inning. He also dominated on the mound, giving up just one hit, allowing no runs and walking none over 2 1/3 innings.

A close game broke open during the fifth inning, when the Nationals sent six runners across the plate. Kendall and Marqui Henry both hit two-run doubles, and Ashton Selzer added an RBI single.

Kellen Catrino came on in relief for the Nats, earning the win, allowing two runs in 2 2/3 innings, strik-

ing out six, walking none and giving up three hits. Logan Tapman ended up with the loss for the Orioles, turning in 3 2/3 innings, walking four, striking out nine and allowing five runs. Tapman did help his cause at the plate, however, blasting a two-run homer in the top of the first. Owen Knerr doubled and scored in the inning.

### Tigers 9 Blue Jays 7

The Blue Jays took an early 2-0 lead in the first inning, but the Tigers scored seven runs in the 2nd inning and never looked back, winning the game 9-7.

Logan Intrieri and Ashten Snelsire both scored twice in the loss. Snelsire had two doubles and Intrieri reached base three times. Jacob Mongelli also singled and scored in the fourth inning, thanks to a double off the bat of Andrew Schuler.

Tigers' relief pitcher Evan Truitt struck out seven of the last 10 batters to preserve the victory. Leading the way on offense was Trevor Short, who hit a bases-clearing double in the second. Ryder Valdez added a double, and Evan Truitt and Aydin Rodgers also contributed hits in the win.

### Tigers 8 Royals 7

Balls were jumping off the bats of both teams during one of the first warm nights of the season, as the Tigers and Royals both put on shows at the plate. Zach Powers lived up to his name, hitting a monster home-run for the Tigers, not to be outdone by Luke Scott, who crushed one over the fence for the Royals. Gus Croll (Tigers) and Adam Gardner (Royals) both doubled during the game.

Tigers' pitcher Ryan McLaughlin earned the win, throwing four innings and giving up just two hits while striking out seven. Powers reeled in the save, striking out two during the final inning. Royals' hurler Scott also pitched well, recording seven strikeouts in just 2 2/3 innings in the loss.

## Major League Softball

### Hurricanes 19 Williards 8

The Hurricanes stormed through their latest opponent thanks to seven strong innings by pitcher Abby Wesche, who struck out 15 while adding a single and two runs scored at the plate. Stellar defensive plays were made by Zoe Rayne and Amaya Dischinger at crucial times to keep the lead intact.

Other standouts for the Hurricanes included Morgan Echols (homerun, three RBIs), Kylie Boston (three runs), Zoe Rayne (three runs), Jessica Beck (two hits, two runs), Hanna Zjadel (three runs) and Rachel Perez and Madison Geppi (one run, each).

### Razorbacks 4 Hurricanes 3

As always with these two teams, this game was close up until the end, with the Razorbacks narrowly pulling ahead in the top of the seventh and holding on for a one-run win.

Razorbacks' starter Jess Delisi lock horns with Hurricanes hurler Abby Wesche throughout the game, both pitchers turning in stellar performances with both having plenty of help from their respective defenses. Going into the top of the seventh, the score was knotted at 2-2. The Razorbacks scored two runs, and the Hurricanes would have their chance in the bottom of the inning as the home team.

With a two-run cushion, Delisi struck out the first batter, Madison Geppi, and got the second one, Sarah Smith, to pop up. Wesche then walked and stole two bases, and Amaya Dischinger laced a double to score a run, leaving a runner on second with two outs and just a one-run deficit. Delisi rebounded, however, and the game ended with Jessica Beck hitting a grounder to short.

Wesche scored two of the three runs in the loss, while Kylie Boston contributed the other.

# Law enforcement to take part in annual torch run

(June 2, 2016) Law enforcement officers representing all of Worcester County will be on the run on Monday, June 6 at 8 a.m., taking part in the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run Relay for Special Olympics Maryland.

Their mission is to escort and protect the Special Olympics "Flame of Hope" as it makes its way toward the opening of the 43rd anniversary Summer Games at Towson University, June 10-12.

The Maryland Torch Run is a fundraising movement that began in 1986 with a handful of officers raising \$5,000, and has grown into a true year-round effort that involves thousands of officers and sponsors raising millions annually.

Since its inception, those involved with the Torch Run have taken very seriously their role as "Guardians of the Flame" and the relay is an important and celebrated part of every Special Olympics competition. Without the funds raised by those dedicated to the Torch Run efforts across this state, and across the world, Special Olympics would not be able to provide the inspiring opportunities that they do for the incredible athletes.

The schedule for Ocean City/Worcester County's portion of the Torch Run is as follows (all times are approximate and subject to change):

**Monday, June 6:**  
**8-8:30 a.m.:** Pre-event ceremonies, 27th Street and the Boardwalk  
**8:30 a.m.:** Torch Run Relay begins. Run will proceed from 27th Street to N. Division Street

**9:15-9:30 a.m.:** Run concludes at N. Division Street with photo opportunity and refreshment.

Participants will then take a bus to downtown Berlin for the second leg of the Relay.

**10-10:15 a.m.:** Meet at Worcester Preparatory School for Pre-Run Pep Rally

**10:15 a.m.:** Begin second leg through downtown Berlin

**10:45-11 a.m.:** Conclude second leg at Berlin Fire Department (approximately 1 mile run)

More refreshments and photo opportunities to follow run

This local portion of the Torch Run Relay is part of a much larger effort. Statewide, the Maryland Torch Run Relay consists of four different legs – Eastern, Western, Central and Southern – and throughout the entire week, thousands of Torch Run volunteers will cover hundreds of miles, eventually converging on Towson where the individual flames will be united in the Final Leg Ceremony and then officers from around the state will travel the final 2.5 miles to the Opening Ceremony at Towson University.

It is there that the flame is handed off to the Special Olympics athletes who have the honor of taking the final lap with the torch and then lighting the cauldron and officially declaring the 2016 SOMD Summer Games open.

For more information, contact Sgt. Dennis G. Eade, Ocean City Police Department, 410-520-5309.

# Mid-Atlantic Wild West Fest returns

Two-day annual event will feature reenactments and cowboy contests, June 4-5

(June 2, 2016) Presented in partnership with Rockin' R Western Productions, Frontier Town invites residents and visitors of Delmarva to attend the fourth annual Mid-Atlantic Wild West Fest and second annual Frontier Days Celebration this Saturday and Sunday.

This special two-day western festi-

val will be jam-packed with authentic 1880s Western shows and cowboy camp reenactments, cowboy mounted shooting, a Quick Draw competition, Chuck Wagon cooking, pig roast, Native American dancing, Can Can shows, steam train and stage coach rides, Golden Nugget Saloon cowboy poetry open mic and Western musical entertainment.

Concessions and souvenirs will be available for purchase.

Activities will take place Saturday, June 4, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sun-

day, June 5, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Frontier Town Western Theme Park, located four miles south of Route 50, on Route 611 (8428 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, Maryland 21811).

Admission is \$14 for guests age 11 and older; \$12 for ages 4-10; children ages 3 and under get in free as do registered campers. A two-night minimum stay between June 3-6, at Frontier Town or Fort Whaley is required to receive free admission.

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June 7: Jim Hogsett, noon to 3 p.m.; Coastal Patrol, 4-8 p.m.  
June 8: Monkee Paw Duo, noon to 3 p.m.; Chris Button & Joe Mama, 4-8 p.m.  
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June 6: DJ BK, DJ RobCee, Dale and the Dubs

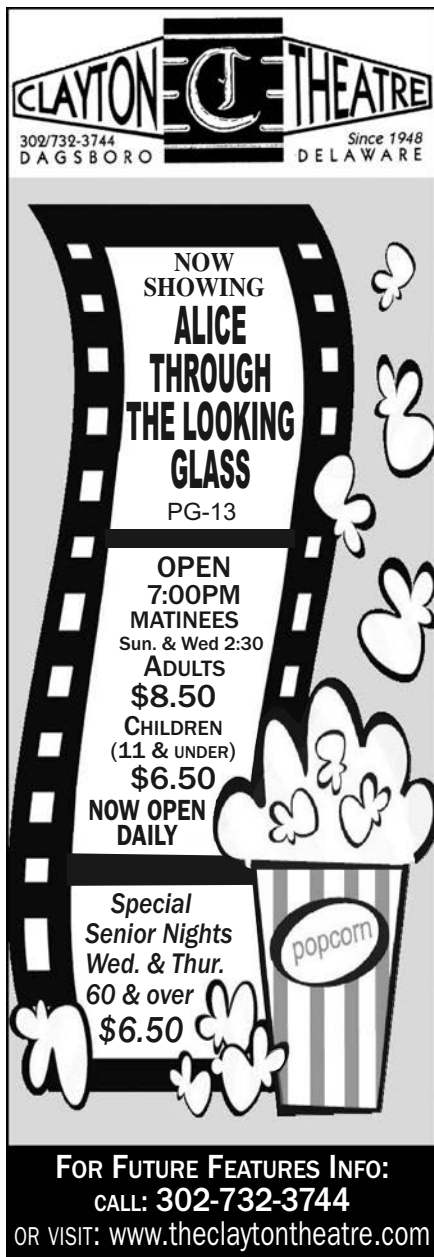
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# Cuisine

## Smarter chefs, better food – start reading

It seems an eternity since I was a high school teacher. While I still hold many fond memories of teaching



By Paul Suplee,  
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at that level, I much prefer being at the college level, where more of my students are further-intrigued about the craft of cooking. Plainly put, I can get some of them to actually read a

book.

I recommend books as they are invaluable tools in the expansion of our tiny minds, and while we do have the luxury of computer-assisted information gathering, it is much better to develop critical thinking skills that separate us from beast.

There are so many exciting things happening in food and I look forward to reading, picking people's brains and otherwise never stopping my own education. When I was helping with the AGH Gala for Liquid Assets last week, I was fortunate enough to cook with Nino and Toby (LA and Gilbert's Provisions, respectively). It was refreshing to work with chefs again who most likely have their nose buried in a book at least a few times a month as was evident from our many conversations over the two-day period.

I was neither reader nor scholastic in any measure throughout my first two years of college. It wasn't until I was in my 11th month in the Marines that I realized that reading could be a good thing to do, so I read "War and Peace," followed by "Les Misérables," and I haven't stopped since.

Fast-forward 10 years, when I stumbled upon an exercise that helps any anti-readers to immerse themselves into a topic of interest. The idea is to read 15 minutes a day, no more and no less, topic-specific for two months. It is stunning to see the difference. Needless to say, I have walls covered with books about this stuff and I'm always buying new ones.

One such book is "The Perfectionist," a story about Bernard Louiseau, a critically-acclaimed French chef who was considered the father of Nouvelle Cuisine. As I read the book as a high school teacher, I found a tip for making garlic puree that is absolutely stunning.

When lunch-hour approached, I made the garlic puree to check the



book's verity. The description was spot-on and eating the garlic was like eating candy. It was sweet and delicious, and I ate spoons-full. I ate so much that no one would come near me for the rest of the day. Garlic oozed out of my pores until the morning.

Which brings me to my next point: Perhaps I am no smarter than I was in high school. Or maybe that's the difference between knowledge and wisdom. Either way, I know how to make this garlicky nectar, and no one can take that away from me.

### Summer Luncheon Platter

*enough for 20 sliders*

#### Shrimp Salad

*Makes 3 pounds*

2 pounds large shrimp  
1 cup Mayonnaise  
2 Tbsp. (or more) Old Bay seasoning  
1/2 cup finely minced celery  
2 Tbsp. Lemon juice

1. Steam or boil shrimp until just barely cooked through (but make sure they're cooked ... I just don't want them rubbery)

2. Chill shrimp and then combine everything. Adjust seasonings and keep refrigerated until go-time

3. Serve with grilled veggies, some brioche and some raspberry-limeade, iced tea or lemonade

#### Grilled & Chilled Veggies

*Makes a good bunch*

3 Portobello mushrooms  
1 Yellow squash  
1 Zucchini  
1 pint Grape tomatoes  
3 complete onion slices (think rings)  
1/4 cup Garlic puree (recipe follows)  
1/2 cup EV Olive oil  
1 cup Balsamic vinegar  
Salt and pepper to taste

1. Remove stem from mushrooms and using a spoon, scrape out the dark gills

2. Slice in one-inch wide strips

3. Cut the ends off the squash and zucchini and slice lengthwise

4. Heat a sauté pan on the stove top with one tablespoon of the olive oil and heat a grill

5. While the pan is heating up, toss the vegetables except the tomatoes in the remaining oil

6. When the pan is smoking hot, add the tomatoes and blister for about a minute and a half. Remove and refrigerate immediately

7. When the grill is hot, grill the vegetables until they are al dente, or until they still have a little bite to them

8. Remove immediately and refrigerate. The carryover cooking will finish the job for you

9. When everything is cooled, toss in the balsamic vinegar and season to taste. This is such a simple recipe but it is guaranteed to satisfy!

#### Garlic Puree

*makes about 2 cups*

2 cups Peeled garlic cloves  
water, as needed  
Milk, as needed  
Salt, to taste

1. Place the garlic cloves in a saucepan so that the garlic is in at least a couple layers, so a one-quart pan should be fine

2. Cover with cold water and bring to a boil

3. Immediately drain and repeat step two

4. Do this a total of six times, or until the garlic is incredibly soft, and then strain one last time

5. Place in a blender and add just enough milk to create a puree

6. Salt to taste and enjoy ... but not too much

#### Brioche Rolls

*Enough for 30 sliders*

1. And here's the cheat. Find a local baker who can make these for you, or shop around at existing places. Just find one that's high quality and whose sweetness would complement the salty shrimp salad

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### Answers to last week's puzzles

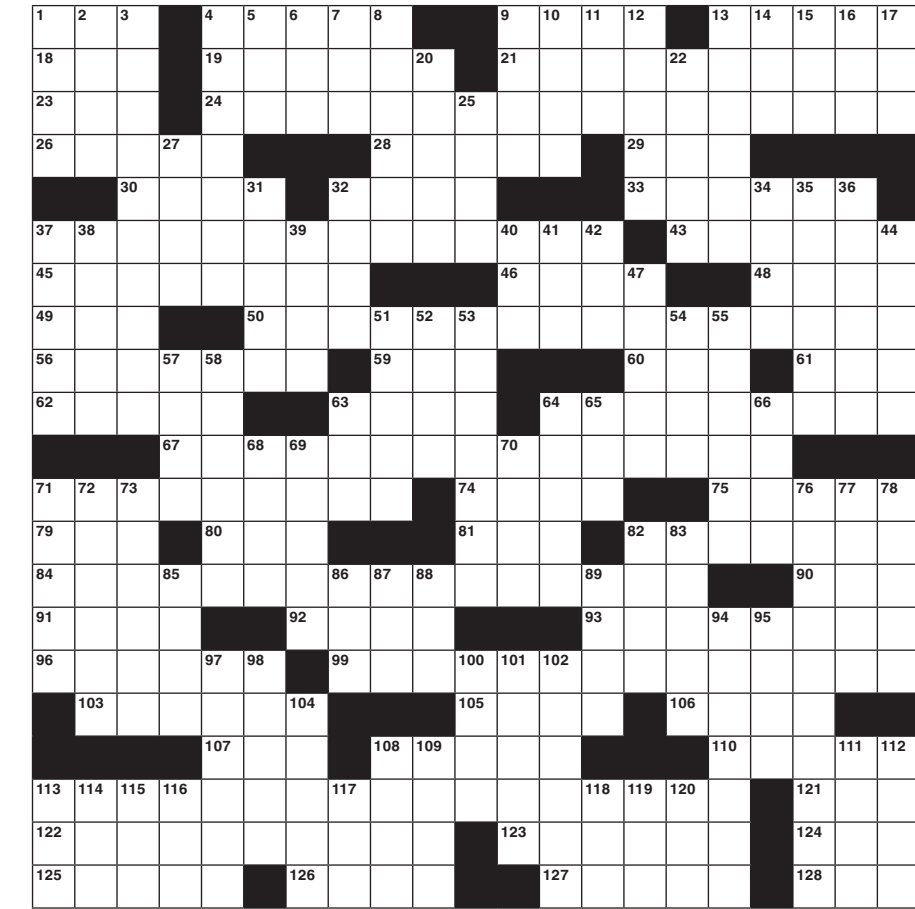
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### BEST-PICTURE ADAPTATIONS

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| <p><b>ACROSS</b></p> <p>1 2013 Best Picture nominee in which a main character isn't human</p> <p>4 Airplane part</p> <p>9 "Hairspray" mom usually played by a man</p> <p>13 Leg presses work them</p> <p>18 60 minuti</p> <p>19 Successors to Cutlasses</p> <p>21 Best Picture adaptation about ... a search for the perfect brew, with "The"?</p> <p>23 Disney Channel's "___ and Maddie"</p> <p>24 ... inaudible metrical poetry, with "The"?</p> <p>26 Northeast Corridor train</p> <p>28 Like groaners</p> <p>29 River islet</p> <p>30 1988 chart-topping country album</p> <p>32 Game for bankers?</p> <p>33 Psychedelic</p> <p>37 ... a fat Eastern monarch?</p> <p>43 One in a no-blinking contest</p> <p>45 Second draft</p> <p>46 Neighbor</p> <p>48 Extended rental?</p> <p>49 Sea urchin, at a sushi bar</p> | <p>50 ... fools accompanying a pack of wild animals?</p> <p>56 King's handful</p> <p>59 Chance occurrence, old-style</p> <p>60 Bad sound in a changing room</p> <p>61 Vegas-to-Denver dir.</p> <p>62 Part of a city network</p> <p>63 "Relax"</p> <p>64 Reusable part of a common thank-you gift</p> <p>67 ... a reed and percussion duet?</p> <p>71 Group standing at the U.N.</p> <p>74 Treat with a "Golden" variety</p> <p>75 They rank below marquises</p> <p>79 Words before and after "what"</p> <p>80 O.T. book before Jeremiah</p> <p>81 Chorus line?</p> <p>82 Obstacle in road repairs, maybe</p> <p>84 ... an éclair or crème brûlée, with "The"?</p> <p>90 Previously</p> <p>91 Spork part</p> <p>92 Daughter in E. M. Forster's "Howards End"</p> <p>93 Neighbor of Irkutsk on a Risk board</p> <p>96 Badger</p> <p>99 ... gorgeous fur?</p> <p>103 Shred</p> <p>105 Lit ___</p> <p>106 Safari sight?</p> <p>107 Singer DiFranco</p> | <p>108 Like a portrait that seems to be watching you</p> <p>110 Winnower</p> <p>113 ... cooties from hugs and kisses?</p> <p>121 Blender setting</p> <p>122 ... a salon woman I go to?</p> <p>123 Tush</p> <p>124 Set of anecdotes</p> <p>125 A while, in hyperbole</p> <p>126 Olympian with a bow</p> <p>127 Jet similar to a 747</p> <p>128 Benedictine title</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>DOWN</b></p> <p>1 Chihuahua greeting</p> <p>2 Country singer Church</p> <p>3 * * * *</p> <p>4 Honeydew cousins</p> <p>5 U.S. women's soccer star Krieger</p> <p>6 Volume measure</p> <p>7 Cause of boiling over</p> <p>8 Sarge, e.g.</p> <p>9 Jet</p> <p>10 Stand up to</p> <p>11 Bit of safari equipment</p> <p>12 Enlightened Buddhist</p> <p>13 "Enough is enough!"</p> <p>14 "___ voce poco fa" (Rossini aria)</p> <p>15 PIN point</p> <p>16 One having a ball?</p> <p>17 G.R.E. takers: Abbr.</p> <p>20 Ice-cream order</p> <p>22 Juniors, maybe</p> <p>25 Writer ___ Stanley Gardner</p> <p>27 1880s-'90s veep ___ P. Morton</p> | <p>31 Step ___</p> <p>32 Half of a Vegas show duo</p> <p>34 Shroud</p> <p>35 ___ Drive (street where Harry Potter grew up)</p> <p>36 Dweller along the Mandeb Strait</p> <p>37 Bridge support</p> <p>38 "As such ..."</p> <p>39 College-campus offering</p> <p>40 Like carpaccio or crudités</p> <p>41 Geisha's accessory</p> <p>42 Metaphorical low point</p> <p>44 Physicist Nathan who postulated wormholes</p> <p>47 Attempt at a dunk tank</p> <p>51 Spiced teas</p> <p>52 The White House's ___ Room</p> <p>53 Peeping Tom's spot</p> <p>54 Modern encyclopedia platform</p> <p>55 Muses</p> <p>57 Simon of the "Mission: Impossible" films</p> <p>58 It circles the globe</p> <p>63 Merino mother</p> <p>64 Stethoscope's place</p> <p>65 War on Poverty agcy.</p> <p>66 Main ingredient in queso relleno</p> <p>68 Bite</p> <p>69 Like candied apples</p> <p>70 Gillette razor name</p> <p>71 Liquor purchase</p> <p>72 Ring around the collar?</p> |
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| <p>73 Chief Theban god</p> <p>76 Hightailed it</p> <p>77 Peaceful protest</p> <p>78 Apt anagram of SNAKE</p> <p>82 Slip</p> <p>83 Quash</p> <p>85 Peachy</p> <p>86 Things zygotes come from</p> <p>87 Pen point</p> | <p>88 Commission, e.g.</p> <p>89 "You're stuck with me"</p> <p>94 What stars do</p> <p>95 Hilton alternative</p> <p>97 Equilibrium</p> <p>98 Sancho Panza, e.g.</p> <p>100 About 3/4 of a football field</p> <p>101 ___ Heep (Dickens villain)</p> | <p>102 Like some sponsorship packages</p> <p>104 One taking a long shot?</p> <p>108 Prefix with spore</p> <p>109 "Slow Churned" brand</p> <p>111 Antipasto pairing</p> <p>112 Reason for a class struggle?</p> | <p>113 TV inits. since 1975</p> <p>114 Photographer's asset</p> <p>115 Certain fraternity chapter</p> <p>116 "Wowie!"</p> <p>117 Musician's asset</p> <p>118 Lapel attachment</p> <p>119 Suffix with substiv</p> <p>120 Never, in Nikolaus</p> |
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## THURS., JUN. 2

### RAVENS BEACH BASH

Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel, 10100 Coastal Highway in Ocean City, MD, All Day  
Fans join Ravens players, coaches, cheerleaders, Playmakers, Poe, talent from 98Rock and Miller Lite as they turn Ocean City into Ravenstown for the weekend. Purchase tickets to the tailgate party held at the Clarion by calling 410-524-3535 or by visiting <https://clarionoc.com/ravens-beach-bash-tailgate-party/>.  
*Mark Elman, melman@clarionoc.com, 410-390-4008, http://www.clarionoc.com*

### COASTAL HOSPICE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 11 a.m.  
Free and open to anyone who has lost a loved one, not just Coastal Hospice families.  
*410-251-8163*

### NEW ASSATEAGUE STAMP FIRST-DAY-OF-ISSUE CEREMONY

Assateague Island Visitor Center, 11800 Marsh View Lane, Berlin, MD, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
The Postal Service's live unveiling of a new stamp honoring the Assateague Island National Seashore, one of 16 stamps to celebrate the National Park Service's 100th anniversary. Free and open to the public.  
*http://about.usps.com/news/national-releases/2016/pr16\_017.htm*

### FREE SEMINAR

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 1 to 2 p.m.  
Dr. Sara Moghaddam, a dermatologist at Atlantic General Hospital, will discuss how to achieve younger-looking, healthy skin regardless of age. Advance registration is required.  
*Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, 410-641-7052*

### STEP BY STEP GUIDE TO YOUNGER LOOKING SKIN

Ocean Pines Community Center, Assateague Room, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 1 to 2 p.m.  
Free community presentation by Dr. Sara Moghaddam, Board Certified Dermatologist from Atlantic General Dermatology. Reservations are recommended.  
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### FARMER'S MARKET

Urban Nectar, 10019 Old Ocean City Boulevard, Berlin, 3 to 6 p.m.  
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### BEACH SINGLES

Clarion Hotel, 10100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 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*

### FIRST SUMMER KICKOFF FOR DIAKONIA

Teasers Dock Bar at Sunset Grille, 12933 Sunset Ave, West Ocean City, MD, 6 p.m.  
Live music and raffles. Tickets cost \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door and include two Crushes and complimentary hors d'oeuvres. Proceeds benefit Diakonia.  
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### 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. Open to the public.  
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### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO

Columbus Hall (behind St. Luke's Church), 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 6:30 p.m.  
Doors open at 5 p.m. and games begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments for sale.  
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## SAT., JUN. 4

### 20TH ANNUAL MAKO MANIA TOURNAMENT

Bahia Marina, 2107 Herring Way, Ocean City, MD, weigh-ins 3:30-7:30 p.m.  
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### ANNUAL GARDEN TOUR REGISTRATION DEADLINE

The Ocean Pines Garden Club will hold its annual garden tour, "Hats Off to Our Gardens," on June 9. The tour is held from 9 a.m. to noon. A luncheon will follow at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 for tour only and \$30 for luncheon and tour. Register for the luncheon by June 4.  
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### RAVENS BEACH BASH

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Fans join Ravens players, coaches, cheerleaders, Playmakers, Poe, talent from 98Rock and Miller Lite as they turn Ocean City into Ravenstown for the weekend. Anyone can purchase tickets to the tailgate party that is being held at the Clarion by calling the hotel reservations department at 410-524-3535 or by visiting <https://clarionoc.com/ravens-beach-bash-tailgate-party/>.  
*Mark Elman, melman@clarionoc.com, 410-390-4008, http://www.clarionoc.com*

### CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

Ocean City Presbyterian Church, 1301 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Church rummage sale.

### INDOOR MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE

Ocean City Vol. Fire Co. Station 5, 10124 Keyser Point Road, West Ocean City, MD, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Donate gently used items to the Auxiliary or rent a table for \$10. There will be 50/50 raffle, baked goods, refreshments, Auxiliary Cookbooks and more. Proceeds benefit the Firefighters, Fire Cadet Program and Scholarships.  
Rent tables: Denise, 443-359-2014 or *Jessica, 410-251-7224*

### 2ND ANNUAL PURPLE PLUNGE

Ocean City Beach at 18th Street, 1800 N. Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City, MD, 8 a.m.  
Plungers should arrive at 7:45 a.m. Plunge at 8:15 a.m. All plungers will run under an arch created by 18 Ravens Cheerleaders. The Baltimore Ravens Mascot Poe will also be on site. For a donation of \$10, plungers receive a purple rally towel. For a donation of \$35, receive a beach towel with the Purple Plunge logo. For a donation of \$50, receive a T-shirt with the logo. These local restaurants are participating by collecting donations: CrabCafe Factory, Cork Bar, Hooters on the Boardwalk, Shenanigan's, Mahia's, Pepper's, Green Turtle and The Crab Bag. Benefits the Lower Shore Maryland Special Olympics groups. For more information and pledge forms, visit [www.chamberofravensnests.com](http://www.chamberofravensnests.com). To make a donation or register:  
*http://www.plungetrainingmd.com*

### FARMERS MARKET

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

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

VFW, Post 8296, 104 66th St., Ocean City, MD, 8 to 11 a.m.  
A \$6 donation for all-you-can-eat pancakes or 2-2-2, two eggs, two pancakes and two bacon slices.  
*410-524-8196*

### 4TH MID-ATLANTIC WILD WEST FEST & 2ND ANNUAL FRONTIER DAYS CELEBRATION

Frontier Town Western Theme Park, 8428

Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, MD, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Western festival will feature authentic 1880s western shows and cowboy camp reenactments, cowboy mounted shooting, a quick draw competition, chuck wagon cooking, pig roast, Native American dancing, Can Can shows, steam train and stage coach rides, Golden Nugget Saloon Cowboy Poetry Open Mic, Western musical entertainment and more. Concessions and souvenirs will be available. Admission costs are \$14 for adults, \$12 for children ages 4-10 years and free for children 3 years and younger and registered campers.  
*800-228-5590*

### BALTIMORE RAVENS ROOSTS ANNUAL PARADE

Baltimore Avenue from 19th Street to 26th Street, Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Annual parade showcasing more than 50 member roosts from Maryland, Delaware and Pennsylvania, as they show pride for the Baltimore Ravens. Players cheerleaders, mascots, bands, flats and more. The Ravens Roosts Headquarters is located at the Castle in the Sand Hotel, 3701 Atlantic Ave., Ocean City.  
*Sue Draper, sdraper65@verizon.net, 443-618-5130, http://www.councilrr.com*

### 7TH ANNUAL FAGER'S ISLAND SURF SWAP AND PADDLE BOARD EVENT

Fager's Island Restaurant, 201 60th St., Ocean City, MD, 9 a.m.  
The paddleboard event starts with two SUP races beginning at 9 a.m. Consisting of a 5-mile ELITE race and a 2.5-mile recreational race. Cash prizes awarded for the ELITE race. A children's race begins at noon. The cost is \$10 and boards will be provided. June Jam will begin at noon and includes adult tastings from RAR Brewery and Hoop Tea. A buffet of tacos and fajitas will accompany the tastings. Cost for food and drink is \$25 and can be purchased at [www.fagers.ticketleap.com](http://www.fagers.ticketleap.com). Entertainment by Higher Education. South Point Oyster Farm will be selling fresh oysters from Chincoteague Bay for \$1 each to be donated to the Maryland Coastal Bays Program. Partial proceeds from the entire event will be donated to the MCBP program.  
*Sandi, 410-213-2297, Ext. 106*

## SUN., JUN. 5

### 20TH ANNUAL MAKO MANIA TOURNAMENT

Bahia Marina, 2107 Herring Way, Ocean City, MD, weigh-ins 3:30-7:30 p.m.  
For more information, call  
*Bahia Marina, fish@bahiamarina.com, 410-289-7438, http://www.bahiamarina.com*

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800-228-5590

## 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

## 'WE GO TOGETHER' PERFORMANCE

Ocean Pines Yacht Club Ballroom, 1 Mumfords Landing Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 1 p.m. The Pointe Youth Dance Theatre will host a medley of treats, cupcakes, cookies and more as attendees enjoy a performance of Broadway musical favorites. Tickets cost \$20 for adults and children 4 years and older and includes performance, desserts, coffee, tea and lemonade. Cash bar available. Reservations recommended

Shelly Olafsson, 209-277-0001

## OC CRUZERS CAR SHOW & MUSIC

Somerset Street Plaza, Somerset Street, Ocean City, MD, 2:30 to 6:30 p.m.

OC Cruzers will display approximately 15 vehicles. The owners will be on hand to supervise and educate spectators about their older cars. Live music or DJ begins at 3 p.m.

410-289-7739

## OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Group is a 12-step program for anyone struggling with a compulsive eating problem. No initial meeting charge. Meeting contribution is \$1 weekly.

Bett, 410-202-9078

## GOSPEL CONCERT

St. Matthews By-The-Sea UMC, 1000 Coastal Highway, Fenwick Island, DE, 7 p.m. Featuring "Joy with her 8 Harps." Free and open to the public. A love offering will be taken for the artists. Info: Rita Williams, 302-436-1562 or [St.MatthewsChurch@stmatthews.org](mailto:St.MatthewsChurch@stmatthews.org)

## OC BEACH LIGHTS

N. Division Street and Beach, Ocean City,

MD, 9:30 p.m.

Lasers, lights, fireworks, music, special effect and more. Show times: 9:30 p.m., 10 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Free event.

800-626-2326, <http://ocbeachlights.com>

## MON., JUN. 6

### CPAP MASK FITTING

Atlantic General Hospital Sleep Disorders Diagnostic Center, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, All Day

Free, monthly mask fitting clinic for patients who are having trouble adjusting to their CPAP equipment. By appointment only: Robin Rohlfing, 410-641-9726

### LINE DANCING

Urban Nectar, 10019 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, MD, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Lessons and dancing. Cost is \$8 per person. BYOB.

Sandy, 443-340-0988

### HYPERTENSION CLINIC

Apple Discount Drugs, 314 Franklin Ave., Berlin, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place the first Monday of every month. Free blood pressure screening and health information.

Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268

### HYPERTENSION CLINIC

Walgreens, 11310 Manklin Creek Rd., Ocean Pines, MD, 1 to 3 p.m.

Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place the first Monday of every month. Free blood pressure screening and health information.

Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268

### 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

### LIVE BETTER FIT CLUB

Urban Nectar, 10019 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, MD, 5:30 p.m.

Workout starts by 5:45 p.m. Come workout with the famous trainers you've seen on T.V., such as Shaun T, Autumn Calabrese and others. Cost is \$5. Take water and a mat (optional).

Sandy, 443-340-0988

### DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 405 Flower St., Berlin, MD, 6 to 7 p.m.

Open to the public and meets the first Monday of each month. Speakers and education related to diabetes.

AGH Diabetes Outpatient Education program, 410-641-9703

### DELMARVA SWEET ADELIN CHORUS

Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 7 to 9 p.m.

The Delmarva Chorus, Sweet Adeline's, meets each Monday. Women interested in learning the craft of a cappella singing welcome.

410-641-6876

### AARP MEETING

Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m.

Social time begins at 9:30 a.m., meeting starts at 10 a.m. This month's speaker will be Kristy McIntyre, Maryland Access Point (MAP). Take a can of food for Diakonia.

Larry Walton, 443-831-1791

## TUES., JUN. 7

### HYPERTENSION CLINIC

Rite Aid, 38169 Dupont Blvd., Selbyville, DE, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital. Free blood pressure screening and health information.

Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268

### ASK A MASTER GARDENER

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 1 to 4 p.m.

The University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service is offering master gardeners to help with gardening questions. Take your bagged samples by to find solutions to your plant problems.

410-208-4014

### ON YOUR OWN, BUT NOT ALONE

WOC Fitness, 12319 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City, MD, 5 p.m.

Weight loss support group with discussions about nutrition, exercise, health and weight loss. Cost is \$5 per meeting.

dillon128@aol.com

### TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

Worcester County Health Center, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Berlin group 331. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly.

jeanduck47@gmail.com

### 'SALEM'S DAUGHTER' PERFORMANCE

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 10301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 7 p.m.

Featuring the Ocean Pines Youth Theater. Doors open at 6 p.m. The \$10 cost of admission includes a variety of desserts. Proceeds benefit the Mastocytosis Society

410-251-1402

## WED., JUN. 8

### 'EMPOWERING YOURSELF TO TAME WORRY AND ANXIETY' PRESENTATION DEADLINE

Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD

This Suddenly Single presentation will be held Saturday, June 11 from 9:15-11:15 a.m. The presenter is Diane Armstrong who is a life-long self-care advocate, a Reiki Master, spiritual life coach and manicurist with expertise in essential oils, flower essence and handcrafted product development. Light refreshments served. There is no charge for this workshop. Register by June 8.

Linda Gibbs, [lindaknierim@yahoo.com](mailto:lindaknierim@yahoo.com), 410-641-6517

### KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OCEAN PINES/OCEAN CITY

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 8 a.m.

Meets every Wednesday. Doors open at 7

a.m., meeting begins at 8 a.m.

410-641-7330, <http://www.kiwanisofopoc.org>

### ON YOUR OWN, BUT NOT ALONE

WOC Fitness, 12319 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City, MD, 12 p.m.

Weight loss support group with discussions about nutrition, exercise, health and weight loss. Cost is \$5 per meeting.

dillon128@aol.com

### CHRONIC PAIN SELF-MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Snow Hill Senior Center, 4767 Snow Hill Rd, Snow Hill, MD, 12:30 to 3 p.m.

Interactive, six-week program that helps those with chronic pain discover how to lead a life less affected by their chronic pain. Free and open to the community. Registration required:

410-641-9268, [www.atlanticgeneral.org](http://www.atlanticgeneral.org)

### BINGO

Ocean City Elks Lodge 2645, 138th Street and Sinepuxent Avenue, Ocean City, MD, 6:30 p.m.

Every Wednesday. Located at the rear of the Fenwick Inn. Doors open at 5 p.m., games start 6:30 p.m. Food is available. No one allowed under 18 years of age during bingo.

410-250-2645

### OCEAN CITY/BERLIN ROTARY CLUB MEETING

Captain's Table Restaurant in the Courtyard by Marriott, 2 15th St, Ocean City, MD, 6 p.m.

The group meets every Wednesday.

kbates@taylorbank.com, 410-641-1700

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410-251-1402

### MOVIES ON THE BEACH

Carousel Resort Hotel and Condominiums, 11700 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, MD, 8:30 p.m.

Free movies on the beach for the entire family. Take a beach chair or blanket. In the event of inclement weather, the movie will be shown inside the hotel.

410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326

## ONGOING EVENTS

### SUMMER WORSHIP

Atlantic United Methodist Church, 105 Fourth St., Ocean City

A casual service is held on the porch of Shenanigan's Pub at Fourth Street and the Boardwalk at 8:30 a.m., weather permitting, from May 29 through early fall. A traditional service is held at the church at 10 a.m.

410-289-7430

### AUMC THRIFT SHOP

Atlantic United Methodist Church, 105 Fourth St., Ocean City, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Open daily, Monday through Friday, year round. Located behind the church with a donation drop off room that is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

410-289-4458



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**5 P.M.**

# MARKETPLACE

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**HELP WANTED**

**Experienced Servers & Cook** needed for year round position. Apply in person: Alex's Italian Restaurant, Rt. 50, West Ocean City.

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**HELP WANTED**

New restaurant in Ocean City. **Now Hiring All Positions including Management.** 5909 Coastal Highway. **Monday-Friday, 9-5; Saturday, 9-1.**

**GROUNDKEEPING.** Reliable and own transportation. Good pay. Females are welcomed to apply. Call Donna 301-712-5224.

**Comfort Suites,** 12718 Coastal Gateway (Rte. 50), Ocean City, MD (WOC). Now Hiring for **Front Desk** night shift from 4pm-12am. **Apply in person**

**HELP WANTED**

**Seasonal Lifeguards for Marina Pool**  
 Full and Part Time positions available  
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**Sunset Marina Harbor Master Office,**  
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**Ocean City, MD 21842**  
 or email [office@ocsunsetmarina.com](mailto:office@ocsunsetmarina.com)

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 Email your name, contact info, age, height and sizes with a head shot and full length shot to: [models@southmoonunder.com](mailto:models@southmoonunder.com). We will contact you if you fit the criteria.  
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 Ocean City, MD  
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**Please send all inquires and resumes to [smcmahon@palmergosnell.com](mailto:smcmahon@palmergosnell.com)**  
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 Ocean City, MD seeking working Chef for dinner. Must have management experience, excellent culinary skills with creative specials, ability to supervise, work all stations on the line, computer literate and maintain high levels of sanitary conditions. Must be able to work nights, weekends, and holidays. Top salary, benefits, & working conditions. Excellent employment references a must. Forward resume with salary requirements to:  
 Restaurant Chef  
 P.O. Box 3500  
 Ocean City, MD 21843  
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**EXPERIENCED CLEANER.** MUST have OWN source of transportation AND cleaning supplies. Call **Donna 443-513-4024**.

**Experienced Cleaners** needed for part time work in Ocean City. Must have vehicle and cell phone and pass background check. **Please call 410-202-2887.**

**Ocean Pines Yacht Club**  
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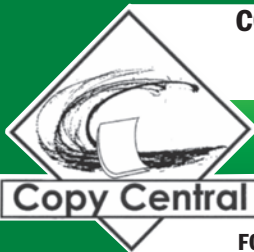
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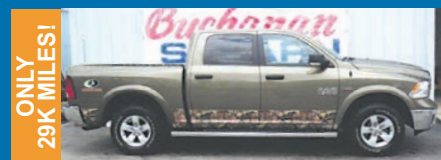
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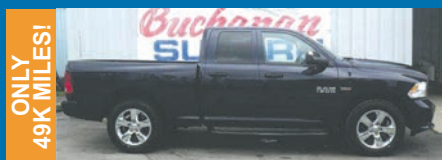


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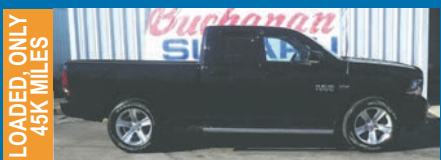


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