



Berlin Mayor Gee Williams, fifth from left, members of town staff and representatives from developer Osprey Property Company, help break ground on the new Cannery Village affordable housing complex on Flower Street on May 29.

JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

## Ground broken on Berlin's Cannery Village complex

By Josh Davis  
Staff Writer

(June 4, 2015) It took nearly a decade and dozens partnerships at the local and state level, but Berlin finally broke ground on the Flower Street affordable housing complex Cannery Village last week.

With discussions of the project taking place as far back as 2007, the final plan that emerged calls for 44 single-family "workforce" homes for people who make less than \$55,000 a year.

Two-bedroom, one-bathroom duplexes start at \$400 a month, while the larger four-bedroom, two-bathroom, single-family homes top out at \$900 a month.

Cannery also will include a "clear path to homeownership" program that will allow renters to buy their homes after 15 years.

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## Torch Run races through county, raising awareness

By Josh Davis  
Staff Writer

(June 4, 2015) The Maryland Torch Run celebrated its 30th anniversary this week, running two legs in Worcester County and drawing scores of cheering spectators.

The first leg began on the Boardwalk on Monday morning, followed by a short bus trip to Berlin, where participants were greeted with a pep rally at Worcester Preparatory School.

The annual event features a partnership with law enforcement and the Special Olympics Summer Games, with volunteers from both groups running as one unit and carrying, of course, a burning torch.

Sgt. Dennis G. Eade from the Ocean City Police Department spoke before the assembled crowd at Worcester Prep, where the student body gathered on the lawn to greet and cheer on participants.

"We started this adventure on the Boardwalk in Ocean City at 27th Street

and we ran all the way down the Boardwalk to Division Street, and we woke all of Ocean City up," he said. "What we have here are some pretty special people."

Eade said state police as well as members of the Ocean City Police Department, Worcester County Sheriff's Office and Berlin Police Department were taking part in this year's run.

"We then hand the torch to Salisbury's Police Department, and they take it out and they run through Salisbury and they hand it to Cambridge, Easton, Annapolis, and it goes all the way out to Baltimore where they have the summer games this weekend," he said. "We can't thank Worcester Prep enough for coming out here and doing this for us."

Each participant in the Torch Run buys a T-shirt, this year's being bright yellow, with the proceeds going to the Special Olympics Summer Games. Since its inception the event has raised more than \$2 million for the cause.

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Members of local law enforcement team up with the Maryland Special Olympics for Monday's Torch Run through downtown Berlin.

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# Cannery to offer 40-plus rent-to-own homes in Berlin

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The mayor and Town Council last November approved a pilot agreement with developer Osprey Property Company that included a 40-year tax break on the property as long as the community continued the rent-to-own program. The final measures, including a public works agreement and a stormwater pact, were passed by the council in March.

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams said the rent-to-own concept has proven successful on the elsewhere in the state.

"I think it's very appropriate that Berlin is the first community on the Eastern Shore of Maryland to offer this housing opportunity," he said at the groundbreaking ceremony last Friday. "I think it couldn't be a more appropriate community to show that it works and to lead the way to another path to home ownership. We're extremely excited and we're looking forward to a very successful partnership."

From the time of the project's inception to the actual groundbreaking, Williams said the atmosphere in the town has changed from "what can we do ... to what can't we do?"

"Just like the town in the 10 years that has transpired, much has

changed in the town of Berlin and so has this project," he said. "As it's changed and evolved, I believe it's been well worth the wait ... what we have today is the best of all the ideas that have evolved over time."

Osprey Developer Andrew Hanson said the Department of Housing and Community Development provided a portion of the funding that made the project possible, adding that Wells Fargo "played a vital role in taking the DHCD state and federal resources and turning those into the equity to allow us to rent the units."

The development will include a community center with a library, fitness facility and computer hub, and the units will feature Energy Star construction and additional conservation features designed to lower monthly utility bills.

Additionally, Hanson said Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County would help "educate and train the tenants" on the process behind the rent-to-own program.

"Although some might not want to buy, while they're here they're have the benefit of beautiful, safe, affordable new ... homes that are well-built and energy efficient," he said.

The developer also praised local

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# Wor. Prep hosts pep rally for run

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Centerville resident Barbara Nelson was at Worcester Prep to cheer on her son, R.J., an athlete in the Special Olympics games.

Nelson underscored how much the games mean to the athletes who take part.

"The accomplishment to them [is] just wonderful," she said. "It's the most wonderful feeling in the world. We really do appreciate everything that the Maryland State Police has done, you guys coming out here, and everything everyone has done for these athletes."

Following the pep rally, the runners raced down Main Street, through downtown Berlin, where visitors and shop owners gathered on the sidewalk to watch.

Special Olympics Maryland President and CEO Jim Schmutz, who took part in both Worcester County events on Monday, said the awareness raised during the Torch Run was even more important than the fundraising aspect.

"We were just down on the Boardwalk in Ocean City [and] we get to run around the school here so the students get a feel for it, and business owners [in Berlin] are great supporters," he said. "It's really a great opportunity for us to build awareness for Special Olympics."

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# Completed Cannery units could be available by Sept.

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lawmakers, including Sen. Jim Mathias, for pushing the project while DHCD faced a “risk of having its funds taken away.”

“Being someone who was born and raised on the shore, a mere 20 miles from here, I’m so thrilled that we’ve been able to continue to do deals, specifically this project, because I feel like often times ... the western shore gets maybe a bigger piece of the pie than I’d like to see,” he said. “We’re thrilled to have investment both from the private sector, from the state, from the town [and] from others in making this amazing project.”

Mathias singled out the mayor, as well as the Berlin councilmembers in attendance, Elroy Brittingham, Lisa Hall and Troy Purnell, for their work on the project.

“This is what happens when you work together,” Mathias said. “This is what it’s all about.”

Hanson said Cannery has already received “an immense amount of interest.”

“We’re really excited to offer these to folks who already live and work in the community and may live in ... less-than-ideal substandard housing,” he said. “We’d like folks to move in September, October, November, December, January as we’re done and make this their home for the next 15 years and then buy it and become truly homeowners at that point and stay here and pay taxes to the town and have it give back. We’re really excited.”

The first units will be available in September. For more information, call 443-716-2576.

# New housing project could greatly expand Berlin borders

**By Josh Davis**  
Staff Writer

(June 4, 2015) Two months after the Berlin council narrowly approved an annexation proposal on Seahawk Road, paving the way for the development of potentially hundreds of new townhomes, the prospect of a second, possibly even more ambitious appropriation, is looming.

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams said he was recently approached by Hugh Cropper, an attorney representing the Carl M. Freeman Foundation, who floated the idea of annexing the Bay Club on Liberty Town Road into Berlin limits with the goal of building 300 luxury homes on the site.

The property is on the county’s growth map for development, although it currently lies nearly two miles outside of Berlin town limits.

“It’s the beginning of the beginning of the discussion,” Williams said, adding the project would involve converting the two golf courses on the site into “an upscale housing development for high-income individuals.” The developer would pay for needed infrastructure and “ongoing water and sewer costs,” Williams said.

The mayor brought the idea before the town council less than a week later during a closed session on Tuesday, May 19. The presentation included a small, roughly three-by-four foot scale model of the development.

“I’m trying to keep everybody in the loop,” Williams said. “This is a small town. I hoped [the council] would hear about it before most people in town, and Hugh Cropper was fine with that.”

One councilmember, however, was not on board with the idea.

“I don’t feel the need, once again, that the citizens need to pay for upkeep and maintenance of infrastructure for somebody that’s almost two miles outside of town,” At Large Councilmember Thom Gulyas said.

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# Dollar General heading back to circuit court

**By Josh Davis**  
Staff Writer

(June 4, 2015) The town of Berlin and Oxford Chase are heading back to circuit court, as the developer continues its struggle to build a Dollar General store near the intersection of Old Ocean City Boulevard and Healthway Drive.

Oxford Chase first requested a building permit from the town on Dec. 12 of last year. Then, in March the planning commission voted unanimously to recommend Planning Director Dave Engelhart veto the site plan, siting traffic issues.

Engelhart agreed with the commission, citing town code referencing highway corridor guidelines, on March 25.

Then, in order to get to the Berlin board of appeals, the developer took the matter to Circuit Court who, on

April 23, sided with Oxford Chase. The Berlin board of appeals, however, agreed with the planning commission and Engelhart in a 3-1 decision in mid-May.

Having exhausted all of its administrative options, the developer was free to take the matter to circuit court, a decision Oxford Chase Vice President John Camp said he made late last week.

"I don't do this very often so I can't tell you this is part of my playbook," Camp said on Monday. "It's not something we want to do, but we feel that we've been wronged, so it's something we have to do. The town has made their decision and they've been wrong, now the town is going to start spending money, like us, going to circuit court because they need to defend their actions."

As of Monday Engelhart said he

had not been informed of the developer's decision to return to court and declined to comment on the matter.

Camp said the company had a "significant amount of money" tied up in the deal, which included a purchase of the property contingent on approval of the site plan.

"All we want to do is build something that we have a right to build," Camp said. "If you read the zoning code, zoning allows our use for this property. So, when we're denied the use because of the traffic it will generate it doesn't meet the town's criteria."

He also said the town had more or less "condemned" the property by denying the site plan.

"The only other use that I could put on this property would be probably a storage facility that would generate less use, so they've effectively condemned the property without paying

the owner the just compensation for it," Camp said. "If they want to condemn the property, that's fine, condemn the property, but don't do what they did. They want us to go to circuit court, so we'll spend our day in court."

Despite the already lengthy battle between the town and the developer, the matter could conceivably drag out even longer, going as far as the Maryland Court of Special Appeals, according to Camp.

"It's not something I want to do, like to do, have done a lot," he said. "We think we have a case, we think we're right and the town is wrong, and we will win. We'll win this case."

At press time no court date was set.

## Assoc. hoping to reignite talks with Sandpiper Energy

**By Josh Davis**  
Staff Writer

(June 4, 2015) The effort to strike a new deal between Sandpiper Energy and Ocean Pines has been slow, following the collapse of contract talks late last year, but the Ocean Pines Board of Directors is at least going to discuss what its next move might be.

The board members agreed last week to convene in closed session on Wednesday to discuss options and negotiating points and, presumably, whether to restart the conversation.

The essence of the contract is that Sandpiper would convert existing propane lines to handle natural gas, but beyond that one fundamental element, the parties have found little else on which to agree.

OPA board member Bill Cordwell asked for an update on the situation during a board meeting on March 28.

"Have we had any contact? [Are we] doing anything about it?" Cordwell asked OPA President Dave Stevens. "Time is churning on here."

Stevens simply replied that, "Time is always churning on. The quick answer is that we haven't. No."

According to Stevens, the last time the two sides spoke, representatives from Ocean Pines provide Sandpiper with "several issues."

The existing agreement, which dates back to Eastern Shore Gas, acquired by Sandpiper Parent Company Chesapeake Utilities in 2013, is still in place in the meantime, Stevens said.

"We are open ... to renewing discussions, but at the present time Sandpiper has given us no reason to believe there's any basis for discussions," Stevens said.

Cordwell complained that residents were forced to pay "super-high gas bills" while talks remained at a standstill.

"We should be, as far as I'm concerned, proactive," he said. "We shouldn't just be sitting back saying, See CLOSED Page 9



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## Closed meeting could have impact on energy talks

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According to Cordwell, General Manager Bob Thompson was handling the talks when, in December, the board of directors “got back involved,” leading to the current stalemate.

“I would like to see the general manager — and the general manager alone — contact Sandpiper, see if something can be done. If he can get an agreement, then good,” Cordwell said. “If he can’t get an agreement, then there’s no harm, no foul. But why are we sitting back?”

Board Treasurer Jack Collins, who objected to the notion that the board itself caused talks to break down, worried that Thompson might not “know the nuances” of the negotiations. He also balked at the idea that the general manager could act without the board.

“I’m just as frustrated with this as you are, Bill,” he said. “I think there’s a way around this, sure, and I think we should push the envelope ... [but] to put him in the position to make unilateral decisions is not a good thing.”

Parliamentarian Tom Terry, who was part of the committee focused on negotiations, supported the idea of letting Thompson have another crack at Sandpiper.

“Reach out and find out if the other side even wants to dance at all,” he said. “I just think at this point for us to march the same three people back into the room and then march the same people back into a room — I am in favor of Bill’s idea. And it’s not saying to Bob, ‘you have all the authority’ ... ultimately [the board] have to agree.”

Stevens agreed that it was time for the board to have a discussion on the matter, suggesting it hold a special meeting.

“It may have to be a closed discussion because whoever is going to go forward with this is going to have to go forward from a negotiating position,” he said. “It would better to [not be] a discussion in public for obvious reasons.”



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# Selection committee tapped Ludwig

**By Josh Davis**  
Staff Writer  
(June 4, 2015) Carol Ludwig might be one of the more high-profile of seven 2015 OPA board candidates, having spent plenty of time in front of crowds as director of the Delmarva Chorus.



Carol Ludwig

Originally from Philadelphia, Ludwig, who has a background in the high-tech sector at Verizon, moved to Ocean Pines in 2000.

She served on several advisory committees and is currently a member of the facility usage task force working to determine how groups, inside and out of the community, use amenities in Ocean Pines.

Ludwig said she was recruited to run by the selection committee, and

encouraged to run by several board members after speaking out during a recent meeting.

“The last time I stood up and talked at a board meeting a couple of the directors said, ‘you ought to be on this side of the table,’” she said.

Ludwig was weighing in on a motion to refund Star Charities, a non-profit group, who were charged to use the community center during a “beef and beer fundraiser” for area veterans.

“Under the description of how things are supposed to happen [Star Charities founder Anna Foulz] was forced to pay, and unfortunately, on both sides of the table, things were not quite correct,” she said. “They used hours and facilities outside what was reserved, but there was also, on the other side of the table, there were some people that just didn’t want to go along with it.”

The board eventually refunded the money to Star Charities, but, as Ludwig puts it, “it was a pretty decent misunderstanding.”

“What started [the debate] was the emotional input of a lot of people,” she said. “I’m in the community center a lot between the chorus and [her duties with the toddler time program], and of course the veteran’s memorial. I just started hearing all of this, and it’s not only the community center. It’s the country club and the yacht club.”

Last month General Manager Bob Thompson and members of the facility usage group, including Ludwig, presented a draft of recommendations to the board of directors.

“I think some were positive about it — those who were really recognizing it — but I felt like some of them felt as if they had to find loopholes and there

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## Big Truck Day brings big autos to Ocean Pines

By Josh Davis  
Staff Writer

(June 4, 2015) Two weeks after Berlin held its public works showcase, Touch a Truck Day, Ocean Pines will host its own oversized vehicle fest, dubbed “Big Truck Day.”

The fourth annual event returns on Saturday, June 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park in Ocean Pines.

Recent Big Truck Days have drawn more than 1,000 people to see and interact with more than 60 pieces of equipment, including fire trucks, dump trucks and tractors.

Unlike Berlin’s event, Ocean Pines includes private businesses in its showcase. Last year Cropper’s Towing, Choptank Electric Services and Royal Plus all took part in Big Truck Day.

Vendors offer food and beverages, and nonprofits and civic organizations add additional entertainment, including deejay music.

Guests are also allowed to bring outside food.

For more information call 410-641-7052 or visit [www.oceanpines.org/recreation-and-parks](http://www.oceanpines.org/recreation-and-parks).

## New financial system to benefit Berlin, customers

By Josh Davis  
Staff Writer

(June 4, 2015) After months of research and discussion, the Town of Berlin adopted a new financial system last Tuesday, voting to hire Tyler Technologies and spend \$162,795 for hardware, software and professional services.

The license agreement requires an annual maintenance fee of \$21,768, which includes the cost of technical support and regular software updates.

The town hired consultant service Government Finance Officers Association last July to help select a new system, spending \$16,800 split between the electric, water and sewer departments, and the general fund.

“GFOA has a lot of experience selecting software systems for other cities,” Town Administrator Laura Allen said at the time. “The town does not have that expertise. Hiring GFOA will ensure we have a process that gets us the best vendor at the best price.”

Allen, speaking last week, said the old system was severely outdated.

“We can’t access historical data through the current system,” she said. “For utility billing, this means we scan hard copies of customers’ bills for future reference in case

there’s a question about their account.”

The system’s limitations also affected the budgeting process, as fulfilling council requests for specific information became cumbersome.

“We use Excel and a lot of manual entry to put the budget together,” Allen said. “The reporting features are lacking as well. We [have to] download data into excel to put the monthly expense and revenue reports together.”

Allen said the new system also benefits customers, allowing them to access their account information online for the first time.

Tyler Technologies proposed a March 2016 implementation for basic financials, with the system coming online for utility billing the following month.

“That amount of time is needed for them to do the data conversation that we’re requiring, as well as training staff up,” Allen said. “It’s our hope to get that schedule reduced, but that’s sort of the time frame.”

District 4 Councilmember Dean Burrell was part of a subcommittee that helped select the service.

“We can do business better than what we’re currently doing,” he said during the meeting. “Having better information will provide us what we need to make better decisions and I think this is the way to go. It will relieve our staff of doing some of that grunt work and have them aspiring to a higher level of management and customer service.”

## Candidate Ludwig sees facility use as major issue in OPA

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might have been some negative response,” she said. “Unfortunately there was a lot of time and walls that went up that didn’t need to. We also have quite a few people who didn’t hear the presentation and got it second hand.”

A common misconception after the presentation, Ludwig said, was that many community-based groups would have to pay to use their own amenities in the future.

“That was not what we were about,” she said. “We were about trying to provide fair and equal meeting space for everybody.”

Ludwig expects the facilities debate to linger during the campaign, and said the yacht club could yet again become a central subject.

For the record, she does not support winterizing the club, at least at the moment.

“I would love to see us go a year or two without mentioning that we’re going to close the yacht club down,” she said. “Give it a chance. People outside the community ask me all the time, ‘did the yacht club close?’ It’s like, ‘oh jeez – no!’”

While Ludwig agrees with many of the decisions made by the current board, she said the directors could benefit from toning down their disagreements, at least in public.

“I think that we can approach things in a lighter, more positive way than we’re accustomed to,” she said. “We can still get to the same place and provide less negative input to be spread around. When you run a meeting run it professionally, don’t preach to the audience, work as a team. I feel as if it’s possible. I’ve worked in it many times. I had 27 technicians working for me at one time. We all met. You want to talk about negotiations? It can be done.”

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# More than 300 graduate from Stephen Decatur

By Kara Hallissey  
Staff Writer

(June 4, 2015) In front of a room packed with family, friends and loved ones, 327 seniors graduated from Stephen Decatur High School last Wednesday, May 27, at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center on 40th Street.

Class President Tripp Ortega delivered a farewell address to students during the ceremony, encouraging his fellow classmates to dream big, be themselves, never give up and do everything to their full potential.

After thanking faculty, friends and family, he proclaimed, "The class of 2015 is the best class that went through Stephen Decatur."

The Worcester County Board of Education uses a three-tiered senior recognition program where each student receives a cumulative weighted GPA, which is calculated at the end of the third marking period in English, math, social studies, science, world languages and Advanced Placement courses. Class rank with valedictorian and salutatorian honors was ended several years ago.

Students who earned a 5.05 GPA or higher received Summa Cum Laude honors, those receiving a 4.9-5.04 GPA earned Magna Cum Laude accolades and those earning a 4.8-4.89 GPA re-



KARA HALLISSEY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Stephen Decatur High School seniors walk into their commencement ceremony last Wednesday at the convention center on 40th Street.

ceived Cum Laude distinction. All honorees stood for recognition during the commencement ceremony.

Of the graduates, 163 (50 percent) will attend four-year colleges or universities and 107 (33 percent) will attend two-year schools. Two students (less than 1 percent) will study at trade and technical schools, 40 (12 percent) will go

into the workforce and 15 (5 percent) are heading to the military.

The top choice college for Decatur graduates was Wor-Wic, with 94 enrolling this year and another 33 will stay close to study at Salisbury University.

Other popular choices include Towson University, University of Maryland College Park and University of Maryland Eastern Shore who will each welcome 10 or more Decatur graduates in the fall.

The class of 2015 received more than \$9.3 million in scholarships and grants with \$3.7 million in tuition aid.

"Commencement is not an ending, it's a beginning," said Dr. Jerry Wilson, superintendent of Worcester County schools. "A whole new, exciting phase is about to begin... set the bar high..."

He reminded the graduates of Dr. Steve Maraboli's quote, "To embark on the journey toward your goals and dreams requires bravery. To remain on

that path requires courage. The bridge that merges the two is commitment."

Class of 2015 graduates were given the opportunity to choose their own commencement speaker and they decided on Louis Taylor, chief operating officer for Worcester County Public Schools, a 1978 graduate and principal of Stephen Decatur High School for 17 years.

He told the graduates they will find out who they are and what they want to be during challenging periods.

"Understand life is not what you are given, but what you aim to achieve when you refuse to give up," Taylor said. "Obstacles and loss will act as motivation. Learn from failures and always keep persevering."

Stephen Decatur Principal Thomas Zimmer may have said it best, "They have left our mark on us... it's time for them to leave their mark on the world."

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# Jazz & Blues Bash back in Berlin, June 6

Four bands, beer, artist booths, vendors and food mark sixth annual festival

**By Josh Davis**  
Staff Writer

(June 4, 2015) The 6th annual Jazz & Blues Bash returns to Berlin on Saturday with four performances taking place on Main Street from noon to 6 p.m.

Chris English, Bryan Russo and the Tragic Figures, the Larks and the Shrapnels will present free concerts, sponsored by the Berlin Chamber of Commerce.

The Larks, veterans of the local music scene, will play a set during the festival at 3 p.m., followed by a 9 p.m. performance down the street at Burley Oak Brewing Co.

"The vibe is great, the people are awesome and I love playing in such a picturesque setting," guitarist Pete Bozick said. "The Larks are thrilled to be back at what I consider the best outdoor jazz and blues festival on Delmarva."

Vendors during the event include a food truck from Salisbury-based restaurant SoBo's, beer by Burley Oak and snacks by Eastern Shore Kettle Corn.

Horse and carriage rides around town are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children during the event. Additional children's activities will be available and several local artists will set up booths along Main Street.

Russo, a Berlin resident, said previous incarnations of the festival had to compete with major events in nearby Ocean City.

"This year, the timing of the event, coupled with good weather and the region's evolving desire for different genres of music and culture in general, has me very excited for the future of the Jazz & Blues fest," he said. "The Jazz & Blues fest is picking up momentum and support, and could be yet another fantastic annual event on Berlin's Main Street in the same vein of its famous Fiddlers Convention."

Russo also raved about the band lineup this year.

"I hope people come and watch these four bands who have all collectively done things in their musical career that go well past the moniker of local musicians, and just come out and have a great time, shake off their blues, and experience all that Berlin has to offer," he said.

"I live in Berlin with my family and

I love it here and to be able to play in a festival that features great art and showcases the town's unabashed charm and allure is something that I'm honored to be a part of. We do a lot of big shows throughout the year and the Berlin blues and jazz fest remains one of our favorites."

Free public parking is available on William, Pitts and Commerce streets, as well as at the post office on Broad Street, the church parking lot on Bay Street and farmer's market parking lot on West Street. Handicapped parking is accessible off of Pitts Street behind Rainbow Florist.

Limited seating is available to the public. Lawn chairs are recommended.

For more information, visit [www.berlinchamber.org/events/jazz-and-blues](http://www.berlinchamber.org/events/jazz-and-blues).

## Popular summer events return to Ocean Pines

(June 4, 2015) Summer is heating up in Ocean Pines as several popular events offered by the Recreation and Parks Department return for the season.

Children will have the chance to explore all sorts of work vehicles at Big Truck Day on Saturday, June 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park in Ocean Pines. This annual free event features fire trucks, dump trucks, tractors as well as other vehicles.

Monday Movies in the Park returns for its second season beginning Monday, June 15 at 8 p.m. in White Horse Park. A different free family-friendly movie will be shown every Monday through Aug. 31. Concessions will be for sale. Visit [OceanPines.org](http://OceanPines.org) for scheduled movies.

The Yacht Club pool will open up for families Wednesday evenings June 17-Sept. 2 from 6-8 p.m. Games, contests and music will be part of the fun. Food and beverages will be for sale poolside. The cost is \$3 for swim members, \$5 for Ocean Pines residents and \$7 for non-residents.

Only those swimming pay a fee.

Ocean Pines' popular summer music series, Thursday Concerts in the Park, will begin on Thursday, June 18 from 7-9 p.m. A variety of free family-friendly musical performances will be held weekly through Aug. 27 at White Horse Park. Family games, food and more will be featured. Visit [OceanPines.org](http://OceanPines.org) for scheduled performers.

These events are open to the public. For more information, call the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052.

Information regarding additional recreational programs is available at [www.OceanPines.org](http://www.OceanPines.org).

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**Nash Kozolowski, 4, tries on his new fire hat in the back of an EMT vehicle during Saturday's Touch a Truck Day in Berlin.**



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**Members of the Berlin Electric Department offered demonstrations during Touch a Truck Day, Saturday in Berlin.**



MORGAN COULSON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE  
**Electric Utilities Director Tim Lawrence explains the ins and outs of the power company Saturday during Touch a Truck Day.**



MORGAN COULSON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE  
**Brain Weeg and his 2.5-year-old son, Cohen, try out one of the many interactive public works vehicles during the May 30 Touch a Truck Day in Berlin.**



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE  
**Barry Daniels of the Berlin Electric Company, left, has a chat with Berlin Mayor Gee Williams during Saturday's Touch a Truck Day at Stephen Decatur Park.**



MORGAN COULSON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE  
**Nine-month-old Kelsey Sexier takes a break in the grass at the playground at Stephen Decatur Park following Saturday's Touch a Truck Day in Berlin.**



# Dance troupe brings ‘Annie’ to Pines Yacht Club

By Josh Davis  
Staff Writer

(June 4, 2015) The Point Dance Theatre will present the popular musical “Annie” at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club on Friday.

A buffet dinner will begin prior to the event, at 5:30 p.m., with the performance starting at 7 p.m.

Shelly Olafsson, who has 10-year-old twin daughters in the show, has been assisting with promotion of the event.

“The company was started by a local woman ... who actually danced for the Atlanta Ballet Company,” she said. “I think it’s a great little dance company.”

Started in 2006, the company focuses on youth ages 4-13.

Olafsson said her daughters, Jenna and Olivia, have been working on the performance since January. Jenna will play Duffy, an orphan, and Olivia is a company dancer in the production.

“They have been practicing this since the first of the year, right after we did a ‘Nutcracker’ performance in December,” she said. “They put in, prob-



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The Point Dance Theatre is offering several performances of the popular musical “Annie” in the area, including at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club on June 5 and Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School in Berlin on June 6 and 7.

ably, six hours a weekend practicing.”

The show will combine elements of dance with the traditional singing and speaking parts with which fans of the musical are familiar.

Olafsson hopes “Annie” will bring more attention to the company and what it hopes to achieve.

“We just want to see more people in the community becoming involved,” Olafsson said. “This is also an opportunity for all children to get out there and be able to act, dance, what have you.”

The event is open to the public, and reservations are recommended. Adult

tickets, which include dinner, are \$30. Tickets for Children under 12 are \$20.

The company will present additional performances at Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School on 11242 Racetrack Road in Berlin on Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children under 12.

For more information, call Olafsson at 209-277-0001.

# Smack appointed chief judge

(June 4, 2015) John (Dale) Smack III of Snow Hill, was recently appointed by Governor Larry Hogan as the chief judge for the Worcester County Orphans’ Court.

Smack, 48, is serving in his third term as an Orphans’ Court Judge and, in the November 2014 general election, received the most votes of all the candidates for Orphans’ Court Judge. He was recently elected president of the Maryland Association of Judges of the Orphans’ Court.

Last year, the chief judge of the Maryland Court of Appeals appointed

Judge Smack as a member of the Conference of Orphans’ Court Judges and he continues to serve in that position.

Smack is a 27-year veteran of the Worcester County Sheriff’s Office and serves as the chief deputy sheriff. His community involvement includes being a current member of the Board of Directors for Shore Up, Inc., Diakonia, Citizens for Decent Housing and vice president of St. Paul United Methodist Church Men’s Ministry in Berlin. He is the past president of the Worcester County Developmental Center.



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# OC Swim Call offering public, private boat tours

By Josh Davis  
Staff Writer

(June 4, 2015) Berlin resident Danny McDorman said he fell in love with the sea during his 10-year stint with the United States Coast Guard.

Looking for a way to turn his passion into a profitable career, McDorman launched OC Swim Call, a tour boat business, located near the Shark on the Harbor restaurant in West Ocean City.

The vessel, a former houseboat that was also briefly used at a private school in Rhode Island, has been in the water in Ocean City for about a week.

“My main job in the Coast Guard was search and rescue – basically I was a boat driver – and I fell in love with the

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Bleached Butterfly owner Autumn Graves will debut her new “make your own” Terrarium Bar, the first of its kind, in her shop later this month. The “bar” will allow customers to customize their own terrariums using a variety of different plants and adornments.

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# Berlin’s Bleached Butterfly debuts first ‘terrarium bar’

By Josh Davis  
Staff Writer

(June 4, 2015) In March Bleached Butterfly won the New Business Award during the 2015 Berlin Chamber of Commerce awards dinner.

Now the newcomer shop is adding an innovative new twist to its line of off-centered design products: a terrarium bar.

A terrarium, as described by Bleached Butterfly Owner Autumn Graves, is a “living ecosystem for plants.”

Graves sketched out an idea for the large wooden shelving unit that will house what is essentially a “make-your-own” terrarium kit inside the store, similar to a salad bar in a restaurant. Local artist Matt Dove then built the structure, using recy-

clad and reclaimed wood, which will house all of the different ingredients.

“It’s the first of its kind,” Graves said. “You’ll have your different glass containers for the terrarium and you’ll go up and pick out what size you want, and then you’ll have all your fixings. Each drawer will have different soils, different rocks, different mosses, different [artificial] creatures and all your layering that you need in order to create the ecosystem for the terrarium.”

Different “menus” will be available for the different sized containers, Graves said.

“The small containers will get two or three plants, the medium containers will get five or so plants, and so on and so forth,” she said. “It’s not just going to be succulents. We’ll have a lot of different-style botanicals like ferns and carnivorous plants and baby orchids and African violets. It’ll be a huge array of assorted plants.”

Graves hopes the terrarium bar becomes a flagship of the store.

“I did a lot of research when I first came up with the idea and there isn’t anything like this, so we’re branding ‘Terrarium Bar,’” she said, adding that a website is in the works, and the finished product should be ready for the public in mid-to-late June.

“I want to get people to be more interactive in the store,” Graves said. “I want it to be something that girlfriends can do for a lunch date or over coffee. Come into town, come into the store, be interactive. I always have good music playing. Chill in the store and make a terrarium. That’s the whole concept of Bleached Butterfly, to get people interactive and get them inspired and creating. I feel like this is one step closer to evolving into that.”

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# New boat business in West Ocean City

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water and I had loved being in the water my whole life,” McDorman said. “I wanted to find to a way to bring those joys that I got from being out on the water to everyone else.”



Danny McDorman

OC Swim Call offers standard boat tours lasting one, two or three hours, as well as private functions such as birth-days, bachelor and bachelorette parties. “You can pretty much customize it however you want to,” McDorman said. “If a customer wants to call or email me for something special, I could arrange that.”

That includes the ultimate on-the-water date night.

“Couples that want to surprise their significant other ... they can come and set lights up, music, tables and reserve the whole boat and go on a nice little dinner date where you bring your own food and alcohol,” McDorman said.

The boat also acts as a VIP room for special events, including the Ocean City Air Show. “I might anchor near the Ocean City Airport, and that’s pretty cool seeing them take off and land,” McDorman said. “We’ll do the same thing with the Fourth of July fireworks, but you definitely have to call in advance for something like that.”

Preliminary Coast Guard measurements allow for 49 seats on the boat, McDorman said, adding that he expects final approval around that number within the next few weeks. The boat includes a top observation deck and an enclosed lower seating area.

McDorman hopes OC Swim Tours eventually turns into a year-round business.

“In the wintertime, when it gets cooler, you can seat people inside [in the lower deck],” McDorman said. “I’m also planning on getting a TV with a moving satellite dish where you can watch football games, soccer games, you can reserve it with your friends and you can have a couple of beers and sit in here and watch the game we drive around on the water.”

For more information, call or text 443-235-4950, or visit [www.ocswimcall.com](http://www.ocswimcall.com).



OC Swim Call, a new boat tour business located near the Shark in the Harbor restaurant in West Ocean City, opened this month, offering private as well as public functions.

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The Pine Tones Chorus will present its spring concert at the Community Church of Ocean Pines, located at Route 589 and Beauchamp Road, Sunday, June 7, at 3 p.m.

# Pine Tones spring concert, June 7

(June 4, 2015) On Sunday, June 7, at 3 p.m., the Pine Tones Chorus will present its spring concert at the Community Church of Ocean Pines, located at Route 589 and Beauchamp Road.

Tickets cost \$10 and will be available at the door.

The concert theme is “weather” with songs about wind, rain and snow – stormy weather conditions. As a contrast, the program includes selections featuring sunshine and blue skies.

Fans of Barbra Streisand will recognize “On A Clear ‘Day You Can See Forever” the title song of one of her

movies. Bob Dylan’s “Blowin’ in the Wind” is included as well as “What A Wonderful World” a classic from Louie Armstrong.

The full concert title is “The Pine Tones Sing – In All Kinds of Weather.”

June Todd is the Pine Tones Chorus director and Chris Engel is the group’s accompanist. Other instruments will also support the performance with Tom Baione playing string bass and Ted Nichols on drums.

The Pine Tones Chorus includes 60 members from Ocean Pines, Ocean City and nearby areas. The Chorus has

been entertaining local audiences in the Ocean Pines and Ocean City areas for more than 30 years. For additional information, call Chorus President Pat Beisler at 410-208-2682, or Todd at 410-289-7373.

Funding for Pine Tones Chorus activities comes from ticket sales as well as the Worcester County Arts Council, Maryland State Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Ocean City Elks Club. These organizations are dedicated to cultivating a vibrant cultural community where the arts thrive.

# Volunteer Spirit noms being sought

(June 4, 2015) Volunteers make Worcester County a better place to live, work and visit.

To honor volunteers whose contributions help improve the quality of life here locally, Worcester County residents are invited to nominate individuals, organizations and businesses for the 2015 Volunteer Spirit of Worcester County Awards.

The deadline to submit nomination

forms is June 10. A recognition ceremony for all nominees will take place in August.

Nominations will be accepted with one winner chosen from each of the following 10 categories: youth, individual, lifetime achievement, faith-based, group/team, nonprofit volunteer program, corporate/business, community of service, service-learning leader and exemplary service learning. Nominees

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## Sandpiper metaphor for larger things in Pines

The question of whether the Ocean Pines Association should attempt to re-open contract discussions with natural gas supplier Sandpiper Energy is easy to answer: The OPA has nothing to lose by trying.

That is the direction the OPA’s board of directors appeared to be heading as of mid-week, with a closed meeting set for Wednesday to discuss the situation and what might be done about it.

One area of disagreement – aside from the contract itself – that appeared to divide the board was who should approach Sandpiper, General Manager Bob Thompson or possibly a delegation of board members?

Judging from the conversation at the board’s last public meeting, the concerns of some members was that Thompson might not understand the various nuances of the board’s position and might, however improbable it sounds, somehow get the OPA involved in a bad deal.

Although the importance of a new and equitable gas supply contract is indisputable, equally significant is the board’s belief that Thompson can’t be trusted to carry its message to the table with Sandpiper.

If that’s the case, then either the board hasn’t articulated that message to Thompson, or it fails to grasp that he can’t obligate the association to anything without board approval, or some members simply don’t trust him to handle its business.

While this is something that Thompson has to deal with however he sees fit, the board’s lack of confidence in him or its over-confidence in itself is a bigger problem for the community than who gets to deliver fuel at what price.

To employ a natural gas metaphor, the relationship between the general manager and the board has been simmering for a long time and as current election unfolds, it should be made a front-burner issue.

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## State re-designates A&E district

Md. Arts Council renewal of Berlin effective June 1

(June 4, 2015) The Berlin Arts & Entertainment District has been chosen by the Maryland State Arts Council and the Department of Business and Economic Development for re-designation as an Arts & Entertainment District for the State of Maryland.

The mission of the Arts & Entertainment District is to engage the community to develop downtown Berlin by capitalizing on its cultural and historic assets, and encouraging creative enterprises that foster economic vitality. With key anchor sites that include The Worcester County Arts Council, The Globe, Baked Dessert Café and Gallery, Bungalow Love, the forth-

coming art gallery Art in the Fields, and Jeffery Auxer Blown Glass, the re-designation will assist the town in attracting a high concentration of artists, and arts and entertainment businesses.

Such enterprises can take advantage of various tax benefits and, in turn, stimulate revitalization by developing underused and vacant properties for artist studio space, affordable housing, performance venues, galleries and other creative commercial and retail enterprises.

“The A&E re-designation is a tribute to many talented people who have made this possible. It also signifies the even greater cultural and economic potential arts and entertainment offers for our citizens and guests for generations to come,” Mayor Gee Williams said.

Ivy Wells, Berlin Director

of Economic and Community Development, added, “The arts are important to our economy and provide a direct economic benefit to our town. They create jobs, attract public and private investment, generate tax revenues and stimulate our local economy through tourism and consumer purchases. We have an extraordinary A&E team here in Berlin and I look forward to working with them to continue growing our A&E District to its maximum potential.”

With the re-designation taking effect on June 1, the Berlin A&E District team will engage residents, business owners and other community stakeholders to become actively involved in creating a successful A&E District. For more information contact Ivy Wells at [iwells@berlinmd.gov](mailto:iwells@berlinmd.gov) or call 410-629-1722.



# Wor. County schools face tough decisions

## Budget cuts could force Board of Education to consider workforce cuts

(June 4, 2015) With Worcester County Commissioners voting to fund the school system at the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) level, including health insurance, Worcester County Public Schools will be facing difficult decisions.

An MOE budget – the lowest level required by law – will not provide funding to support pay increases achieved from a salary “step” or from a Cost of Living Adjustment.

“There is no question that school system and county employees need and deserve pay increases,” said Superintendent Dr. Jerry Wilson after the June 2 vote by the commissioners. “We were hoping that Commissioners would fund a pay increase to all county employees, but they have not. As a result we are forced to decide if giving our employees a pay increase warrants internal reductions. Because we believe our employees have earned a pay increase, we will be seriously considering the options. For us, our people come first; they are worth it.”

According to school system leadership, internal reductions would be difficult since school systems are primarily comprised of people.

“With 90 percent of our operating budget directed toward salaries, benefits and bus contracts the choices of where to realize reductions are limited,” Chief Financial Officer Vincent Tolbert said. “We have to allocate revenues toward operations and fixed expenditures such as heating, cooling and electricity; there are no options there. We would likely be forced to look at position reduction.”

Position reduction is not a choice the school system would like to make, according to officials.

“Each position that we currently have supports a student’s education,” Wilson said. “In addition, if the school system must reduce employee positions to adequately compensate the workforce, then the school system is not on a sustainable path. Position reduction could only be a temporary practice – a painful and costly one at that.”

Also painful is the diminishing fiduciary support by the school system’s primary funding source: Worcester County government.

“County government continues to allocate a smaller percentage of their county resources to the school system’s operating budget,” Tolbert said,

citing that in 2000 the county spent 51 percent of its resources to support the school system’s operating budget. “In 2015 the Board of Education’s budget represented 44 percent of the county’s overall budget.” Because of the state aid funding formula, 76 percent of Worcester County Public Schools’ budget comes from county government.

The MOE budget approved by County Commissioners on June 2 will necessitate re-negotiations with the

Worcester County Teachers Association (WCTA) and the Worcester County Education Support Personnel Association (WCESPA). “We present a budget to County Commissioners that reflects

what we need to sustain excellence and to fairly compensate our employees. Our budget proposal has been negotiated with the WCTA and the WCESPA,” Wilson said. “Since the commissioners have passed a budget which does not fund our needs, we must go back to the negotiation table and reach another agreement.”

The Board of Education is scheduled to adopt an FY 2016 Operating Budget, based on county funding, at their June 16 meeting. “Until then we

will be looking internally to see if there are any options so that we may provide our employees with a pay increase,” Wilson said. “Without county support we have no choice but to examine if reductions have to be made. I want to emphasize that our employees work hard to educate the children and to provide the education necessary for our students to be successful in their future.”

The Board of Education agreed.

“The Board passed a proposed budget that was responsible and attempted to provide a reasonable salary increase to our employees to help them with the rising cost of living and for a job well done,” Board President Robert Rothermel said. “While the Commissioners did not fund our compensation requests, the Board of Education is determined to support our employees this year and into the future.”

Disappointment seems to be the common sentiment.

“Not only are we disappointed, but we believe that our communities will be disappointed,” Rothermel said. “At each public input meeting the majority of speakers said they would accept a tax increase to support an increase in pay for teachers and staff.”

County Commissioners voted on June 2 to increase taxes without supporting a pay increase for county and school system employees.

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## BRADFORD COMMENDED

Barbara May, regent of the General Levin Winder Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), recently presented Cadet Dylan Bradford with the Silver DAR Outstanding Cadet Medal at Stephen Decatur High School. The medal is awarded to a student for participation in a non-ROTC, military-affiliated cadet program funded by the school or privately, including, but not limited to, Naval Sea Cadet Corps; Civil Air Patrol Cadets Corps; National Defense Cadet Corps (NDCC); United States Army Cadet Corps (formerly the American Cadet Alliance); Young Marines; California Wing Cadet Corps; Navy League Cadet Corps; Army Cadets of America and United States Army Cadet Corps.



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## PINESTEPPERS GRADUATION

On the last Wednesday of April, the square dancers of the Pinesteppers held a celebration in honor of the three students who had completed instruction in the choreography of Modern Western Square Dancing. Pictured is club caller Dennis O'Neal with graduating students, Greg Vernicek, Jeanette Lyons and Kathy Feldman. The Pinesteppers meet every Wednesday at the Ocean Pines Community Center at 7 p.m.



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## MURPHY HONORED

Neurosurgeon and author Dr. Ben Carson congratulates Worcester Preparatory School junior Ryan Murphy on his selection as a 2015 Carson Scholar. The Carson Scholars program was created by Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Carson to reward gifted students who excel in the academics and community service. The awards banquet was held in Baltimore on April 19.



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## DEM CLUB DISCUSSION

April's monthly meeting of the Democratic Women's Club of Worcester County featured Sally Smith and Carolyn Cummings discussing the history of the historic Rackliffe House located on Route 611, at the entrance to Assateague Island National Park. Pictured, from left, are Smith, Women's Club President Judy Butler and Cummings.

## VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP

First graders at Worcester Preparatory School celebrated their studies in zoology with a virtual field trip to the Lee Richardson Zoo in Garden City, Kan. The Mammal Mania enrichment program gave the young students a firsthand look at special mammal groups such as Monotremes (duck-billed platypus), Marsupials (kangaroos) and Placentals (humans). They met an armadillo named Maya, a hedgehog named Lucy and a chinchilla. All the students participated in a question and answer discussion with the zoo ranger.

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## Wor. County Arts Council summer camp, June 22-26

(June 4, 2015) The Worcester County Arts Council is accepting registrations for the annual Summer Arts Camp for children, June 22-26, at Most Blessed Sacrament school in Berlin.

This camp is designed for students entering third through eighth grades in fall 2015. Last year more than 120 children attended.

The cost is \$95 for the week-long camp which is held from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Bus transportation from Pocomoke and Snow Hill for an additional \$15 for the week will be offered.

Registration form, including selection of various visual and performing art workshops offered this year, is available at [www.worcestercountycouncil.org](http://www.worcestercountycouncil.org) and the Arts Council's office, located at 6 Jefferson Street in Berlin. Deadline for registration is June 8.

The Worcester County Arts Council is grateful to Most Blessed Sacra-



**Most Blessed Sacrament School student Morgan Carlson, the winner of Worcester County Arts Council Summer Arts Camp T-shirt logo contest, is pictured with WCAC Executive Director Anna Mullis and Arts Council's President Brian Garrett. The camp will take place June 22-26.**

ment School for providing its facility to this program. Financial support provided by Berlin/Ocean City Optimist Club, Ocean City Elks Club and patrons of the Council will allow for offering limited financial assistance.

For details how to apply, call the WCAC office at 410-641-0809.

For volunteering opportunities at the Arts Camp, contact Anna Mullis at 410-641-0809 or [curator@worcester-countyartscouncil.org](mailto:curator@worcester-countyartscouncil.org).

## Accolades for teacher/coach Hudson

(June 4, 2015) Cyndee Hudson was recently recognized for outstanding achievements in Worcester Prep's athletics program during the annual Alumni Awards Banquet on April 25.

Hudson is one of the winningest coaches in the school's history for both girls' basketball and tennis, and she is also known as a master teacher not only of mathematics, but Advanced Placement Physics.

For more than 31 years, Hudson has been a force behind mathematics learning at WPS.

Prior to coming to Worcester, Hudson was named "Teacher of the Year" for the Delmar School District. Upon joining the staff at Worcester, her focus was on developing winning teams and growing the mathematics program. During her 30-plus years at Worcester Prep, the mathematics program has grown into a powerful force with excellent teachers and students who acquire math skills needed for college level studies.

Many of her students have completed Calculus II and can apply their skills not only to intricate programming but also to advanced science studies. Today, the members of Worcester Prep's mathematics faculty are justifiably proud that mathematics scores on Stanford Achievement Tests, College Board tests, and Advanced Placement tests are quite high.

Hudson's influence is felt even in the earliest grade levels at Worcester. The mathematics faculty and Head of Lower School, Celeste Bunting, make sure Worcester Prep's Pre-kindergartners begin their journey into the world of mathematics by playing with numbers. The mathematics they

study is all around them everyday, and it is fun. These young students don't know they are becoming scholars; they are internalizing the foundation for complex concepts and solving math mysteries. Worcester teachers at all levels work hard to make sure none of their students put into their minds that they can't do math.

"Because they can and they do," Hudson said.

The key to success of the mathematics program, according to Hudson, is consistency—consistency in dynamic teaching, consistency in offering encouragement and consis-

tency in the curriculum Pre-K through 12. Worcester's math stresses practice and review of all math concepts learned. Unlike other programs that tackle one topic at a time and only give practice in the skill targeted, Worcester math introduces new concepts in the context of review of previous learning.

"Review is extremely important for mathematical understanding," Hudson said.

At the Alumni Awards Banquet, many of Hudson's former students and basketball and tennis team members came to congratulate her for the difference she has made in their lives.

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## THURS. June 4

**‘PLAY IT SAFE’ DODGEBALL** — Northside Park, 200 125th St. in Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Free, alcohol- and drug-free event for 2015 high school graduates. I.D. may be required at registration. Info: Al “Hondo” Handy, 410-250-0125.

**ANNUAL WINE TASTING LUNCHEON** — Harrison Harbor Watch, Ocean City Boardwalk at the Inlet, 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$33 and includes lunch and the pairing of a wine per course. Sponsored by the Women’s Club of Ocean Pines. Reservations: Kay Hickman, 410-600-0552 by May 28.

**BEACH SINGLES** — Every Thursday, Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour at Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel, 10100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 4-7 p.m. Info: Arlene, 302-436-9577; Kate, 410-524-0649.

**BINGO** — American Legion Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., in Ocean City, every Thursday, year round. Doors open at 5 p.m., games start at 6:30 p.m. Food available. Open to the public. Info: 410-289-3166.

**CHAIR AEROBICS** — St. Peter’s Lutheran Church Community Life Center, 10301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 1-2 p.m. Free will offering appreciated. Sponsored by St. Peter’s Senior Adult Ministry. Info: 410-524-7474.

## FRI. June 5

**GEM, MINERAL AND JEWELRY SHOW** — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, noon to 6 p.m. Sterling silver and 14K, classic, contemporary and handmade jewelry, custom faceted gem stones, carved stones, mineral specimens, fossils, crystals, lapidary supplies and beads of all types. Admission costs are \$5 for adults and free to children 16 and younger and military with ID. Info: [www.treasuresoft-heearth.com](http://www.treasuresoft-heearth.com), [jane@treasuresoft-heearth.com](mailto:jane@treasuresoft-heearth.com) or 804-642-2011.

**19TH ANNUAL MAKO MANIA TOURNAMENT** — Bahia Marina, 2107 Herring Way, Ocean City. Daily weigh-ins from 4-7:00 pm. Info: 410-289-7438, [fish@bahiamarina.com](mailto:fish@bahiamarina.com) or [www.bahiamarina.com](http://www.bahiamarina.com).

**LONGBOARD TEAM CHALLENGE** — Ocean City beach between 36th and 38th streets (Castle in the Sand). Sixteen teams of five compete on longboards. Give-aways and kids’ activities on the beach. Info: 800-OC-OCEAN.

**‘PLAY IT SAFE’ TENNIS** — OC Tennis Center, 61st Street, bayside. Sign ups at 1 p.m. Free, alcohol- and drug-free event for 2015 high school graduates I.D. may be required at registration. Info: Al

“Hondo” Handy, 410-250-0125.

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

**BERLIN HEALTH FAIR** — Berlin Visitor’s Center, 14 S. Main St., Berlin, 3-7 p.m. Free information and screenings including blood pressure, carotid, bone density, women’s health and diabetes. Also Integrative Health providers including massage, reflexology, essential oils, gluten free eating, acupuncture and more, held at the Worcester Youth & Family Counseling Center, 124 N. Main St., Berlin. High Heel race at 5:30 p.m.

**‘ANNIE’ PERFORMANCE AND DINNER** — Ocean Pines Yacht Club, Ballroom, 1 Mumford’s Landing Road. Buffet and dinner and dessert begins at 5:30 p.m., performance at 7 p.m. Featuring the Pointe Dance Theatre. Open to the public. Tickets cost \$30 for adults and \$20 for children 11 and younger. Tickets: Shelly Olafsson, 209-277-0001.

**COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR AND HIGH HEEL RACE** — Berlin Information Center, 14 S. Main St., 3-7 p.m. Opportunity for the public to receive free information and screenings including blood pressure, carotid, bone density, women’s health, diabetes and more. Also, integrative health providers available at the Worcester County Youth and Family Counseling Services, 124 N. Main St., Berlin. Topics include massage, gluten free eating, acupuncture and reflexology. The High Heel Race, benefiting Women Supporting Women, will begin at 5:30. Register: [WomenSupportingWomen.org](http://WomenSupportingWomen.org), 410-213-1177 or 410-548-7880. Info: 410-641-9268 or [ddenton@atlanticgeneral.org](mailto:ddenton@atlanticgeneral.org).

## SAT. June 6

**GEM, MINERAL AND JEWELRY SHOW** — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sterling silver and 14K, classic, contemporary and handmade jewelry, custom faceted gem stones, carved stones, mineral specimens, fossils, crystals, lapidary supplies and beads of all types. Admission costs are \$5 for adults and free to children 16 and younger and military with ID. Info: [www.treasuresoft-heearth.com](http://www.treasuresoft-heearth.com), [jane@treasuresoft-heearth.com](mailto:jane@treasuresoft-heearth.com) or 804-642-2011.

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**COMMUNITY YARD SALE** — The Parke at Ocean Pines, 7 a.m. to noon. Clothes, lamps, artwork, household items, electronics, furniture and more. Maps will be available at the main entrance to the Parke located at Central Parke West and Chatham, streets off of Ocean Parkway at the south gate of Ocean Pines. Info: 410-208-4994.

**BINGO** — Ocean Pines Community Center, Assateague Room, 235 Ocean Parkway. Doors open at 6 p.m., games begin at 6:30 p.m. Cash, prizes, food and 50/50 raffles. Bingo package cost is \$25. Proceeds benefit Worcester County G.O.L.D. Tickets purchased at the door or by calling Mary Burgess, 443-880-3740.

**OUTDOOR FLEA MARKET** — Bethany United Methodist Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Breakfast, lunch, soups and baked goods. Table rental: 410-629-0926.

**FIRST SATURDAY COMMUNITY YARD SALE** — Montego Bay Residential Community, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Turn bayside at 130th Street, Ocean City. Look for bargains at some of the 1,523 homes. Info: 410-250-3080.

**‘ANNIE’ PERFORMANCE** — Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, 11242 Race-track Road in Ocean Pines, 7 p.m. Featuring the Pointe Dance Theatre. Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$8 for children 11 and younger. Tickets: Shelly Olafsson, 209-277-0001.

**GOSPEL DAY JAMBOREE** — Furnace Town, 3816 Old Furnace Road, Snow Hill, 1 p.m. Featuring uplifting gospel from God’s Country Crossroads, Brittany Lewis and Triple Praise. Also, Furnace Town artisans will be on site and The Paul Leifer Nature Trail is open. Light refreshments available. Take your lawn chairs. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$4 for children and free to Furnace Town members.

**CORNHOLE BENEFIT** — Millville Fire Hall, 35554 Atlantic Ave., Millville, Del. Registration at 11 a.m., opening ceremonies at 11:45 a.m., play at noon. The 6th annual Beta Sigma Phi Cornhole Tournament wil benefit the Russell White Scholarship Foundation. Cost is \$50 per team, which includes a T-shirt for each player. Pre-register: Sarah, 302-363-7311. Cash prizes, door prizes, a silent auction, 50/50 drawing and refreshments sold by Charlie K’s BBQ with BYOB.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ALBERT BERGER** — Ocean City convention center, 4001

Coastal Highway, 10 a.m. Mr. Berger was the Most Senior Lion in the Ocean City Lions Club.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** — Ocean City Municipal Airport, Terminal Building, 9 a.m. to noon, through April 25. Serving pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, etc., and coffee. Suggested donation is \$7. Proceeds support the Huey Veteran’s Memorial Display. Info: Airport Ops, 410-213-2471 or Coleman Bunting, 410-726-7207.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** — VFW, Post 8296, 104 66th St., bayside in Ocean City, 8-11 a.m. A \$5 donation for all-you-can-eat pancakes or 2-2-2, two eggs, two pancakes and two bacon slices. Info: 410-524-8196.

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

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## SUN. June 7

**GEM, MINERAL AND JEWELRY SHOW** — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sterling silver and 14K, classic, contemporary and handmade jewelry, custom faceted gem stones, carved stones, mineral specimens, fossils, crystals, lapidary supplies and beads of all types. Admission costs are \$5 for adults and free to children 16 and younger and military with ID. Info: [www.treasuresoft-heearth.com](http://www.treasuresoft-heearth.com), [jane@treasuresoft-heearth.com](mailto:jane@treasuresoft-heearth.com) or 804-642-2011.

**19TH ANNUAL MAKO MANIA TOURNAMENT** — Bahia Marina, 2107 Herring Way, Ocean City. Daily weigh-ins from 4-7:00 pm. Info: 410-289-7438, [fish@bahiamarina.com](mailto:fish@bahiamarina.com) or [www.bahiamarina.com](http://www.bahiamarina.com).

**LONGBOARD TEAM CHALLENGE** — Ocean City beach between 36th and 38th streets (Castle in the Sand). Sixteen teams of five compete on longboards. Give-aways and kids’ activities on the beach. Info: 800-OC-OCEAN.

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production. Each 8-minute show also features fireworks effects. Free event. Info: 800-626-2326 or [www.ocbeach-lights.com](http://www.ocbeach-lights.com).

**‘PLAY IT SAFE’ KARAOKE** — Ocean City beach at Third Street, 6-8 p.m. Free, alcohol- and drug-free event for 2015 high school graduates. I.D. may be required at registration. Info: Al “Hondo” Handy, 410-250-0125.

**OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS #169** — Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Group is a 12-step program for anyone struggling with a compulsive eating problem. No initial meeting charge. Meeting contribution is \$1 weekly. Info: Bett, 410-202-9078.

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

**FRIED CHICKEN CARRYOUT** — Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department, 10709 Bishopville Road, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$7 for a half chicken or \$11 for a full chicken. Bake table, sodas and rolls available. Advance orders: 443-235-2926.

**‘ANNIE’ PERFORMANCE** — Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, 11242 Race-track Road in Ocean Pines, 1 p.m. Featuring the Pointe Dance Theatre. Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$8 for children 11 and younger. Tickets: Shelly Olafsson, 209-277-0001.

**OUTDOOR CASUAL WORSHIP SERVICE** — Front lawn of Bethany United Methodist Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, 8:30 a.m., Sundays, through Sept. 27. Take a lawn chair or blanket. Held indoors during inclement weather. Info: 410-641-2186 or [Bethany21811@gmail.com](mailto:Bethany21811@gmail.com).

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410-726-7207.

**SUNDAY NIGHT SERENITY AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP MEETING** — Woodlands in Ocean Pines, Independent Living Apartment Building, 1135 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 7:30 p.m.

## MON. June 8

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

**FRIENDS OF THE OCEAN PINES LIBRARY MEETING** — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road. Refreshments available at 9:30 a.m., speaker at 10 a.m., followed by a brief business meeting. Speaker will be Tony Russo, author of “Eastern Shore Beer: The Heady History of Chesapeake Brewing.” The public is welcome. At 11:30 a.m. there will be a planning meeting for the annual book sale. Info: 410-524-1818 or [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org).

**HISTORIC MUSEUM OPEN** — Historic St. Martin’s Church Museum, 11413 Worcester Highway, Showell, Mondays, 1-4 p.m., June through September. Info: 410-251-2849.

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

## TUES. June 9

**‘PLAY IT SAFE’ BEACH VOLLEYBALL** — Ocean City beach at Third Street. Sign-ups at 4:30 p.m., games at 6 p.m. Free, alcohol- and drug-free event for 2015 high school graduates I.D. may be required at registration. Info: Al “Hondo” Handy, 410-250-0125.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CRAB NIGHT** — Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway (behind St. Luke’s Church), Ocean City, every Tuesday, 5-7 p.m. Steamed crabs

and shrimp, crab soup, hot dogs, pizza, corn on the cob, and French fries. Reserve crabs and shrimp: 410-524-7994.

**NAMI FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP** — Atlantic Health Center, 9714 Healthway Drive, Berlin, every Tuesday, 6:30-8 p.m. Support group for families helping other families who live with mental health challenges. Info: 443-229-2744 or [namimdls@gmail.com](mailto:namimdls@gmail.com).

**PARKINSON’S SUPPORT GROUP** — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30-4 p.m. Helping individuals with Parkinson’s disease and their families. Discussion, speakers, exercise, medication updates and more. No reservation, no fee. Info: [www.DelmarvaParkinsonsAlliance.org](http://www.DelmarvaParkinsonsAlliance.org) or Ron and Mary Leidner, 410-208-0525.

**STEPPING ON FALL PREVENTION WORKSHOP** — Pocomoke Senior Center, 400 Walnut St., #B, Pocomoke City, noon to 2 p.m. A well-researched falls prevention program for seniors. The workshop is free and meets for two hours a week for seven weeks, June 2-July 14. Info: 410-957-0391.

**TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING** — Berlin group 331, Worcester County Health Center, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 5:30-7 p.m. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly. Info: [jeanduck47@gmail.com](mailto:jeanduck47@gmail.com).

**ON YOUR OWN, BUT NOT ALONE - WOC Fitness**, 12319 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City, 5 p.m. Weight loss support group with discussions about nutrition, exercise, health and weight loss. Cost is \$5 per meeting. Info: [dillon128@aol.com](mailto:dillon128@aol.com).

## WED. June 10

**MOVIE ON THE BEACH** — Carousel Resort Hotel and Condominiums, 118th Street and oceanfront in Ocean City, 8:30 p.m. Free movie on the beach featuring “Big Hero 6.” Take a beach chair or blanket. Info: 800-626-2326.

**‘PLAY IT SAFE’ 3-ON-3 BASKETBALL** — Northside Park, 200 125th St. in Ocean City. Sign-ups at 6 p.m., games at 7 p.m. Free, alcohol- and drug-free event for 2015 high school graduates. I.D. may be

required at registration. Info: Al Hondo” Handy, 410-250-0125.

**PTA PROSPECTIVE STUDENT MEETING** — Wor-Wic Community College, Room 109 of the Allied Health Building, Salisbury, 6-8 p.m. Students interested in the new physical therapist assistant (PTA) program are required to attend one of these meetings. Reserve a seat: [sennis@wor-wic.edu](mailto:sennis@wor-wic.edu) or 410-572-8740.

**RETIRED NURSES OF OCEAN PINES PICNIC** — White Horse Park Pavilion, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Reservations required: Gale Alford, 410-208-1590 or [galebillalford@aol.com](mailto:galebillalford@aol.com).

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

**DELMARVA HAND DANCE CLUB** — Meets every Wednesday at Peaky’s Rooftop Restaurant & Bar, located in the Fenwick Inn, 13801 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. Beginner and intermediate lessons, 5:30-6:30 p.m., followed by dancing 6:30-9 p.m. Jitterbug, swing, cha-cha to the sounds of the ’50s, ’60s and Carolina beach music. All are welcome. Info: 302-200-DANCE (3262).

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

**BAYSIDE BEGINNINGS AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP MEETING** — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 7:30 p.m.

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

**ON YOUR OWN, BUT NOT ALONE - WOC Fitness**, 12319 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City, noon. Weight loss support group with discussions about nutrition, exercise, health and weight loss. Cost is \$5 per meeting. Info: [dillon128@aol.com](mailto:dillon128@aol.com).

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# CUISINE

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

## Bacon-deviled eggs ‘mystically wonderful’

It is nice sometimes to take a step backwards and reacquaint oneself with skillsets that seem to have eluded us. Truth be told, chefs work hard, but as has been noted by aging chefs such as Anthony Bourdain, you just get to the point where the body doesn’t recover like it used to.



By Paul Suplee,  
CEC PCIII

Even so, chefs still spend a great deal of time on their feet and the mental anguish of being the social worker, hirer, firer, disciplinarian, food order and receiving personnel and kitchen maintenance only adds to the tiresome nature of the job.

Regardless, most of us wouldn’t have it any other way. We know what the business is about: long hours, working weekends and holidays, great customers and guests and rewards that are hard to explain. And all of this in a mere 55-80 hours per week.

Known to take management positions in the summertime over the past seven summers, I decided not to take that route this season, instead opting to shuck for an amazing little restaurant in Bethany for the next eight weeks – Bluecoast Seafood, Grill & Raw Bar on Route 1 just north of town.

What a comfortable, lively place, and one that many of you will recognize right away. Tucked into the bay-side reeds of Route 1, the restaurant has been many things over the years, including a fish market. It hosts the perfect setting as you peer out over the osprey nest a mere 100 yards from your table.

The raw bar shucker, a position I have not officially held since 1986 at Hemenway’s Providence (I kept telling people it was 1984 McGarvey’s, but I forgot about Hemenway’s), is responsible for the rotation and service of raw oysters and clams, and at present there are five on the board. We are also responsible for the cold appetizers, a simple task that can bog anyone down, but that’s the joy of shucking.

Among my favorite appetizers is the Indian River Inlet Bluefish Dip, a smoked fish pate fit for royalty. It’s creamy, unctuous and amazing served with the pickled onions, fresh toast points and gherkins. But I’m not here to write about the toast points.



I’m here for the deviled eggs, those mystically wonderful creations known at church picnics and rustic kitchens around the globe. With a simple addition of mayonnaise and/or sour cream and a pinch of crispy bacon, nothing can beat a deviled egg, or at least until they’ve been sitting out on the picnic table for the past three hours, but I digress.

These are garnished with tart apple, scrapple crisps (reference the prosciutto crisps of which I’ve written before) and pickled mustard seeds. The latter are reminiscent of the garlic puree that I’ve shared over the years. The result of blanching, draining and blanching removes so much of the unfavorable flavors, and makes the finished dish all that much better.

This recipe is a variation on the Bluecoast theme, but I can assure you that when you’re done, it will open a new world of possibilities in making your own devilled eggs this summer. It’s always good to take a step back.

### Bacon-Deviled Eggs

Makes 24 deviled eggs  
1 doz. Large eggs  
1/4 c. Mayonnaise  
1/4 c. Crème fraiche  
1/2 tsp. Dry mustard  
1/4 c. Fine bacon lardons, crispy

Salt & pepper to taste  
For garnish:  
Tart apple  
Scrapple chips (recipe follows)  
Pickled mustard seed (recipe follows)  
1. Place eggs in cold water and place on high heat, bringing water to a full boil.  
2. Once at a full boil, remove from heat and allow to sit for 13 minutes.  
3. Immediately drain and run cold water on the eggs to stop the cooking process. This will leave your yolks nice and yellow without that green ring around the edges, the telltale sign of overcooking.  
4. When cool enough to work with, trim to small end off the eggs. You will be cutting the eggs differently than you usually do, is my guess.  
5. Carefully run the knife through the white until you feel it hit the yolk, rolling the eggs so as to not cut through the yolk.  
6. Carefully pull the two halves apart and separate the yolk from the white.  
7. For the filling, place the yolks in a bowl and mash with the mayonnaise, crème fraiche, mustard, bacon season with salt and pepper  
8. When ready to serve, pipe the filling into the egg halves and garnish with the apple, scrapple chip and pickled mustard seed.  
9. Serve cold

### Scrapple Chips

Makes a bunch  
1/4 lb. Scrapple  
1. Shave the scrapple paper-thin and bake in a low oven until they are dehydrated and crispy.  
2. Keep in an airtight container.  
Pickled Mustard Seed  
Makes about 1 cup  
3/4 c. Mustard seed  
1/2 c. Champagne vinegar  
1/3 c. Sugar  
Salt to taste  
1. Years ago, I wrote about blanching, draining and blanching garlic to remove the heat. This is a similar technique here. Place the mustard seeds in water and bring to a boil  
2. Remove once they hit the boil, strain, top with water and repeat.  
3. Do this at least six times to remove bitter tannins and on the last turn, set aside strained.  
4. Top off with the vinegar, sugar and salt, mixing well.  
[if !supportLists]1. [endif]5. Let sit in the icebox for at least a day. This gets better with time!

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June 10: Sir Rod, 5 p.m.

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443-664-2896  
Every Wednesday: Jam Session w/The Baltimore Boyz, 8-11 p.m.  
Every Thursday: Brant Quick, 6-9 p.m.  
June 5: Brian Shultz, 7-10 p.m.  
June 6: Tor & Coastal Storm, 7-11 p.m.  
June 7: Moxley & Sibal, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm; Jay, 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

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June 5: Angeline & Joey Saah, 5-8 p.m.  
June 6: Kaleb Brown, 12:30-4 p.m.; Angeline & Joey Saah, 5-8 p.m.  
June 7: Angeline & Joey Saah, 12:30-4 p.m.; Kaleb Brown, 5-9 p.m.  
June 8: Deck Party w/Orlando Philips the RasTA American, 5-9 p.m.

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June 7: Dave Sherman, 2-6 p.m.  
June 11: DJ Jeremy, 7-11 p.m.

## CASINO AT OCEAN DOWNS

10218 Racetrack Road  
Berlin  
410-641-0600  
June 5: Everett Spells, 5:30-9:30 p.m.  
June 6: Sol Knopf, 4:30-8:30 p.m.; New Dawn Duo, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

## COCONUTS BEACH BAR AND GRILL

In the Castle in the Sand Hotel  
37th Street oceanfront  
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June 5: Darin Engh, noon to 4 p.m.; John LaMere, 5-9 p.m.  
June 6: Ginger Duo, noon to 4 p.m.; Parental Guidance, 5-9 p.m.  
June 7: Byron Anthony & Joe Mama, noon to 3 p.m.; Lauren Glick & the Mood Swingers, 4-8 p.m.

June 8: Bob Wilkinson & Joe Smooth, 4-8 p.m.  
June 9: Monkee Paw, 4-8 p.m.  
June 10: Chris Button & Joe Mamma, 4-8 p.m.  
June 11: John LaMere, noon to 3 p.m.; Homemade Hooch, 4-8 p.m.

## THE COVE AT OCEAN PINES YACHT CLUB

1 Mumford’s Landing Road  
Ocean Pines  
410-641-7501  
June 5: Tor & Coastal Storm, 6-10 p.m.  
June 6: Lovin Cup Duo, 6-10 p.m.  
June 7: Randy Lee & Band, 5-9 p.m.

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June 10-11: Ms. Shirley or Ellsworth on the piano, 7-11 p.m.

## FAGER’S ISLAND

60th Street and the bay  
Ocean City  
410-524-5500  
June 5: Kevin Poole, 5:30 p.m.; DJ Hook, 9:30 p.m.; New Romance,10 p.m.  
June 6: Opposite Directions, 5:30 p.m.; DJ Groove, 9:30 p.m.; Alter Ego, 10 p.m.  
June 7: Everett Spells, brunch  
June 8: DJ Wax, 5:30 p.m.; DJ RobCee, 9:30 p.m.; LauraLea & Tripp Fabulous, 10 p.m.  
June 11: DJ Groove, 9:30 p.m.

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June 7: Opposite Directions, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Billy T, 7 p.m.  
June 8: Blake Haley, 4 p.m.; DJ Billy T, 8 p.m.  
June 9: Funk Shue, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.  
June 10: Nate Clendenen, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.  
June 11: Opposite Directions, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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302-539-3095  
June 5: Dave Sherman, 5-10 p.m.; DJ Mikey J, 10 p.m.  
June 6: Dave Sherman, 5-10 p.m.; DJ Cdub, 10 p.m.  
June 7: Kevin Poole, 4-8 p.m.  
June 8: Dave Hawkins, 6-10 p.m.  
June 9: Kevin Poole, 5-9 p.m.  
June 10: Dave Sherman, 5-9 p.m.  
June 11: Keith White Duo, 5-9 p.m.

## HOOKED

8003 Coastal Highway  
Ocean City  
410-723-4665  
Every Thursday: Rick Kennedy, 6 p.m.

## HOOTERS

Rt. 50 & Keyser Point Road  
West Ocean City  
410-213-1841  
June 5: Push, 8 p.m.  
June 6: Bad Since Breakfast, 8 p.m.  
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June 10: Tim and the Animal, 6 p.m.

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56th Street, bayside  
Ocean City  
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June 5: It’s About Time Trio, 9 p.m.  
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June 11: Mike Smith, 8:30-11:30 p.m.

## M.R. DUCKS

Talbot Street and the bay  
Ocean City  
410-289-9125  
June 5: DJ Batman, 6 p.m.  
June 6: Electric Company, 4-8 p.m.  
June 7: Tommy Edward Trio, 4-8 p.m.

## MACKY’S BAYSIDE BAR & GRILL

53rd Street and Coastal Highway  
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June 5: DJ Casper 10 p.m.  
June 6: DJ Vybe, 10 p.m.  
June 7: Jimmy G, noon to 4 p.m.  
June 9: Theme Party “Pajama Jammy Jam” w/DJ Vybe  
June 11: DJ Casper, 10 p.m.

## OCEAN CLUB NIGHTCLUB

In the Horizons Restaurant  
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101st Street and the ocean  
Ocean City  
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June 5-6: First Class, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.  
June 11: Power Play, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.  
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Boardwalk, between Talbot and Caro-line streets  
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June 5: Frankie & the Actions, 10 p.m.  
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June 8: Fuzzbox Piranha, 10 p.m.

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# Humphreys Foundation invests \$300K in hospice

(June 4, 2015) Coastal Hospice & Palliative Care announces a major gift to its campaign to build Coastal Hospice at the Ocean. Humphreys Foundation, Inc. of Ocean City has invested \$300,000 to support the project.

The Community Room will be named for Edward H. Hammond, Jr., in commemoration of the gift. It will be integral to the outreach function of Coastal Hospice at the Ocean. The room will be available to community groups in need of a meeting space, when it isn't in use for bereavement support groups.

The projected cost to build Coastal Hospice at the Ocean is \$5 million, and with the Humphreys Foundation gift, the total raised toward the project to date is \$3.3 million.

"We are honored to be able to add Mr. Hammond's name to the hospice residence and outreach center," said Alane Capen, president of Coastal Hospice. "Mr. Hammond was known as a dedicated historian and supporter of the Berlin community. It's a privilege to have Dr. Humphreys' name on our library and now Mr. Hammond's on the Community Room."

Coastal Hospice at the Ocean will be a hospice residence and outreach center to be built in Berlin. It will address a growing and unmet need here: a residence for hospice care for patients who are not able to stay in their homes safely during their final days.

When built, Coastal Hospice at the Ocean will feature a home-like atmosphere for residents. It will also serve as headquarters for the hospice team that cares for 40 to 60 patients in their own homes each day in Worcester and Somerset counties. In addition, the new location will offer palliative care clinics (to treat the physical, emotional and spiritual pain that comes with serious illness) and facilities for grief support and community education.

This is the Foundation's second gift to the campaign. In 2012, it made a pledge of \$100,000 to Coastal Hospice at the Ocean. Humphreys Foundation was founded by Dr. Mary E. Humphreys and, until his death, Hammond served on the board. The Foundation has generously supported local community services. Dr. Humphreys mentored many women in the sciences in her years on the biology faculty of Mary Baldwin College, where she taught biology, botany and genetics. She returned to Berlin when she retired, in the 1960s, and was a well loved member of the community.

Founded in 1980, Coastal Hospice is a nonprofit health care organization that cares for individuals facing life-limiting conditions but who want to remain as active and engaged as possible.



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# PUZZLES

## MAKING PROJECTIONS

BY TOM MCCOY / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

*Note: When this puzzle is completed, an apt phrase can be found by starting at the top central letter and reading clockwise.*

**ACROSS**

1 Choco \_\_\_\_ (Klondike treat)

5 School

10 Items that may be labeled SMTWTFS

15 Dog sound

18 Series of numbers?

20 Kurt Vonnegut's "Happy Birthday, \_\_\_\_ June"

21 Former part of the British Empire

22 Joe Biden's home: Abbr.

23 "I expected as much"

25 Towering

26 Letters of obligation

27 Hair piece

28 Currency that, in one denomination, features a portrait of Linnaeus

30 Garment for tennis, perhaps

32 Not as exciting

34 Return from a store

37 When blacksmithing began

39 Perfect orbit

40 Fanatical

41 66, e.g.: Abbr.

42 Nav. rank

43 Run \_\_\_\_

44 Boarded

45 "Awe-SOME!"

47 Occurring in March and September, say

50 Shenanigans

53 Dietary no-no

54 Grey and ochre

55 "There is \_\_\_\_ in team"

56 Pleasant inflection

57 Park opened in 1964

59 Easy-peasy task

60 Chocolate- mint brand with peaks in its logo

63 Temperature units

64 Muscles worked by leg presses

65 Anti-Revolutionary of 1776

66 Gets harsher

68 An example of itself

70 Lacto-\_\_\_\_ vegetarian

71 Condemned

72 Gone

76 Hockey team with a patriotic name

78 Distraction for many an idle person

80 Bests

81 Capacious

82 Apple desktop

83 National Novel Writing Mo.

84 Havana-to-Palm Beach dir.

85 Eagerly accept

86 See 92-Across

88 Handled roughly

90 Japanese for "teacher"

91 Message to one's followers

92 Portrayer of 86-Across in "Elf"

93 Artifact

95 Rakes

97 Cooking-spray brand

98 "The Downeaster '\_\_\_\_'" (Billy Joel song)

100 Sleep mode?

106 Malt product

107 Bring home the gold

108 Barely manage

109 Breakfast-cereal maker

110 Hyphenated fig.

111 Factions

112 "It was just a joke!"

113 Where writing is on the wall?

13 Not in the dark

14 Authorization

15 Catcher of some waves

16 Shake-ups in corps.

17 Champagne holder

19 Seasonal linguistic topper

24 "\_\_\_\_ even"

29 Expunge

31 Prepare to tie a shoelace, say

32 Staple of quiz bowls

33 Redolence

35 Pro \_\_\_\_

36 Coin to pay for passage across the River Styx

38 Put another way

39 Strewn

41 Fodder for tabloids

44 Little bugger

45 Wise ones

46 Daughter of Hyperion

48 Condition of sale

49 TV's "The \_\_\_\_ Today"

50 Bring, as to a repair shop

51 Thoroughfare

52 Dog sounds

54 Collapsed, with "in"

57 Ends of letters

58 Somebody \_\_\_\_

59 Words below an orange on a license plate

60 One of 24 in a glucose molecule

61 Bagel topper

**DOWN**

1 Mai \_\_\_\_

2 Bottom-row key

3 Capt. Kangaroo's network

4 Peak that's known as "The Great One"

5 Rare notes

6 Crisp bit in a stir-fry

7 Further

8 String after B

9 Seafood-soup base

10 Series opener

11 Privy to

12 Attraction that operates under its own steam?

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62 It might contain a list of postal abbreviations

63 Something you might get a kick out of?

64 Steven Wright's "I intend to live forever. So far, so good," e.g.

66 Capital city founded during a gold rush

67 Mariana, e.g.

68 \_\_\_\_ a one

69 What's superior to Lake Superior: Abbr.

71 Hip-hop's Mos \_\_\_\_

72 Hematophagous creature

73 Buddy

74 Pass

75 Hand source

77 Bank to rely on

78 Soaks (up)

79 Pouting expression

81 Major stockholder?

83 "m" and "n"

85 Hula hoop?

86 Dumbfound

87 Small change

88 June honorees

89 Parts, as blinds

90 Blind parts

94 Highway number

96 Variety of antelope

99 Fiction

101 Old White House moniker

102 Unit usually seen with the prefix deci-

103 Equal: Prefix

104 Big name in current research?

105 Point of writing?



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9	8	1	6	2	4	3	5	7





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