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Six of seven Worcester County Commissioners, delegates Mary Beth Carozza and Charles Otto, and Berlin Mayor Gee Williams were among the public officials and stakeholders who helped break ground on the new Berlin library on Harrison Avenue on Tuesday.

## Local leaders 'dig' new library

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(June 8, 2017) The few clouds that rolled over Berlin on Tuesday skipped by long enough for several dozen public officials and other stakeholders to stick their golden shovels into the future site of the new Berlin library on Harrison Avenue.

Six of seven Worcester County Commissioners were present, along with Berlin Mayor Gee Williams, delegates Mary Beth Carozza and Charles Otto, and county Library Director Jennifer Ranck.

Ranck thanked the commissioners

and county administration for their leadership, the Worcester County Library Board for their support, the Worcester County Library Foundation and a Berlin-based fundraising committee for helping to plan fundraising events, the Humphries Foundation and Town of Berlin for their early donations, and individual donors throughout the community.

She also acknowledged the state Division of Library Development and Services, and Department of Education for their support through a capital grant program.

The new library is estimated to cost \$6.25 million and will be four times larger than the previous building, which is now the oldest library in the county.

"In particular I'd like to thank former Library Director Mark Thomas, who launched this project and really set us on the right course," she said. "I want to thank our amazing architect Jeff Schoellkopf for his vision, and to the members of the planning team for their expertise and their willingness to attend many, many, many, many, many, many meetings so we could be here today."

Ranck said it was fitting the site was the former home to one of Berlin's fa-

bled peach nurseries.

"Now, instead of growing fruit trees, we'll be growing readers, we'll be producing thinkers, and we'll be cultivating lifelong learning," she said. "In fact, the new library building itself will be a celebration of learning – as all libraries are."

Worcester County Commissioners President Jim Bunting noted the large number of his colleagues attending.

"You can tell we're pretty proud of this project," he said. "It started out as a vision and there was a lot of people involved in this ... and a lot of convincing about some ideas."

Bunting said the library would be a great thing for the town and the county.

"This is going to be a place for community, for children, for the young and old," he said. "Thanks to everybody ... there were a lot of people involved in this and it wouldn't have happened without a lot of work."

Williams joked that, when he was little, people didn't get this excited about a new library.

"Now, I am very grateful that this new project is happening – not only that it's happening in our town, but when it's happening," he said. "This ground-

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## GM Hill talks up renovations during packed town hall

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(June 8, 2017) Ocean Pines Association interim General Manager Brett Hill held a well-attended town hall meeting at Mumford's Landing last Thursday, when he offered an overview of his administration and the flurry of new projects it has produced.

Hill said the net-year loss against budget for fiscal year 2017 was about \$270,000, but that number needed to be put into context because the board of directors made several changes to a budget that was adopted by a previous board and general manager.

Several new public works positions were added to the payroll because the board saw "a desperate need for us to make improvements ... and our public works staff was stretched beyond any reason," Hill said.

He said those positions added



Brett Hill

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Worcester County Library Director Jennifer Ranck speaks during a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Berlin library on Tuesday.





Linda Dearing talks about the McGuffey Bookwork Club on Monday morning at Showell Elementary School. The program, which distributes free books to children countywide, is overseen by the Worcester County Commission for Women.

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# McGuffey program reaches thousands of county students

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(June 8, 2017) This week, just before the official start of summer vacation, thousands of Worcester County elementary school children received free books from the McGuffey Bookworm Club, a 12-year-old project of the Worcester County Commission for Women.

Copy Central owner Linda Dearing oversees the program, named after the “McGuffey Reader,” one of the first textbooks used by U.S. schools after it was introduced in the mid-19th century.

“The women’s commission was looking for ways to give back to the community. Even though it’s not just a women’s issue, we figured that reading is a good thing and we wanted to help educate the next generation of kids,” Dearing said.

The program covers all Worcester County elementary schools, including Seaside Christian Academy and Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, Dearing said. She said from 7,000 to 8,000 books are given to about 2,000 students each year.

McGuffey is supported by Commission for Women fundraising throughout the year, as well as by the Friends of the Worcester County Commission for Women and donations from area clubs and businesses.

Dearing said books are delivered from the Scholastic Corporation to the Worcester County Jail, where women serving there pack the individual bags as part of a cooperative program. In return, they earn service credits toward their jail time.

“They sort out all of the bags according to grade level and for each individual school,” Dearing said. “I want to thank them for all of that help.”

Dearing was distributing bright orange McGuffey backpacks to second- and third-grade students at Showell Elementary School in Berlin on Monday. Each pack contained several books, as well as a letter to parents and a McGuffey Pledge bookmark.

The pledge reads, “I promise to be a faithful member of the McGuffey Bookworm Club. I will take care of my books and my book bag. I will read my books and share my books. I will read as much as I can this summer. All of these things I will do to become a loyal member of the McGuffey Bookworm Club.”

At Showell, the pledge was administered by Cpl. Mark Wolinsky and Lt. Scott Kirkpatrick, both of the Ocean City Police Department.

Wolinsky has a granddaughter who attends Showell and his wife is a former preschool teacher there.

“She knows a lot of the kids here because she had them in her class,” he said. “We always want to do some-

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# Pocomoke budget first reading keeps six-month golf trial

**By Greg Ellison**  
Staff Writer

(June 8, 2017) The Pocomoke City Council held a first reading and public hearing on the proposed fiscal year 2018 budget, which despite the relatively large attendance, failed to receive a single audience comment.

City Manager/City Attorney Ernie Crofoot said the draft version of the budget, now in its fifth incarnation, factors in several proposals from a budget work session on May 12.

“It was a tough process, but the budget as you have it now contains those compromises and changes that have been discussed in the past several weeks,” he said.

During the May 12 meeting, based on a suggestion from Councilman Dale Trotter, it was decided to budget the Winter Quarters Golf Course for only the first half of fiscal year 2018 to ascertain if renewed marketing efforts are positively impacting the course.

While the course is expected to lose as much as \$180,000 this year, Crofoot estimated only budgeting the course for the first half of fiscal-year 2018 should limit the financial loss to about \$77,000. He also noted that after six months the council would have to amend the budget if they wanted to keep the course operational.

Another proposal from the May 12 budget work session would increase the charge for bi-weekly trash service from \$10 to \$15, which should net the town an additional \$80,000.

As currently proposed the budget reflects general fund revenues of \$4.8 million and general fund expenses of \$4.5 million, leaving a surplus of more than \$257,000, which when offset with negative fund balances for the golf course, as well as water and sewer, leaves the budget balanced.

“I would urge you folks to introduce the budget ordinance and consider it for second reading passage on the 19th,” he said.

The council will hold a second reading with potential passage of the budget at its next meeting on June 19 at 6:30 p.m.



**Pocomoke High School's Class of 2017 marks the end of this chapter in their lives with a blast of confetti during their graduation ceremony last Tuesday. Overall, Pocomoke graduates received more than \$1.2 million in college scholarship money. See story on page 17.**

# County schools honor innovators

**By Brian Gilliland**  
Associate Editor

(June 8, 2017) Worcester County schools encourage educators to try new programs, applications and methods in the classroom, and an annual ceremony recognizes those teachers who have excelled in those regards.

Held last Wednesday, this year's ceremony drew an audience of 40 to 50 people and featured a lunch provided by Chef Phil Cropper and culinary arts students at Worcester Technical High School.

Superintendent of Schools Lou Taylor recognized the various staff present at the luncheon and the principals of each school that encouraged their teachers to try new things in order to help students succeed.

The keynote address was delivered by 2017 Teacher of the Year Julia Hill, who pre-recorded her remarks, as she was presenting an award elsewhere in the state that day.

Elizabeth Atwood at the Cedar Chapel Special School was honored for adopting a curriculum that featured shared writing and reinforced communications skills for students with complex instructional needs.

Jennifer Beach at Pocomoke Middle School created a “makerspace” at the school library that allowed students to create things including 3D printed

items, robotics and a massive 6.5 foot square Lego “Warrior Wall.”

Brian Cook at Pocomoke Middle School was recognized for coordinating instruction with students in California and Iowa to analyze young adult literature.

At Stephen Decatur High School, Ryan Cowder used an online registration tool to simplify and streamline paperwork related to athletic programs.

The tool saved coaches' and students' time, and the data is more easily found in case of an emergency.

The eighth grade math team, led by Regina Dashiell, was honored for implementing a “math menu” system in which the classes begin with a warm-up, followed by a lesson, followed by a selection of activities related to that lesson.

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# City Manager/City Attorney Ernie Crofoot to step aside

**By Greg Ellison**  
Staff Writer

(June 8, 2017) Pocomoke City Manager/City Attorney Ernie Crofoot announced on Wednesday that he would be vacating the position he has held since August 2015.



**Ernie Crofoot**

“We agreed to a bi-party agreement for termination of services,” he said.

Crofoot said the precise date of departure has yet to be determined, but would be within two months.

Pocomoke City is currently advertising the position on its website. The job posting seeks a “progressive visionary leader with a strong, service-oriented approach to managing municipal operations.”

The position requires candidates to be seasoned professionals, with at least 10 years of experience in a comparable role, who are “engaged and visible within the community.”

Regardless of his departure, Crofoot said he would continue to cooperate in all aspects of pending litigation filed by former police personnel against Pocomoke City.

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# Grant will assist Snow Hill with body camera upgrades

**By Greg Ellison**  
Staff Writer

(June 8, 2017) New upgraded body cameras are imminent for police in Snow Hill after the department received a more than \$4,000 grant from the Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT) at a Town Council work session last Tuesday.

Police Chief Tom Davis accepted a 50/50 match grant for \$4,128 from LGIT, a nonprofit that provides self-insurance programs for municipalities in Maryland.

“Our equipment is a couple of generations old,” he said. “We’ve been replacing as needed, but I thought it was time to upgrade.”

Davis said he applied for the funding in April, which involved obtaining pricing from vendors. The maximum grant amount is \$5,000.

Davis also noted the new equipment will store footage on a cloud-based server.

“It’s costing us more money to repair and replace,” he said.

From his perspective Davis sees obvious benefits to equipping officers

with body cameras.

“It’s a great tool for law enforcement,” he said.

“It’s a great evidence collector.”

Davis noted that in dash cameras sometimes capture footage of suspects tossing contraband from vehicles police are attempting to detain that the naked eye might fail to notice.

When complaints surface about police interactions with the public, Davis said video footage provides a clear picture of what actually transpired.

“The general public will benefit,” he said. “Sometimes it’s malicious [and] sometimes it’s absolutely innocent.”

In light of ongoing tenseness between police and communities throughout the country, Davis hopes the continued use of technology can help foster a renewed sense of trust between law enforcement and citizens.

“The word of police officer isn’t like it used to be,” he said. “With these cameras there are no ifs, ands or buts.”

# McGuffey effect evident as reading test scores on rise

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thing nice for the kids. We feel, when they’re this young and seeing somebody in uniform, it’s a good thing because they feel a little more comfortable around us and maybe they will come to us if they need something.

“We really enjoy doing this. Especially with some of the work we do, it’s just nice to be able to deal with the kids on a very personal basis like this,” Wolinsky added.

Kirkpatrick echoed those sentiments.

“To come into contact with them this early in their life, have a positive interaction with law enforcement and answer their questions and give them an opportunity to see us and

talk to us, is so beneficial,” he said. “It’s a really great program.”

Dearing said McGuffey appears to be paying dividends in the county, with reading test scores on the rise.

“We have seen, through the reports of the last few years, the reading level of students in Worcester County has gone up,” she said. “Not to say that we made that happen, but we’re helping to contribute to that.”

To donate to the McGuffey Bookworm Club, contact Dearing at Copy Central on 11065 Cathell Road in Ocean Pines, call 410-208-0641 or visit [www.copycentralmd.com](http://www.copycentralmd.com).

Checks can be mailed to the Friends of the Worcester County Commission for Women at P.O. Box 1712, Berlin, Maryland, 21811.

### Corrections

An article in the June 1 issue of the Gazette incorrectly referred to Ocean Pines interim General Manager and Director Brett Hill as the CEO of ThinkBig.

Hill is the CEO of FTS Fiber, a company that installs dark fiber-optic infrastructure and frequently works with ThinkBig.

A separate article in the June 1 issue of the Gazette suggested that Norman Webb, also known as “Boardwalk Elvis,” was recently hospitalized because of an obstruction in his “sarcophagus.”

He was hospitalized because of an obstruction in his “esophagus.” We apologize for the errors.

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# Hill: Bridges repaired and clubs got facelift

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\$108,000 to the payroll, but argued the projects that were completed because of the extra manpower benefitted the association.

Hill cited improvements at the beach club that put the facility on par with “the finest of the marinas and recreation facilities on the East Coast.”

Additional bathroom stalls were added, addressing an apparent shortage, and the size of handicapped stalls were increased, bringing them up to date with current ADA compliance laws.

The interior of the club also received

a facelift, especially the second-floor dining area, which will be unveiled during Father’s Day weekend.

“With the new menu, we’re in for a really fun summer at the beach this year,” Hill said.

Hill said the dining and bar areas at Tern Grille, inside the country club, were nearly doubled and the menu there has been revamped.

“We’re really looking to see the golfers stay and enjoy what the facility has to offer, not just play their 18 holes and go home or go somewhere else,” Hill said. “We’ve given a really nice place to come and enjoy a beverage or

a light meal afterwards and I think it’s going to be a great addition to the golf operations in the coming years.”

Money that was previously allocated for a food truck was instead channeled into the creation of “Tuffy’s Tavern,” a new bar inside Mumford’s Landing, Hill said.

He said additional renovations took place at Mumford’s and dining would be available on the first and second floors during the summer.

Hill said renovations of bridges on Clubhouse Drive and Ocean Parkway had been completed. Utility lines over both bridges were redone in manner that would not put further stress on the structures, he said.

The playground at Manklin Meadows was redone and the existing gazebo there was relocated in the center of that area, providing seated shade for parents, Hill said.

He said plans were proceeding to renovate the second floor of the country club, creating additional community meeting and golf banquet space. When that wraps, the existing meeting space in the administration building will be converted into more room for Ocean Pines Police.

“We’re really going to gain a lot for the police department,” Hill said. “For the protection of our officers and the community, it’s a very important step and something that needed to be made.

“When you look at the overall budget, we’re putting less than \$1 million into the golf club ... and we’re coming out with pretty much a brand new building on the inside,” Hill said. “The administration building is going to be the same thing. We have a couple hundred thousand going in and the police department is getting almost everything they wanted.”

Two areas that have plagued Ocean Pines are bulkheads and stormwater management.

Worm infestation and phragmites, or invasive wetland grasses, have created problems in the former. The board decided to interrupt regular bulkhead replacement in order to assess the situation, and Hill said major problem areas would be patched as needed – for now.

Addressing drainage, he said “horrific storms” during the last nine months have made it difficult for crews to cover each mile, but added, “communication is really important for us.”

Public works in Ocean Pines manages 12 miles of bulkheads and more than 100 miles of stormwater improvements. Hill urged residents to continue to report their concerns.

“When you have a particular request it is very helpful when you can send in pictures and show us,” he said. “[Public works] does take those calls very seriously. They respond on all of them and they’re not ignoring anyone.”



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## Berlin will get new library next year for 150th birthday

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breaking, it actually is marking the beginning of a new era in the Town of Berlin.”

The town was chartered in 1868 and will celebrate its 150th anniversary next year.

Williams said partnerships were key to the development of the facility and included town, county and state government.

“It’s just amazing what can happen when people say this is good for our community and let’s roll up our sleeves and work together,” he said. “I hope that we’re leading by example down here. We might not get on the big-time news, but eventually they’ll say, ‘how [do] all those good things happen down there in Worcester County and the lower Eastern Shore?’ We still talk to each other, we still care about each other, and we work together. That’s what made this possible.”

He said the library would be one of the most energy-efficient buildings in town, would complement the historic architecture that is a signature of nearby Main Street, and would be a public asset because of the ample meeting space it will add.

“[The library] is becoming a reality before our very eyes at a time and in the place that it is meant to be,” he said. “To

everyone whose made this day possible, thank you on behalf of the Town of Berlin.”

Assistant State Superintendent for Libraries Irene Padilla said a library capital grant program, now in its 10th year, helped to fund the library. Overall, she said the state contributed \$1.9 million for Worcester County libraries, also including assistance to Ocean City, as part of an order signed by Gov. Larry Hogan.

“I’d just like to acknowledge that the governor sends his best as well,” she said.

The new branch is expected to open by July 2018.

Ranck said the library foundation is still trying to raise about \$28,000 to fulfill the \$150,000 matching grant provided by the Humphries Foundation.

“That will provide money to help outfit the building, so extra furniture and equipment, particularly in the meeting room. We want to make sure that’s outfitted properly so we can hold special events there,” she said.

The foundation hopes to raise those funds by the end of the calendar year, Ranck said.

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# Torch Run keeps racing, raising for Special Olympics

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(June 8, 2017) The 32nd annual Maryland Law Enforcement Torch Run raced through Worcester County on Monday, stopping first at the Boardwalk in Ocean City before busing west for a pep rally at Worcester Preparatory School in Berlin.

The event has raised more than \$35 million for Special Olympics Maryland in a little over three decades, according to Sgt. Dennis G. Eade of the Ocean City Police Department.

Eade, speaking before a crowd of several hundred Worcester Prep students in Berlin, said participants gathered at about 8 a.m. that morning at 27th Street in Ocean City and ran the length of the Boardwalk.

He was a little hoarse afterward. “We yelled as loud as we could and woke everybody up in the hotels – especially the senior weekers – and we got everybody up and got them off the beach. We had a really nice run and beautiful weather this morning,” Eade said.

By about 10 a.m. in Berlin, clouds had moved in and a light drizzle started. Still, dozens of runners gathered in the front parking lot of the school, along with two officers on horseback and a pair of all-terrain vehicles.

Eade said the pep rally at Worcester Prep was a four-or-five-year tradition.

“If you want to know what Special Olympics is, it gives people with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to gain the benefits from sport and competition,” he said. “I know we’ve got a lot of athletes here amongst this crowd that probably do sports and get those benefits – we provide that ... Law enforcement raises the vast majority of funds so Special Olympics can exist.

“The people that you see in the torch run shirts this morning are all police officers,” Eade continued. “We brought our horses for you all to see, we’ve got some four-wheelers if

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Sgt. Dennis G. Eade of the Ocean City Police Department speaks to an assembled crowd of students at Worcester Preparatory School on Monday about the Maryland Law Enforcement Torch Run, a three-decade-old annual event that raises money for Special Olympics Maryland. Police in Worcester County participated in events in Ocean City and Berlin on Monday, then handed the torch off to officers in Salisbury for the next leg of the statewide run.



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# Pocomoke still exploring water improvements

**By Greg Ellison**  
Staff Writer

(June 8, 2017) Linden Avenue resident Gregg Frostrom, who has previously spoken to the town regarding water quality issues at his residence, shared his latest findings and inquired if improvements were forthcoming during the Pocomoke Council meeting on Monday.

“I run two five-micron water filters as water enters my house,” he said.

Frostrom proceeded to exhibit one filter, which was slightly discolored after one month of use, and then pro-

duced another filter, which looked spent after three months of use.

“I cant define whether there’s any progress or not, but it doesn’t appear so,” he said. “Maybe you could give me some information on where we’re going.”

City Manager/City Attorney Ernie Crofoot said ongoing efforts to flush water pipes have been relatively ineffective, and based on the results of a recently commissioned report by Hungerford & Terry, a water treatment contractor, Pocomoke needs to pursue a different route involving the water fil-

tering media.

“We had our water treatment plant backwash process checked and it was discovered that the anthracite coal in two of the four tanks was gone,” he said. “A lot of the sand was gone and the filtering media was sort of disappearing.”

The investigation also uncovered half-a-dozen valves, and a meter that was malfunctioning.

“The gist of all this is it appears that for quite a while that the backwash was being done at too high of a pressure,” he said. “Instead of the backwash lifting the debris out of the filtering media and washing that debris out, that backwash was lifting the media out as well.”

When functioning properly, the anthracite coal helps remove iron from the water, but a recent visual inspection revealed a less than ideal scenario, Crofoot said.

“You can see the anthracite as it streams out of the line,” he said. “We opened up a couple of manholes and found it draining out into the sewers.”

Pocomoke has thus far received one price quote for more than \$230,000 to complete the project, Crofoot said.

“I’m waiting for another estimate from the same company that has a long-term service contract on our water tank,” he said.

After the other quote is received, Crofoot said Pocomoke would need to pursue either short- or medium-range

emergency borrowing to finance the work. Prefacing his comments with a knock on wood, Crofoot said the city should be able to handle the challenge.

“In a way, I guess we’ll have to handle that,” he said.

Although in his position under two years, Crofoot said he reviewed water-testing reports for the past five years.

“The reports were somewhat critical of the filtering media at the time, but the water testing at the plant was showing a good reading, so there wasn’t a lot of emphasis being paid,” he said. “None of those reports were as accurate as they could have been, because if you test at a certain stage you’re going to get a good reading, but the day-in and day-out delivery is not going to be good.”

Crofoot also noted that engineers with GMB and consultants with Hungerford and Terry concurred the project should be completed as quickly as possible.

Frostrom expressed his gratitude for the attempts to drill down to the true cause of water quality issues in Pocomoke.

From his perspective, Crofoot said he is hopeful that fixing the malfunctioning valves and water meter, as well as replacing the filtering media, will yield improvements.

“I hate a question I can’t get an answer to,” he said. “I’ve been down a number of roads and this looks like the most promising long-term solution.”



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son.

The second grade team led by Jessica Frye at Buckingham Elementary School was featured for its third annual “Invention Convention,” in which students invent something, improve upon an existing invention or deliver a report on their favorite inventors.

Tom Hamill at Worcester Tech implemented a data dashboard for administrators and teachers to examine and improve programs, with the goal being to boost student performance.

Julia Hill, also at Worcester Tech, was recognized outside of her keynote speaker responsibilities for integrating an app into her classroom that allows communication between her and students outside of class time.

Trevor Hill and Sandy Friedman used Hill’s friend Shadrach, who lives in the western African country Burkina Faso, to connect local students more directly to their geography lesson. Shadrach took students on a virtual tour of his day-to-day surroundings while sharing details about his life.

The sixth grade team at Snow Hill Middle School, led by Angelique Hunter, implemented a system that outlined all content and projects for the school year, allowing students to pick and choose what to complete and when.

Michael Levy at Worcester Tech conducted a forensic sciences ballistics lab range day that allowed students to study bullet trajectories and terminal ballistics.

Tracy Lewis at Worcester Tech found his students did not enjoy terminology review sessions, so he found an application that turns it into a game environment.

Aarti Sangwan at Worcester Tech had her students team up to prepare a review of course materials, prepare a study guide and suggest problem-solving strategies for an assigned unit. In this way, students had a full overview of the year’s work done in one week.

Richard Stephens at Worcester Tech created a project for the welding program so students would have a physical object to work with and not just verbal answers to questions about the curriculum.

Brittany Taylor at Snow Hill Middle School implemented a flexible school library system that allows students better access to library materials.

Valerija Zienty at Worcester Tech required students to select a recently published article on a selected topic, summarize it and write a reflection piece. Other students would then discuss the article in the classroom and online.



# ‘We’re all wearing the same shirt’

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you’re into that, [and] we’ve got all our cars and motorcycles parked up there. These are state troopers, these are Worcester County sheriffs, they’re Ocean City police officers [and] Berlin police officers – there’s officers from across Worcester County and we all join to carry that torch.”

He said Worcester police would hand the torch to officers in Salisbury. By the close of the event, on Friday, the torch run will culminate in Townson.

“But it all starts in Ocean City and Berlin,” Eade said. “We’ve got the prettiest leg by far. We get to run the

beach and everything else.”

State Police Lt. Earl Starner has been involved in the annual fundraiser since 2001. He said theme of the torch run each year is “just one more.”

“We try and grow the event each year,” he said. “Show up this year and come back next year and bring somebody with you.”

He said his police barrack in Berlin raised about \$700 in T-shirt sales in 2017. Fundraising is ongoing and Starner said the easiest way to donate was through the Special Olympics Maryland website, [www.somd.org](http://www.somd.org).

On top of helping what he called a

very worthy cause, Starner said the torch run was a popular – and very visible – outreach for local police.

“Not that this community needs reminding, but I like to be able to remind people that law enforcement are the good guys,” he said. “We’re good citizens first and good police officers, and they kind of go hand-in-hand together. It’s bonding with the community and it’s always a good opportunity to join with our law enforcement partners here in Worcester County.”

“We’re all wearing the same shirt and the same uniform today, so I love that part of it,” Starner added.



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Pocomoke Council Briefs

By Greg Ellison  
Staff Writer

(June 8, 2017) The Pocomoke City Council discussed the following items during a meeting at town hall on Monday.

New hire

Daniel Brandewie, newly minted head of the Department of Planning, Housing and Zoning, was introduced to the council by City Manager/City Attorney Ernie Crofoot.

Crofoot said Brandewie has been qualified by the American Institute of Certified Planners and most recently worked in Cambridge, where he spent eight years as city planner.

"He's done a lot of planning and zoning," Crofoot said. "

Hitting the ground running on day one, Brandewie was given an overview of Pocomoke by Crofoot.

"I gave him a tour of all of our landmarks today, including the golf course, the pumping station, the water plant, the wastewater plant, [and] various neighborhoods in town," he said.

The persistent rain on Monday provided a sneak peak of a few challenges Pocomoke faces, Crofoot said.

"It was a good chance to see some

of our local flooding," he said. "It didn't scare him away."

Although soon to be retired Housing and Zoning Coordinator Harvey Davis doesn't step down until June 30, Brandewie is hoping to glean knowledge prior to his departure, Crofoot said.

"He has already started overlapping, so we can do some learning-curve stuff before Harvey leaves," he said.

Crofoot also offered effusive praise for the more than quarter of a century Davis has served in Pocomoke.

"Harvey's done a great job for us and he's been around a long time," he said. "It's time for him to enjoy himself a little more."

Crofoot said, among other pursuits, Davis plans to devote more time to his place of worship, Shiloh Baptist Church in Atlantic, Virginia.

Grant applications

The council approved an emergency resolution to apply for Maryland Community Legacy grant funding through the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development.

Crofoot noted the submission deadline (June 8) is quickly approach-

ing. "We originally didn't anticipate going forward with the request," he said.

In total, the program will distribute \$6 million statewide in fiscal-year 2018.

The Community Legacy program supports development efforts in municipalities throughout Maryland by providing funding for projects related to attracting and retaining business, and fostering home purchases and commercial development.

Entities eligible to apply include local governments, community development organizations or local governments partnering for a common purpose.

In a similar vein, the council also approved a letter of submission to the Maryland Historic Trust requesting funding for the Historic Costen House Museum. The circa-1870's home at 206 Market Street was constructed by Dr. Isaac Costen and was resided in by his family members for more than a century.

The request would fund repairing and painting the outside of the structure, Crofoot said.

"It's hard for an outfit like that to raise that kind of capital," he said.



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# Historic Warren Mansion will be open for tours, June 9-11

(June 8, 2017) See the historic Warren Mansion nestled in the Pocomoke Forest just a few miles outside Snow Hill, as tours are available June 9-11.

During the tour, walk through the 25-room Spanish villa and learn how Frank Warren built the mansion, and admire the collection of his Impressionist-style artwork.

“The Warren Family has graciously opened the doors of their home for these tours”, Patrick Rofe, executive director at Furnace Town, said. “The Warren family works with Furnace Town to coordinate the tours, and this is a unique opportunity that only comes along every two or three years. So, for anyone that’s curious or heard stories about the Warren mansion in the Pocomoke Forest, here’s your chance to learn how the family contributed to the rich cultural heritage of Worcester County.”

Frank Algernon Warren, early 20th-century artist and something of a local celebrity, spent more than 30 years in Worcester County crafting art and architecture. Warren built the 25-room Spanish Villa himself, and

was considered an accomplished artist and is listed in Who’s Who in American Art throughout the 1920s.

There is an opening reception on Friday, June 9 from 7-9 p.m. at the mansion. The other tours are “The House that Frank Built” on Saturday, June 10 from 10:30 a.m. to noon; “The Art of the Mansion” Saturday, June 10 from 2:30-4 p.m.; and two tours of “Frank Algernon Warren: Bigger Than Life” on Sunday from 1-2:30 p.m. and 3-4:30 p.m.

This is not a professional tour, but rather a private home whose owners open it only rarely to the public and a limited number of tickets are available. Reserve space by calling Furnace Town Living Heritage Village at 410-632-2032. Tickets cost \$40 and \$55. Photography is not permitted.

Furnace Town is dedicated to preserving the historic Nassawango Iron Furnace and engaging the public in the culture of shared past. Throughout the year, the museum features artisans in period dress demonstrating crafts and trades that were practiced in Furnace Town and the Lower Eastern Shore during the 19th century.

# Drop-in Pickleball clinics for ages 14 and older available

(June 8, 2017) Worcester County Recreation and Parks is bringing back evening drop-in for Pickleball at the Worcester County Recreation Center for those ages 14 and older on Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m. now through June 12.

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cise and is quick to learn for beginners. More advanced players can enjoy a fast-paced and competitive atmosphere with other players.

All necessary equipment is provided. Costs will be \$3 per person for drop-in or \$25 for the quarter. For more information, contact Trudy Porch at 410-632-2144, [tporch@co.worcester.md.us](mailto:tporch@co.worcester.md.us) or visit [www.WorcesterRecAndParks.org](http://www.WorcesterRecAndParks.org).

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# OPA police, aquatics directors detail progress

Crime rates continue to be lowest in state, but opioid, other issues still persisting

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(June 8, 2017) In addition to an extensive presentation by interim General Manager Brett Hill, Ocean Pines department heads gave reports during a roughly 90-minute town hall meeting Monday at Mumford's Landing.

Police Chief David Massey touted the low crime rate in what is the largest population center in the county. He said Forbes recently sited Ocean Pines as one of the top-25 retirement communities in the United States, in large part because of the low crime rates, and said the National Council for Home Safety and Security

named the community as the safest in Maryland, based on "serious crimes" per capita.

"We take pride in that," Massey said. "We take pride in keeping our community safe. We take pride in working for you. And our board of directors and our general manager has been very supportive of the police department."

Massey noted that opioid abuse is on the rise, as it is in "every community in the United States of America." He said there were 10 heroin-related deaths during the last two years.

To combat the apparent nationwide epidemic, Massey said police in Ocean Pines were among the first to receive training to administer Naloxone, a drug that can reverse the symptoms of opioid overdose. At least four people were saved because of that training, he said.

So far, he said only one overdose death was recorded in 2017.

"I wish we had zero," Massey said. "[Overdoses are] very sporadic. We can go weeks with nothing and, as we had recently, we had four in one day. It is an issue of families. It's an issue that is bedeviling every police agency and every public health organization in the United States, and we're working very hard to address it."

Massey said other types of crime in the community are much easier to prevent. For example, he said one year more than 100 vehicle break-ins with theft were reported, and in each case the car or truck had been left unlocked.

"We've also had people that leave their houses unlocked. Well, it's not the 1950s or '60s where everyone knows everybody's neighbor and everybody looks out for one another," he said. "Basic crime prevention could reduce our crime rate even more."

He said the upcoming expansion of police facilities is something he's "wished for since 2006."

"I feel blessed working in this community, because law enforcement is appreciated," Massey said. "It's a great place to work, we're proud to serve you and we're going to work hard to keep this a very safe community."

Aquatics Director Colby Phillips spoke about several programs, including the junior lifeguard courses that have led to the certification of nearly 400 children in safety procedures. Many of the participants have helped to staff special events and this year, she said, the department hired the first junior lifeguard graduate, a

15-year-old named Patrick.

"Learn to Swim Like a Mermaid" events are held every Saturday and dive-in movies continue to be popular, Phillips said. A screening of "Jaws" will be held at the beach club on July 14.

On June 24, aquatics will host a "Cinderella" tea party for children at the sports core pool, which will include photo opportunities with Cinderella herself. Phillips added that private parties are offered at the beach club and Mumford's Landing pools.

Phillips also oversees recreation and parks and said summer camps there already have a waiting list. Free concerts and movies in the park are planned throughout the summer, and family fun nights will return to the Oasis pool on June 21.

Golf Director John Malinowski said good conditions at the golf course and new, lower rates are helping to boost rounds. He said the course is in the best condition it's been in at least five years and that online reviews are strong.

On the website Golf Advisor, he said, 100 percent of reviewers have recommended the course during the last six months. Over the last 12 months more than 97 percent have recommended it.

Food and Beverage Director Brian Townsend raved about renovations at the beach club, Tern Grille and Mumford's Landing, all operations that he oversees. He said a Father's Day event is planned at the beach club in Ocean City.

"We're looking forward to having a great season," Townsend said.



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# A&E hoping for partnership with Germantown

Berlin nonprofit looking to heritage center for help completing outdoor mural

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor

(June 8, 2017) The Berlin Arts and Entertainment Committee said it hopes to work with the Germantown School Community Heritage Center on phase three of a planned five-phase public mural.

The first two panels are on display on the north-facing wall of the Berlin Visitor's Center on 14 South Main Street.

Muralist John Donato worked on phase one with students from Buckingham Elementary and on phase two with children from Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services, both based in Berlin, last year.

The committee is considering a GoFundMe campaign to help produce the remainder of the mural, which cost about \$5,000 per panel.

"We're looking at another \$15,000 just to finish the mural project that was started on the visitor's center," committee member Robin Tomaselli said last week. "We're hoping that the third panel would get finished this summer."

She admitted finding collaborators sometimes proves difficult, but said the committee wanted to include a group in each phase that "represented the community as a whole and offered art to people that were at risk."

"At Buckingham, the teachers identified second- and third-grade students at risk that needed something positive to be a part of – the same thing [happened] at Worcester

Youth and Family," she said.

For the third panel, the committee looked to work with a local fire company, but were unable to make contact.

"One thing we've all really tried to make a strong effort towards is to be community builders in addition to being arts and entertainment, and to help bridge some of these gaps with art," Tomaselli said.

The committee has focused on

**'One thing we've all really tried to make a strong effort towards is to be community builders in addition to being arts and entertainment'**  
Robin Tomaselli  
committee member

what Tomaselli called "a line in the sand" between parts of Berlin on either side of Route 113.

"I've had kids – little kids – articulate to me that this part of Berlin is not their part of Berlin, and I think that's tragic," she said.

Last fall, the committee held an event called "Artists Giving Back: Meals for the Hungry," which fed several hundred people at the St. Paul United Methodist Church on Flower Street. Two similar events are planned this year.

"It was spectacular, because when people were all sitting there sharing a meal, serving each other, people forgot that they were white or black or rich or poor or whatever – we were just people," Tomaselli said. "It was amazing."

She said the committee contacted supporters of Germantown School, a building that operated during the segregation area, but was recently restored as a cultural center.

"It was kind of resurrected by some community members who have lived here their whole lives. It means a lot to them," she said. "It's a beautiful piece of property. They're interested in community outreach and they're interested in arts and entertainment."

Tomaselli said she attended a recent board meeting in Germantown and asked about the possibility of a collaboration.

"For the third panel of the mural project, our idea is to have a real community potluck with no other goal than hoping people will cross from this side of 113 over, and we can all share a meal together," Tomaselli said.

The event would include a community paint night with Donato, she added. No date was set as of press time.

The Germantown School Community Heritage Center will hold a "Dancing Under the Stars" event this Friday, June 9, from 7-11 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 and can be obtained by calling 410-641-0638 to reserve a seat. The event is described as a night of blues, jazz and fellowship under a big tent in the spacious former schoolyard. VT Second Edition, formerly The Vibratones, will perform.

For more information, search "Germantown School Community Heritage Center, Berlin, MD" on Facebook.

For more information on the Berlin Arts and Entertainment Committee, or to volunteer or donate to the mural project, visit [www.artsinberlin.org](http://www.artsinberlin.org).

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# Nearly one third of Snow Hill graduates earn merit awards

By Brian Gilliland  
Associate Editor

(June 8, 2017) “For the next few moments — my former students will have to forgive me — as I look at you and see the children in my class,” Dee Buchly, keynote speaker of Snow Hill High School’s June 1 commencement and retired music teacher at Snow Hill Elementary, began her keynote speech congratulating the class of 2017.

She then asked the group of 83 graduates if they remembered, and leaving the question open, used one of the cards that held her remarks to shield her face from their view. The audience could see she had a kazoo, and as she blew a single ascending note, the graduates reacted.

Seemingly without knowing it themselves, and certainly without any prompting from Buchly beyond the note, about half of the class stood up. Buchly then blew a descending note, and they all returned to their seats.

“Let me look at you again, and see you as young adults discovering their talents and gifts,” she said.

Buchly retired from Snow Hill Elementary in 2010 — well after this group of seniors began school in pre-Kindergarten, and clearly remembered some things about the students that they had forgotten about them-

selves.

She began recalling past musical numbers and performances by members of the class while they were her students. If one of the graduates tried to escape recognition, Buchly called on that person by name, to the delight of the several hundred in the audience as well as the others watching in an overflow room in another part of the school.

It was a bit of good-natured fun that developed the themes of the evening for both the graduates and the audience: a sense of home, a sense of kindness and gratitude.

As graduate Laura Short, following in her mother’s footsteps as 2017 Old Home Prize winner, read from her essay detailing life in Snow Hill, she noted that the one-stoplight town would always be where the class was from, and even if they left home for a while, their future struggles would always mimic the lengths residents would go to in order to avoid stopping at that one light.

Graduate Gianna Pesaniello sang “Wind Beneath My Wings” to the audience, but it was unclear if she was addressing her classmates, the teachers and administrators, or the collected friends and family in attendance.

Superintendent Lou Taylor also re-



BRIAN GILLILAND/BAYSIDE GAZETTE  
Graduating Snow Hill High School Class of 2017 member, Kayla Purnell, magna cum laude, delivers the welcoming address during the school’s commencement ceremony last Thursday.

marked on the themes when he referenced an article he read in the New York Times about a particular student who stood out among his peers, not because of athletic prowess or popularity or intellect, but because he’s received a letter of recommendation to college from his school’s custodian.

Taylor recalled the letter noting how this student knew the names of all the support staff at the school and regularly engaged them in conversation regardless of clout, standing or popularity.

“I smile at the knowledge of the number of students we have just like

this example,” he said.

Nearly one-third of the graduates earned some form of distinct honor at the ceremony, from National Honor Society to Certificates of Merit, and dozens of them earned some form of scholarship, with many of them winning several.

As for future plans, the schools reported the new graduates would be attending about 20 different colleges, universities, schools or military service, including local options such as Salisbury University and UMES, to places like Western Kentucky University and the Academy of Arts University in San Francisco.

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Stephen Decatur High School seniors line up for their graduation ceremony last Wednesday, May 31, at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center on 40th Street.

KARA HALLISSEY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

# Stephen Decatur graduating class numbers over 300

By Kara Hallissey  
Staff Writer

(June 8, 2017) A couple hundred friends, family members and loved ones applauded the 331 graduates of Stephen Decatur High School, Wednesday, May 31, at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center on 40th Street.

Class Vice President Gavin Payne delivered a farewell address during the ceremony, by first joking how no one would have guessed he'd be giving a speech, before reminiscing about the fun times and memories graduates created together and will remember for the rest of their lives.

"The best years are in front of us," Payne said. "I challenge every single one of you to set your goals high. Never conform. Be resilient and fight for what you believe in. You have made a positive impact on our community and our world. Thank you and good luck."

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 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 students earning a 4.8-4.89 GPA were presented Cum Laude distinction. All honorees stood for recognition during the commencement ceremony.

Of the graduates, 161 (49 percent) will attend four-year colleges or universities and 91 (28 percent) will head to two-year schools. Eight students (2 percent) will study at trade and technical schools, 57 (17 percent) will go into the workforce and 14 (4 percent) are heading to the military.

The top choice college for Decatur graduates was Wor-Wic, with 72 enrolling this year, and another 34 will stay close to study at Salisbury University.

University of Maryland College Park will welcome eight Decatur graduates in the fall and 15 students are heading to Towson University.

The class of 2017 received more than \$9 million in scholarships and grants.

"They have left our mark on us. Now it's time to leave your mark on the world," Stephen Decatur Principal Thomas Zimmer, said.

Zimmer also praised the thousands of hours the class spent helping out community nonprofits, recognized the difference they have made on the community and school in addition to mentioning their talents in sports, art, music and theatre.

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# Students choose retiring facilities mgr. as speaker

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an ending, it is a beginning,” Zimmer said. “A whole new exciting phase of your life is about to begin. Don’t forget to set the bar high. Life is good. Now go out there and make it better.”

For the fifth consecutive year, class of 2017 graduates were given the opportunity to choose their own commencement speaker and they decided on Paul Hudson, facilities manager at Stephen Decatur High School, who is retiring in June.

“Class of 2017, four years ago we started our journey and through these years together, being a part of your journey has meant so much to me,” Hudson said. “I will always cherish our time together. I see great things in your future. Through hard work, you can accomplish anything. Who knows? Maybe you will be asked to speak at a high school graduation.”

Hudson has been working for Worcester County Public Schools since 1994 and spent three years at Showell Elementary before 16 years at Berlin Intermediate School, working as a custodian.

“I have great memories with staff and students at Berlin Intermediate School,” Hudson said. “I will take all the wonderful memories and friendships I have made with me [at Stephen Decatur].”

Lou Taylor, superintendent of Worcester County schools, thanked the families in the audience before reflecting on the compassion and kindness the graduates embody.

“One quality undistinguishable on paper is kindness,” Taylor said. “Our students here and across Worcester County have a refreshing respect for everyone. We are blessed to have students with a strong moral compass, who are kind and compassionate. Keep showing respect for others.

“I want to commend you on your outstanding success,” he added. “You will carry this night with you and you should be extremely proud. Thank you for making us all proud. It’s our joy to see how far you’ve come. May God bless the class of 2017.”

# Pocomoke grads mark end of era

Large majority of students to move onto either two- or four-year college programs

By Greg Ellison  
Staff Writer

(June 8, 2017) Pocomoke High School’s Class of 2017 closed out four years of growth and development in front of an auditorium packed with exuberant well wishers during its graduation ceremony, last Tuesday.

Among 78 graduates, the overwhelming majority will attend institutes of higher learning, with 36 students heading to four-year colleges or universities, and an additional 27 attending two-year institutions. College-bound Pocomoke seniors were awarded more than \$1.2 million in scholarships.

Of the remaining number, eight members of the Class of 2017 are enrolling in the military, while seven are entering workforce development.

During an emotionally charged speech, Kasey Lee said that graduating and receiving a high school diploma is a significant chapter in life. Lee plans on attending the university of Georgia this fall.

“Each milestone we achieve from this day forward will consist of good and bad moments that we can look back on and learn from,” she said.

Cautioning against complacency, Lee encouraged her classmates to appreciate the present while keeping an eye on the future.

“I hope we never forget to cherish every person, every moment, and let our past accomplishments motivate us as we move onto our next journey of achieving many more milestones,” she said.

The next speaker, LeAnn McDowell, focused on moving from the safe and familiar to, as of yet, uncharted waters. McDowell plans on attending Cornell University this fall.

“For four years we lived in an environment where so much was known and very little was left to guess,” she said.

Acknowledging her elders, McDowell said each graduate owes a debt of gratitude for the support system they were provided while attending Pocomoke High School.

“There’s not a person on this stage that didn’t have at least one adult in this building rooting for them when they were here,” she said. “Because of that support most of us knew we would be graduating today.”

While their path through high school has concluded, McDowell said the road ahead is bound to provide some unexpected twists and turns.

“We have our plans, but plans can change in ways we can never anticipate,” she said. “That’s scary, but we have to be ready for that.”

During his commencement address, Lou Taylor, Worcester County Schools’ superintendent, noted with pride that this was the first graduating class under his reign.

“Many of you have shared your lives with us since kindergarten, or even before that, but it is our joy to see how far you’ve come,” he said.

Taylor highlighted a recent New York Times article by the former director of admission at Dartmouth College, Rebecca Sabky, who noted the difficulty in distinguishing between thousands of applications from well-qualified students.

“In that deluge of promising can-

didates with exceptional accomplishments, many remarkable students become indistinguishable from one another on paper,” he said. “Reading that was jarring ... but Ms. Sabky then described the one quality that is always irresistible for an applicant: kindness.”

In the article, Sabky highlighted a student application that included a letter of recommendation from their school custodian, who was motivated to write because of the young person’s thoughtfulness. The custodian said the student exhibited a, “refreshing respect for every person at the school, regardless of position, popularity or clout.”

After reading the article, Taylor said the issue of character resonated within his own purview.

“When I read this piece ... I was struck because as I thought about our students here in this auditorium, and across Worcester County, I smiled in the knowledge that we are blessed to have students just like what she described,” he said. “And not just a few.”

During her speech, McDowell said it was time to embrace new passions, overcome new obstacles and pursue new opportunities.

“Now it is time to venture into life, the big unknown,” she said. “It’s like a giant surprise party we all have to attend.”

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# 'Yoga on the Beach' returns to Assateague

Free summer program to include Saturday classes, June through September

(June 8, 2017) Assateague Island Alliance (AIA), the friends group of Assateague Island National Seashore, has been sponsoring free Yoga on the Beach since the summer of 2013 and the program will continue in 2017. For the fifth year, AIA is providing Assateague Island visitors more opportunities to engage in

health and wellness activities while ensconced in the serene tranquility of the National Seashore. "Yoga on the Beach was one of the top 20 experiences of my life," said Jennifer Spielvogle of Loretto, Pennsylvania, after attending the program last summer. "Not only was I able to truly relax on vacation but I got a workout too." All sessions will be led by Chrissy Ehrhart, director of Zenna Wellness Studio, Berlin. Yoga on the Beach sessions will be held Saturdays, June through September, at 8 a.m. In addition, Yoga will also be offered Tuesdays in July and August at 8 a.m. The popular Full Moon Yoga returns with four sessions to be held June 9, July 9, and Aug. 7 at 8 p.m, as well as Sept. 7 at 7 p.m. This activity is suitable for all levels including beginners and children 8 years and up. Participants are asked to bring a beach towel and meet at the shade pavilion in the south end of North Beach parking lot of Assateague Island National Seashore, which is

located at 6633 Bayberry Dr. Berlin, Maryland 21811. Yoga is free but park entrance fees are in effect. Assateague Island Alliance (AIA), a 501(c)3 organization, is a Friends Group to benefit Assateague Island National Seashore. AIA financially supports educational, interpretive, scientific and recreational programs. All funds raised by AIA are for the direct benefit of Assateague Island National Seashore. Donations may be tax-deductible.

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# Berlin Falls plan could come into focus soon

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He said the town would “leave no stone unturned” in terms of funding solutions.

Deutsch met with Joanne M. Throwe, deputy secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR), in February and discussed preliminary plans for Berlin Falls. He has a working relationship with Throwe and she is familiar with the town because DNR supplied close to \$1 million for stormwater improvements in Berlin.

It’s those kinds of relationships that Deutsch brings to the table, along with the town’s success with winning and using grant money, which could help fund a number of future developments.

“State government, nonprofits, the county, foundations – we’re

going to look at all of those,” Deutsch said. “The town’s been fairly successful in drawing support over the years for its activities, which is good. That’s very positive. We want to build on that and we have existing relationships.

“I think the more that you can demonstrate success in other properties, funding agencies will say, ‘these folks know what they’re doing. Let’s continue to support their efforts,’” Deutsch continued. “Berlin has a good story to tell in that regard.”

He and other town officials have also met with potential park development partners, like the YMCA.

“There is an ongoing analysis or investigation of the possibility of the YMCA locating a facility here,” Deutsch said. “That potential is one we need to continue to explore, be-

cause if it happens that will have a major impact on the park – what it is and how it’s perceived.”

Deutsch said he met with Robbie Gill, the CEO of the YMCA of the Chesapeake Corporate Offices. He and Town Administrator Laura Allen and Councilman Zack Tyndall toured the Pocomoke YMCA and have plans to visit the Salisbury facility this month.

“They spent \$5 million [in Salisbury] and they raised 75 percent of the money in the community. One of the things that would have to happen if we’re going to go that way is to seek some donors and work with the Y to develop a fundraising plan,” Deutsch said. “But we’re not there yet.

“Even if a Y is on the site, there’s still a lot of other things that can happen,” he added.

As for other potential uses, Deutsch mentioned an outdoor amphitheater, skateboard park and a train station as a few of the amenities that have been discussed. On the proposed excursion train, he said that deal was “stalled out, but not dead.”

“It could still happen. The missing component is money,” Deutsch said. “[According to feasibility studies] it’s about \$2 million at the lowest-end cost for, essentially, track rehabilitation.”

Deutsch said the Maryland and Delaware Railroad company, which owns the existing infrastructure, would probably have to put up most of that money, with the state and county contributing additional funds and the Town of Berlin coming in at the low end, adding “a little bit of money.”

“I don’t think anybody sees Berlin spending \$2 million on somebody else’s tracks,” he said. “These kinds of ventures are interesting. They work in some places – they may not work in others.

“Part of my role, I think, is to inject some reality into those ideas – not to say ‘no’ at this stage to anything,” Deutsch continued. “The way I look at it, all the ideas that have already come up are good and worth exploring – even if it sounds crazy. Folks have talked about zip lines and all kinds of things. All of that is still on the table.

“I think most folks say, ‘hey, neat idea, how do we get there?’ We get there by crossing a huge chasm, and the chasm needs to be filled with money,” Deutsch said.


Any major developments at Berlin Falls are almost certainly a long way off. Deutsch said the public, meanwhile, wants to see something happen there “yesterday.”

“I understand that,” he said. “That’s a little frustrating, but it’s the nature of it. With these data sets that we’re going to get this month on the environmental study and the structural study and the report from Wilson and Rapp, all of that information will help move the project.”


Deutsch was hesitant to project when things might start to happen, but said, “I don’t think it’s a decade.”

“We can’t get there unless we know where we’re going,” he said. “A lot of what I’m doing now is figuring out how we got here and I’ve been asking a lot of questions and gathering a lot of information and talking to as many people as I can, so that I can understand the nuances.

“In a sense we already have a citizen’s advisory group with the [Berlin] Park Commission,” Deutsch added. “And God love the mailman – that was a bit of a diversion, but those folks meant well. I don’t think this is going be, in terms of making decisions about what it is, a five-to-10-year process. But I’m not naïve enough to think that whatever plan is developed, it’s going to happen immediately.”



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# Habitat to host ‘Dinner on Jefferson,’ June 23

Farm-to-table fundraiser to benefit new project in Berlin; 150 seats available

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor

(June 8, 2017) Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County is hoping 150 of its closest friends will join the non-profit for a “Dinner on Jefferson” (Street) event on Friday, June 23 at 5 p.m.

The fundraiser, a massive farm-to-table feast, will support a new mixed-use building on 21 Jefferson Street in Berlin that Habitat plans to build into storefronts for artists on the ground floor, with apartments overhead. The existing building was recently demolished, but additional funds are needed to start construction.

The Town of Berlin granted approval for the event in March and is one of the sponsors. PNC Bank is the top backer and additional support was provided by Sysco and Ayers Creek Adventures.

Habitat Development Coordinator Sheri Hearn said the fundraiser will be using produce from local farms and chefs from area restaurants in to create an all-around communal atmosphere.

“With the new building, we thought it would be a good thing to try and bring the community together to try and raise money [for Habitat],” she

said. “And having dinner and eating usually brings people together.”

She said Terrapin Farms and the Eastern Shore Food Co-op would provide produce for the event. Chefs from Our Harvest, the Marlin Club, Liquid Assets, Blacksmith Bar and Restaurant, Siculi Rustic Italian Kitchen, the Waystead Inn, On What Grounds coffee house, and Baked Dessert Café will do the cooking.

Burley Oak Brewing Company will supply a beer truck and an oyster and bloody Mary bar will be provided by Fin’s Alehouse and Raw Bar, and George’s Mixes.

House by Salvaged will set up tables for the dinner and Bleached Butterfly will donate decorations.

Seacrets, Gilbert’s Provisions, Rayne’s Reef, Myers Tool Rental, Lt. Grey, and Atlantic Retreat will supply additional items and services.

The dinner will include appetizers, three main dishes and dessert, as well as live music by Blake and Danielle Haley.

“Everyone’s been coming together and we’re basically trying to break bread in the community to bring awareness to our new spot,” Hearn said. “We’re also, of course, trying to

raise money so we can start building and continue to grow Habitat.”

Hearn said Baked Dessert owner Robin Tomaselli was especially instrumental in pulling all the different event sponsors and collaborators together.

“Baked has been a huge advocate for us and Robin has been tremendous,” Hearn said. “She has really helped us pull everyone together.”

Tickets are \$55 each or \$100 per couple and include all the food courses. A cash bar will also be provided.

The goal is draw 150 guests for the multicourse dinner, which will be held on Jefferson Street near the site of the new building.

Hearn said volunteers were still

needed to help staff and clean up. High school students who do so will receive service learning credits.

Additional donations and event sponsors are also welcome.

If all goes well, Hearn said the non-profit would like to break ground by the fall. Habitat is also working on a thrift store that would sell donated clothing and household items to raise additional funds.

Tickets for the event can be purchased through Eventbrite by searching “Dinner on Jefferson - A Farm to Table Event in Berlin, MD” or using the link [www.eventbrite.com/e/dinner-on-jefferson-a-farm-to-table-event-in-berlin-md-tickets-34633040356?aff=ehomecard](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/dinner-on-jefferson-a-farm-to-table-event-in-berlin-md-tickets-34633040356?aff=ehomecard).

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# Mike McDermott Announces Campaign for Sheriff of Worcester County.



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— Mike McDermott



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# Opinion

Please send all letters and other editorial submissions to [editor@baysidegazette.com](mailto:editor@baysidegazette.com) by 5 p.m. Monday.

## McGuffey deserves credit

With so many people spending their time looking down at the truncated messages on the screens of their smart phones and tapping abbreviated replies, it's a wonder there's anyone left who can produce a properly composed, appropriately punctuated sentence.

Whether they're in a restaurant, walking on the street, in stores shopping or relaxing on the deck, people seem to be fascinated by this to and fro transmission of inconsequential chatter.

That could be a problem in a situation that requires conveying a serious message that involves detailed communication that others need to understand.

That's also why the McGuffey Bookworm Club created by Worcester County Commission for Women is more important than the public recognizes — it entices children to read and through that teaches them the importance of comprehension in reading and communicating.

Although correct English involves more rules than anyone can remember and is constantly evolving, the ability to employ it gives literate individuals a great advantage in an increasingly competitive society.

Anyone who thinks that might be overstating the case isn't aware of this: literacy statistics compiled in 2015 by Write Express Corporation found that two-thirds of U.S. students who cannot read proficiently by the end of 4th grade will end up in jail or on welfare.

In addition, those who struggle to understand or convey thoughts and ideas are at the mercy of skilled communicators who can deliver whatever message suits their purposes.

Learning to read, after all, is also learning to think for yourself and the McGuffey program is a first step in that process.

While commission members will not take much credit for it, it is a fact that reading scores in the county have increased over the 12 years of the program's existence. The McGuffey Bookworm Club undoubtedly plays a role in that achievement.



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## Letters

### Better read the fine print

Editor,

Notwithstanding outgoing OPA Director [Dave] Stevens' polemic about how a lot of owner's applications to run for director of OPA should be passed around from committee to department, to secretary, to another committee, etc. Section 5.02(b) of OPA's by-laws provides "The Secretary of the Association, not a committee or employee, shall verify the nominees meet the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section."

Thanks for your service to the community, Dave. It's

good you are not running for reelection, as your application might have gotten lost in the shuffle.

George W. Colburn  
Ocean Pines

### Thanks for successful parade

Editor,

Many thanks to the community of Berlin for a very successful "Old Fashioned Memorial Day Celebration" on Flower Street on Monday, May 29.

This event proved to be one of our biggest community participation days since the inception of our revamping this activity in our com-

munity.

The Berlin Community Improvement Association (BCIA) and the Old Fashioned Memorial Day Committee would like to thank the many people that helped to make this day a success:

Mayor Gee Williams and the Town of Berlin, Berlin Police Department, business supporters, our vendors, staff workers, military supporters, parade participants and media coverage.

We look forward to the years to come as our parade and festivities for Memorial Day grow in participation. Thank you again.

The Old Fashioned  
Memorial Day Committee

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## Summer art camp registration open

(June 8, 2017) The Worcester County Arts Council is now accepting registrations for the annual Summer Arts Camp for children, to be held June 19-23, at Berlin Intermediate School.

This camp is designed for students entering third through eighth grades in fall 2017. Last year over 100 children attended.

The cost is \$100 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 on [www.worcestercountycouncil.org](http://www.worcestercountycouncil.org) and the Arts Council's office, located at 6 Jefferson Street in Berlin. Deadline for registration is Friday,

June 9.

Financial support provided by Berlin/Ocean City Optimist 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@worcestercountycouncil.org](mailto:curator@worcestercountycouncil.org)



# Returning Tide bring unique approach to Berlin art stroll

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(June 8, 2017) To say local arts collective Returning Tide is prolific is something of an understatement.

The dynamic duo, Michael Pivec and Ashley Garland, attend more than 100 art strolls, farmers markets and other art and artisan events each year.

Pivec, from Queenstown, was recently named one of the “30 Exceptional Craftspeople Under the Age of 30” by American Craft Week and Garland, who lives in Ocean City, was named a “Shard of the Year” winner by the North American Sea Glass Association.

Garland described the approach of Returning Tide as “handmade and local in the most simple and artistic way.”

The couple, who are also dating, started the business together about a year ago.

“I’ve been a full-time artist for about seven years, so, when we met, we were both already working artists and making a living off of it,” Garland said.

Garland said she’s been an artist most of her life. She was formerly a concert photographer, but now works on coastal-themed acrylic paintings.

With Returning Tide, the couple

works together to create functional and decorative wooden pieces and handmade jewelry. Pivec has a wood-working shop in Queenstown, with both a lathe and a jewelry desk, where they often collaborate.

“One of the main things of our business is our sea glass jewelry,” Garland said. “It’s all collected from either Ocean City or the Chesapeake Bay, so it’s all local, authentic sea glass.”

She said Pivec specializes in lathe turning, which she compared to a side-mounted potter’s wheel.

“You would mount a log or a chunk of wood to the lathe so it spins sideways in a circle, and then you take a chisel and you carve away from it,” she said. “It’s kind of an old-school approach. Lathe turning is of the past, because everything is mass-produced nowadays. He’s making them one at a time and using the wood’s natural grain and texture to influence his designs.”

Garland said she was introduced to Berlin through the downtown shop Bungalow Love, which has carried her art for several years. She said most of her customers live either in Berlin or Ocean Pines.

On Friday, Returning Tide will be set up at the Maker’s Market on Jefferson Street in Berlin from 5-8 p.m.



Hand-turned wooden pieces and handmade sea glass jewelry are among the items Returning Tide will bring to the 2nd Friday Maker’s Market on Jefferson Street, this week.

Their table will feature wooden beer steins and bar tap handles, cutting boards, salad bowls and vases, and sea glass bracelets and earrings.

Garland will also display several paintings.

While they’re already well traveled, Garland said she and Pivec recently purchased a 15-passenger van they hope to use for larger showpieces and an increased number of events.

“Right now, we go between Ocean City, Baltimore and Annapolis,” she said. “We did over 120 shows last year. We’re both full-time artists, so it’s really the only way to make money.”

Returning Tide hosts bi-monthly popup shops at Mother’s Cantina on 28th Street in Ocean City and are regulars during the Ocean Pines Farmers Market and during 2nd Fridays in Berlin.

To view an online catalogue, visit [www.instagram.com/returningtide](http://www.instagram.com/returningtide).

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# Maryland State Arts Council meets up in downtown Berlin

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(June 8, 2017) Several dozen representatives from arts and entertainment districts throughout the state were in Berlin Monday for the annual meeting of the Maryland State Arts Council.

The day-long program included a walking tour of the Berlin Arts and Entertainment District, as well as presentations from Maryland State Arts Council Program Director Steven Skerritt-Davis, interim Executive Director Julie Madden and Berlin Mayor Gee Williams.

Skerritt-Davis said 24 arts and entertainment districts were represented and more than 50 people attended.

"This is mainly a professional development day," he said. "We pick a topic and we bring in speakers who talk specifically about how arts and entertainment districts can market themselves. Today we're focusing on digital and promoting to travel writers, because the [representatives] are trying to get people to come to their districts. They're talking about what's unique about their district and how do you get that message out."

Ashley Dunn Gatterdam from Capacity Interactive commented on digital marketing priorities, Chris

McLeod from CLM Marketing spoke about branding in the digital age, author Fran Severn ("Fran's Travels") gave a lecture about pitching to travel writers and bloggers, and Heather Ersts from the Maryland Office of Tourism Development hosted a talk called "Tourism 411."

Skerritt-Davis said Berlin was selected to host the conference, in part, because it's a "cute little town."

"The annual meetings travel around the state because sometimes it's a little bit difficult to get to one place or another," he said. "We usually do every other year around the Baltimore or the D.C. area and then go outwards."

He said he visited Berlin in March for a preview tour.

"Obviously, Berlin has benefited by focusing on and promoting the arts and making it easy for artists to live here and start businesses," Skerritt-Davis said. "There are economic incentives built into the [arts and entertainment] program."

That includes property tax incentives and abatements of the amusement and admissions tax for businesses that charge admission to events. For individual artists, the program offers an "income tax subtraction modification."

"Basically, if an artist lives in the



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Berlin Arts and Entertainment Committee Chair, Heather Layton, right, gives a tour of the town to represents from two dozen A&E districts through the state as part of an annual meeting, Monday.

state and sells or performs in any of the arts and entertainment districts, any income derived ... they don't pay taxes on," he said.

Additionally, Skerritt-Davis said the certification of an arts and entertainment district can open communities up to certain grants and be used as a branding tool for tourism and marketing.

At around noon, Berlin Arts & Entertainment District Chairwoman Heather Layton led a downtown walking tour of areas that included the public mural at the visitor's center and several stops on Jefferson Street, which is home to the monthly "Maker's Market" during 2nd Friday art strolls, as well as the Worcester County Arts Council and the artist studios of Wooden Octopus and Jeffery Auxer Designs.

"Last year, I attended the statewide meeting in Baltimore and it was wonderful, so it was a great surprise to find out it was going to be in Berlin this year," Layton said. "People come from all over to attend."

Members of the various districts also had an informal dinner on Sunday night at Fin's Alehouse and Raw Bar, Layton said.

"It was really cool to sit down and talk to people from all over," she said. "Literally every arts and entertainment committee is set up differently

— some are part of Main Streets, some are nonprofits, some are attached to an arts council. So it was very interesting to see how everyone deals with that, plus it was a great networking opportunity."

During lunch at the Atlantic Hotel, on Monday, Michael Day took the opportunity to make a major announcement.

Day is the former Economic and Community Development Director of Berlin and currently holds that office in Snow Hill. He is also the chairman of the Salisbury Arts and Entertainment District.

"Salisbury is going to host the National Folklife Festival in 2018, 2019 and 2020 — three years in a row," he said, adding the event was estimated to draw more than 100,000 people each year. "We lobbied against 34 towns and this will be the first time it's ever held in Maryland."

Day said Worcester County, as well as many surrounding areas, would almost certainly benefit from Salisbury's big get.

"When you get that many people in a town just for the weekend — it's a three-day event — every small town should jump on some kind of notion to add to it," he said. "All the art and entertainment districts should be looking at how they could market themselves during that festival."



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## LOCAL DIGNITARIES

Attending the second annual Afternoon on the Lawn fundraiser for the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum, from left, are Berlin Mayor Gee Williams, Sen. Jim Mathias, Del. Charles Otto and Del. Mary Beth Carozza.



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## MUSEUM BOARD

Board members from the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum in Berlin pose for a photo during the second annual Afternoon on the Lawn fundraiser on Sunday. The event will help pay for museum activities, which this year include extended hours and a new exhibit highlighting local people who were involved in World War I.



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## FASHIONISTAS

Last week's Arts on the River First Friday in Snow Hill attracted young fashion hawks, from left, Piper Miller, 2, Hazel Penelope Harkai, 1, and McKinley Miller, 3, while Cate Harkai, back center, beams approvingly at the youngsters.



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## ALL IN THE FAMILY

Songbird Gigi Pesaniello belts it out to a rhythm laid down by her father, John, on the sidewalk in front of Bishop's Stock Fine Art, Craft & Wine, 202 West Green Street, during last week's First Friday in Snow Hill.



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## GUEST SPEAKERS

The Democratic Women's Club of Worcester County featured guest speakers Farah Yahya and Zakia Amir, members of the Delmarva Muslim Community in Salisbury, during its April 17 meeting. Pictured, from left, are Amir; Women's Club co-Presidents Kathy Emmert and Doris Fields, and Yahra.



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## DAR TREE DEDICATION

The General Levin Winder Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recently planted a Japanese red maple on the grounds of the Costen House Museum in Pocomoke City. Jacqueline Spurrier, Conservation Committee vice chairman, coordinated this Arbor Day beautification project in memory of deceased chapter member Marion Chambers. Chapter Regent Patricia Ayers paid tribute to the deceased member and Chaplain Ann Fowler delivered the benediction. Pictured, from left, are Carol Wanzer, Fowler, Spurrier, Jane Bunting, Ayers, Diane Kerbin, Norma Miles and Pat Arata. The DAR is a women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education.



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# SNAPSHOTS



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## ROBOT FRIEND

Ethan Justice, a fifth grader at Berlin Intermediate School, has been experimenting with a new robot friend, “Sphere-o.” Sphere-o is a small sphere-shaped robot that is controlled through a programming app where users can play games and take it on different missions and adventures. The more games played and points racked up with Sphere-o unlocks many new power-ups including different speeds, lights and sounds. Sphere-o was purchased by Nancy Stearns, media specialist, and introduced to students in her After School Academy STEM Club. The purpose of experimenting with robots at BIS is to allow students to learn about coding and help reinforce math skills.

## STOCKS

Stephen Decatur High School junior Andrew Haas earned the top spot on the Eastern Shore and eighth in the state out of 565 teams in the spring session of the Maryland Stock Market Game. The Stock Market Game is an educational simulation that teaches students about the stock market, the American economic system and the global economy by allowing them to invest a virtual \$100,000. Haas was recognized by the Maryland Council on Economic Education, May 17 in Towson. He is pictured with business and economics teacher Kurt Marx.



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## ART HONOR SOCIETY

A select group of Worchester Prep students were inducted to the National Art Honor Society on April 13, in the Guerrieri Library. Pictured, in front, from left, are Josh Willey, Eva Parks, Lauren Gosnear, Caroline Pasquariello, Deborah Marini and Isabella Osias; middle, Sophia Principe, Austin Taylor, Isabel Dashiell, Clare Riley, Caroline Savage and Julie Talbert; and in back, photography teacher Andy Van Zee, Rayne Parker, Marissa Grosso, Kathleen Emche, computer teacher Nancy Raskauskas, Davis Taylor, Luke Buas, Madison Bescak, art teacher George Zaiser and Carter Hill. Kaylee Dickson, Ally March and Lily Zechiel were also inducted but are not pictured.

## GRADS

Worcester County jail and correctional officers who graduated in the 98th entrance-level class of the Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy operated by Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury, from left, are Rebekah L. Clendaniel from the Ocean City Police Department, and Aaron D. Johnson and Alisha M. Morton of the Worcester County Jail and Detention Center.



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## EARTH DAY

The Worchester Prep Environmental Club encouraged everyone to go green, brown and blue on April 21, to celebrate Earth Day. The Middle and Upper Schools united to raise awareness of the environment and take action to protect nature and the planet. Everyone donated \$1 to the WPS Greenhouse Fund that allowed them to dress casually in the colors of green, brown and blue to represent nature, earth and sky. In addition to cleaning up trash, planting seeds, watching TED Talks about the environment, and tending to the Children's Garden, Upper School and Middle school homerooms competed in a door decorating and poetry contest. Environmental Club members also visited the Lower School children to read books and talk about ways to help save the environment. Seniors Melissa Laws and Lily Zechiel visit Erika Phillips Pre-Kindergarten class to read books about the environment.



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## DONATION

During the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines – Ocean City's April 19 meeting, President Barbara Peletier, left, presented a \$400 donation to Anna O'Neill, Diakonia communications coordination. Diakonia, located in West Ocean City, provides emergency and transitional housing, emergency food services and counseling and assistance for guests.



# Palmer named Mid-Atlantic Caregiver of the Yr. by HISC

(June 8, 2017) Home Instead Senior Care, the country’s largest provider of in-home senior care services, announces that Ocean Pines resident Gerri Palmer was recently named the Mid-Atlantic Caregiver of the Year.

A caregiver in the Lower Eastern Shore area for over three years, Palmer rose to the top among hundreds of candidates for this prestigious award, and was among a select number of caregivers who were considered for the national award this spring.

Palmer has always had the heart of a caregiver. From a very early age, she would help her senior neighbors with their grocery store trips, laundry and any other jobs they needed assistance with. She thrived off of the feeling of helping others, and that feeling carried on into her adult life.

As a single mother of five, Palmer was caring for people in her life every day, both professionally and, of course, at home. When her daughter was just a baby, she had open-heart surgery. Palmer said that experience changed her, and she realized just how important it was to be with her daughter around the clock.

“It opened my eyes,” she said. “I couldn’t turn my back on my child. I had to be close to her at all times. She needed me all of the time and that experience taught me the power of being there for someone.”

Palmer has spent most of her professional life caring for seniors in some form. From nursing homes, to taking care of her parents who both had Alzheimer’s and now as a caregiver at Home Instead, Palmer believes this is what she has been called to do.

Numerous families across the region have described the enormous impact Palmer has had on them. “Gerri has an unbelievable gift of calming and soothing people during life’s most difficult times,” said Corrie Boger, co-owner of the Home Instead Senior Care office where Palmer has worked since 2014. “Her endless compassion enables her to truly lead with her heart, connecting with the most challenging dementia patients and helping them to live peacefully in their own homes. Simply put, she is a

true inspiration.”

Palmer views caregiving as her calling, and her colleagues hope her story will inspire others to serve the elderly and the needy.

“We’re so proud of Gerri for this well-deserved and prestigious honor,” said Don Boger, fellow co-owner of the local Home Instead office. “We’re always looking for caring individuals like her to expand our team of professional caregivers, and it’s such a rewarding opportunity that brings happiness and joy to our community of seniors.”

National winners for the Home Instead Caregiver of the Year award were announced earlier this spring. To learn more about the local Home Instead Senior Care, visit [www.homeinstead.com/734](http://www.homeinstead.com/734) or call 410-641-0901.

Founded in 1994 in Omaha, Nebraska, by Lori and Paul Hogan, the Home Instead Senior Care network provides personalized care, support and education to help enhance the lives of aging adults and their families.

Today this network is the world’s leading provider of in-home care services for seniors, with more than 1,000 independently owned and operated franchises that are estimated to annually provide more than 50 million hours of care throughout the United States and 12 other countries.

Local Home Instead Senior Care offices employ approximately 65,000 caregivers worldwide who provide basic support services that enable seniors to live safely and comfortably in their own homes for as long as possible. The Home Instead Senior Care network strives to partner with each client and his or her family members to help meet that individual’s needs.

Services span the care continuum from providing companionship and personal care to specialized Alzheimer’s care and hospice support. Also available are family caregiver education and support resources. At Home Instead Senior Care, it’s relationship before task, while striving to provide superior quality service.



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June 13: Funk Shue, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.  
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June 11: DJ Bobby’O, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; The 19th Street Band, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Davie, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Anthem, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; Garden State Radio, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.  
June 12: DJ Bobby’O, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Full Circle, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Davie, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Nature’s Child, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Ballyhoo!, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.  
June 13: DJ Bobby’O, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Opposite Directions, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Mike T, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Nature’s Child, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.  
June 14: DJ Bobby’O, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Full Circle, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Mike T, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Stick Figure, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.  
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# Cuisine

## Buttermilk and time key to fried chicken

Is there anything better than Maryland fried chicken? You know ... THAT fried chicken?



By Paul Suplee,  
MBA, CEC, PC-3

I don't know if it's the salt in the air from the ocean breeze, the Natty Light, aka Delmarva champagne, or the secret tips and tricks that we pick up along the way, but sometimes it is a wondrous thing to bite

into a drumstick or thigh that has been properly marinated and battered. In fact, there's little better than biting into a chicken breast that is actually (shudder to think) still moist. But once you learn how to make this, it will reside in your repertoire for as long as you cook.

But back to the chicken, did I say marinated? Well, kind of. Many people brine their chicken for frying, but I use a great old-school grandma's trick of soaking it in buttermilk. The lactic acid helps to add flavor and break down the meat to make it tenderer. With the addition (referenced below) of salt in one form or another, it will serve a similar purpose of injecting the meat with moisture, yielding a moist piece of fried yardbird.

And while local Maryland chefs like John Shields add Old Bay seasoning to the buttermilk, I offer you the option of using blackening spice or any other blend that suits your fancy. If you've been reading this column long enough, you know that I have an aversion to the ubiquity of McCormick's flagship spice blend on the Shore. It is a great blend, but man, people use it in and on everything!

The way I look at it is as follows: When I go to a crab feast, I don't want everything to taste the same. As the crabs and shrimp will likely have the same seafood seasoning (whether it be Old Bay or JO's), I'd like to not taste it in the cucumber salad, fried chicken, corn on the cob, hush puppies and so on. Call me a curmudgeon. Go ahead. I dare you.

Last week I wrote about pizza dough and making it a couple of days ahead. This is a critical part of cooking that a lot of people can't seem to wrap their heads around; patience truly is a virtue. Don't decide that tonight you want fried chicken and you simply don't want to go through the trouble of marinating.

You can certainly do that, but if you are going to be a steadfast practitioner, you need to take your time. If you are going to ferment some kim-



chi or sauerkraut, then take the time to ferment it properly; don't just wing it.

The same applies to making a proper fried chicken or a decent pizza crust. There are yeast products that tout that you can make pizza dough in 45 minutes, but they end up far inferior to one that you take a few days to -- yes -- ferment to help to develop flavors and make that lasting impression on your palate.

So, go out today and buy some buttermilk and a chicken and just have fun waiting. It's OK, as dinner tomorrow night will be great. Trust me; I may not be a doctor, but I am getting the hang of this cooking thing.

### That Fried Chicken!

*makes 10 pieces*

One 3-pound Chicken  
1 qt. buttermilk  
3 Tbsp. Old Bay seasoning or Blackening Spice  
1 1/2 cups AP Flour  
1 cup Cornstarch (for crispiness)  
2 Tbsp. Garlic powder  
1 Tbsp. Onion powder

1 Tbsp. Paprika  
1 Tbsp. Salt  
1 Tbsp. Black pepper

1. Break down the chicken into what we call 10-way. What this means is that the spine is removed, and each half yields a drumstick, a thigh, a breast and a wing.

2. At this point, it is eight-way, so just cut the breast in half, which evens out the cooking times

3. Mix the buttermilk and spice blend (your choice) and cover the chicken

4. Wrap and refrigerate overnight, or for at least nine hours

5. When ready to get things going, preheat a fryer to 350 or heat oil in a cast iron fry pan (again your choice)

6. Combine the remaining dry ingredients and whisk well to incorporate

7. Drain the chicken, shaking off any excess buttermilk but do not rinse

8. To the dry mix, add 2 Tbsp. of the buttermilk goo and work it in with your fingers, as this will start your first batch off with some extra small chunks of breading, which is

the magic bean

9. Coat the chicken and allow to sit for at least 20 minutes. The longer it sits, the crispier will be the skin

10. When all is set, carefully place the chicken in the oil and fry until the temperature of the chicken at its thickest part reads 165F

11. \*\*\*I cannot tell you how long this will take, as thermal mass plays a critical role here. If you have a lot of chicken in a little bit of oil, it will take longer. Inversely, a lot of oil and a small batch of chicken will cause quicker cooking times. Be diligent and practice, practice, practice

12. Remove from the fryer when the chicken is cooked and place on paper towels to sop up at least a little bit of the oil

13. Serve hot and save the leftovers for the next day. Sometimes, nothing beats cold fried chicken from the ice-box

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## THU, JUN. 8

### OCEAN CITY FILM FESTIVAL

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### AARP CHAPTER 1917 MEETING

Ocean City Senior Center, 104 41st St., Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. Refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m. The guest speaker will address substance abuse and addiction. A luncheon will follow. New members are always welcome. Bob McCluskey, 410-250-0980

### COASTAL HOSPICE GRIEF SUPPORT

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

### ‘PLAY IT SAFE’ - SPLASH MOUNTAIN

Jolly Roger, 2901 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD, 2 to 4 p.m. Free event for 2017 high school graduates. Attend a “Play It Safe” event and receive a wristband to ride the bus for \$5 all week. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, <http://playitsafeoceancity.com>

### BEACH SINGLES

Clarion Hotel, 10100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 4 to 7 p.m. Every Thursday, Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour. Arlene or Kate, 302-436-9577 or 410-524-0649, <http://www.beachsingles.org>

### ‘PLAY IT SAFE’ - DODGEBALL

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD, 7 to 9 p.m. Free event for 2017 high school graduates. Attend a “Play It Safe” event and receive a wristband to ride the bus for \$5 all week. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, <http://playitsafeoceancity.com>

### CELIAC SUPPORT GROUP

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

### ‘PLAY IT SAFE’ - MINIATURE GOLF

Planet Maze/Lasertron/Lost Galaxy Golf, 3305 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, MD, 10 p.m. to 12 a.m. Free event for 2017 high school graduates. Attend a “Play It Safe” event and

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### RESERVATION DEADLINE FOR DEMOCRATIC WOMEN’S CLUB LUNCHEON

All Day The Democratic Women’s Club Luncheon will be held on June 19 at Light-house Sound Restaurant from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Nonmembers welcome. Reservations are due June 9. Vicky, 410-208-2969

### ‘PLAY IT SAFE’ - TENNIS TOURNAMENT

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### CRAB CAKE DINNER

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### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO

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

### TOUR THE WARREN MANSION

Furnace Town Living Heritage Village, 3816 Old Furnace Road, Snow Hill, MD, 7 to 9 p.m. This opportunity only comes along every two or three years. On the tour, participants will walk through the 25-room Spanish villa and learn how Frank Warren built the mansion and admire the collection of his impressionist-style artwork. An opening reception will be held on Friday from 7-9 p.m. Tickets cost \$40 and \$55. Call Furnace Town to reserve your space. 410-632-2032, <http://www.furnacetown.org>

### DANCING UNDER THE STARS

Germantown School Community Heritage Center, 10223 Trappe Road, Berlin, MD, 7 to 11 p.m. Featuring a night of Blues and Jazz music provided by VT Second Edition,

reviving their original band, The Vibrations. Tickets cost \$25. Reservations: 410-641-0638. Benefiting the Germantown School.

## SAT, JUN. 10

### OCEAN CITY FILM FESTIVAL

All Day The festival will present 138 films over four days at four venues in the resort: the Ocean City Center for the Arts on 94th Street, Dunes Manor Hotel on the Boardwalk at 28th Street, Francis Scott Key Resort in West Ocean City and the Fox Gold Coast Mall Theater on 115th Street. Tickets are \$10 for a one-day pass, \$45 for a three-day all-access pass. Tickets are available at [ocmdfilmfestival.com](http://ocmd-filmfestival.com), by visiting the Arts Center on 94th Street or by calling 410-524-9433. Tickets also available at participating venues the day of the screenings on a cash only basis. Schedule of screenings, workshops and opening and closing party details: [ocmdfilmfestival.com](http://ocmdfilmfestival.com) and [artleagueofoceancity.org](http://artleagueofoceancity.org). 410-524-9433, <http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org>

### FREE VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS

White Horse Park Boat Ramp, White Horse Park off Beauchamp Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Certified examiners will perform free vessel safety checks. There are no consequences if you don’t pass. Tony Curro, 410-629-9500

### FARMERS MARKET

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

### FREE PICKLEBALL CLINIC

Manklin Meadows Sports Complex, 11443 Manklin Creek Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 8 a.m. Free clinics for beginners conducted by Ocean Pines Pickleball Club members. Register: John Hanberry, [jhanberry@com-cast.net](mailto:jhanberry@com-cast.net), 703-598-6119,

### SAND DUELS BEACH SOCCER CHALLENGE

Ocean City Beach from Talbot Street to First Street, Atlantic Avenue and N. Division Street, Ocean City, MD, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Featuring Recreational and Competitive brackets. [west-coat@mac.com](mailto:west-coat@mac.com), 443-204-3785

### OCEAN PINES ANGLERS CLUB MEETING

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 9:30 a.m. Zack Greenberg, a Senior Associate at The Pew Charitable Trusts, will discuss ‘If you love big fish, protect small fish.’ At Pew, Greenberg is raising awareness about the importance of forage fish. All are welcome. Jack Barnes, 410-641-7662

### ‘PLAY IT SAFE’ - TYE-DYE T-SHIRT DESIGN

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Free event for 2017 high school graduates. Open to the first 200 grads. Attend a “Play It Safe” event and receive a wristband to ride the bus for \$5 all week. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, <http://playitsafeoceancity.com>

### 17TH ANNUAL OC CAR & TRUCK SHOW

Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Featuring vehicles from tuners to exotics, trick trucks to slammed SUV’s. Top name companies with interactive display, vendors, live performances and guest appearances. Cost is \$20 for adults, \$10 for children 7-11 years and free to those 6 and younger. Tickets sold at the door. Brad Hoffman, 410-213-9473, <http://www.oc-carshow.com>

### TOUR THE WARREN MANSION

Furnace Town Living Heritage Village, 3816 Old Furnace Road, Snow Hill, MD, 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. This opportunity only comes along every two or three years. On the tour, participants will walk through the 25-room Spanish villa and learn how Frank Warren built the mansion and admire the collection of his impressionist-style artwork. “The House that Frank Built” tour, 10:30 a.m. to noon; “The Art of the Mansion,” 2:30-4 p.m. Tickets cost \$40 and \$55. Call Furnace Town to reserve your space. 410-632-2032, <http://www.furnacetown.org>

### ‘PLAY IT SAFE’ - PIZZA EATING CONTEST

Pizza Tugos, 11623 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 2 p.m. Free event for 2017 high school graduates. Open to the first 25 guys and first 25 girls. Attend a “Play It Safe” event and receive a wristband to ride the bus for \$5 all week. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, <http://playitsafeoceancity.com>

### FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHT AT SHOREBIRDS

Arthur W. Perdue Stadium, 6400 Hobbs Rd, Salisbury, MD, 6:30 p.m. Featuring a return appearance by Former Oriole Brian Roberts, first pitch at 6:35 p.m., with post game fireworks. Tickets cost \$11 and are available at Sunday services at the Community Church at Ocean Pines as well as calling the church office at 410-641-5433. Funds raised support Community Church at Ocean Pines and Mountaire Thanksgiving for Thousands.

## SUN, JUN. 11

### OCEAN CITY FILM FESTIVAL

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### SAND DUELS BEACH SOCCER CHALLENGE

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Ocean City, MD, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Featuring Recreational and Competitive brackets. west-coat@mac.com, 443-204-3785

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET**  
Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Takes place the second and fourth Sunday of each month, mostly. Menu includes scrambled eggs, pancakes, French toast, creamed chipped beef, biscuits, sausage, bacon and toast. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 8 and younger. Located behind St. Luke’s Church. 410-524-7994

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**CAPTAIN SCHOEPF LIFEGUARD RELAY**  
Ocean City Beach, Atlantic Avenue and 7th Street, Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. In honor of Capt. Schoepf, this relay is held where a classic steel rescue buoy is passed along by alumni guards and current lifeguards. Open to the Ocean City Beach Patrol, as well as anyone who has worked for the OCBP in the past or has a personal connection to Capt. Schoepf. 410-289-7556

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

**TOUR THE WARREN MANSION**  
Furnace Town Living Heritage Village, 3816 Old Furnace Road, Snow Hill, MD, 1 to 4:30 p.m. This opportunity only comes along every two or three years. On the tour, participants will walk through the 25-room Spanish villa and learn how Frank Warren built the mansion and admire the collection of his impressionist-style artwork.tours are “The “Frank Algernon Warren: Bigger Than Life” tour, 1-2:30 p.m. and 3-4:40 p.m. Tickets cost \$40 and \$55. Call Furnace Town to reserve your space. 410-632-2032, <http://www.furnacetown.org>

**ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BUFFET LUNCH**  
Sunset Grille, 12933 Sunset Ave., West Ocean City, MD, 2 p.m. To benefit the Girl Scouts of Worcester County. Cost is \$15. There will also be 50/50 raffle, silent auction and face painting for children. Tickets: Anna Foultz, 410-641-7667 or Beverly Meadows, 443-235-1019

**‘PLAY IT SAFE’ - KARAOKE**  
Ocean City beach at Dorchester Street, Boardwalk and Dorchester Street, Ocean City, MD, 6 to 8 p.m. Free event for 2017 high school graduates. Individual and group competition. In the event of rain, the event will be held at H202, Worcester Street from 5-7 p.m. Open to the first 400 grads. Attend a “Play It Safe” event and receive a wristband to ride the bus

for \$5 all week. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, <http://playitsafeoceancity.com>

**CONCERT ON THE LAWN**  
Calvin B. Taylor House Museum lawn, 208 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 6 p.m. Free concert featuring Little Sister & the Boys.

**‘PLAY IT SAFE’ - TRIMPER’S ROLLER COASTER**  
Trimper’s Roller Coaster, Boardwalk and S. First Street, Ocean City, MD, 8 to 10 p.m. Free event for 2017 high school graduates. For roller coastal only. Attend a “Play It Safe” event and receive a wristband to ride the bus for \$5 all week. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, <http://playitsafeoceancity.com>

## MON, JUN. 12

**FRIENDS OF THE OCEAN PINES LIBRARY**  
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 9:30 a.m. Stephanie Fowler, of Salt Water Media (a self-publishing company), will speak about the company.

**‘PLAY IT SAFE’ - PADDLE BOARDING**  
48th Street Watersports, 4801 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Free event for 2017 high school graduates. Attend a “Play It Safe” event and receive a wristband to ride the bus for \$5 all week. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, <http://playitsafeoceancity.com>

**ST. MARTIN’S CHURCH MUSEUM TOURS**  
Historic St. Martin’s Church Museum, 11413 Old Worcester Highway, Showell, MD, 1 to 3 p.m. Visit Historic St. Martin’s Church Museum built in 1756, 20 years prior to the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Guided Docent Tours every Monday through September. Complimentary parking and admission. 410-251-2849

**‘PLAY IT SAFE’ - KAYAKING**  
48th Street Watersports, 4801 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 4:30 to 6 p.m. Free event for 2017 high school graduates. Attend a “Play It Safe” event and receive a wristband to ride the bus for \$5 all week. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, <http://playitsafeoceancity.com>

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

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

**MEDICAL MONDAY**  
Ray Room, 124 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Free educational session. Briana Lee, Physical Therapist from Pivot Physical Therapy will present “Are You Afraid of the Dark? How to Reduce Fall Risks in your Home.”

**‘PLAY IT SAFE’ - MINIATURE GOLF**

Old Pro Golf, 6801 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. Indoor and outdoor golf. Free event for 2017 high school graduates. Attend a “Play It Safe” event and receive a wristband to ride the bus for \$5 all week. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, <http://playitsafeoceancity.com>

**‘PLAY IT SAFE’ - MOONLIGHT BOWLING**  
Ocean Lanes, 115 72nd S.t, Ocean City, MD, 9 p.m. Free event for 2017 high school graduates. Open to the first 288 grads. Attend a “Play It Safe” event and receive a wristband to ride the bus for \$5 all week. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, <http://playitsafeoceancity.com>

## TUE, JUN. 13

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

**‘PLAY IT SAFE’ - MINIATURE GOLF**  
Jurassic Miniature Golf & Laser Tag, 146th Street and Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 1 to 3 p.m. Free event for 2017 high school graduates. Attend a “Play It Safe” event and receive a wristband to ride the bus for \$5 all week. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, <http://playitsafeoceancity.com>

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

**PARKINSON’S SUPPORT GROUP**  
Gull Creek Senior Living, 1 Meadow St., Berlin, Md, 2:30 to 4 p.m. For individuals suffering from Parkinson’s. Group provides education on exercise, nutrition, coping techniques, medications and developments in treatment. Mary Bohall, 410-641-3171, <http://www.DelmarvaParkinsonsAlliance.org>

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

**‘PLAY IT SAFE’ - BEACH VOLLEYBALL**  
Ocean City Beach at Third Street, Atlantic Avenue and Third Street, Ocean City, MD, 4:30 p.m. Sign-up begins at 4:30 p.m., games begin at 6 p.m. Free event for 2017 high school graduates. Attend a “Play It Safe” event and receive a wristband to ride the bus for \$5 all week. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, <http://playitsafeoceancity.com>

**‘PLAY IT SAFE’ - KARAOKE**  
Ocean City Beach at Third Street, Atlantic Avenue and Third Street, Ocean City, MD, 5:30 p.m. Free event for 2017 high school graduates. Attend a “Play It Safe” event and receive a wristband to ride the bus for \$5 all week. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, <http://playitsafeoceancity.com>

**NAMI FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP**  
Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 2, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Offers shared wisdom and problem solving for family members of persons with mental illness. The group is free. Info: Carole Spurrier, 410-208-4003, [carolespurrier@msn.com](mailto:carolespurrier@msn.com) or Gail S. Mansell, [gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org](mailto:gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org), 410-641-9725

## WED, JUN. 14

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

**‘PLAY IT SAFE’ - MINI GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
Maui Golf, 101 57th St., Ocean City, MD, 12 to 3 p.m. Free event for 2017 high school graduates. Attend a “Play It Safe” event and receive a wristband to ride the bus for \$5 all week. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, <http://playitsafeoceancity.com>

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

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

**‘PLAY IT SAFE’ - 3-ON-3 BASKETBALL**  
Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD, 7 p.m. Sign-ups begin at 7 p.m, games begin at 8 p.m. Free event for 2017 high school graduates. Attend a “Play It Safe” event and receive a wristband to ride the bus for \$5 all week. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, <http://playitsafeoceancity.com>

**‘RENDEZVOUS WITH SPIRIT: MESSAGES FROM THE OTHER SIDE’**  
Sea Bay Hotel’s conference center, 61st Street and Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 7 p.m. Those interested in connecting with loved ones who have passed on might have the opportunity to do so with Psychic Medium Justin Schmoyer. Cost is \$35. Tickets are available at [MediumJustin.Eventbrite.com](http://MediumJustin.Eventbrite.com) or at the door.

**PAUSE FOR THE PLEDGE**  
American Legion Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD, 7 p.m. A short program will be held to recognize Flag Day and its 240th Anniversary. The public is invited.

**MOVIE ON THE BEACH**  
Carousel Resort Hotel and Condominiums, 11700 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, MD, 8:30 p.m. Free movie on the beach, featuring “Hook.” Take a beach chair or blanket. In the event of inclement weather, the movie will be shown inside the hotel. Chris Clarke, 410-250-0125



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5 P.M.



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## Pocomoke budget first reading keeps six-month golf trial

By Greg Ellison  
Staff Writer

(June 8, 2017) The Pocomoke City Council held a first reading and public hearing on the proposed fiscal year 2018 budget, which despite the relatively large attendance, failed to receive a single audience comment.

City Manager/City Attorney Ernie Crofoot said the draft version of the budget, now in its fifth incarnation, factors in several proposals from a budget work session on May 12.

"It was a tough process, but the budget as you have it now contains those compromises and changes that have been discussed in the past several weeks," he said.

During the May 12 meeting, based on a suggestion from Councilman Dale Trotter, it was decided to budget the Winter Quarters Golf Course for only the first half of fiscal year 2018 to ascertain if renewed marketing efforts are positively impacting the course.

While the course is expected to lose as much as \$180,000 this year, Crofoot estimated only budgeting the course for the first half of fiscal-year 2018 should limit the financial loss to about \$77,000. He also noted that after six months the council would have to amend the budget if they wanted to keep the course operational.

Another proposal from the May 12 budget work session would increase the charge for bi-weekly trash service from \$10 to \$15, which should net the town an additional \$80,000.

As currently proposed the budget reflects general fund revenues of \$4.8 million and general fund expenses of \$4.5 million, leaving a surplus of more than \$257,000, which when offset with negative fund balances for the golf course, as well as water and sewer, leaves the budget balanced.

"I would urge you folks to introduce the budget ordinance and consider it for second reading passage on the 19th," he said.

The council will hold a second reading with potential passage of the budget at its next meeting on June 19 at 6:30 p.m.



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Pocomoke High School's Class of 2017 marks the end of this chapter in their lives with a blast of confetti during their graduation ceremony last Tuesday. Overall, Pocomoke graduates received more than \$1.2 million in college scholarship money. See story on page 17.

## County schools honor innovators

By Brian Gilliland  
Associate Editor

(June 8, 2017) Worcester County schools encourage educators to try new programs, applications and methods in the classroom, and an annual ceremony recognizes those teachers who have excelled in those regards.

Held last Wednesday, this year's ceremony drew an audience of 40 to 50 people and featured a lunch provided by Chef Phil Cropper and culinary arts students at Worcester Technical High School.

Superintendent of Schools Lou Taylor recognized the various staff present at the luncheon and the principals of each school that encouraged their teachers to try new things in order to help students succeed.

The keynote address was delivered by 2017 Teacher of the Year Julia Hill, who pre-recorded her remarks, as she was presenting an award elsewhere in the state that day.

Elizabeth Atwood at the Cedar Chapel Special School was honored for adopting a curriculum that featured shared writing and reinforced communications skills for students with complex instructional needs.

Jennifer Beach at Pocomoke Middle School created a "makerspace" at the school library that allowed students to create things including 3D printed

items, robotics and a massive 6.5 foot square Lego "Warrior Wall."

Brian Cook at Pocomoke Middle School was recognized for coordinating instruction with students in California and Iowa to analyze young adult literature.

At Stephen Decatur High School, Ryan Cowder used an online registration tool to simplify and streamline paperwork related to athletic

programs. The tool saved coaches' and students' time, and the data is more easily found in case of an emergency.

The eighth grade math team, led by Regina Dashiell, was honored for implementing a "math menu" system in which the classes begin with a warm-up, followed by a lesson, followed by a selection of activities related to that lesson.

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## City Manager/City Attorney Ernie Crofoot to step aside

By Greg Ellison  
Staff Writer

(June 8, 2017) Pocomoke City Manager/City Attorney Ernie Crofoot announced on Wednesday that he would be vacating the position he has held since August 2015.

"We agreed to a bi-party agreement for termination of services," he said.

Crofoot said the precise date of departure has yet to be determined, but would be within two months.

Pocomoke City is currently advertising the position on its website. The job posting seeks a "progressive visionary leader with a strong, service-oriented approach to managing municipal operations."

The position requires candidates to be seasoned professionals, with at least 10 years of experience in a comparable role, who are "engaged and visible within the community."

Regardless of his departure, Crofoot said he would continue to cooperate in all aspects of pending litigation filed by former police personnel against Pocomoke City.



Ernie Crofoot





Six of seven Worcester County Commissioners, delegates Mary Beth Carozza and Charles Otto, and Berlin Mayor Gee Williams were among the public officials and stakeholders who helped break ground on the new Berlin library on Harrison Avenue on Tuesday.

# Local leaders ‘dig’ new library

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor

(June 8, 2017) The few clouds that rolled over Berlin on Tuesday skipped by long enough for several dozen public officials and other stakeholders to stick their golden shovels into the future site of the new Berlin library on Harrison Avenue.

Six of seven Worcester County Commissioners were present, along with Berlin Mayor Gee Williams, delegates Mary Beth Carozza and Charles Otto, and county Library Director Jennifer Ranck.

Ranck thanked the commissioners



Worcester County Library Director Jennifer Ranck speaks during a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Berlin library on Tuesday.

and county administration for their leadership, the Worcester County Library Board for their support, the Worcester County Library Foundation and a Berlin-based fundraising committee for helping to plan fundraising events, the Humphries Foundation and Town of Berlin for their early donations, and individual donors throughout the community.

She also acknowledged the state Division of Library Development and Services, and Department of Education for their support through a capital grant program.

The new library is estimated to cost \$6.25 million and will be four times larger than the previous building, which is now the oldest library in the county.

“In particular I’d like to thank former Library Director Mark Thomas, who launched this project and really set us on the right course,” she said. “I want to thank our amazing architect Jeff Schoelkopf for his vision, and to the members of the planning team for their expertise and their willingness to attend many, many, many, many, many, many meetings so we could be here today.”

Ranck said it was fitting the site was the former home to one of Berlin’s fa-

bled peach nurseries.

“Now, instead of growing fruit trees, we’ll be growing readers, we’ll be producing thinkers, and we’ll be cultivating lifelong learning,” she said. “In fact, the new library building itself will be a celebration of learning – as all libraries are.”

Worcester County Commissioners President Jim Bunting noted the large number of his colleagues attending.

“You can tell we’re pretty proud of this project,” he said. “It started out as a vision and there was a lot of people involved in this ... and a lot of convincing about some ideas.”

Bunting said the library would be a great thing for the town and the county.

“This is going to be a place for community, for children, for the young and old,” he said. “Thanks to everybody ... there were a lot of people involved in this and it wouldn’t have happened without a lot of work.”

Williams joked that, when he was little, people didn’t get this excited about a new library.

“Now, I am very grateful that this new project is happening – not only that it’s happening in our town, but when it’s happening,” he said. “This ground-

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# GM Hill talks up renovations during packed town hall

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor

(June 8, 2017) Ocean Pines Association interim General Manager Brett Hill held a well-attended town hall meeting at Mumford’s Landing last Thursday, when he offered an overview of his administration and the flurry of new projects it has produced.

Hill said the net-year loss against budget for fiscal year 2017 was about \$270,000, but that number needed to be put into context because the board of directors made several changes to a budget that was adopted by a previous board and general manager.

Several new public works positions were added to the payroll because the board saw “a desperate need for us to make improvements ... and our public works staff was stretched beyond any reason,” Hill said.

He said those positions added



Brett Hill

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