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MURAL UNVEILING

Muralist John Donato, center, unveils the second panel of a new community mural on Tuesday. For about three weeks, children at Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services in Berlin worked on the project along with staff, parents, local business owners and volunteers. The panel will be unveiled to the public during the 2nd Friday art stroll in July, then hung on the north-facing wall of the Berlin Visitor's Center on Main Street.

## 'Johnny U' items donated to Berlin

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(June 23, 2016) Sandra L. Unitas, the widow of Colts legend Johnny Unitas, met with Berlin Mayor Gee Williams last Friday to donate a few items to the town.

Among them was a pool table, once owned by "Johnny U," that the town plans to give to nonprofit Worcester Youth and Family Counseling.

She also offered a custom TV cabinet that the couple commissioned just before he passed away about 14 years ago. Williams said that item could be a good fit in the town's visitor's center on Main Street, where videos are shown of different attractions and special events in the town.

The encounter was something of an accident. Unitas was in town shopping and visiting a restaurant, and walked into Town Hall to ask if she was parked in an appropriate space.

"They said 'no' and I said, 'OK, but would you like to have a pool table?" she said. "I looked up and it was [the mayor's] office. I didn't know where I was or what, so it was meant to be!"

Williams was a fan, and said he had met the Hall of Fame quarterback on occasion, including once at M.R. Ducks.

"He was very cordial," Williams said. "Nobody was bothering him or asking him for autographs, just [saying], 'hey, it's good to see you in Ocean City.'

'If he had a beer in his hand, he was happy," Unitas said. "He was very down to earth. He was a man's man. He loved children and he was always approachable."

Apparently, Johnny also had a connection with "Runaway Bride," the 1999 film starting Julia Roberts and Richard Gere that was partially shot in Berlin, doubling as the fictional town of "Hale."

One day during shooting, a part of which also took place in Baltimore – doubling for New York – Johnny was driving near the set when he got caught in traffic. Stopped on the road, he caught the eye of a casting director.

'She looked in and said, 'Are you Johnny Unitas?' He said, 'I am - and you're holding me up!" she said.

It just happened to be Director Gary Marshall's birthday that week and he was a fan. Johnny was asked to sign a football as a gift and present it to him. In return, he asked if he could bring his family to watch some of the filming.

"As time went on, we were all in certain scenes, and if you blinked your eye you wouldn't see any of us," she said. "But it was a really special time, just like I'm sure it was here in Berlin when they were all here."

Johnny filmed a scene, as himself, talking to Richard Gere. It was the last one cut from the film.

'Gary Marshall wrote John a beautiful note and called and said, 'I am so sorry," she said. "[In the film] he was in a bakery in front of Hampden, a suburb of [Baltimore].'

Williams said he would like to host a dedication for both items in the near future, and Unitas promised to return when that happened.

"I'm always looking for excuses to come back," she said. "This is what John would have wanted."

### **OPA Board special** meeting today will address tie votes

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(June 23, 2016) The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors will hold a special meeting today, Thursday, to address a pair of proposed capital purchases that failed to earn approval after a 3-3-tie vote.

The meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. in the boardroom inside the administration building.

During the last regular meeting, May 26, Vice President Cheryl Jacobs was absent and the remaining directors deadlocked on the purchase of fairway mowers and sprayers for the golf course, and for a food truck that would serve several Ocean Pines amenities and events.

The mower and sprayer are on the agenda Thursday, while the food truck is absent. Reached for comment, Jacobs confirmed that item would not be addressed during the meeting.

Following the open session, the directors will convene to discuss "contractual issues" related to Landscapes Unlimited, which manages the community golf course.

"They've been here a year now and it's totally appropriate to have a review of how things are going as it relates to the contract and their performance against it," Jacobs said.



Berlin Mayor Gee Williams speaks with Sandra L. Unitas in his office on Friday. Unitas, the widow of legendary Colts quarterback Johnny Unitas, donated several items to the town.

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## Berlin mayor and council election takes shape

Gee Williams and Lisa Hall will run for top spot; two council seats also on ballot

#### By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(June 23, 2016) While the upcoming election in Berlin looks to be considerably less crowded than in nearby Ocean Pines, where 12 men and women are running for three seats, the stakes are equally high, with the mayor and two council positions appearing on the ballot.

Current Mayor Gee Williams has already tipped his hat to run for reelection, and District 2 Councilmember Lisa Hall filed for that office last Friday.

The District 2 seat is up for grabs, and, as of press time, 26-year-old Zackery Tyndall was the only candidate to file there.

District 3 is also on the line, a seat that Elroy Brittingham has held for more than 20 years. It is not known if he plans to run again.

The voting registration deadline for the municipal election is Friday, Sept. 2. Voters must be registered with the Worcester County Board of Election and can pick up forms in Berlin Town Hall.

Like voters, candidates must file to run by Sept. 2, at 5 p.m.

Applications to vote absentee will be available starting Tuesday, Sept. 2. The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot by mail is Sept. 27. If you're applying to vote absentee in person, at town hall, the deadline is Friday, Sept. 30 at 5 p.m.

Election day is Tuesday, Oct. 4, and polls will be open from 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

The District 1 and 2 polling location is Buckingham Presbyterian Church on 20 South Main Street. Districts 3 and 4 will vote at the multipurpose building on Flower

For more information on registration, call the Worcester County Board of Elections at 410-632-1320 or visit www.elections.state.md.us/voter\_re gistration.

For more information on the election, contract Administrative Services Director Mary Bohlen at 410-641-4314 or email mbohlen@berlinmd.gov.



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Paddlers start strong during the three-mile open race held Saturday during Snow Hill's 'Return to Goat Island' event. More than 100 participated in the races scheduled during the weekend, and even more turned out to watch, cheer, play and visit with the island's future occupants.

## Truck and tractor pull this weekend

By Brian Gilliland

Associate Editor

(June 23, 2016) Drivers of four classes of vehicles will compete for a share of the prize purse in Pocomoke City at the fairgrounds this weekend, as well as the chance to bolster their end-of-year rankings as part of the 13th annual East Coast Pullers Truck and Tractor Pull.

The event is sanctioned by the Lucas Oil Pro Pulling League, but managed by the East Coast Pullers, which is one of the largest organizations within that league, according to manager Dave Moore.

The drivers are following the points, and the people follow the shows," Moore said.

Point totals are used to calculate prize winnings.

Super and pro-stock diesel tractors, pro-stock diesel four-wheel drive trucks, two-wheel drive trucks and hot farm tractors will all attempt to drag a 40,000-lb. sled the farthest distance - usually topping out between 280 and 320 feet, John Smith, organizer said.

'Most times, it takes all of that weight to stop the trucks, and anyone can win at any time - there aren't just two or three leading the pack," he said.

In the event of a tie, the trucks will return to the start and pull again in a sudden-death format. Each vehicle gets two attempts to move the

Gates open at 4 p.m. on Saturday, but the show isn't scheduled to start until 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$15 per adult, \$8 for youths 7-12 and children 6 and under are free. Bleacher seating for about 1,000 spectators is available at the fairgrounds, but lawn chairs are also allowed.

Food and soft drinks will be available for purchase, and a beer truck will be on site from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Some of the funds raised from this event will go towards the Great Pocomoke Fair, scheduled for Aug. 4-6 this year. This is the final

fundraising event before the fair.

The diesel trucks, Smith said, are fan favorites and crowd pleasers because of the volume of smoke generated while the engines are asserting themselves. Alcohol-based engines, which are also part of the event, do not generate smoke.

Basically, this is one of the heaviest shows pulling the heaviest sleds. People come from Virginia, West Virginia, and all over Maryland to compete or watch. We usually have 35-40 competitors, which is a good amount for our size," Smith said.

The show is expected to last about four hours and draw a couple of thousand spectators, Smith said.

"The important part is it's growing. At first we had about 650 spectators, and there are other places with better attendance, but they've also been at this longer. But we're growing," he said.

For more information, visit www.thegreatpocomokefair.org or www.pocomoketractorpull.com.

### Town, organizers ready for another **Goat Island return**

By Brian Gilliland

Associate Editor

(June 23, 2016) Last weekend was the Ocean City Air Show, the Firefly Music Festival, the Summer Kickoff in Pocomoke and the Berlin Peach Pageant, plus a celebration of little island in Snow Hill with a goat on it that paddle boarders and kayakers raced around.

And it still drew hundreds.

Those not paddling on the Pocomoke River played Frisbee games, cornhole or built Lego projects while others blew bubbles, used the nearby playground or visited the petting zoos.

Spectators and participants listened to performers, including Nick Haglich and the Dukes of Delmarva, while others basked in the sun, ate or caught up with neighbors.

All the while dedicated and amateur paddlers raced around the spit of land, and the single goat denizen stood sentinel.

"The participation, especially in our first year, was tremendous," Sandy Deeley, owner of Walk on Water in Ocean City and co-founder of the event, said. "The town's hospitality was outstanding, and the weather couldn't have been better. Everyone is really happy.'

Altogether, 130 paddlers participated for the inaugural event. Deeley said achieving that number is huge.

Michael Day, economic development advisor to the town of Snow Hill, and a co-founder of the event, echoed Deeley's sentiments from the town's side.

"It was a very pleasant event, where everyone enjoyed themselves,' he said. "It was a fun, low-key event."

Deeley and Day both said the event would return next vear.

With that said, both also confirmed there will be a discussion of some changes before paddlers return to Goat Island.

We're going to send out a questionnaire to participants to find out some hard answers, but I think we might combine it into one day," Dee-

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## **Council's Lisa Hall hopes** her next seat will be mayor's

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(June 23, 2016) District 2 Councilmember Lisa Hall threw her hat into the mayoral election ring on Friday, filling out the paperwork to challenge incumbent Mayor Gee Williams.

Hall, 58, was raised on a chicken



farm in nearby Parsonsburg. She worked in property management and ran a business with her late husband, and is currently serving her second four-year term on the town council.

She has been extremely active with the Maryland Municipal League, where she served on the board and the legislative and communications committees. She also serves on the board of the Rural Maryland Council and is president of the Eastern Shore Association of Municipalities.

Along with that experience, which she said enabled her to "get educated in municipal government," Hall said she has seen some unsettling things occur on the council during the last few years.

"I've been [serving] two terms on the council, and unfortunately there's things that have happened that I'm not comfortable with [like] the direction the town is going as far as expanding the borders of Berlin and doing the spot annexations," she said.

"I feel that Berlin is very unique. We have a very charming town, and the reason why we are such a destination for people to want to visit – as well as live here – is because of our unique, small-town charm," she continued. "I'm afraid that if we continue to develop with the 'spot development' that we will lose this smalltown charm, and once it's gone it's gone. It cannot be regained.

She praised the current mayor and council in helping Berlin recover from "the biggest recession this county has seen since the Great Depression," and said the town was almost singular in terms of being able to prosper and grow during that crisis.

Because of that success, however, Hall said the town is frequently courted by outside businesses and developers that are looking to cash in.

"I feel like we're not doing a good job with that," she said. "I want to protect this town from annexations outside of our greenbelt. We had a comprehensive plan. We've had meetings with residents, and all the residents are saying 'we do not want to expand Berlin' - they do not want cookie cutter development."

Hall went on to suggest the residents were concerned with how their tax dollars were being spent.

"I feel that this mayor and council has done a very good job in that [recession] economy with concentrating on the infrastructure in this town and developing businesses, but now it's time to do something for the residents," Hall said. "And I want a skateboard park put up immediately. There's no reason why we're not building a skateboard park right now [at the former Tyson plant].

She said her first duty, as mayor, would be to meet with town staff, working individually with each department head for a few days in order to get a sense of how each one is performing.

"Going forward, the residents of Berlin should be considered priority in any development – not the developer," Hall said.

## **LLOYD RECEIVES KIWANIS AWARD** Ocean Pines resident David "Dave" Lloyd receives the prestigious Kiwanis International Award known as the "Legion of Honor" for his 25 years of service. All have been with the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City. Special Advisor to the president of the club, Ralph Chinn, made

the presentation during the May 11 meeting in the Ocean Pines Community Center. Pictured, from left, are Chinn, Lloyd and club President Mark Joseph.



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#### scholarships to 17 students (June 23, 2016) The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City Scholarship Foundation recently pre-

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sented 17 scholarships to deserving graduating senior students at Stephen Decatur High School. Kiwanis Selections Committee Chair Roy Foreman presented the awards.

This year's recipients are:

Peyton Townsend - \$2,000 - University of Georgia; Caroline Hammond - \$1,500 - University of Maryland; Zohar Omer - \$1,500 - University of Maryland; Zainab Mirza - \$1,000 -American University; Rebekah Nesbit - \$1,000 - Washington College; Hyun Soo Chun \$1,000 - University of Maryland; Adam Kristick - \$1,000 - University of Maryland; Logan Romberger -\$1,000 - University of Virginia; Hunter Ulrich - \$500 - Widener University; Contessa Hutchins - \$500 - University of Florida:

Olivia Kurtz - \$500 - Salisbury University; Erin Smith - \$500 - Christopher Newport University; Rebecca Evans - \$500 - American University; Catherine Withers - \$500 - Towson University; Allison Shumate - \$500 -Salisbury University; Kyla Walker -\$500 - Hood College; and Ellen Bargar - \$500 - Messiah College.

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## **Worcester County solar co-op** meeting in Snow Hill tonight

Session starts at 7 p.m. at Belt Street train station: OP gathering set for June 29

#### By Brian Gilliland

Associate Editor

(June 23, 2016) The only meeting in southern Worcester for residents interested in forming a solar electric cooperative is scheduled for tonight at 7 p.m. at the train station on Belt Street in Snow Hill. Another meeting is scheduled for June 29 in Ocean

The 90-minute session will be hosted by MD Sun, a division of the nonprofit Community Power Network.

The idea is for residents to band together and use their collective purchasing power to leverage a discount on installation fees for solar cells on their property, Corey Ramsden, Maryland project manager for the nonprofit, said.

"The first part of the meeting will be about solar technology, so we can establish a baseline of what people might know and how the technology works within the home, Ramsden said.

Next, the processes of forming a co-op and purchasing will be explained, he said.

The final formal topic of discussion, Ramsden said, would be financing options.

While those are the discrete subheadings on the agenda, Ramsden said the meeting is a more fluid arrangement, with questions and answers coming from both the audience as well as Ramsden.

"We get some good interactions," he said, and from these new interactions new ideas and strategies are formulated and tested.

The most important step before the meeting, Ramsden said, is to register www.mdsun.org/worcester though preregistration is not a prerequisite to attend the meeting.

We just need an idea of how many people are coming," Ramsden explained. "The process is all driven by homeowners.'

Ramsden said as few as 25 people can form a cooperative arrangement, as he has set up in both Salisbury and

Once a critical mass is reached, Ramsden said his organization would help develop the request for proposal, which is then shipped off to various vendors. The members of the cooperative would then choose the installer from the proposals based on whatever factors it decided were most advantageous - a local contractor, perhaps,or the vendor offering the best price.

Those decisions are farther down the road, Ramsden said.

"The process takes seven to 10 months based on the numbers and the location. It all starts with the 90minute information sessions," he

Before incentives, Ramsden said, a solar power system designed for home use can cost anywhere between \$9,000 and \$20,000 installed.

Grouping customers into a cooperative situation can bring that cost down. Ramsden said the Federal government provides an incentive good for 30 percent of the installation cost as a tax credit rather than a deduction on income taxes. Maryland, he continued, could kick in a \$1,000 grant to homeowners if their home is a primary residence and is not within a historic district.

"If you were to buy a system outright, it would pay for itself in 8-10 years and these systems generally last 20 years," Ramsden said. "In terms of offset, you should see a 30-70 percent reduction in your bill.

A residence requires at least 200 feet of space to install a photovoltaic electric system, but those 200 feet all don't have to be in one place.

"We test to make sure your house gets enough sun. The hours between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. are the most important," he said.

These systems are not intended to outright replace existing home-based electrical service, because the generated power can't be stored, so it's fed back into the grid for other customers to use. The homeowner is reimbursed for the generated solar power as "solar renewable energy credits" that can be used or sold either individually or by a broker as electricity is generated, he said.





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## Berlin Chamber celebrated 30th anniversary, Thurs.

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(June 23, 2016) The Berlin Chamber of Commerce celebrated its 30th anniversary last Thursday with a well-attended ceremony in the parking lot of its office on Main Street.

The crowd was largely made up of local business owners, many of which had been active chamber participants for years, and even decades.

Mayor Gee Williams admitted he was "a little embarrassed" to be old enough to remember the founding of the chamber, in 1986.

"Five to 10 years before that there were more business, more places downtown – not just Main Street, but the side streets – that were closed than were even open," he said. "Many of those places that were closed were used for storage."

That all changed about four years ago, Williams said.

"It didn't happen overnight, but it happened by persistence and because [of] many of the people here and many of the people that preceded us," he said. "I hope we can all take a little time and remember that such thriving change doesn't happen overnight, but it does happen if you absolutely believe in what you're doing. And, in



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Sen. Jim Mathias speaks during a celebration, last Thursday, for the 30th anniversary of the Berlin Chamber of Commerce.

Berlin, we do believe and we're so thankful for what the chamber of commerce has done to make the Berlin of the 21st century possible."

To commemorate the occasion, Williams presented a plaque on behalf of the mayor and council he hoped "would not be put in a bathroom somewhere."

Reece Cropper, the founder of the chamber, also spoke.

"Gee is right – this town was a mess," he said. "When Roxanne Williams came to me and said, 'take over the downtown revitalization,' the town had already started. Really, it just needed to keep the momentum and you all are the ones that should pat yourselves on the back. You all are the ones who have carried this torch, and you should be very proud of yourselves. You made this town into a beautiful municipality."

Del. Mary Beth Carozza and Sen. Jim Mathias also presented commendations on behalf of the state legislature.

"Reece started the chamber 30

years ... " Mathias said.

"It was the only thing I fathered," Cropper deadpanned.

"He's making a claim here that I can't substantiate," Mathias added.

The senator went on to quote Marvin Gaye, and to thank the chamber leadership and business owners.

"He's to 30 more," he said. "Raise your glasses to good health, fun, bathtub races, Christmas parades and all the stuff that makes berlin great – most importantly, you the people."

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## **Extremely positive' feedback from first Goat Island event**

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ley said. "The initial feedback has been extremely positive."

Deeley explained that most races like the one that took place last weekend are on set rectangular or triangular courses and are mostly on open water. The Pocomoke River near Goat Island can offer none of those things.

"It's a nice change. There's an island to go around and plenty to look at. It's a different environment from what a lot of these paddlers are used to. Most are racing every week, and most have nothing to look at during those races," he said.

Day agreed there were some lessons learned.

"I think we should have had a banner on Goat Island, and there probably should have been someone giving demonstrations," he said.

And although Goat Island features its own dock and hiking trail, there was no way to visit or return to Goat Island during "Return to Goat Island" unless you brought your own boat.

"The kids race was neat, and the most exciting things to watch were the starts to each of the races. I'd like to see more vendors but all in all, it was a great first run out of the gate," Day said.

## **Snow Hill poised to pass vacant building registration**

By Brian Gilliland

Associate Editor

(June 23, 2016) The vacant building ordinance that has been the subject of debate in recent months in Snow Hill reemerged as a vacant building registration during last week's meeting of the mayor and council.

"We can get heavier handed as we go along," Michael Day, economic development consultant, said. "We needed to know what is out there and what is vacant."

The stated purpose of the ordinance is to "establish a mechanism to protect residential and commercial neighborhoods from becoming blighted through lack of adequate maintenance and to ensure the safety of vacant properties."

What is considered a blighted building by the town is under the discretion of a code officer, but some factors in defining a blighted building include collapsing or missing walls, roofs or floors, seriously damaged or missing siding, structurally faulty foundations and fire damage.

Buildings falling under the ordinance must show evidence of vacancy for 90 consecutive days. Such evidence of vacancy includes habitual emptiness, attracts illegal activity as documented by the SHPD, is a fire hazard and interferes with the lawful enjoyment of neighboring properties. Partially constructed, deconstructed or demolished buildings where work was abandoned and no current building or demolition permits could also fall under the ordinance, but is subject to additional conditions.

There are two exemptions: resi-

dents on extended vacations or have alternative living arrangements, like spending winter elsewhere, and buildings that have suffered fire damage if cleanup and repairs are completed within 120 days of the event — this exemption must be formally requested in writing, according to the ordinance.

Buildings whose residents do leave for extended periods of time must have a verified emergency contact, and the property must be maintained during the absence by a local person or agent.

Snow Hill is bound by the ordinance to provide property owners with a notice and supporting evidence before a property can be declared vacant.

Whether properties are vacant and secured, vacant and unsecured or vacant and boarded, registration is required under the ordinance.

If the property is registered within 30 days of the notice the town must provide, there is no fee for registration, and updates to an existing registration must be completed within 30 days of a change.

Properties not registered within 30 days will be fined \$100. If unpaid within 90 days the fine will become a lien, according to the ordinance.

Those wishing to appeal a decision of the code officer must first notify the code officer, who will prepare a hearing before the housing review board within 10 days.

The ordinance passed first reading unanimously, and is scheduled for second reading during the next town meeting on July 12 at 7 p.m. in the train station.



## Youngest OPA candidate, Hill looks to fill demo

FTS Fiber founder tired of seeing younger families in Ocean Pines marginalized

#### By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(June 23, 2016) Brett C. Hill is by far the youngest candidate running for the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors this year.

Born in Baltimore, the 37-year-old has owned property in the Pines since 2012 and moved to the area full time last spring. His company, FTS Fiber, provides Internet infrastructure services from its headquarters in West Ocean City.

"In the years we've been exposed to the community, it appears that there's a select demographic, or a few people that seem to be pretty vocal and push their intentions, and the direction doesn't necessarily align with what I feel is in the best interest of my family," he said. "I think it doesn't really represent the demographic which is a fairly large population – of younger families moving into the neighborhood."

His, he suggested, is a "voice that hasn't been heard by the community'

We make up a large portion of the homes and, at least among our peers, everybody just kind of gives up and



**Brett C. Hill** 

have that attitude. It been has [like that], but it can change. I have a big mouth and I want my voice to be heard."

Among Hill's chief complaints

board meetings, usually scheduled on Thursday mornings, are difficult for working people to attend. He said playgrounds in the community are falling apart, and the yacht club is a complete disaster."

"The old building was a great place to take my family to eat. It was a warm, inviting atmosphere. The food was good, the other patrons were talking to us and having conversations, and it was more of a communal atmosphere," he said. "The communal atmosphere has disappeared and it's just cold, on top of the quality going downhill.

"We moved to the community and bought in the community because of the amenities, and those reasons, which for us justified paying essentially a premium - they're disappearing," he continued. "I think for all the residents, the amenities should be something that increases the value of our house. Right now, in my opinion, it's an HOA due that decreases the value and marketability because the benefit's not there. They're a financial drain, and it's wrong.'

Hill called the current board of directors "lackadaisical," and suggested many simply enjoyed having the title.

"It doesn't seem like there's any true management taking place from the board or the senior management staff that we employ," he said. "It's kind of just a happy-go-lucky attitude. We have millions of dollars to spend and we'll just kind of do what we want to do, and the people who scream the loudest will get money spent."

He said he has not personally met with or spoken to General Manager Bob Thompson, but is not impressed with the information he shares during monthly presentations to the board. The proposed food truck, for example, included quotes comprised of "scratched up notes on paper."

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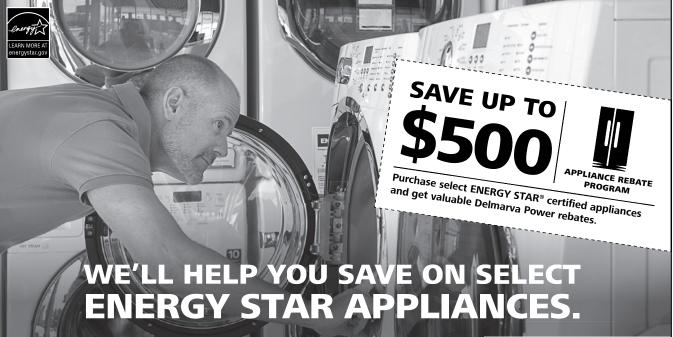


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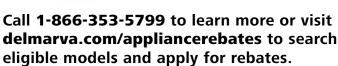
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## **Candidate Hill calls out OPA** management of amenities

to supposedly come in and

their job.'

Brett C. Hill

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listings," he said. "I don't know in what world that is a competitive bid

Hill also brought up the recent example of the awnings on the tiki bar at the yacht club, which he said included two quotes simply taken from two websites.

"The website quote came in cheaper than the preferred, but the catch was labor wasn't quoted. Well,

that's because we never asked for a quote," he said. "If vou're a community the size of Ocean manage us, and they're not doing ity Pines with the buying power that a multimillion dollar budget dictates,

picking up the phone and asking a vendor to come out and walk a job and provide a written quotation with a warrantee description and an 'apples to apples' comparison - that's what management should do.

"If I were Bob I would be embarrassed to feed that back to the board," he added. "Maybe that's how Bob was directed. I don't know how Bob works. I can't speak to say it's 100 percent his fault and everybody else is awesome and Bob's the one screwing it up, which I think is what a lot of people would like to say because Bob's the face that's out there."

Whether the issue is chiefly with Thompson or "across the board," Hill said it is clear there is a problem with how things are done in Ocean Pines.

"The problem has to be fixed," he said. "Looking at the way a lot of our amenities are run, it's an issue of we don't have the proper management in place to be running those amenities. I don't know Bob well, but it appears

he doesn't have a lot of experience in 'We're, as an HOA, paying people running rants and hospital-– and the hospitality industry is a tough industry to work in.

> "Perhaps community would be better served by having a professional organization or an individual with the experience in handling hospitality - which is, at this point, a large portion of our losses every year – providing better experience and better guidance," Hill added. "We're, as an HOA, paying people to supposedly come in and manage us, and they're not doing their job. I don't think it's a function of we have a failed amenity – we have the wrong people managing the



## Trendic hopes third time's a charm

Belgrade native running for OPA board again; says race about perception of Pines

#### By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(June 23, 2016) Slobodon Trendic finished third in the race for Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors last year, coming within less than 300 votes of earning a seat on the board.

The 61-year-old Belgrade, Yugoslavia native is running again this year – for the third consecutive time.

Trendic spent 30 years working in the information technology industry, and retired three years ago "for health reasons." He moved to Ocean Pines in 2013.

"Over the course of the last three years, it's been kind of a journey of reality checks as far as the Ocean Pines affairs goes," he said. "There's some great aspects of that and some very disturbing aspects – that's why I became very active in different ways, writing to the newspapers and making public comments at the board meetings, and really walking the streets and talking to the owners."

He joked that he "wanted to set a record" by running again.

"It's not whether I want the job — it's really stepping up as a community member," he said. "There are two parts of my motivation. One, the community, as they learned about me, they began to motivate me to run for the board and get hands-on involved. Two, when we see something that's not being done right — that can be done better — and we have the skills and the experience to bring out value, then we should do so.

"I really feel I have what it takes to do this 'thankless' job," he added. "Anybody who steps into a public domain gets seldom credits of recognition. It's often been heavy criticism, and hopefully that's going to change



Slobodon Trendi

in the future as we begin to do a better job as a board."

Trendic said there are two key issues facing Ocean Pines, essentially "chaos" on one side,

represented by the board of directors, and a "runaway train" on the other, represented by General Manager Bob Thompson.

He called the collision of the two a "perfect storm" in the making, with the biggest damage coming from Thompson himself.

"I think that's what this election is about – can we stop this from becoming, truly, a situation where there's some significant damage that can be done. It's not just physical or financial, but it's also the perception about us as a community," Trendic said. "We're beginning to get a bad reputation. Our property values are going down, not up. We're being called 'Pines Whinos.' This is really not who we are and we should not be, really, perceived as such."

The homeowners, he said, "need to do a much better job" of selecting candidates. Trendic urged voters to look further than individual resumes and instead look towards reform-minded people rather than those who favor the status quo.

"We need to change, really, the board – the way it functions – and we need to change the management of the community," he said. "The performance speaks for itself – this is not my opinion. All you've got to do is look at the performance over the last six years under the leadership of Tom

Terry as a board president and under the leadership of Bob Thompson there were some significant mistakes and failures that happened in the course of that time."

Trendic used the issue of several bridges in the community that reportedly have serious structural issues that have not been addressed, as example of failure of leadership. He also said there is an overall lack of transparency as evidenced by the fact that the OPA Election Committee counts votes during a closed session. That, he said, is a violation of Maryland law.

"For years the board has used the following justification: this is done in closed session because it is a personnel matter. I've done extensive research – thank God for Google – the fact is that [neither] the candidates nor the directors are employees of the association. They are not personnel.

"This is one big issue that the board has continued to maintain in the eye of the public, and it's controversial and it doesn't need to be," he added. "We should really make the public and the community and the homeowners part of the process. They should be in the meeting, cheering, clapping, enjoying a smooth transition of governance in our own democratic community."

Trendic also took issue with Thompson's salary, saying it ballooned from \$110,000 to \$165,000 "in a matter of four years." Comparatively, he said that's more than the city manager of Annapolis and the county administrator in Worcester, and is the same as the salary of Gov. Larry Hogan.

"Is that Bob's fault? No. I don't blame Bob," he said. "If I was [him] I would take half a million dollars if the board wants to pay me. It's the board's fault – total fiscal irresponsibility and misuse of our money."

He criticized the proposed food See TRENDIC Page 12

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## Trendic: health issues should not be an issue

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truck as another example of wasteful spending, and said the board, overall, was not using "best business prac-

"We've got to be looking at outsourcing," he said. "We're just kind of nibbling at it with the golf course and not doing a very good job - because we keep putting our fingers into the pot. The way the outsourcing model works the best is really hands off. Let the pros do it.

"I would expect that the new board should really be more open minded with using best practices, and if they don't know what those are, we're the members of the Community Association Institute. That's a repository for best practices. We're not the only 50year-old community in the country that's struggling with the issues that

we have ... and we can learn from those.'

When he ran two years ago, Trendic said he stepped down because he did not want to take away from two perceived "reform" candidates, Dave Stevens and Pat Renaud. It's a decision he now regrets.

'We can't rewrite history. We can only learn from it," he said.

He also cited health reasons at the time. Trendic said he has had eight different surgeries during his 30-year struggle with Crohn's disease and di-

Last year, Trendic was found guilty of driving while impaired by alcohol and negligent driving stemming from an incident in Ocean Pines, which was reported in several local papers just months before the election deadline.

"They say any publicity is good

publicity. I don't know if I really agree with them. Being in the IT industry for 30 years, if you put something in the digital world it stays there forever," he said. "But, we're humans. We're all vulnerable. We all experience moments in our life that test our ability to persevere and overcome controversies. The most important thing is to learn from that.

"I don't want to disappear from something that I believe in very strongly. I still feel that I can really be a good member of the community and I can help in many ways. Whether I'm elected or not, I will try to help in any way that I can.'

Asked if he believed lingering

health issues would prevent him from performing activities as a board member, Trendic said he hoped they would

"There are people with different handicaps and it doesn't stop them from living, and I hope the voters will actually see that as a positive from me as opposed from a negative," he said. "I don't [expect health issues to be a factor] based on how I feel today, but we don't know what the future has. If I reach a point where my health is impacting my ability to perform as a board member, I will be the first one to recognize that and I will not affect the board's ability to perform because of my personal situation."

## **Two Maryland Public Service Commission hearings slated**

(June 23, 2016) The Maryland Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold two public hearings for comment in the matter of the application of Delmarva Power to construct a new 138 kilovolt overhead transmission line through Wicomico and Worcester counties to the Maryland/Virginia state line.

The hearings are as scheduled: Wednesday, June 29 at 7 p.m., Salisbury Fire Station #1 1100 Beaglin Park Drive Salisbury, Maryland 21804 and Thursday, June 30, at 7 p.m., Snow Hill Fire Company 4718 Snow Hill Road Snow Hill, Maryland 28163.

Members of the public who wish to comment on the matter are welcome to attend the proceedings before Chief Public Utility Law Judge Terry Romine. The proposed project would be constructed on existing right-ofway from the Piney Grove substation near Salisbury to the Wattsville substation in Wattsville, Virginia, and includes an upgrade to the existing transmission line crossing of the Pocomoke River near Snow Hill.

The application has been docketed by the PSC as Case No. 9393. Case filings and associated pleadings in the matter are available in the electronic docket file (9393), which may be viewed or downloaded www.psc.state.md.us

Written comments may also be filed by July 1 to: David J. Collins, Executive Secretary Maryland Public Service Commission William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.

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## Longtime homeowner Ezaoui brings 'common sense' to race

Sunsations supervisor puts focus on solving problems instead of 'pointing fingers'

#### By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(June 23, 2016) Israeli-born Sharona Ezaoui wants to bring a little common sense to the 2016 Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors election

After working in communications for the Israel Defense Forces, Ezaoui, 56, moved to Ocean Pines in 1992 and became a homeowner in 1994.

She and her family – a husband and two children – originally moved from Israel to California and then decided to relocate to the East Coast after surviving a pair of serious earthquakes.

Since 1992, she has helped supervise operations at Sunsations, a job that gave her decades of experience handling budgets, complex contracts and overseeing a large workforce.

She said there is an old Hebrew saying for what she does there, which loosely translates to "everything."

"Everything that needs to be done, I do it," she said. "Basically I take care of the whole corporation – not only specifically in Ocean City, because we have locations in Virginia and North Carolina and Florida and Rehoboth and Fenwick Island."

During her nearly 25 years of residency in the area, Ezaoui has seen an extreme amount of growth both in Ocean Pines and Ocean City. Today, it's the little things in the community that worry her the most.

That includes covering the stormwater ditches in the Pines that run along the front yards of many homes, and increasing public works efforts in grass cutting and roadside clean up.

"I have some stuff that I would like to change," she said. "I always told my kids that if you don't exercise your right to vote and do something, then you can't complain. If you want to do something, if you want to improve – do it."

Rather than spend hundreds of thousands dollars on racquet sports improvements at Manklin Meadows, Ezaoui recommended restriping the existing courts different colors so they could accommodate both pickleball and standard tennis play.

"I would like to know exactly what happened that [raised estimates] from \$25,000 it was supposed to be originally to \$750,000," she said. "I've done construction and I know how it is – it doesn't cost \$750,000 to do some tennis courts."

Ezaoui suggested Ocean Pines entertain bids from outside vendors to run the beach club, and said the yacht club could benefit from some of the expertise of homeowners in the Pines.

"We are around so many restau-



Sharona Ezaoui

rant owners. If we get everybody's head together maybe we can come up with a plan on how to improve it," she said. "I just think if the com-

munity would have more impact and more say it in they will have more option of improving it. There's no harm in requesting help of other restaurant owners that are in the area that do good. Maybe we can do something together.

"If we can get the community more involved, more people will care, more people will be aware, more people will know," she added.

Of the current board, Ezaoui is reluctant to place blame, instead opting for an "everyone is human" viewpoint.

"Maybe they did some bad decisions – we all do as people," she said. "Sometimes we [make] bad decisions as parents, as brothers, as sisters, as coworkers. We all make decisions that sometimes cost us more than we plan to. We've all been there."

That also extends to General Manager Bob Thompson. While some candidates have openly called for Thompson's head, Ezaoui said blame should be shared – and taken with a grain of salt.

"Sometimes management needs some new tools," she said. "I'm sure everybody does the best we can, but sometimes we need somebody new that comes and moves things around just so there's another opinion — another option.

"I know that some of [the candidates] are very upset. But, you have to give people good tools to do a good job. And you have to give them the chance, because not everybody sees the same thing at the same time in the same way," she continued. "If I nominate somebody to be a manager of something, I trust his judgment. And if I don't trust his judgment, then he needs my guidance. That's why I'm there."

Overall, Ezaoui said she brings a straightforward approach to problem solving and is not afraid to ask others for help if she does not immediately know the answer to a question.

"I like to try and solve stuff instead of pointing fingers," she said. "I also like to get ideas — maybe some other people have ideas. Maybe somebody who does landscaping will find a different way to solve some issues. I'm sure there are people that are more expert in that field than me. I'm good with numbers. I'm good with HR. I'm good with making decisions."



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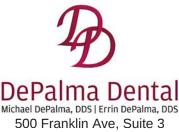
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## Pines elections committee preps for forum

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Chair Bill Wentworth

Group backtracks on word restrictions it imposed on mailed election materials

#### By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(June 23, 2016) Eleven of the 12 candidates for the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors were expected to take part in a forum at the community center on June 22, after press time.

One candidate, Larry Perrone, was out of town and asked to play a short video clip in lieu of attending.

Running the event were the members of the OPA Elections Committee. who met to develop the questions and forum format last Thursday.

Chair Bill Wentworth and committee members Steven Smith and Judy Butler, with help from board liaison Tom Herrick, came up with about 15 questions, whittled that list down to eight, and then grew the list back up to 12.

Written questions ranged from the

big issues - bridges, the vacht club and the Manklin Meadows racquet sports improvements – to broader topics like priorities if elected, methods of funding capital improvements and the ever-popular "why are you running?"

The plan was to ask each candidate two questions, following opening remarks. Questions would be randomly drawn about an hour before the forum, and only repeated once.

Then, each candidate would be given three minutes to make a closing statement.

"Those candidates, if they're smart, will use their three-minute

[closing statement] to pick up on anything in those questions that they want to discuss," Butler said. "Then we'll let them have time afterward to interact with the public."

At the end of the forum, each candidate would be asked to stick around and

answer individual follow-ups from the remaining members of the public.

During the committee meeting, Wentworth repeatedly worried about the perception of fairness from those running for office.

"My concern is about the candidates feeling that they got a fair shake with how the questions are," he said. "I don't give a hoot in a hell storm about what the public thinks. My only concern is, with regard to the candidates, that they feel that you got easier questions to answer [than another candidate]."

"You can never stop that," Herrick said. "Some questions are harder than others. It's just the luck of the draw, and that's how it's going to have to be."

One committee member, Frank Danowski, apparently resigned from the group by email before the meeting. Another, Cheryll Bissell, was not present during the meeting, but was expected to help run the candidate

The committee also revealed that mailed election materials would in fact contain a 200-word statement by each candidate - which became a hot topic during the candidate draw on June 9. The summer edition of the Ocean Pines newsletter will also include the same 200-word statements.

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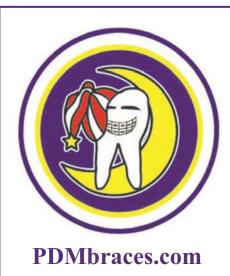
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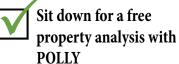


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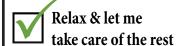
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## Cypress Festival to make return next year in Pocomoke

#### By Brian Gilliland

Associate Editor

(June 23, 2016) Organizers didn't feel right calling this past weekend's event the Cypress Festival, because a large part of that experience — carnival rides — were absent, but next year the Cypress Festival is to return and will incorporate some of the lessons learned from the Summer Kickoff.

"Everything went off without a hitch. We had nice weather all around — it was perfect, really," Michelle Hickman, director of the Pocomoke Chamber of Commerce, said. "I'd say it went pretty well."

Only a couple of months before the event, Hickman said, the company the chamber has used in the past to supply carnival rides folded without notifying the town, which caused a bit of a scramble.

However, a company from Chincoteague brought in inflatable amusements: a bounce house, obstacle course and climbing wall in addition to the vendor tables, food, face painting, music and other highlights of the event.

"Everyone I talked to said they liked it better," Hickman said. "They felt they got more for their money, and said they stayed a lot later than they normally did."



BRIAN GILLILAND/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

A Chincoteague-based company brings inflatables to last weekend's outdoor event in Pocomoke.

More than a few reported returning all three days to Hickman.

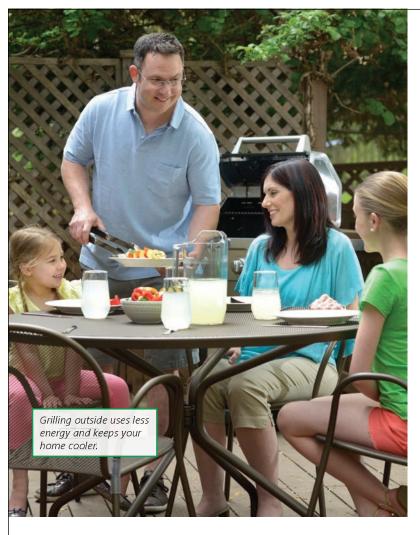
"People liked that we had new stuff, and were more interested in the other things going on as well. I can't speak to the people who didn't come because of the lack of carnival rides," she said.

Next year, when the Cypress Festi-

val returns, Hickman said she would incorporate the contributions of the Summer Kickoff.

"We're in talks with another carnival ride supplier. It seems silly to get rid of what so many people said they liked the best" so the inflatable portions of the festival are likely to return, she said.





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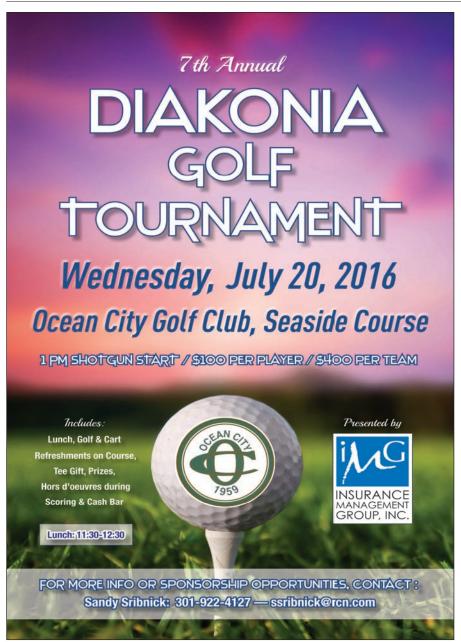
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#### **Pocomoke City Briefs**

**By Brian Gilliland** 

Associate Editor

#### Pocomoke passes budget

The Pocomoke City council unanimously adopted an unaltered fiscal 2017 budget on Tuesday, after the same document passed first reading two weeks ago.

General fund revenue is about \$5 million, about half of which is tax revenue from various sources and fees as well as about \$207,000 in surplus funds from previous years.

The ambulance service is expected to bring in about \$1 million next fiscal year in county support funds, insurance claims and a transfer from the general fund. The water/sewer fund totals about \$2 million with user fees contributing the largest share.

General fund expenses are largely in the domains of public safety and maintenance, including about \$1.6 million total for fire and police services and training. City employee benefits cost about \$900,000 annually.

Ambulance personnel salaries, benefits and general expenses make up the lion's share of its nearly \$1 million in expenditures next year. Water and sewer services make up the bulk of the nearly \$2 million expenditure expected here. Employee benefits and

loan payments also contribute significantly to the expenditures.

#### Water, sewer fee hike

Calling the move necessary to combat the ongoing water issues in the town, the council voted to institute a fee increase estimated between \$8-\$10 per month for owner-occupied dwellings. The increase will go into effect in July.

Responding to citizen questions regarding the necessity of such a hike, several council members said they were also citizens and subject to the increased fees as well.

This change does not affect industrial-grade water usage, and renter's bills will not increase. City Manager/City Attorney Ernie Crofoot said.

The move is expected to generate about \$90,000 in revenue to help finance improvements to the water system after a study is completed to identify the cause of the city's water problems.

Residents have been reporting a large volume of debris, only partially mitigated by filtration systems, and an odor reminiscent of burning sulfur occasionally emanating from their cityprovided drinking water.

## **Early Head Start, Head Start Programs available locally**

Applications can be filled out through SHORE UP! Inc. for newborns to age 5

(June 23, 2016) SHORE UP! Inc. is taking applications for its Early Head Start and Head Start Programs.

Pregnant women and children ages birth to 3 are eligible for Early Head Start services. Head Start services are offered to children ages 3-5.

Both programs work with parents and children to promote the child's development, prepare children for kindergarten and help the family function successfully.

Head Start offers center-based

services at 15 facilities throughout the Eastern Shore. Early Head Start offers services through center-based and home-based options.

Children who attend Head Start/Early Head Start centers are fed nutritious meals and snacks through the Child and Adult Care Food Program. Transportation may be available. Call 410-749-1142, ext. 341.

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## **Pines Comprehensive Plan Committee readies survey**

Questionnaire could come for board approval in July, although election may stall

#### **By Josh Davis**

Associate Editor

(June 23, 2016) The Ocean Pines Association Comprehensive Planning Committee appears to be close to completing questions for a community wide survey, and could be ready to make a presentation to the board of directors as soon as next month.

The question is, will the board be ready?

After the committee met on June 15, Chair Frank Daly said queries about amenities and capital planning and assessments had essentially been finalized.

"With what we've done yesterday and the week before, I would guess that we have probably the two-toughest sections done," he said. "I think it's going to move a lot faster and go a lot easier [next month]."

The committee will meet again on July 14 and July 28, and could present a package – including an outline for a new comprehensive plan and a questionnaire that would gather data to help flesh it out – during the July

28 board meeting.

"We could very much still be on target [to meet with the board] by the end of July. The issue is going to be, will the board want to meet with us in July or do they want to defer until after the election," Daly said. "From our standpoint, we have two more meetings and we can pretty much get done what we said we were going to do to have everything packaged. I think we're in pretty good shape.'

The committee is recovering from several setbacks that occurred earlier in the year, not the least of which was a derailed meeting with the directors that, in part, did not go as planned because of an apparent scheduling conflict with an outside survey ven-

Daly, who recently took over the chairmanship when Steve Cohen was asked to step down, said another issue was that the vision of the board had changed.

"The board has really moved – over time - from a model for this comprehensive plan that existed that was identical to what the municipalities use throughout the state of Maryland," he said. "Now, they want more of a strategic plan for a homeowner's association.

"Once we got that transitioned,



#### THESPIAN SOCIETY

Eleven Worcester Prep students were inducted to the inaugural chapter of the WPS International Thespian Society on May 10. The International Thespian Society (ITS) is the Educational Theatre Association's student honorary organization to recognize high school student achievement in theatre. Pictured, in front from left, are Victoria Middleton, Chandler Dennis and Devin Hammond; middle row, Isabel Dashiell, Sambina Anthony and Amy Lizas; and in back, Zach Oltman, Nick Moondra, Biola Eniola, Davis Taylor and Jordan Kilgore.

the committee had done a lot of good work - it just wasn't organized in that fashion," he added. "Quite honestly, I think it was a situation of just coming to a basic understanding amongst ourselves that we had to re-

spond to what the board wanted not give the board what the previous agreement was with the previous board. I think once we got past that hurdle things started falling into place relatively quickly."

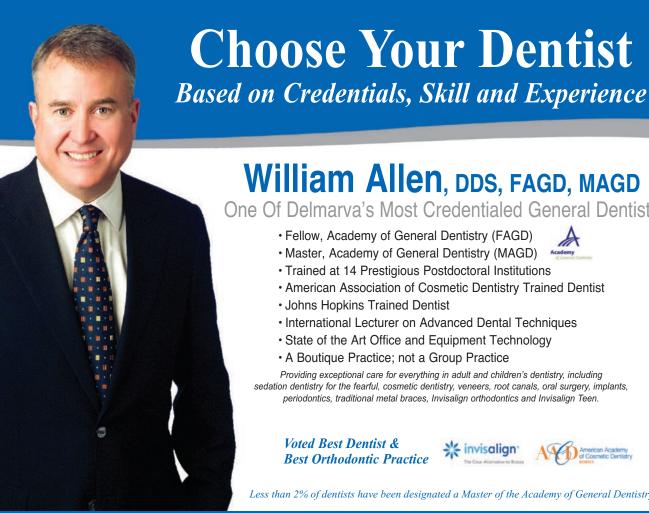


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#### **Community Briefs**

#### Graduate

Robert "Joe" Dimaio Jr., of Ocean City, earns a 3.9 cumulative GPA and graduates from Stevenson University with a B.S. in Film & Moving Image.

Dimaio discovered a passion for film and video production as a student of Stephen Decatur High School and continued to pursue knowledge and experience with plans to work in the video industry.

An internship with Vectorworks resulted in "full-time" employment and a trip to Lisbon Portugal, to film a company documentary about its product and support of the 2016 "Rock-In-Rio" festival.

Dimaio was not able to attend his May 19 graduation commencement, but sent his parents a picture, in cap and gown, from the festival venue.

He recently moved to Baltimore's Federal Hill and will work from the Vectoworks Columbia location but will often find himself part of the crowd heading back to Ocean City for the pleasing vista and childhood memories.

#### Singer

McDaniel College freshman Matthew Scott, of Berlin, performed in the school's Gospel choir concert, "We Are One," on May 7.

Under the direction of music lecturer Shelley Ensor, the choir performed "an evening of gospel music to combat the hatred and violence that seems to be so pervasive in society today."

The title, "We Are One," was taken from a quote from Margaret Boudreaux, director of choral activities, in response to the Charleston, South Carolina, church massacre.

#### Pancake breakfast

Tickets are now on sale for the Kiwanis annual Summer Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, July 9 at the Ocean Pines Community Center. Enjoy pancakes, sausages, fruit cup, coffee or tea from 8-11 a.m. The cost for adults is \$5; under 12, \$3, and younger than 5 years old eat for free.

Tickets can be purchased in advance from members or by calling 410-208-6719. They will also be available at the door. Carryout is also available. Proceeds benefit local youth.

#### **Music award**

The Kenny Schmidlin Memorial Music Scholarship of \$1,000 was awarded to Logan Romberger of Ocean City, a 2016 graduate of Stephen Decatur High School. The KSMM scholarship is awarded to the student who most exemplifies a love and appreciation of music, just as Kenny Schmidlin did throughout his shortened life.

Romberger has not only excelled academically and athletically, he has spent many hours volunteering his skills for a variety of causes. A member of several bands, he has performed free concerts, directed and composed his own music, and shared these efforts with others.

He will be attending the University of Maryland Honors College in fall.

#### STUDENTS EARN TOP GRADES

Twelve Stephen Decatur High School students earned 372 As over 15 consecutive terms and were honored during the annual Berlin-Ocean City Optimists WeXL Banquet at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center on 40th Street, May 10. Pictured are Erin Smith, Deep Patel, Zohar Omer, Wyatt Mumford, Gabe Kim, Brett Kim, Contessa Hutchins, Caroline Dortenzo, Owen Dennis, Emily Cook and Alison Alvarado. Samantha Schachter is not pictured.



## **Opinion**

Please send all letters and other editorial submissions to editor@baysidegazette.com by 5 p.m. Monday.

## **Sky not falling in Pines**

Ocean Pines residents rest easy — the community is not collapsing into a black hole of despair and destruction.

Yet, to listen to the comments of some of the candidates for the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors, one might easily come to that conclusion.

Contrary to what people might think, or say, Ocean Pines is not the laughingstock of this or any other area. Were that the case, the real estate market there would have imploded long ago and people would be fleeing for ... where exactly?

That's the point. There is no place that doesn't have its problems, many of which far exceed the nature of any difficulty that Ocean Pines might experience.

The relative absence of crime comes to mind. And there are trees, safe streets, pools, clubs, and quiet. Lots of quiet. Trade that, for instance, for a place in Salisbury. Ocean City is a nice place to live, but then there is the business of sharing it with a couple of hundred thousand visitors every year and the much more expensive price tag of a single-family home comparable to what might be found in Ocean Pines.

Berlin, Snow Hill and Pocomoke are great small towns, but as such, they can't afford to offer the kinds of amenities that Ocean Pines residents can enjoy.

Besides, even the most well managed places don't always get it right. The best the leaders of any community can do is to try to keep a majority of its residents off their backs, to be as responsive as possible to their constituents and try to avoid controversy.

The current board has made mistakes, as did all its predecessors and every member of every local government in the land.

Disagreements over priorities or how things should be handled are fine, but they don't mean that the livability of Ocean Pines has changed much at all.

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## **Letters**

## Teach A Kid to Fish event successful

Edito

The Ocean Pines Anglers Club held a successful Teach A Kid To Fish event on Saturday, June 18 and wants to thank our sponsors, the Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club and the Maryland Saltwater Sportfishing Association (MSSA) for proving financial support for this event.

We also thank the Maryland Natural Resources Police for providing all sorts of handouts and helpful information booklets for the kids, the Ocean Pines Fire Department for safety standby and the Ocean Pines Association for great logistic and advertising support.

Walt Boge, Administrator Ocean Pines

## Vote 'no' on closed ballot counting

Edito

Apparently an OPA Board resolution authorizes OPA's Election Committee to count the votes in the upcoming election of directors in a "closed session" pursuant to Maryland's Homeowners' Act, Section 11B-211(4) (i), discussion of matters pertaining to employees and personnel.

Not only does this raise the question of how candidacy for office makes a person an "employee" or "personnel" of OPA when, even if elected, that person will not receive any salary, bonuses, medical coverage, vacation or retirement. It is also contrary to the U.S. 4th Circuit (which includes Maryland) Court of Appeals ruling in Kerr vs. Aetna Ca-

sualty and Surety Co. that a director is not an employee of a corporation.

That decision is cited in "Maryland Employment Law" 2nd edition (2012), by LexusNexus, should the board care to review it. In any event, OPA's Board should act promptly to rescind its "closed session" resolution, because OPA is in an indefensible position.

George Colburn Ocean Pines

#### Have an opinion?

We invite you to share it, but all letters are subject to verification, so please include your name and phone number. All letters are subject to editing for space and to protect the author and this newspaper from legal action. Email letters to editor@baysidegazette.com. For questions, call 410-723-6397.

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## AGH Wound Care Center receives excellence award

(June 23, 2016) Atlantic General Hospital physicians, leaders and clinicians gathered recently to celebrate the Robert A. Warriner III, M.D., Center of Excellence award, which was given to the Wound Care Center because it has met the Center of Distinction quality standards for Healogics for at least two consecutive years.

The Center has again achieved patient satisfaction rates higher than 92 percent and a healing rate of at least 91 percent in less than 30 median days, among other quality standards, for calendar year 2015.

The Center was awarded this prestigious honor by Healogics, the nation's largest provider of advanced wound care services. Out of 780 eligible Centers, only 110 were honored with this award.

The award is named for Dr. Robert A. Warriner III, a pioneer in wound care and the former chief medical officer for Healogics.

Atlantic General Hospital's Wound Care Center was the only center in the country to achieve the Excellence standards for seven straight years.

"We are thrilled to have earned this distinction. Healogics has been awarding Center of Distinction and Center of Excellence awards since 2007 and Atlantic General Hospital's



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The Robert A. Warriner III, M.D., Center of Excellence award was given to the Atlantic General Hospital Wound Care Center because it has met the Center of Distinction quality standards for Healogics for at least two consecutive years. Pictured, from left, are Sen. Jim Mathias; Geri Rosol, Wound Care Center program director; Chante Walker, Wound Care Center medical office assistant; Michael Franklin, CEO of Atlantic General Hospital; Jo-Anna Schanno, RN, Wound Care Center; Yvonne Bass, Wound Care Center patient services representative; Nicole House-Blanc, Wound Care Center nurse manager; Diane Ceruzzi, DO, Wound Care Center physician; Kimberly Florek, Wound Care Center billing specialist; Lou Taylor, chairman of the Atlantic General Hospital Board of Trustees; Michael Cylc, Atlantic General Hospital Foundation member. Not pictured, Brenda Marino, RN, Wound Care Center.

Wound Care Center has consistently exceeded the award standards," said Geri Rosol, Wound Care Center program director.

"The Wound Care Center here at Atlantic General Hospital exhibits a deep commitment to quality care and providing the personalized service and positive outcomes patients deserve," added Colleen Wareing, vice president patient care services.

"This is evident in the data - 92

percent patient satisfaction rates, and being the only wound care center to receive this designation eight years in a row," she said.

The Atlantic General Hospital Wound Care Center is a member of the Healogics network of over 800 Centers, with access to benchmarking data and proven experience treating approximately 2.5 million chronic wounds.

The Wound Care Center offers

highly specialized wound care to patients suffering from diabetic ulcers, pressure ulcers, infections and other chronic wounds which have not healed in a reasonable amount of time

Advanced treatments included negative pressure wound therapy, bio-engineered skin substitutes, hyperbaric oxygen therapy, biological and biosynthetic dressings and growth factor therapies.



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## **Snapshots**





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#### **PEACH PAGEANT WINNERS**

**2ND FRIDAY ARTIST** 

Café during the monthly 2nd Friday art stroll, June 10.

Four-year-old Declan Solito and Olivia Rayne, 5, answer questions from Ocean 98 radio DJ, "Big Al Reno" (aka Tom Sholtis), during Berlin's seventh annual Little Mister and Miss Peach Pageant last Saturday. They were both crowned the winners.



Columbia, Maryland native James Johnson displays pen and ink drawings at Baked Dessert

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#### **BERLIN CHAMBER ANNIVERSARY**

Business owners and other local leaders pay tribute to the Berlin Chamber of Commerce during a 30th anniversary celebration last Thursday. Pictured, from left, are Del. Mary Beth Carozza, Mayor Gee Williams, Anna Foultz, Sen. Jim Mathias and Ocean 98 deejay Tom Sholtis.



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#### **BERLIN HERITAGE FUNDRAISER**

"Afternoon on the Lawn" co-chairs, from left, Carol Rose, Melissa Reid and Lisa Cook, pause for a quick photo during the June 11 fundraiser at the Calvin B. Taylor House in Berlin. The event benefited the Berlin Heritage Society.

#### **YACHT ROCK**

Local classic rock stalwarts Tranzfusion play to a packed patio at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club on Friday, June 17.

## Calvin B. Taylor banking company opens new branch

Latest Berlin location up at Samuel Bowen Boulevard

(June 23, 2016) Raymond M. Thompson, president and CEO of Calvin B. Taylor Bankshares, Inc. and Calvin B. Taylor Banking Company, has announced the opening of a new branch, location in the Ocean Landing Shopping complex, 11359 Samuel Bowen Blvd., in Berlin.

The new full-service branch will provide general banking services to residents and businesses located in the northern Worcester County area.

"We are delighted with the appearance and enhanced functionality of our new branch," he said. "The building is tangible illustration of Taylor Bank's continued commitment and investment in our community. It will allow us to continue our mission to efficiently deliver outstanding products and services to our customers."

Calvin B. Taylor Bank is a community bank providing deposit and loan services to consumers and businesses through 10 offices located in Worcester County and lower Sussex County.

Information on the bank is also available at www.taylorbank.com.



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#### **MOTHER'S DAY TEA**

Worcester Prep third grade students invited their moms to school for a special Mother's Day Tea on May 5. While serving tea and cookies, students presented their moms thoughtful and loving poems along with a Keynote video presentation with reasons why they appreciate their mothers so much. Yetive Delaney's students gather with their moms.



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## 'Return to Goat Island'



Chincoteague-based duo Heroes 4 Sale entertains the crowd during the Summer Kickoff festival last Friday. The Pocomoke City event continued through Saturday.



Competitors get ready before the opening whistle of the donut-eating contest held at the Summer Kickoff festival in Pocomoke City last Friday. Eaters were judged on the total time it took to consume four or five, depending on age bracket, glazed donuts from Dunkin' Donuts.



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Paddlers take a turn during Snow Hill's first "Return to Goat Island" race this past weekend. Organizers said the event would return next year. In all, about 130 people competed for a share of \$5,000 worth of prizes.



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Nigerian Dwarf Goats like those seen here, will be delivered, later this year, to take up residence on Goat Island in Snow Hill. These goats are too young, and apparently too tired, to fend for themselves on the island.



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Jamie, left, and Jolie Zeiger, hold a couple of potential future residents of Goat Island during the Return to Goat Island race this past weekend in Snow Hill. Hundreds came to town to participate, or just play with goats.



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Snow Hill's Grant Administrator Ann Gibb manages the concession stand while Economic Development Consultant Michael Day confirms what we all suspected about him as one of the organizers of "Return to Goat Island" held this past weekend at Byrd Park.

## Registration open for rec. and park youth swim lessons

(June 23, 2016) Swimming is a great summer pastime. Since safety is key in and around water, Worcester County Recreation & Parks (WCRP) is offering youth swim classes at the Shad Landing pool in the Pocomoke River State Park in Snow Hill during summer 2016.

WCRP will offer three sessions of youth swim lesson, with each session lasting two weeks. Session One begins July 5, Session Two starts July 18, and Session Three begins Aug. 1. Classes are designed for children ages 3 and up.

The cost is \$45 per child, per session, and financial aid is available to those that demonstrate the need.

The first week of Session One classes will run Tuesday through Friday, due to the Fourth of July holiday. All other classes will meet Monday through Thursday for two weeks. If a class is cancelled due to severe weather, a makeup class will take place that Friday.

WCRP employees will work with all participants to place them in the proper level. Age, ability and maturity are all factors used to determine the appropriate level for each child. Visit www.WorcesterRecandParks.org for a complete description on the swim levels.

Space is limited and is offered on a first come, first served basis. Contact Kelly Buchanan at 410-632-2144, ext. 2503 or kbuchanan@co.worcester.md.us.



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#### CHESS CHAMPS

Worcester Prep Lower, Middle and Upper School students participated in the WPS second annual Chess Tournament on April 21. Middle and Upper School students who won awards, from left, are sixth grader Pranay Sanwal (first); ninth grader Sam Cantor (second); sixth grader Ayush Batra (second); seventh graders Chipper Becker (third) and and Daniel Chen (third); sixth grader Nick Hearne (fourth) and seventh grader Joseph Schwartz (fourth). They are pictured with Head of Lower School and Director of the WPS Chess Club Celeste Bunting.



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#### **CHESS AWARDS**

Worcester Prep Lower, Middle and Upper School students participated in the WPS second annual Chess Tournament on April 21. Lower School students who won awards, from left, are second graders Stephen Carullo (fourth place) and Jude Damouni (third); fifth graders Cole Myers (fourth), Ibrahim Khan (third) and Meeta Agarwal (fourth); second grader Ansh Batra (first); third grader Edward Martikyan (second); and fourth grader Jonathan Antonov (fourth). They are pictured with Head of Lower School and Director of the WPS Chess Club Celeste Bunting.



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Kevin McCove Duo, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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p.m.
June 26: Tranzfusion, 4-8 p.m.
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June 30: Justin Duo, Kentavius & DJ
Batman, 5-8 p.m.

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June 25: Lauren & Mike Duo, 7 p.m.
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June 27: Animal House, 5 p.m.

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June 26: Side Project, 2 p.m.
June 27: Sean Loomis, 6 p.m.
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June 29: Micky Justice, 6 p.m.
June 30: Chris English, 6 p.m.

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June 26: CK the DJ/VJ, 2 p.m.;
Jaded Love, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.
June 27: Jaded Love, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

June 28-29: DJ MAZI; 9 p.m.; Slamm, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. June 30: Cold Gin, KISS Tribute, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

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Roots, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Garden State Radio, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. June 26: S.T.O.R.M., 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Garden State Radio, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. June 27: Full Circle, 5-9 p.m.;

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## **Grammy-nominated Tiempo Libre to perform in Selbyville**

(June 23, 2016) Three-time Grammy-nominated Cuban music group Tiempo Libre will heat up Selbyville, Delaware, with a free concert featuring an irresistible and dance-inducing mix of jazz harmonies, contemporary sonorities and seductive Latin rhythms on Saturday, June 25 at 7 p.m. at The Freeman Stage at Bayside.

Classically trained at Havana's top music conservatories including La ENA (La Escuela Nacional de Arte), Tiempo Libre is made up of seven young Cuban musicians who individually fled Cuba for freedom, and upon reuniting in Miami got together during their "free time" ("tiempo libre" in Spanish) from recording with other artists to perform the Cuban music that they loved.

Since their formation 14 years ago, Tiempo Libre's members have been on a mission to serve as ambassadors to their Cuban culture. The seven childhood friends have made a name for themselves through standalone concerts across the U.S. and worldwide, as well as collaborations with leading orchestras across the U.S.

The band has appeared on "The Tonight Show" as well as "Live from Lincoln Center," "Dancing with the Stars" and virtually every entertainment program on Univision and Telemundo.

Tiempo Libre has recorded for numerous labels. Panamericano is Tiempo Libre's first album with Universal Music Latin Entertainment and features guest artists – including Jean Rodriguez, Descemer Bueno, Frankie J, Yunel Cruz, Mr. Haka, and Luis Fernando Borjas – swinging and sizzling with the band. Its most-recent Grammy-nominated album, "Bach in Havana," is a Cuban interpretation of the music of Johann Sebastian Bach and was released by Sony Classical.

Tiempo Libre's 2015-16 season finds the band playing in places as far afield as Beijing, China, on tour in Spain, as well as with shows in Chicago, New York and Los Angeles.

Tiempo Libre played its original music live onstage every night as part of "Cuba Libre," a new Broadwayscale musical produced by Artists Repertory Theatre which ran Oct. 3-Nov. 15, 2015 at Portland's Centers for the Performing Arts' Winningstad Theatre.

"Cuba Libre" is a bilingual theatre experience — with the majority of the dialogue in English and the music largely in Spanish — written by Cuban American playwright Carlos Lacámara and inspired by the collective histories of the members of Tiempo Libre. A 21-person ensemble of actors, dancers, singers and musicians performed the multi-ethnic, multi-disciplinary show which centers around a Cuban musician making a new life for himself as an American while he is still haunted by the sacrifices made to pursue his artistic dreams in the U.S.

In addition to stand-alone concerts

at performing arts centers around the globe including Jazz at Lincoln Center, Hong Kong's Kwai Tsing Theatre, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Dewan Filharmonik Petronas in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, the Tel Aviv Opera House and Istanbul's İş Arts and Culture Center. Tiempo Libre has drawn on their classical training to play with leading orchestras including the Oregon Symphony, the Houston Symphony, the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra and The San Francisco Symphony.

They collaborated with The Cleveland Orchestra, conducted by Giancarlo Guerrero on a bilingual educational family concert program presented at the Arsht Center in Miami, and they premiered Rumba Sinfonica, a classical travelogue of Cuban music composed by Ricardo Lorenz with the Minneapolis Orchestra, the Detroit Symphony and the Ravinia Festival.

The band has played at premier festivals including Tanglewood, New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival, the Java Jazz Festival in Jakarta, Indonesia, the Gwangju World Music Festival in South Korea. During the Divino Tuscany Festival in Cortona, they played at the Italian villa of Sting and Trudie Styler, who joined their guests on the dance floor. Tiempo Libre closed the Playboy Jazz Festival at the Hollywood Bowl with arguably one of the world's longest conga lines.

A wealth of artists outside the rock and Latin music arena revere Tiempo Libre's sound. In addition to recording the duet "Para Tí" with virtuoso classical violinist Joshua Bell (featured on Bell's album, "At Home With Friends"), Tiempo Libre's musical director Jorge Gomez' Cuban cha-chacha version of "Christmas Auld Lang Syne" for Gloria Estefan and Joshua Bell was featured on Bell's Musical Gifts from Joshua Bell and Friends. Tiempo Libre recorded "O'Reilly Street" with flute player Sir James Galway, which includes an Afro-Caribbean take on music from the jazz suites of Claude Bolling.

The Freeman Stage is a program of the Joshua M. Freeman Foundation, who partners to present memorable performances and provide inspired arts education for all. This program is made possible, in part, by a grant from the Delaware Division of the Arts, a state agency dedicated to nurturing and supporting the arts in Delaware, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts.

The Freeman Stage at Bayside also receives grant support for its programs from the Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation, Pennsylvania Performing Arts on Tour, PNC Grow up Great, the Carl M. Freeman Foundation, the Sussex County Council, and the State of Delaware.

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#### ARTFUL THINKING

BY TRACY BENNETT / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

- ACROSS
- 1 Whammy
- 5 Where les enfants might play
- 9 Rendered speechless
- 15 Female lobsters
- 19 Every which way
- 20 Subject for a mariachi band
- 21 Insubstantial
- 22 Like Voldemort
- 23 Artist's favorite spiritual?
- 26 Ablution, e.g.
- 27 Firefighter's need,
- maybe
- 28 Summer Olympics host after London
- vu
- 30 Food item a cook might flip
- 32 Prescription pain medication
- 35 Nos. in a directory 37 Look for
- 38 Several, in Seville
- **40** Cool with what others **76** Vista opener?
- are doing 42 Go (for)
- 43 Christmas song line
- from an artist?
- 47 Batman villain
- 51 What Mississippi cheerleaders ask for a lot
- 52 How you might do something gross
- 53 Cagney or Lacey: Abbr.
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- 54 Daughter of James II
- availability
- 57 Get ready to drive
- 60 Former six-term senator from Indiana
- 61 More yang than yin: Abbr
- 62 Monetary bribes, in slang
- 64 What a star probably has
- 65 N.R.A. piece?: Abbr.
- 68 Artist's favorite Broadway musical? 70 Revival meeting
- miracles Zulu (warrior
- dubbed Àfrica's Napoleon)
- 72 Atlantean superhero of DC Comics
- \_\_\_ Field
- 75 Defrocked villain on "Buffy the Vampire Slaver'
- 77 Roman of film
- 81 Michigan college
- 82 \_\_\_ generis
- 83 Part of an umpire's
- count 86 Put in writing
- 87 Parts of an orrery
- 89 Artist's expression for "Such is life"?
- 92 Easter purchase
- 93 Worth all the hype, as 9 Key of Schubert's a film
- 94 Snorkeling aids 95 "Tsk!"
- 98 Finger
- 99 Cuts some slack

- 103 "Zero Dark Thirty" locale
- 55 Where there's Wi-Fi 105 Castaway's construction
  - 107 Rough position?
    - 108 Sedona maker
    - 111 The Roman way
    - 112 How the expert artist passed her exam?
    - 116 "The Cosby Show"
    - boy 117 Last word in the
    - Torah
    - 118 Rain man?
    - 119 Inclination
    - 120\_\_\_ Club
    - 121 River that "sweats oil and tar" in T. S. Eliot's "The Waste Land"
    - 122 Predoctoral tests, for short
    - 123 Approximately
      - DOWN
    - 1 Tatooine race in the "Star Wars" saga
    - 2 What's big at the movies?
    - 3 Like old unrecyclable bottles
    - 4 Certain Jaguar
    - 5 Pre-exam feeling. maybe
    - 6 Playground retort 7 South Korea's \_\_\_ Tae
    - Woo 8 Buffet cabinet
    - Trout" Quintet: Abbr.
    - 10 Bronze
    - 11 Topper 12 Ancient

- 13 Patchwork quilts have lots of them
- 14 "Good point"
- 15 Artist's line of weary
- resignation? "On This Night of a
- musical 17 Capone's top
- 18 Wintry mix
- 25 Party host's
- convenience
- 33 "Laborare orare' (Freemasons'
- 34 What Morehouse College lacks

- 39 Little muchacho 41 What the tipsy artist
- 42 Liz of "Garfield," e.g.
- 44 Pay to cross town. maybe
- Earth
- 47 Pop icon?
- 48 "The Odd Couple"
- 50 "Phooev!"
- 53 Gauntlet thrower's challenge
- confused people with?
- lore 59 Dash

- Thousand Stars'
- henchman
- 24 Flawed, as mdse.
- 31 Reposed
- motto)
- 36 Before, poetically
- 38 Home of Kings Peak
- had at the bar?
- 45 First chimp to orbit
- 46 Pay to cross town, maybe
- **49** Daft
- 56 What the artist
- 58 Norse source for Loki
- 60 Dairy consumer's enzyme
- 62 Erotic 63 Good wife in "The

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- Good Earth" 65 Org. protecting music copyrights
- "Congress \_ no law .. 67 Actress Hayek
- 69 Prefix with poise
- 74 Pain and suffering 77 "Gay" capital

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- 79 New Jersey's
- 82 Holy mlle.
- 89 Holy city of Iran

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- 78 Summer lawn sight
- University 80 QB mistakes: Abbr.
- 84 Turn to bone
- 85 Apiarist's woe 88 Watchful ones?
- 90 Access charge, of a sort

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- 91 Debatable sighting 93 Words to live by
- 95 Blurts (out)
- 96 yoga
- 97 Arabic name
- meaning "wise"
- 98 J. Carrol Oscar nominee for
- "Sahara" 100 Phycologist's study
- Michael Faraday

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102 Pro vote

104 Birdbrain

- 114 'easter
- 115 "Boardwalk
- Empire" network
- 110 Regarding 113 Easter purchase

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## Cuisine

## Do-it-yourself pickling primer, revisited

This column originally ran in the June 25, 2015 issue of the Gazette.



By Paul Suplee, CEC PCIII

It's nice to see that most stores are carrying pickling cucumbers in the produce tion. That part of the culinary world has picked up Every nicely. site and book out there would be remiss if

they were to leave out this old and venerable practice. I teach pickling at school and it is an important part of the restaurant industry, as are smoking and curing. They're all the rage, as the kids like to say.

Making your own pickles is a lot easier than most of us chefs will let on, but I'm not going to write about that necessarily, as I just wrote about pickled mustard seeds and pickled onions recently. But do yourself the favor of practicing on some easy items such as pickled mustard, pickled onions et al.

OK, break my arm; I'll talk about pickling again. Pickling can be as easy as pouring boiling vinegar, sugar, salt and garlic on sliced cucumbers letting them sit overnight. It can be as easy as simmering vinegar, sugar and julienne onions until the latter are cooked. Either way, a little effort can go a long way.

Of course, it can be much more complex, such as making a nice Giardiniera that can marinate for days before use. Marinated, grilled artichokes are a blast when done correctly, but again you'll have to experiment on your own. Basically you can pickle anything, but for the sake of brevity I will discuss the mighty, simple pickle as we know and love it.

The pickling cucumbers that we see in the store are great for either pickling whole (this takes a long time), as spears (less time) or slices (very quick pickling process). And since the ingredients are so inexpensive, it is an obvious fact that one can practice many times over until they have perfected the proper pickle, precisely.

As I sit to write this, I have one of my favorite sandwiches in front of me, acting only as a vehicle for the pickles. Of course, that's not entirely true, but I do need some sort of segue into a Cubano sandwich. You can't have one without pickles, so I'll just stick to that

The Cubano has many incarnations, and I will hardly claim that this



is the end-all. I would hardly be so presumptuous as to think myself an expert on Cuban food, let alone the ubiquitous sandwich named after the denizens of this amazing island country.

And while I'm on the country itself, am I alone or is anyone else out the chomping at the bit to fly to Cuba to try some authentic cuisine? I love Cuban food, and can only imagine that it tastes better in Havana. Mayhap Hemingway knew what he was doing all those decades ago when he crossed over for food, beer, fishing, his 15-acre estate and cigars.

Even though I'm in downtown Baltimore, I can't help but think of Cuba on this 100-degree, high-humidity day. I'll just pretend that I'm in Havana, or even South Miami Beach enjoying the sandwich known to many as the ultimate Cubano.

And while I know that most Cubanos don't have bacon on them, it's a happy addition. It's pork, it's salty, and it's a natural fit to the already porky mound of delicious and savory flavor. Topped with a little Gruyere cheese (I know 'normal' Swiss cheese is preferred by many,

but I like the stronger Gruyere to match the complexity of the pork and the pickles).

So as I wait for the storms to come across the Ohio Valley, I can't help but think that I'm on deck of The Pilar getting ready to reel in one of the 1,000-pound monsters of yore. Alas, I'll have to settle for a simple sandwich and a bottle of tea. It will simply have to do.

For whatever reason you decide is good enough to get back in the kitchen, make sure that you throw pickling into the mix. Our grandmothers did it. Some of our mothers did it, and there was good reason for it. And it's not so much what you can pickle, but rather what your pickled goods can accompany – the raison d'etre of pickles.

## The Not-so Cubano Sandwiches

Makes 4 sandwiches 1 loaf French bread (soft, not crispy baguette) Dijon Mustard, as needed Mayonnaise, as needed 1/2 sliced smoked ham

- 4 slices Taylor Pork Roll 8 slices cooked bacon 8 slices Gruyere cheese Pickles for a thin layer, as needed Butter, as needed for cooking
- 1. Split the French bread so that it is still connected on the backside. Then cut it into four equal sandwich rolls.
- 2. Spread the mayonnaise and Dijon mustard on the bread and then pile on the meat and pickles, dividing these evenly.
- 3. Top with cheese and smash the bread together. And when I say 'smash', I don't mean to pull out The Hulk and pulverize the sandwich. Just press it so that it can withstand the skillet or the panini press, whichever you'll be using.
- 4. On a hot skillet or panini press, simply cook until the bread is crispy on the outside, and hot and gooey on the inside.
  - 5. Serve immediately.

 Paul G. Suplee is an Assistant Professor of Culinary Arts at Wor-Wic Community College. Find his ePortfolio at www.heartofakitchen.com.

## Calendar

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

#### THURS., JUN. 23

### ANNUAL JUNE RED, WHITE AND BLUE LUNCHEON MEETING

Ocean Pines Yacht Club, 1 Mumford's Landing Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 11 a.m. The Republican Women of Worcester County will be honoring three charter members: Margaret Smith Grant, Margaret Hudson and Margaret Rehkemper. In addition, Mary Beth Carozza, Charles Otto and Chip Bertino will bring the group up to date on happenings in the county and state. Cost of the luncheon is \$20. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. and the meeting begins at 11 a.m. Reservations: Pat Addy, gorpataddy@aol.com, 410-208-0171

#### **COASTAL HOSPICE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 11 a.m. Free and open to anyone who has lost a

loved one, not just Coastal Hospice families. 410-251-8163

#### **FARMER'S MARKET**

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

Featuring local in season produce, baked products, eggs, honey, kettle korn, soaps and more.

410-713-8803

#### **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

#### **CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CLUB**

Bethany United Methodist Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, West Ocean City, MD, 6 p.m.

Speaker from Worcester County on Exercise and Nutrition.

410-629-9986

#### **BINGO**

American Legion Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD, 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., games start at 6:30 p.m. Food and non-alcoholic drinks available. Open to the public.

410-289-3166, http://www.alpost166.org

#### PAINTING "JELLIES" AT THE COMMANDER HOTEL

The Commander Hotel, 14th St. & N Boardwalk, Ocean City MD, 21842, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Come Paint the Town with us at The Commander Hotel on June 23rd at 6:30pm. The expression is open to the public at \$30.00 a ticket. \$25.00 for all registered guests to The Commander Hotel. Tickets can be purchased at the main lobby inside The Commander Hotel. Enjoy the sunset, cool summer breeze and company of friends during our 1 hour event. Paint a step by step acrylic painting of Jelly Fish. All materials supplied while our Local Artist will assist you in creating your very own masterpiece! Get creative and use your palette of color to make yours an origi-

nal! Reserve your spot today! Call 888-289-6166 and ask for Joseph! \*Food & Beverages are not included\* Visit: http://commander-hotel.com/activities/. Check us out on Facebook @ Painting the Town Delmarva www.paintingthetown-us.com

Joseph A. Cusato, jcusato@commanderhotel.com, 888-289-6166, http://comman-

### **FRI., JUN. 24**

#### SAFE SITTER COURSE

derhotel.com/

Avery W. Hall Educational Center at Peninsula Regional Medical Center, 100 E. Carroll Street Salisbury, MD, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

This course provides young adults, ages 11-14 years, with the safety information and skills needed to be a Safe Sitter including basic life-saving techniques, safety precautions to prevent accidents, how to summons help and tips on basic child care. The registration fee is \$50. Partial scholarships are available based on need.

410-543-7781

#### **FISH FRY**

Bowen United Methodist Church, 8421 Newark Road, Newark, MD, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Platters cost \$10 and include salt water trout, macaroni and cheese, green beans, corn bread, beverage and dessert. Proceeds benefit the roofing fund.

### BERLIN FARM SUPPLY AND PATTY JEAN'S BOUTIQUE RIBBON CUTTINGS

Berlin Farm Supply, 115 Broad St., Berlin, MD, 5 p.m.

Berlin Farm Supply will have their ribbon cutting at 5 p.m. Stop by and grab a burger made with Romarlan Farms beef, along with other refreshments. Patty Jean's Boutique will have their ribbon cutting at 5:30 p.m. at 116 Broad Street in Berlin. chamberinfo@berlinchamber.og

#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO**

Columbus Hall (behind St. Luke's Church), 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 6:30 p.m.

Doors open at 5 p.m. and games begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments for sale. 410-524-7994

#### **MOVIE ON THE BEACH**

Ocean City, Beach at 27th Street, Ocean City, MD,  $8:30~\rm{p.m.}$ 

Free movie on the beach for the entire family, featuring "Remember the Titans." Take a beach chair or blanket. Weather permitting.

410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326

### **SAT., JUN. 25**

#### **ART'S ALIVE**

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Visit 100 artists as they sell their works, lunch at the Artists' Café and enjoy live music while children enjoy free art activities. Stop by the Art's Alive Official Event Merchandise Tent for T-shirts, jackets, baseball hats, pins and more. Rain or shine. 410-250-0125

#### FARMERS MARKET

White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Locally grown vegetables and fruits, eggs, honey, kettle korn, flowers, artisan breads, seafood, meats and more. New vendors welcome.

410-641-7717, Ext. 3006

#### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

VFW, Post 8296, 104 66th St., Ocean City, MD, 8 to 11 a.m.

A \$6 donation for all-you-can-eat pancakes or 2-2-2, two eggs, two pancakes and two bacon slices.

410-524-8196

#### **CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT**

American Legion, 10111 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, MD, 10 a.m. Registration is \$10 and starts at 10 a.m.,

Registration is \$10 and starts at 10 a.m., games begin at 11 a.m. Teams are luck of the draw. Cash prizes for first and second place winners. Food and drinks available for purchase. Auctions and raffles throughout the day. All of the proceeds benefit the group's scholarship program.

410-641-3760

#### SHREDDING EVENT

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. AARP Maryland is hosting this free shredding event. Limit of 6 boxes for shredding. Also, collecting canned goods for two local food banks.

#### **FLOWER SHOW**

Brandywine Senior Living at Fenwick Island, 21111 Arrington Drive, Selbyville, DE, 12 to 3 p.m.

The Barefoot Gardeners Club of Fenwick Island, De is hosting a small standard flower show, "Coasting Along." The event is free and open to the public. Free transportation will be available via a shuttle from the Harris-Teeter parking lot on Route 54. <a href="mailto:ltwilley@comcast.net">ltwilley@comcast.net</a>

### GRAND OPENING AND RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

Annapolis Boat Sales, 10422 Racetrack Road, Berlin, MD, 12 to 5 p.m.
The Open House will be from noon to 5 p.m., with the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 1 p.m. All Worcester County business people (employers and employees) are invited to attend and take part in the ribbon cutting. Info: Walter George, 410-973-2552 or Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce, 410-641-5306

#### FREE CONCERT

The Freeman Stage, 31750 Lake View Drive, Selbyville, DE, 7 p.m.

Three-time Grammy-nominated Cuban music group Tiempo Libre to perform a mix of jazz harmonies, contemporary sonorities and seductive Latin rhythms.

http://www.freemanstage.org

#### **SUN., JUN. 26**

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST

Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway (behind St. Luke's Church), Ocean City, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 8 and younger. Info: 410-524-7930. 410-524-7930

#### **ART'S ALIVE**

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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#### 'THE HOMELAND SINGERS' IN CONCERT

Friendship United Methodist Church, 10537 Friendship Road, Berlin, MD, 10:15 a.m.

Pastor PaulPastor Paul Klaiverwieden will bring the morning message. No tickets required, but a love offering will be taken. 410-641-2578

#### FRIED CHICKEN CARRYOUT

Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department, 10709 Bishopville Road, Bishopville, MD, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A half chicken (4 pieces) costs \$8 and full chicken (8 pieces) costs \$14. Bake table available. For premade carryouts, call 443-235-2926

#### **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

#### **OC BEACH LIGHTS**

N. Division Street and Beach, Ocean City, MD, 9:30 p.m.

Lasers, lights, fireworks, music, special effect and more. Show times: 9:30 p.m., 10 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Free event. 800-626-2326, http://ocbeachlights.com

#### OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

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

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

Bett, 410-202-9078

#### **GOSPEL CONCERT**

St. Matthews By-The-Sea UMC, 1000 Coastal Highway, Fenwick Island, DE, 7 p.m. Featuring "The King's Ambassadors." Free and open to the public. A love offering will be taken for the artists. Info: Rita Williams,

## **Calendar**

302-436-1562 or St. Matthews Church office, 302-537-1402

### **MON., JUN. 27**

#### 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

#### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Holy Trinity Cathedral, 11021 Worcester Highway, Berlin, MD, 5 to 7:15 p.m. Welcoming kids ages 4-12 to Epic Sports, June 27 through July 1 from 5-7:15 p.m. Each night there is a Bible story, as well as a real-life athlete or team story, songs, craft, games and dinner. Cost is \$10 per child or \$25 per family.

vbsholytrinity@gmail.com, 410-641-4882

#### **LIVE BETTER FIT CLUB**

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

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

Sandy, 443-340-0988

#### **LINE DANCING**

Urban Nectar, 10019 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, MD, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Lessons and dancing. Cost is \$8 per person. BYOB.

Sandy, 443-340-0988

#### **DELMARVA SWEET ADELINE CHORUS**

Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 7 to 9 p.m. The Delmarva Chorus, Sweet Adeline's, meets each Monday. Women interested in learning the craft of a cappella singing welcome.

410-641-6876

#### MOVIE ON THE BEACH

Ocean City, Beach at 27th Street, Ocean City, MD, 8:30 p.m.

Free movie on the beach for the entire family, featuring "Dolphin Tale." Take a beach chair or blanket. Weather permitting. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326

#### **TUES., JUN. 28**

#### FIRST "OC" STARBUCKS RIBBON CUTTING

Starbucks, 1610 Baltimore Ave., Ocean City, MD. 11 a.m.

The community is invited. Refreshments will be served.

Harrison Group Resort Hotels & Restaurants, 410-289-4444, http://www.face-book.com/ocmdstarbucks

#### SKATE BOWL BASH

Ocean Bowl Skate Park, 3rd Street and St. Louis Avenue, Ocean City, MD, 12 to 5 p.m. Free skate day for pass holders. Live music, food and contests with prizes. Open to skaters 6 years and older. All skaters under age 18 must have a liability waiver signed by

a parent or guardian in order to participate. 410-289-2695,

http://www.oceanbowl.com

#### **ASK A MASTER GARDENER**

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 1 to 4 p.m. The University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service is offering master gardeners to help with gardening questions. Take your bagged samples by to find solutions to your plant problems. 410-208-4014

#### **OCEAN BOWL SKATE BASH**

Ocean Bowl Skate Park, 3rd Street and St. Louis Avenue, Ocean City, MD, 2 p.m. Mostly free event. Skate contests, live music, vendors, concessions, giveaways and more.

410-289-2695

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CRAB NIGHT

Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 5 to 7 p.m. Crabs and shrimp ordered between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays. Platters and other food available. Cash bar. Every Tuesday through Aug. 30. 410-524-7994

#### ON YOUR OWN, BUT NOT ALONE

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

Weight loss support group with discussions about nutrition, exercise, health and weight loss. Cost is \$5 per meeting. dillon128@aol.com

#### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Holy Trinity Cathedral, 11021 Worcester Highway, Berlin, MD, 5 to 7:15 p.m. Welcoming kids ages 4-12 to Epic Sports, June 27 through July 1 from 5-7:15 p.m. Each night there is a Bible story, as well as a real-life athlete or team story, songs, craft, games and dinner. Cost is \$10 per child or \$25 per family.

vbsholytrinity@gmail.com, 410-641-4882

#### TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

Worcester County Health Center, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Berlin group 331. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly. jeanduck47@gmail.com

#### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Bayside Chapel, 38288 London Ave., Selbyville, DE, 6 to 8 p.m.

The theme, "Submerged," is all about how we can "Dive Deeper into God's Word." Games, music, crafts and more. Register: 302-436-7585,

http://www.baysidechapel.com

#### FAMILY BEACH OLYMPICS

Ocean City, Beach at 27th Street, Ocean City, MD, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Events include sand castle contests, tug-of-war, relay races and more. All activities are free. Parents are asked to stay with their children.

410-250-0125

#### MARYLAND SALTWATER SPORTFISHING AS-SOCIATION MEETING

Ocean City Lions Den, 12534 Airport Road,

Ocean City, MD, 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. Guest are welcome.

#### **WED., JUN. 29**

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

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

#### ON YOUR OWN, BUT NOT ALONE

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

Weight loss support group with discussions about nutrition, exercise, health and weight loss. Cost is \$5 per meeting. dillon128@aol.com

#### PINEAPPLE PALOOZA

Pickles Pub, 706 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD, 2 to 6 p.m.

Come dressed in your best tropical attire and ready for a luau. Reggae music with Kaleb Brown, tastings of 11+ pineapple beers, raffles, 50/50 and a chance to vote for the Pineapple Beer of the Year. Tickets cost \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. First 50 purchased will receive a limited edition Palooza Hat. Also featuring \$4 pineapple pints and food specials. Proceeds benefit the Believe in Tomorrow Foundation.

#### **MODEL TRAIN DISPLAY**

Delaware Seaside Railroad Club, Clayton Crossing, 32422 Royal Blvd., Dagsboro, DE, 5 to 8 p.m.

Every Wednesday. See five layouts. Bill Ziegler, wjziegler1@verizon.net, 302-537-0964

#### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Holy Trinity Cathedral, 11021 Worcester Highway, Berlin, MD, 5 to 7:15 p.m. Welcoming kids ages 4-12 to Epic Sports, June 27 through July 1 from 5-7:15 p.m. Each night there is a Bible story, as well as a real-life athlete or team story, songs, craft, games and dinner. Cost is \$10 per child or \$25 per family.

vb sholy trinity@gmail.com, 410-641-4882

#### **DELMARVA HAND DANCE CLUB**

Elks Lodge, 13708 Sinepuxent Ave., Ocean City, MD, 5:30 to 9 p.m.
Jitterbug, swing, cha-cha to the sounds of the '50s, '60s and Carolina Beach music.
Meets every Wednesday. All are welcome.
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. kbates@taylorbank.com, 410-641-1700

#### **BINGO**

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

Every Wednesday. Located at the rear of the Fenwick Inn. Doors open at 5 p.m., games

start 6:30 p.m. Food is available. Open to the public. No one allowed in the hall under 18 years of age during bingo. 410-250-2645

#### **PSC PUBLIC HEARING**

Salisbury Fire Station #1, 1100 Beaglin Park Drive, Salisbury, MD, 7 p.m. The Maryland Public Service Commission to hold a public hearing on Delmarva Power's proposal to construct a new 138 kilovolt overhead transmission line through Wicomico and Worcester counties to the Maryland/Virginia state line. Case filings and associated pleadings in the matter are

http://www.psc.state.md.us/public-comment-hearings/

available in the electronic docket file (9393)

which may be viewed or downloaded at

#### **MOVIE ON THE BEACH**

www.psc.state.md.us.

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

Free movie on the beach, featuring "Remember the Titans." Take a beach chair or blanket. In the event of inclement weather, the movie will be shown inside the hotel. Ocean City Recreation & Parks, 410-250-0125, http://www.oceancitymd.gov

#### **ONGOING EVENTS**

#### YOGA ON THE BEACH

Assateague Island National Seashore, Berlin, MD

Held Saturdays, June through September at 8 a.m. and Tuesdays, June through August at 8 a.m. Suitable for all levels including beginners and children, 8 and older. Take a beach towel and meet at the shade pavilion in the south end of North Beach parking lot of Assateague Island National Seashore. Yoga is free. Park entrance fees are in effect. 443-614-3547, outreachAIA@gmail.com

#### **JOLLY ROGER DAY**

Jolly Roger Amusement Park, 2901 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD, Aug. 6, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tickets cost \$25 in advance or \$30 if purchased Aug. 6. Tickets include full admission to Splash Mountain Waterpark and unlimited miniature golf (10 a.m. to 6 p.m.) and amusement rides at the 30th Street location only (2-6 p.m.) Proceeds benefit Atlantic General Hospital. Purchase tickets in person at the Atlantic General Hospital Cashier's Office or at Ocean Pines Primary Care; from mobile device, text JAG to 41444 or online at www.atlanticgeneral.org/jollyroger. Tickets sold the day of the event until noon at Townsend Medical Center, 10th Street, Ocean City. Info: Susan Curtis, susanbcurtis@comcast.net, 443-235-2654.

#### KIWANIS TO HOLD PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Tickets are now on sale for the Kiwanis Annual Summer Pancake Breakfast, held on July 9 at the Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 8-11 a.m. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 5-11 years old, and free to those 4 and younger. Proceeds benefit local youth. Carryout also available. Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance from members or by calling 410-208-6719.

CALL 410-723-6397 **BY MONDAY** 5 P.M.





Classifieds now appear in Ocean City Today & the Bayside Gazette each week and online at oceancitytoday.net and baysideoc.com.

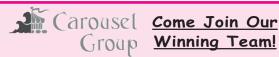
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Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel Attn: Human Resources Dept. 10100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD 21842 Phone: 410-524-3535 Fax: 410-723-9109 EOE M/F/D/V



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Preference will be given to all resumes received by July 8,

Qualified candidates may submit their cover letter and resume to: jfleetwood@berlinmd.gov or mail to 10 William Street; Berlin, MD 21811.

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#### **Dental Receptionist Position**

Looking for person with knowledge of dental terminology, dental insurance, good communication & keyboard skills.

Fulltime, M-F w/benefits.

Email resume to contact@atlanticdental.com or fax 410-213-2955.

#### **OIL TECH/TIRE TECH**

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Ocean City, MD seeking working Chef for dinner. Must have management experience, excellent culiexperience, excellent culi-nary skills with creative specials, ability to super-vise, work all stations on the line, computer literate and maintain high levels of sanitary conditions. Must be able to work nights, weekends, and holidays. Top salary, benefits, & working conditions. Excellent employment references a must. Forward resume with salary requirements to:

Restaurant Chef P.O. Box 3500 Ocean City, MD 21843

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#### **Seeking Creative Expression Artist**

Local Social Painting company is seeking an Artist to teach step by step painting classes of 15-35 people at a time. Must be at least 18 yrs. old w/reliable transportation & live in the OC area. Must be available to work 1-3 events per week. Hours are from around 5-10 p.m. falling on weekdays & week ends. Great summer job for quick extra cash! Events pay around \$50-\$150 per event depending on class size.

#### Acrylic/fine arts painting skills a must!

Send resume/portfolio to Nancy at: nhawrylko@painting-the-town.com

#### **HELP WANTED**

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

#### **Seasonal Lifeguards** for Marina Pool Full and Part Time

positions available Apply in person

Sunset Marina Harbor Master Office, 12911 Sunset Ave. Ocean City, MD 21842 or email

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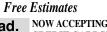
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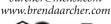
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