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The rain moistened, but did not put out the Fourth of July fireworks display over Showell Park in Ocean Pines on Monday.

Drizzle dampens heads, not spirits

Police report no incidents during Berlin, Ocean Pines events held last weekend

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(July 7, 2016) Thousands of people with quite a few umbrellas turned out to watch the inaugural Berlin fireworks celebration on July 3.

Although the weather was far from perfect, it did little to dampen the spirit of celebration.

Most of the crowd camped out at Burley Oak Brewing Co. on Old Ocean City Boulevard across the street from the launch site, Berlin Falls park. Zion Reggae band provided live music, vendors such as Eastern Shore Kettle Korn and Brooklyn Baking Barons set up tents in the light rain, and guests took turns at dunk tank that featured a rotating cast of local celebrities, including Mayor Gee Williams.

Across the street, other vendors set up shop outside of Urban Nectar,

where local band The String Beanz also performed.

The fireworks display, visible along Old Ocean City Boulevard and parts of North Main Street, started just after 9 p.m. and lasted about 15 minutes.

Williams issued a statement on the success of the event the next day, calling it an "outstanding celebration ... [with] so many wonderful folks, so much pride and spirit for our nation from our greater Berlin community."

"There are so many folks to thank for their support and volunteer efforts that made this all possible," he said. "I know I cannot begin to personally acknowledge everyone, but may I begin by thanking Bryan and Nichole Brushmiller and Nicky Chavis of the Burley Oak Brewery, the Berlin Police Department, Berlin Public Works, all the folks from the Berlin Chamber of Commerce, Laura, Jeff, Ivy and Sharon of the Town of Berlin, and so, so many more individuals who believe in Berlin and have, I

sincerely believe, started a new town tradition that will endure for generations."

On Independence Day, Monday, Ocean Pines had its event at Showell Park on Racetrack Road. Hundreds of people parked across the street at Showell Elementary School, again braving a light rain and carrying umbrellas, folding chairs and blankets onto a nearby field to watch the patriotic pyrotechnics.

The fireworks started just after dusk, visible in a small area near the park through a tall patch of forest. Also lasting close to 15 minutes, the rockets' red glare lit up the night sky and entertained the moderate crowd who braved less-than-ideal conditions.

By 9:30, the last of the bigger blasts had gone off, effectively ending the long holiday weekend.

A few smaller, personal displays continued into the night in backyards and over late-night barbecues. Police reported no major incidents or injuries.

Committee says changes unlikely before OP election

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(July 7, 2016) Members of the Ocean Pines Association Elections Committee say a change in the way ballots are counted is unlikely during the current election cycle.

That is partially because of time constraints. A change in the rules, written in resolution M-06, would require a first and second reading before a vote could take place. With the ballot count occurring in early August, members of the committee say there's just not enough time.

Director Jack Collins introduced a motion during the June 25 board of directors meeting to remove the words "in closed session" from the language in M-06 that addresses where and when votes are counted.

Collins and others argued that the count needed to be opened in order to be more transparent. While he insisted he was not alleging any wrongdoing on the part of the committee, others, including Chairman Bill Wentworth, disagreed.

"You are challenging the ethics of myself and the members of this committee, and you will not challenge our ethics," Wentworth said during the meeting.

The directors eventually agreed to table the motion and asked the by-laws & resolutions committee, which apparently brought the issue up, to meet with the elections committee to form a recommendation.

After an elections committee meeting on June 29, however, that meeting seemed unlikely.

Wentworth said the committee makes recommendations for changes in the elections process to the board of directors after each election cycle. That, he said, is the appropriate time to talk about changes to the rules.

"We're in the middle of [an election]," Wentworth said.

"We will give our report [after the election], and if we feel there are some M-06 changes necessary, then we will recommend that to the board," committee member Judy Butler said.

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Candidate calls favoritism claims baseless

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(July 7, 2016) District 2 Berlin Councilmember Lisa Hall said allegations that she received preferential treatment during a traffic stop on June 5 are just that – allegations.

On Tuesday, an anonymous letter made the rounds claiming that Hall “fell out of [her] car” and was not given a Breathalyzer or blood alcohol test.

The letter included information reprinted from Maryland Judiciary Case Search, and said copies were

being sent to the sheriff's department, Berlin police and to local newspapers.

Hall, who filed to run for mayor last month, said the stop was routine and that she was absolutely not drinking.

“Unfortunately, I got too many points going back and forth to Annapolis serving in committees,” she said in a statement texted on Tuesday. “My husband was bedridden at home [and] I got two tickets in less than one year. I didn't see the letter from [the] MVA.”

Her husband, Bill, passed away on March 22. Four weeks later, on Mother's Day, she said her stepdaughter-in-law, Jennifer Hall, died, and she took in her three children, all under 10 years of age.

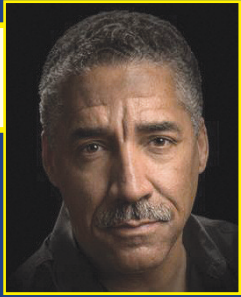
“I went to Food Lion at 10:30 at night to get stuff for lunches for camp [on June 5],” she said. “I was exhausted, overwhelmed, grieving etc. [and] pulled onto Williams Street with daylight running lamps. A Worcester County Sheriff coming from town turned around [and] pulled me over in front of Chuck Mar-

tin's house. [The officer] ran my license. I didn't know it was suspended. I went to driving school following Saturday and got reinstated.”

Hall said she left the car there and started walking home with the groceries when her son, Adam, picked her up.

She said she does not drink alcohol.

The officer who filed the report, DFC Shane Musgrave, did not return calls for comment before press time.



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A serene scene of the Pocomoke River, and the Pocomoke River Bridge, taken from Cypress Park.

Time to register for Jesse's Paddle

By Brian Gilliland

Associate Editor

(July 7, 2016) Though Jesse's Paddle is still a little more than a week away, organizers said it's the perfect time to register a team for the July 16 event.

"It's fun — suicide is kind of a dour topic, but this event is a good time, and it's very important to us," Ron Pilling, board member of the Jesse Klump Memorial Fund, said.

Registration for Jesse's Paddle will begin at 4 p.m. on the day of the event, which will have boats in the water at 5 p.m. The paddle will take place at the Pocomoke River Canoe Company on Snow Hill Road, close to the drawbridge at the north end of town.

Returning this year is the "poker run" format, where participants will track down five boats stationed along the river, each offering a single playing card enclosed in an en-

velope. From these cards, teams will create poker hands, and the three best hands are eligible for prizes.

Earlier this week, Pilling said between 10-12 teams had already registered and he expects the number to grow.

"This event is key to our ability to do two things — fully fund the annual scholarship we provide based on altruism, and all of the excess goes to our prevention programs. We spend very little on administration and outreach," he said.

Snow Hill High School student Katie Cherrix was awarded the 2016 scholarship in early June.

For the past five years, the scholarship has been worth \$12,000, or \$3,000 annually, and Pilling hopes this level of support continues.

"The suicide rate varies every year, but in 2014, Worcester had the highest rate of any county in the state, with almost 12 per 100,000

people," he said. "The national average is around 11, and the state is between 8-9."

Because Worcester's population is about 51,000, each notation counts double for statistical purposes.

In a report released July 1 examining 2012 suicide rates in 17 states including Maryland, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention found people involved in the farming, fishing and forestry industries had the highest rate of suicide at 84.5 per 100,000, followed by mining and construction workers at 53.3 per 100,000 as well as maintenance, repair and installation at 47.9 per 100,000.

Pilling said the data pointed to available jobs in rural counties, and most of Worcester County qualifies as rural.

"It's not something that can be

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County incubator useful tool for job, economic growth

By Brian Gilliland

Associate Editor

(July 7, 2016) A lot more goes into launching a new business, product or service than simply hanging an "open" sign on the door, or uploading a product onto an online marketplace, and one of the only places on the lower shore to access that kind of help is at the Worcester County Small Business and Technology Incubator in Pocomoke City.

Located at the industrial park, and already housing a few startups, the incubator is a public/private partnership forged between entrepreneur David Landsberger and county government.

Landsberger, the former owner of two businesses with factories in Pocomoke City, Bel-Art Products and Ricca Chemicals, operates as a kind of mentor-in-residence at the incubator.

"For four or five years I'd heard complaints that there was no way to do it, so I figured I'd do it," he said.

Eventually divesting himself of Ricca and Bel-Art, Landsberger divides his time between semi-retirement and working at the facility, which he also owns.

"I believe in this area. Pocomoke City and the state have been good to me, and I've made a lot of money. Now I'm giving some of it back," he said. "My objective is to get the tenants big enough so they can go out on their own."

Which occasionally means reaching into his own pockets.

"I've invested in two of the five businesses there. I work with all of them on a daily basis, and I would like to add more offices," Landsberger said. "I've got enough space to add about 10,000 square feet if there's demand for it, but right now I have 2,000 square feet of warehouse space left I can subdivide."

Each tenant has their own space, but is also connected to the other tenants via a shared meeting area. The tenants' businesses don't interact with each other competitively, so they are free to collaborate on general is-

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Infrastructure key to Collins' campaign for another term

Lone incumbent wants to renovate country club, keep police station off Rt. 589

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(July 7, 2016) As the only incumbent in a group of 11 candidates seeking one of three vacancies on the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors, Jack Collins has a different perspective.

Collins said he ended up in Ocean Pines after marrying "a local girl," Connie Kelley, from Ocean City.

"Her dad was the mayor of Ocean City (Mayor Harry Kelley) and that's what drew me here. I've been coming to Ocean City and this environment since I was 12 years old, and I am now in my early 70s," he said. "I was born and raised in Baltimore, but spent many, many summers down here."

After they were married, the couple moved to Catonsville for a number of years, raising a family. In 2004, they permanently relocated to Ocean Pines.

Collins, who had a career as a lender and manager in commercial banking, joined the board three years ago. He said he decided to run this year somewhat late into the process.

"I have a group of people that have supported me over the years and I discussed it with them," he said. "They said that they felt I brought some stability to the board and that I could bring some action to the board."

He said he wanted to make sure that some of his initiatives, including repairs to the beach club bathrooms, stayed on track.

"It's taking me this amount of time to bring it to everyone's attention and to get it done, so I would like to see it completed," he said.

Collins said he's always voted for "responsible budgets" focused on eliminating wasteful spending and reducing assessments. That, he said, is something he would continue if re-elected.

"It was no accident that we've only had one increase in dues over the last three years," he said. "That [increase] was unfortunate, but that's the way it is."

He also touted his recorded as secretary and treasurer, as well as liaison to the county commissioners in Snow Hill, where he regularly attends meetings.

"The county commissioners now recognize a presence from Ocean Pines at each of their meetings," he said. "I think it makes an impact."

Drainage has also been an issue close to Collins' heart.

"I've worked to create a committee that was headed by general manager – that's the only way I could get it done – and members of the county to address certain drainage issues in

section two and three," he said. "We addressed them and got it done, and just recently we had the final repair on St. Martin's Road. That all came out of that committee over a period of time."

As for the issues during this election cycle, Collins said infrastructure, including the police station and the country club, were key.

He is not in favor of relocating the police station to Route 589, as some have proposed, and would rather renovate than replace the county club.

"You have to look at the possibilities," he said. "If you do the measurements you have approximately 20,000 square feet in

that building. If you tear it down and replace it [with] a 10,000 square-foot building at a cost of whatever millions of dollars, your cost per square foot is tremendous. If you renovate that place and you can do it for \$1.5 million – and you're renovating 20,000 square feet – you're talking about a \$75-\$85 a square foot costs.

"That's critical and that's important to me from a cost analysis point of view and from a banking point of view – doing the most efficient and effective thing that impacts the greatest number of people," Collins continued. "I would like to see the country club maintained as a multi-use building that's for the card players, for the dance lesson people, for the drama people, for the men's club, for the Kiwanis, Optimist and Lion's Club of Ocean Pines – whoever wants to meet there, as well as the board – in a warm environment."

Collins declined to comment on issues pertaining to General Manager Bob Thompson, saying "it doesn't behoove anybody." Instead, he is focusing on developing a communitywide beautification committee.

In the 1990s, he said, a group of citizens formed "Keep Ocean Pines Special," also known as "KOPS."

"What they did, is they focused on areas to enhance the curb appeal and the eye appeal and the open spaces and entrances and amenities – things that they could directly impact. I think we should consider doing something like that again," Collins said. "I think that might be worthwhile."

"Growing out of that, maybe we could get some ideas as to how to genuinely make more attractive our environment here in Ocean Pines, together with the possibility of coming up with incentives to our property owners to maintain their properties in proper order," he continued. "They could be positive, they could be enforcement of the [declarations of restrictions]. You could go a lot of different directions on that."



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Leaky Pete's closed last week, putting a sign up outside the restaurant, located at 199 North Main Street in Berlin, simply saying that a new restaurant was coming soon.

Leaky Pete's unexpectedly closes; others opening soon

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(July 7, 2016) Change is coming to parts of Berlin's bustling Main Street. Some were expected, while others were something of a surprise.

For instance, the town had expected to see the debut of Fathom, a new clothing store, and Gilbert's Provisions, a charcuterie shop, this summer.

It had not, however, expected to see the closing of a Main Street restaurant, Leaky Pete's.

"It's unfortunate. I hate to see Leaky Pete's close up," Berlin Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells said. "But, there's already been some interest in another restaurant taking that spot. I'm pretty hopeful, and I wish [Leaky Pete's owners] Terry and Robin [Feehley] the best."

Wells said Leaky Pete's closed last Sunday, for good.

While she said it was not a certainty that another restaurant would go in that slot, on 119 North Main Street, it was likely because the building was set up "to be a dining establishment."

Asked how long it would take to put another business there, Wells replied,

"Not long at all."

"Berlin is in demand right now, so as soon as somebody closes, somebody else jumps in," she said. "I would like to see another restaurant there ... I would like to see something a little bit different – something that complements the other restaurants that we have here."

Interested business owners, she said, should contact her office at 410-629-1722.

Another recent vacancy, Cupcakes in Bloom on 120 North Main Street, would also likely be filled soon, Wells said.

"The building was sold, and there's going to be another shop there," Wells said, although what type of shop would go, she couldn't say. "It's still being determined."

Wells said Gilbert's Provisions was about to open, while Fathom and a new butcher shop, owned by Councilmember and mayoral candidate Lisa Hall, was expected to open soon.

With other businesses like Brooklyn Baking Barons, Patty Jean's Boutique and Berlin Farm Supply opening during recent months, Wells joked that she was "running out of space."

Ballots will continue to be counted behind closed doors

■ COMMITTEE continued

Butler said M-06 was last reviewed in 2009.

While the notion of continuing to count in a closed session has resulted in criticism of the committee, others praised the group for running what was largely seen as a successful candidate forum on June 22.

"It went very well," Wentworth said. "Everyone cooperated but one person, and I had to reprimand him several times. You can't control everyone's behavior."

Wentworth added that it was likely the first time "technology has really been used" during a forum, referring to the videotaped statement of candidate Larry Perrone, shown during the event. Perrone could not attend the forum, but was allowed to prerecord a three-minute opening statement.

"It worked out well," Wentworth said. "Teresa [Travatello] and our in-house IT guy did an excellent job keeping that thing on. We didn't have a hiccup with it."

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Repaving project to begin, end next week in Snow Hill

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

(July 7, 2016) As part of a project paid for by a combination of state and local funding, three Snow Hill streets are being resurfaced and are expected to be completed by the end of next week.

For much of the last week, the portion of Federal Street that runs between Collins and Church Streets has been basically reduced to a dirt road because of the milling process. Milling, or removing the top portions of asphalt in preparation for resurfacing, has already been completed on Ironshire and Morris Streets.

“We’re doing Federal Street, Ironshire between Church and Morris and Morris Street between Coulbourne Lane and Market Street,” Randy Barfield, public works director, said.

Weather permitting, Barfield said, work will begin on July 12 and be done by the weekend.

Traffic has not yet been redirected from those roads, but will likely be rerouted as the paving occurs. Barfield did not say in what order the roads will be completed.

As a result of the milling process, manhole covers and utility access points — normally flush or nearly so with the surface — are now exposed, and will remain so until repaving is completed.



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Federal Street, seen here, has been taken down to dirt before repaving efforts begin early next week. Ironshire and Morris streets will also be repaved during this time. Snow Hill Public Works Director Randy Barfield said the work should be completed by next weekend.

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Jack says: Accomplishments

"Developed and was able to pass a motion encouraging community input on the budget process via the Budget and Finance Committee working with the GM and the Board"

The motion basically changed nothing that wasn't already being done. It was a waste of time and effort but he wanted to do something so he could say he did.

"Focused the attention of the Board, the GM and the members on the drainage challenges in our community. However, there is additional work to be done." As the drainage committee chairman, he hasn't had a meeting in over a year. If there is work to be done, stop talking about it and get it done.

"Worked to improve the management of a major amenity that had cost the membership over a million dollars in a 4 yr period. Our new management group is working toward improving the golf experience while bringing revenue and expenses into line."

The previous company had cut losses significantly to the point where their budgeted loss for the previous year was to be only -\$14,400. The new company, that Jack brought in, has lost members, lost over- \$200,000 in revenues against budget over last year and lost -\$115,000 total in the first year of a 3 year contract and gave them a sweet contract with hardly any way to get rid of them for poor performance.

"Sponsored a motion and worked toward the renovation of the Beach Club Bathhouse."

Jack abstained from voting for the budget to pay for the renovations. Did he think we wouldn't have to pay for them?

Committee to NOT RE-ELECT Jack Collins



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This scene is from a previous Jesse's Paddle. The next one will take place July 16, beginning at 4 p.m. at the Pocomoke River Canoe Company in Snow Hill.

Memorial paddling event to fund scholarships, outreach

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written off as a "teenage thing" or a phase. If you suspect something, you've got to ask the question: Are you thinking of ending your life?" Pilling said.

In the fund's annual report last year, Pilling said, four cases were highlighted as success stories.

"Someone saw a presentation or looked at our materials and now someone is still alive," Pilling said.

In 99 out of 100 cases in his experience, Pilling said, people contemplating ending their lives put out a signal either behaviorally by changing something substantially, or by making declarations or even in reaction to personal circumstances.

"If there's a family history, if someone has lost a job or another cataclysmic event within a family or if they indicate their life has no pur-

pose," can all be considered warning signs, he said.

Getting this information to people who can make use of it is the goal, Pilling said, and to do that, the Jesse Klump Memorial Fund has set a goal to raise \$20,000 this year, and it's well on its way.

"We've raised about \$9,000 already, plus some more from the kayak raffle and will get a little more online," he said. This is only the third year the fund has used online fundraising.

The event will also feature a silent auction, which will focus on activity-based prizes such as quilting or watercolor lessons from local practitioners, free food and music by local duo Gabe and Gigi.

Online donations can be made at www.jessespaddle.donorpages.com/JessesPaddle2016.

Public private partnership breeds success for startups

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sues. For the bigger problems, Landsberger is nearby to offer a helping hand.

"For years David Landsberger has been an integral part of the southern Worcester community, and had a lot to do with mentoring," Economic Development Director Merry Mears said. "He said to [former director] Bill Badger and I that he knew we wanted an incubator and he was going to build one."

In return, he asked for help finding tenants.

Later, a familiar issue came up: high-speed internet access.

"There's always been an issue with the internet," Mears said. "There's fiber optic cable virtually across the street."

It's a familiar problem on the lower shore. Large providers will run the cable providing access to more populated regions, but the so-called "last mile" between those lines and

the homes, offices and buildings physically close to them can't access them.

Mears explained Landsberger felt high-speed internet was a requirement for the incubator, and offered to tap into the line on his own dime. The county picks up the tab for the access, she said.

"In many areas incubators are funded by the government, but we don't have the budget to do that here. Worcester likes to do things through private investment," she said.

This time, the sky may not be the limit, but it is the goal.

"With NASA only 15 minutes away, I think we're positioned well to grow the south end of the county," Mears said. "We'll be having those conversations."

Earlier this year, the Baltimore Business Journal named the Worcester County Small Business and Technology Incubator as one of the top 20 in the state.



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Orris files for Berlin District 2 seat

Limit growth to established areas, focus on Berlin Falls candidate's stated goals

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(July 7, 2016) Berlin has its first official council race, as 34-year-old Jack L. Orris Jr. became the second person to file for the District 2 seat last week.

Zackery Tyndall, a 26-year-old Berlin native, also filed for District 2 last month. Current District 2 Councilmember Lisa Hall is running for mayor.

Orris grew up in Johnstown, Pennsylvania and moved to Berlin in 2006. He holds a degree in political science and currently works as an office manager for a construction company in Delaware. "My occupational background, before I got into office management, was actually operations management for amusement parks," he said. "I'm hoping to be able to use that for the new park, Berlin Falls. I think I can do a lot to help out with the

planning and the execution of what the mayor and council want to do with that property."

The issue is important to Orris, who believes the property can become a signature attraction of the town.

"I think that parks are a great place for the community to come together," he said. "Not taking away from downtown, but I think it could be in addition to [downtown]. I think if we can find a way to make that a focal point that's accessible and safe and clean for everybody – and if we can get a transportation [system] from downtown – it's just going to enhance the small town charm of Berlin."

Orris said he would like to see an open-air trolley come to Berlin to carry visitors from the downtown area to Berlin Falls.

Drones, something that has received plenty of media attention lately, could also find a home at Berlin Falls, he said.

"I actually talked to a resident (last week) and it was something I had never really thought of until he brought it up," he said. "He's really

into it and apparently there's other people in Berlin that are, so I told him I would look into that."

On the growth of the town, Orris said he wants to limit future development to already established areas of Berlin, rather than annexing new regions.

"I think we've already expanded enough for right now, and we should focus on what we have," he said.

To prepare for the election, which will be held in October, Orris said he diligently reads the minutes of each Town Council meeting, and is familiar with town ordinances. Last year, he attended the strategic planning sessions in Berlin in order to get a broader sense of resident concerns.

For voters in District 2, Orris said his message is simple: he is a "determined leader who listens."

"I want to reach out to the voters and see what their concerns are," he said. "I know there was a differing opinion on annexation versus keeping what we have, so I want to talk about that with them. And I want to talk about their ideas for a new park. What do they want?"

"The election is not about me, it's about them, the residents," he added. "That's what every election should be about. Voter involvement is paramount to any election."

Atlantic General to offer free seminars in July, Aug. in OP

(July 7, 2016) The Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department and Atlantic General Hospital will offer two free informational health seminars to the public this summer at the Ocean Pines Community Center, located at 235 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines.

On Wednesday, July 13 from 5:30-6:30 p.m., Dr. Sara Moghaddam, a dermatologist at Atlantic General Hospital, will discuss the truth about sunscreens, what they are and how to use them. She will also discuss skin cancer surveillance and how to identify melanoma and other skin cancers.

Then on Wednesday, Aug. 31 from 5:30-7 p.m., Dr. Roopa Gupta, a medical oncologist and hematologist at Atlantic General Hospital, will present a seminar on cancer prevention and treatment. She will share when recommended screenings should occur, risk factors, warning signs and what cancers are most commonly seen in the area. She will also answer questions from the audience.

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Commissioners deny solar tax abatement

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(July 7, 2016) Following the Worcester County Commissioners' decision to table the discussion at its June 21 meeting over a requested tax abatement to support the development of solar facilities in Worcester, the commissioners rejected the proposal on Tuesday.

Longview Solar, a joint venture between Seattle-based Tuusso Energy, a utility-scale solar developer, and Elemental Energy, based in Portland, Oregon, has two solar power facility projects slated for Worcester.

The first is a 20-megawatt solar photovoltaic project, the Heron Solar Farm, which would be constructed on an 190-acre portion of an approximately 285-acre private property located south of Libertytown Road, a

few miles west of Berlin.

Also the Seabeach Solar Project, a 15-megawatt photovoltaic project, would be built on three parcels of land totaling 125 acres on the north side of Public Landing Road, approximately one mile east of Snow Hill.

On Tuesday, Phil Thompson, county treasurer and finance officer, cautioned against the proposal noting that it could create a financial quagmire.

"In a nutshell, I support the development and the implementation of solar facilities in the county," he said. "I do, however, have a sincere concern that any significant change to our existing tax structure in the form of abatements or pilot agreements could have long-lasting implications."

Thompson also pointed out the project already qualifies for a 50 percent tax abatement through the state.

"I feel these projects should be viable and financially feasible on their own without any form of subsidy or abatement," he said.

After tabling the topic at its June 21 meeting, the commissioners asked Thompson to investigate other deals the county has awarded to foster job growth in the region. He cited two examples from Pocomoke City. Bel-Art Products, which manufactures lab equipment, and Hardwire LLC., which produces bulletproof armor material.

"In one case, Bel-Art specifically asked us for a \$25,000 loan agreement, which resulted in the creation of 25 jobs in the county," he said.

To help Hardwire launch regional operations in October 2006, the county obtained federal funds from a Community Development Block Grant through the Department of Housing and Community Development, which was used to acquire and demolish a former Campbell Soup manufacturing facility in Pocomoke.

"In the case of Hardwire, it was a partnership with a CDBG grant totaling \$450,000, again resulting in 25 relatively high paying permanent year round jobs," he said. "In stark contrast, what's being asked from Longview is going to cost us at least, in the first five years, approximately half a million dollars per year and result in maybe one or two part time jobs."

While noting that Longview's representatives have been reasonable to work with during ongoing negotiations, Thompson said in addition to the return on investment being problematic, the agreement could pave the way for similar financially challenging requests.

"My concern is once we set that precedent, we're opening the door that is going to be somewhat of a challenge to close," he said.

In Thompson's comments, Commissioner Chip Bertino made a motion to deny the request.

"There are a number of businesses

who are not solar businesses, who are working very hard to increase employment in the county," he said. "As much as I value solar energy, and the development of solar energy, I don't feel this is the right fit for our county."

Seconding the motion was Commissioner Joe Mitrecic, who agreed this project wasn't an ideal fit financially, but said the issue needs further study.

"We're going to have to develop some sort of tax abatement type program to lure manufacturing jobs and jobs to this county, especially to the lower end of the county," he said. "I think it's important that we do so, however this is not a project that increases jobs."

From his perspective, Mitrecic said tax incentives should be reserved for businesses that are going to increase Worcester's job base.

"I believe the tax abatement should be based on how many full-time jobs they're going to create in this area," he said. "It doesn't benefit the taxpayers, other than it's a clean form of energy."

While in basic agreement, Commissioner Ted Elder said solar energy is the "thing of the future" and pointed out that facilities are generally located on sub-prime farmlands.

"We really need to address this in some way in the future that we could have some sort of a smaller tax abatement," he said. "Some type of initiative for clean energy."

He also noted that solar farms have a minimal impact on surrounding lands and produce limited development or traffic impacts.

"I would be in favor of a small tax abatement but certainly not in the neighborhood of what was asked here," he said. "In the future, if the commissioners would like to discuss that sometime, maybe we could do something for the green energy. I know a lot of places are going green and it would be a good thing."

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Commendations given by commissioners as nine staff members depart

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(July 7, 2016) Decades of job dedication that left an indelible mark on coworkers and cohorts were celebrated as the Worcester County Commissioners awarded commendations to nine retiring county employees during their June 21 meeting.

First on the list was John “Sonny” Bloxom, who retired as county attorney last year after serving in the position since 2008. Bloxom also served two tours as county commissioner for District One, from 1990-1995 and 1998-2006.

Commissioner Bud Church, while presenting the commendation to Bloxom, offered praise for a combined 20 years of service to the county and his overall amenable nature.

“We’ve had a lot of really good times together,” Church said.

Bloxom instantly filled the room with laughter as he pled the fifth.

“Some we can’t talk about,” he replied.

Commissioner Diana Purnell also elicited laughter while congratulating Bloxom, as she noted their association has stood the test of time.

“I didn’t get an opportunity to serve that long with you, but I’ve known you for a long time, and I love you still,” she said.

The next outgoing bright light honored was Donna Lovell, who spent 13 years as a license permit clerk. In his comments during her presentation, Ed Tudor, Department of Development Review and Permitting director, said Lovell was likely as nervous that day as the one she interviewed for the permit clerk position. He also praised Lovell’s work as staff

liaison for the Board of Electrical Examiners and staff support for electricians throughout the county.

“I know she treated them both as her own sons and she’s going to be missed by both the electrical board and the electricians of the county,” he said.

Third in line was Wanda “Sue” Miller, who is stepping down after more than a decade as an accounting clerk in the finance office. Noting her background in the banking world, Phil Thompson, treasurer and finance officer, said Miller brought “exceptional bookkeeping and customer service skills” to the position. Among her duties, Miller handled tax customers and nuisance abatements, a role that is not without its challenges.

“Suffice it to say many of the customers, by the time they get to Sue, aren’t the happiest,” he said. “She does a tremendous job with a very professional attitude, as well as a very low key demeanor, and it will be greatly missed.”

The fourth retiree honored was Gale Hall, who has been a fixture with the Worcester County Library for the last three decades. Jennifer Ranck, library acting director, in her award presentation comments, noted the technological advances that have transpired since Hall came on board in July of 1986.

“Which means Gail has seen everything from where we used to stamp the books, to scanning the books, and now downloading the books,” she said.

Ranck said Hall’s infectious laugh and easy spirit fostered an enjoyable work environment.

“Every time we’d saw her car in the parking lot we knew we’d have a fun day,” she said.

The fifth honoree was William “Bill” Cody, who served 17 years as a captain at the Worcester County Detention Center. During his presenta-

tion comments, Warden Garry Mumford said Cody brought a strong work ethic from his previous retail business background.

“For those of us that are local, Cody came to us in 1999 from Cody School Service Station over across the bridge,” he said. “Well, when Cody came to us he retained that same attitude about work. Cody did whatever it took.”

Among his varied duties during his career at the jail, Cody served as the work release coordinator, handling more than 60 inmates making a daily departure for employment before later retuning for check in the same evening, Mumford said.

“Throughout the county we have a lot of good employees, we have some outstanding employees, but we also have a small group of exceptional employees,” he said. “Cody fits in the last, the exceptional employee.”

Mumford said Cody, known for his attention to detail, was recognizable for always having a notebook under his arm as he made his daily rounds to assure no issue was left unresolved. Mumford said he often had to remind Cody the day had ended.

“There were some nights where I would be leaving, I would look out and Cody’s vehicle would be in the parking lot I would call and say, ‘Hey, Cody, time to go,’” he said. “Cody would always say, ‘I got one more thing to do warden’ and he would take care of that and then he would go home. Cody, we’re going to miss you traveling through the corridors of the jail with that notebook.”

John Ross, Waster and Wasterwater Services deputy director, presented the final four staff members commendations for their years of service in the recycling division.

First among the pack was Ed Buchanan, who has been a recycling worker for 10 years, a position that

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County employees receiving commendations for their retirement, in front, from left, are Donna Lovell, Ron Taylor, Sonny Bloxom, Dorothy Dale, Sue Miller and Ed Buchanan; second row, Gale Hall and Captain William "Bill" Cody; third row, County Commissioners Diana Purnell, Bud Church, Jim Bunting, Merrill Lockfaw, County Chief Administrator Howard Higgins, County Commissioner Joe Mitrecic; and in back, Commissioners Ted Elder and Chip Bertino.

Longtime county workers honored for diligent work

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Ross said some may overlook.

"Some jobs, you don't really appreciate what all they do, but these people show up every day and work at that recycle line," he said. "It's important that these people do their job and we appreciate the effort that Ed provided for 10 years at the recycle division."

Dorothy Dale, who worked for 11 years as a recycling worker was also recognized.

"Again a person who took her job very seriously, was there everyday working on that recycle line and dedicated a lot of years of her life to the county in that and we appreciate all your efforts," he said.

Also honored, but unable to attend the ceremony, was Richard Sexton, who worked for 12 years as a transfer station attendant within the Solid Waster= Division of Public Works.

"We want to make sure his efforts are appreciated," he said.

Closing on a high note, Ross offered his thoughts on the retiring of Ronald Taylor, recycling manager, after 21 years of dedication.

"Ron Taylor was basically from the time I've been here, 'Mr. Recycling,'" he said. "Anything you want to know about recycling, you went to Ron Taylor."

Ross noted that without Taylor's passion, the county's recycling division might not exist.

"We appreciate everything you did in basically bringing the recycling division along and your efforts are greatly appreciated," he said.

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Snow Hill Fire Co. to benefit from canoe joust, Saturday

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

(July 7, 2016) At this point, the only way to compete in the annual canoe joust benefitting the Snow Hill Volunteer Fire Company is to show up at Sturgis Park at 9 a.m. this Saturday and register.

The cost is \$75 per three-person team. Early bird pricing, offering a \$10 discount, ended Wednesday. Children are not allowed to participate, organizer Andrew Quillen said, but he encouraged anyone over 18 to participate in the fire company fundraiser.

Canoe teams of two paddlers and a jouster will compete against each other for first-, second- and third-place trophies. The first jouster to hit the water loses.

Each of the jousters will be armed with foam-tipped sticks with which the must try to disable his or her opponent.

The competition is double-elimination.

The event will begin around 11 a.m. on Saturday at the park. In the meantime, Quillen said, a suitable section of the Pocomoke River must

'People bring their lawn chairs and shade and set themselves up for the whole day.'
Andrew Quillen

be identified and marked, while the amenities for spectators and teams must also be placed before the joust can begin.

There will be food and drinks for sale, as well as snow cones offered by the Ladies' Auxiliary.

"We're trying to get other fire department teams involved, because we think it'll be a great challenge to see the departments compete against each other," Quillen said.

Quillen said it was his goal to get between 20 and 30 teams to compete, which is about the same as the usual turnout. He said around 200 spectators have attended in previous years.

"People bring their lawn chairs and shade and set themselves up for the whole day," he said.

There is no set end time, Quillen said, as "it goes on as long as it needs to."

Other than the joust, one of the fire company's trucks is likely to be at the park, but other than that, Quillen said, everyone is focused on the action of the joust.

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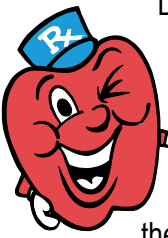
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Line upgrade options under review

Pocomoke River crossing key to transmission project, public can still comment

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

(July 7, 2016) Though the public comment portion of the process finished Wednesday, Public Service Commission officials confirmed comments might still be considered, at the judge's discretion, before rendering a ruling on Delmarva Power's request to upgrade its lines on the lower Eastern Shore.

The company is seeking, as part of routine upgrades to its regional transmission lines, to replace the 69-kilovolt line installed in the 1940s with new infrastructure that will carry both the 69 kilovolt circuits and a 138 kilovolt circuit.

The utility would accomplish this by doubling the number of wires on the lines that connect the Piney Grove substation in Wicomico to the Kenney substation near Snow Hill and running that line down to the Wattsville substation in Virginia.

To run that many wires, Delmarva Power spokesman Matt Likovitch said the existing poles would need to be replaced. Also, the new lines, because of more modern safety protocols, will be taller than the existing infrastructure.

Likovitch's statements reflect the company's preferred option for the project — simply replace what's already there.

But as part of the process, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources got involved, and asked the company to provide other choices and to allow the public to comment on them before a judge rules in favor of one option or another.

'Based on 1,000 kilowatts of usage per month, the cost will be about 24 cents per customer per bill.'

Jaclyn Canther

The utility offered a few variations on the layout of the towers, and an option for running the lines underground.

First, the utility states in a fact sheet that Delmarva Power customers — along with co-op and municipal utilities in Delaware and Virginia — are going to pay for the new infrastructure. The lines will carry more power, the new towers are more resilient against strong winds and the infrastructure overall is old.

Replacing the towers, in any configuration, is going to cost customers

about \$45 million according to company estimates.

"Based on 1,000 kilowatts of usage per month, the cost will be about 24 cents per customer per bill," Jaclyn Canther, manager of transmission planning for the utility said.

Should the judge rule to bury the lines, the cost of the project would double to an estimated \$87 million. The resulting pass-through cost to customers would just about double as well, to something less than 60 cents per month, according to estimates, Canther said.

Originally announced to end July 1 the public comment timeline was extended to July 6 during last week's meeting. Two meetings were held soliciting comment at this stage, one in Snow Hill last week and another in Salisbury. There was little to no public participation in either, Likovitch said.

The utility also held its own public information sessions about the project earlier this year.

At this point, only written submissions containing a clear opinion on the project might be considered if delivered quickly enough.

Comments should be addressed to David Collins, executive secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.

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County recognizes Carman for efforts to prevent diabetes

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(July 7, 2016) Snow Hill Volunteer Fire Company Second Assistant Chief Eddie Carman has gotten off the path to diabetes and is now working to steer others onto a healthy road.

For that matter, you have probably seen him in the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene’s “Diabetes Prevention Program” television commercial.

“After taking a desk job, I had put on a lot of weight,” he said. “The chance came up to take the diabetes prevention class — it was advertised as a lifestyle balance class.”

The yearlong class, which was sponsored by the Worcester County Department of Health, met once a week for the first 16 weeks, at which point Carman had improved drastically.

“At the end of the original 16 weeks, I had lost 30 pounds,” he said.

In an exhibit of motivation, Carman managed to lose a few pounds just before starting the class through one simple diet change.

“Two weeks before the class, I was 238 pounds,” he said. “I quit drinking sodas and by the time the class started I’d already lost eight pounds.”

After getting down to 200 pounds, Carman was still not finished, and over



PHOTO COURTESY OF KIM MOSES

Eddie Carman, center, poses with Commissioners, from left, Chip Bertino, Joe Mitrecic, Jim Bunting, Diana Purnell, Ted Elder, Bud Church and Merrill Lockfaw on June 21 after being honored by the county for his work with the state’s diabetes prevention program.

the next year worked to lose additional weight.

“I’m holding right now between 185 and 190. That’s right at the top of the healthy chart for me,” he said. “I would like to get a little more in the middle of it so I have some leeway for some holidays.”

The class helped with more than Carman’s waistline.

“Before I took the class, my blood pressure was 140 over 90,” he said. “Now my blood pressure’s running about 100 over 60.”

Nocturnal benefits were also were noted by Carman, who had experienced disturbed sleep patterns in the past.

“Now I’m getting about seven hours of consecutive sleep,” he said. “Before I took the class, I snored terrible, now my wife says I don’t snore hardly at all.”

The class, which originated from the Center for Disease Control, is offered at 40 sites throughout Maryland, Carman said.

“You can go on the CDC’s website and find it,” he said. “Something like one in three Marylanders are pre-diabetic and don’t even know it.”

Pre-diabetics have elevated blood sugar levels, but not yet to the point of level 2 diabetes, a condition that causes complications for heart attacks or strokes.

“Diabetes increases your chances of

dying from that heart attack,” he said.

Since beginning the diabetes prevention class in January 2013, Carman, who had been diagnosed with high cholesterol, pre-hypertension, and acid reflux, has found a non-prescription cure to his ailments.

“I’ve got my diet to the point now where I’m not on medication for any of them,” he said. “I was on four different meds, now I’m not on anything.”

In the wake of his healthy makeover, Carman began to ponder helping his cohorts.

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Trend starts after firefighters notice chief's weight loss

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in, I started talking it up a little bit," he said.

His co-workers bought into what their veteran firefighter brother was pitching.

"I think it helped that they knew what I looked like and now I don't look that way," he said.

Shortly after launching a class at the Snow Hill Volunteer Fire Company, Carman started an inadvertent trend when inquiries from other area firefighters began filling his inbox.

"The word got out without me knowing it and the phone starts ringing off the hook," he said. "Now the majority of county fire departments have the class."

Since working with the Worcester Department of Health as a lifestyle balance coach, Carman has been instrumental in promoting the cause. Being pulled further into the public spotlight, Carman serves as the state's diabetes prevention program television spokesperson.


His work has earned Carman a commendation from the county commissioners, who honored him for improving public health at its meeting on June 21.

While he made personal attempts to lose weight and improve his overall health in the past, Carman said the benefits of the health department course dramatically increase the probability of reaching one's goals.

"When they sit down with you they give you an overall plan — 'Ok, were looking at a 5 to 7 percent body fat loss and we want to get you up to doing 150 minutes a week of physical activity and we're going to improve your eating habits,'" he said. "You learn everything from reading labels and portion control, and proper gear and things that can help you in this endeavor."

Carman said the most important lesson the class teaches is self-accountability.

"What your doing is getting rid of bad habits for better habits," he said. "Whatever effort you put in is what you're going to get."



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Local officials continue push for Triton project at Wallops

Snow Hill, Pocomoke City mayors remain skeptical, but hopeful for program

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor
(July 7, 2016) Following favorable endorsements from Gov. Larry Hogan and Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe, the Delmarva gubernatorial trifecta in support of Wallops Island as the forward operating base for the MQ-4C Triton unmanned aircraft was joined by Delaware Gov. Jack Markell.

In addition, Maryland Congressman and Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer voiced his support in favor of the program in a letter addressed to both the Secretary of the Navy, Ray Mabus, and the Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. John Richardson. State Sen. Jim Mathias said he organized the support following a meeting with Markell to rally him to the cause and building on an existing relationship with Hoyer. “We’re working collectively to our strengths. I’m a believer in the project. We’re developing regionally and collaborating on our future,” Mathias said. “I’m hoping we get our fair share here on the shore.”

While a formal decision won’t be made until later this year, Mathias said it is incumbent upon officials to protect what industries the shore has, while continuing to grow to provide opportunities in the future. “The project has a 20-year lifespan and will create 400 tech jobs,” he said. “We talk so much about ‘Del-Mar-Va’ so I thought to get an alliance of leadership. We had Gov. McAuliffe and Gov. Hogan, and I was able to secure a meeting with Gov. Markell and get his support.”

Delegates Mary Beth Carozza and Charles Otto were also lauded for their quick support and organizational efforts. “There’s a lot of momentum behind this and a lot of interest. Right now we’re awaiting the next steps,” Peter Bale, director of the nonprofit Wallops Island Regional Alliance, said.

The WIRA’s mission is to enhance and protect federal and defense assets on the lower shore. Bale said the Navy is going through its process, which allows for an environmental impact study and public comment on the proposed expansion, while also evaluating other sites. “We’re putting all the pieces together, but there is the possibility of high class, high tech jobs in the area,” Bale said.

Worcester County Economic Development Director Merry Mears thinks the show of support is a net positive for the effort. “Having the most senior federal legislator in Steny Hoyer on our side

certainly enhances our chances,” she said. On the local side, however, the towns are a bit more skeptical having heard much of this conversation before. “I used to work at Wallops Island, and I thought 12,000 people were coming to Snow Hill years ago,” Snow Hill Mayor Charlie Dorman said. “It needs to happen — I’d love to see it — but it needs to actually happen.” More personnel associated with the Triton will also need places to eat, live, shop and educate their children. “We have the best schools and we’re close,” Dorman said. “We all want this — everyone will benefit.” Pocomoke City Mayor Bruce Morrison agreed with Dorman. “It would have a huge impact on Pocomoke City — it would just have to,” Morrison said. “People are talking about a lot of things out there and if any of them come true it’ll be good for the city.” Mathias said he saw a report, which stated 25 percent of existing jobs wouldn’t exist in 20 years. “Given the economic impact of Wallops Island, it also serves us for future growth opportunities,” he said.



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Husband and wife team, Steve and Brenda Trice, spearhead a "yarn benching" effort in downtown Berlin last week. Brenda owns the Little Bit Sheepish yarn shop in Berlin, and she and volunteers knitted more than a dozen bench covers that were installed in and around Main Street.

Knit shop owner offers splash of color to benches

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(July 7, 2016) Coinciding with the town's first fireworks display, another blast of color came to the downtown last week as local yarn shop A Little Bit Sheepish helped to create a new "yarn benching" initiative.

A play on the popular "yarn-bombing" movement, the benching saw more than a dozen benches wrapped in hand-knitted covers last Thursday.

"Yarn bombing has been around for a long time, and it's kind of a thing that knitters and crocheters do for fun and to bring color and joy to a town," A Little Bit Sheepish Owner Brenda Trice said. "Sometimes you'll find they'll yarn-bomb trees or lampposts or whatever."

Trice said Ivy Wells, director of the Main Street program and the town's economic and community development director, pitched the idea to her.

"We loved the idea, so several of our ladies volunteered to make bench covers, and we've been spending the last several months planning and making these," Trice said. "They're just to bring some sparkle and color and joy to our visitors who come into town, and to our town's people."

And, just maybe, bring a little attention to the yarn shop.

"Absolutely," Trice said. "We hope so!"

She estimated between 14 and 15 benches in the downtown area would be covered, with each displaying a different theme. The bench in front of Trice's shop, for instance, featured a nautical theme, while a bench in front of town hall was covered in patriotic red, white and blue.

Each cover had to be secured using small plastic wire ties, with Trice and her husband, Steve, doing some of the work themselves, along with a handful of volunteers.

Wells said the town was fortunate to have Trice, along with a devoted knitting and crocheting club, whose members were willing to do most of the work.

"We're an arts and entertainment district, and one of the things that's important to us is public art displays," Wells said. "[We wanted to add] a splash of color, especially for the Fourth of July weekend, and we wanted to showcase A Little Bit Sheepish and the talents of some of the knitting ladies."

"This is the first time we've ever done something like this," Wells continued. "So far it's been wonderful. I can't see to see what the reaction is."

For the social media savvy, organizers are asking that photos are tagged #berlinyarnbenching, Wells said.



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Victorian Charm to host book signing during Second Friday

(July 7, 2016) Victorian Charm in Berlin marks Arts Night on Friday, July 8, by joining Patrick Henry in his celebration of 50 years as an artist with a book signing of his reflective work, "Still Images of the Eastern Shore."

The book is a collaborative effort, joining the art collector, artist and poet in a journey through life on the Eastern Shore: Life as it was, as it is and as it will be.

The book is filled with images that are both universal and unique. The paintings and their poetic interpretations remind those who view them that as we move through life, we choose the moments we pause to observe and the moments we nurture.

Each image represents a special rendering of the land that inspired it, each contains more than it seems. There is the heron hidden in the marsh as the Assateague ponies feed on the marsh grasses. There are the glimpses of light on the mooring lines. There are the almost hidden houses and everywhere there are the trees, shrubs and fields that combine to create the quiet beauty of the Eastern Shore.

Henry has captured what we

have seen and, sometimes, what we have overlooked as we race toward the ocean beaches. Henry's brush overlooks nothing.

The poems, written by local resident Karen Prengaman, gather the reactions of one who has come to join shore natives in the quiet beauty of their small towns, to spend a moment with the watermen, to be still for a time in the back bays of the Eastern Shore.

The return of Henry to Victorian Charm has great significance to owner Debbie Frene, who along with Henry, started Berlin's very first Arts Night over 20 years ago, which has grown into the immensely popular Fall Arts Night in November.

Join Henry and Prengaman from 5-8 p.m. at Victorian Charm on July 8 for Berlin's 2nd Friday Art Stroll for a book signing and enjoy live acoustic music from The Country Grass and Friends outside on the corner of Commerce and Main streets.

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Watercolor painter Judith Cullen is the featured artist at Random Juxtaposition gallery in Berlin during the town's monthly art stroll, Friday.

Gallery to feature Cullen as part of monthly art stroll

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(July 7, 2016) Watercolorist Judith Cullen will be the featured artist at Random Juxtaposition in Berlin during the town's monthly art stroll Friday.

Cullen grew up in Selbyville and spent her summers in nearby Fenwick Island and Ocean City, working at places such as Harrison Hall's dining room and the Sandpiper Restaurant.

A graduate of the University of Delaware, she spent her career working in the Indian River school district.

After retiring, she started to focus on her longtime passion of painting and stumbled across an advertisement for art classes that were being offered at Random Juxtaposition at its previous location in Ocean Pines. There, she struck up a friendship with owner/curator Kate Cashman.

"After studying with her for close to 10 years, I can say that not only is Kate a gifted artist, but a wonderful teacher as well," Cullen said. "She is very encouraging for the beginning artist and challenges seasoned artists to step beyond their comfort zones."

Cullen said most of the work she will display on Friday is watercolor.

"I love the luminosity of that medium and have been painting exclusively in watercolor for the past three years," she said. "My subjects range from old local crumbling buildings that will soon be just a memory, to happier scenes of beaches, lighthouses and yards full of hydrangeas."

"It is my hope that viewers of my watercolor paintings would take away a feeling of the sheer joy of the vibrant colors in our local surroundings," she added.

Cullen also has work on display at Gallery 107 in Seaford, Delaware, and at the EyeFul Hummingbird gallery in Mardela. She can be reached at jlculen14@gmail.com.

Random Juxtaposition is located on 9928 Old Ocean City Boulevard, Unit 9, in the Union Station plaza in Berlin.

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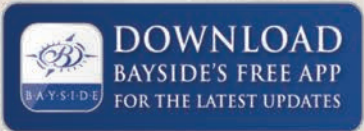
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Opinion

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Gazette letter policy redux

One might suppose that we asked for it, when we ran a letter to the editor harshly criticizing statements made by one candidate at a forum for the then 12 candidates seeking a seat on the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors.

The policy of the paper has been not to publish denouncements or endorsements of candidates, because it undoubtedly would lead to a deluge of similar letters or letter-writing campaigns orchestrated by foes and supporters of those seeking a post on the volunteer board.

In this instance, however, we elected to publish a letter castigating candidate Pat Supik for her remarks at the forum, as we decided that anything said in a public arena is fair game for public comment.

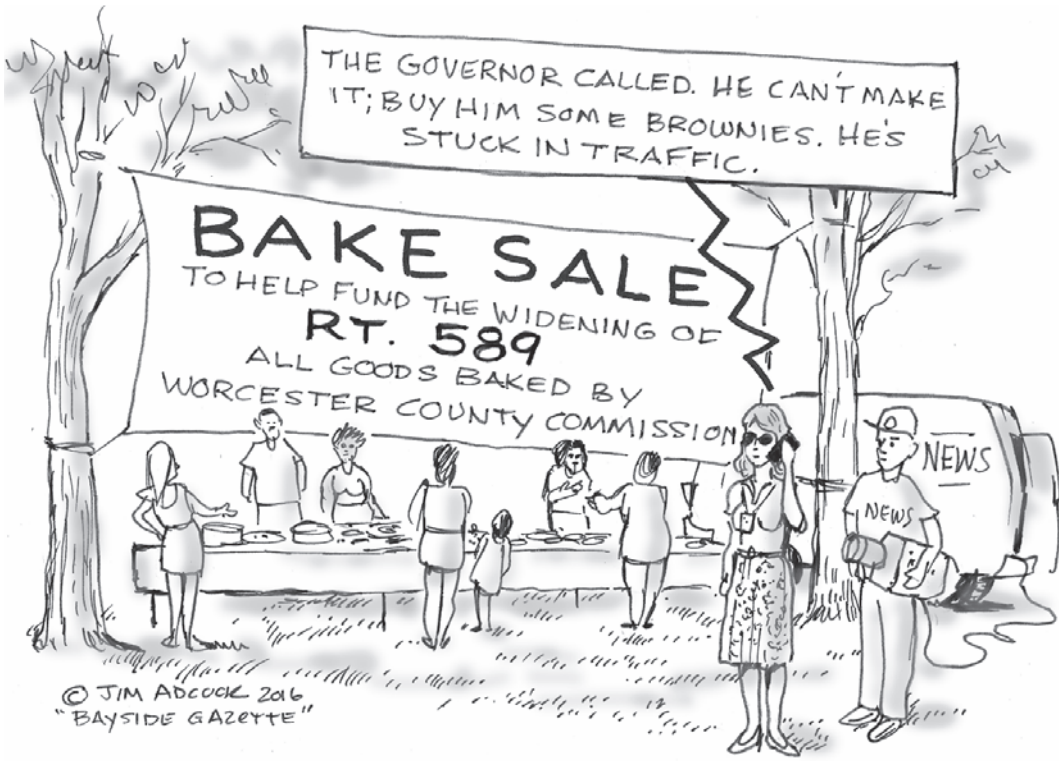
It is not the job of the paper, after all, to protect candidates from their critics. To do so would stifle public debate of matters that Ocean Pines residents, or some of them anyway, believe are of critical importance. What we do strive to do, however, is to be fair.

Consequently, a letter defending Supik and attesting to the veracity of the points she made at the forum appears this week. That, however, is the end of it.

We will accept no further letters to the editor challenging or endorsing any candidate for the board. It isn't that we want to dampen public discussion, but that we believe it might get out of hand and lead to a runaway train of letter writing.

The internet these days has become the bulletin board for pointless back-and-forth discourse that covers no new ground and is of no benefit to the public. We're not doing that.

In the meantime, anyone who wants to offer commentary on Ocean Pines issues beyond going after or supporting this or that candidate is welcome to contribute.



Letters

In defense of Pat Supik

Editor,
THERE HE GOES AGAIN!

In the June 30th edition of the Gazette, Marty Clarke criticizes (“ridicules” might be a better word) board candidate Pat Supik, current Chair of OPA’s Budget & Finance Committee, for a couple of statements she made regarding Ocean Pines’ financial results, during the recent OPA Candidates’ Forum.

Mr. Clarke asserts that Ms. Supik made “untrue” statements and suggested that the source of this “propaganda” was a “script” written by me, General Manager Bob Thompson and current Board Member and Treasurer Tom Terry. Ms. Supik’s statements and figures, unfortunately for Mr. Clarke, are true and supported by the facts, as set forth below.

The first example offered by Mr. Clarke in his “mad as hell” letter relates to Ms. Supik’s response to a question regarding the Yacht Club. She is quoted as saying financially “...it is doing very well.” Mr. Clarke reacts by making the statement: “God help us” and further states that it may be doing well “compared to the maiden voyage of the Titanic.”

Here are the facts regarding the Yacht Club’s financial performance, which I believe Ms. Supik had in mind when responding. For the fiscal year ended April 30, 2016, the Yacht Club had an operating deficit of \$76,219 (unaudited), or \$9 per member. This compares with an average operating deficit over the previous three years of \$189,752. So, FY 2016’s financial performance represented a 60 percent reduction in the average deficit over the three previous years (\$181,874, \$189,961 and \$197,421). This looks positive to me.

In his admonishment of Ms. Supik, Clarke states that the Yacht Club “lost \$311,219 in the last eight months alone.” It’s interesting that he used a period of eight months and not the full fiscal year (many seasonal businesses lose money in the off season, due significantly to fixed costs, which are incurred whether open, or closed). Mr. Clarke’s eight-month figures are correct, but not relevant to the statement made by Ms. Supik. Full year results, not pieces of a year, is the normal way financial performance is measured. Further, apparently in an effort to maximize the negative, Clarke’s eight months include seven months from FY 2016 and

one month from FY 2017? Oh, and the figures he uses are “unaudited” (see later commentary)!

Mr. Clarke’s second example of an “untrue statement” and “propaganda” is from her closing statement, in which she stated, regarding Ocean Pines’ overall financial performance, that “...financially we are on good ground operationally. If you add up the last three years the bottom line is positive.”

Mr. Clarke disputes the veracity of this statement and states that the bottom line “... over the last three years was a negative -\$132,533”, according to the audited statements. Clarke’s three years, however, are not the last three years of the Association’s financial results, which Supik used as the basis for her accurate and more relevant statement.

By using FY 2013, 2014 and 2015, Clarke disregards the Association’s most recently completed fiscal year, which ended April 30, 2016, and had an operating surplus of \$231,820 (unaudited), but he includes FY 2013, which year had a deficit. Therefore, using a different 3-year period and different numbers (apples and oranges), not the most recent three years, Clarke claims that Ms. Supik

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made an untrue statement.

The fact is Ms. Supik stated that “using the last three years, the bottom line is positive” and that is a true statement. The figures are a surplus of \$231,820 (unaudited) in FY 2016; a deficit of \$152,882 in FY 2015 and a surplus of \$14,746 in FY 2014, excluding the positive transfer of \$447,409 from the Operating Deficit Recovery Fund, as that was a transfer and had absolutely nothing to do with operations.

If you add up these three years, you get a net operating surplus of \$93,684, or an average of \$31,228. Clarke can use any period of time he wishes to make whatever point he wishes, but that does not make Ms. Supik’s statement incorrect.

Just for the record, historically in Ocean Pines, the differences between the unaudited financial statements prepared by the OPA’s Finance Department, and the final “audited” numbers, which are not available until shortly before the August Annual Meeting, are not significant.

In my opinion, Ms. Supik, at the Candidates’ Forum, was simply trying to reinforce what the Bayside Gazette and many others in Ocean Pines, who are reasonable and not agenda-driven, also believe and that is that “THE SKY IS NOT FALLING.”

When certain candidates and their

supporters, some of whom have no hesitancy in twisting facts, and making outrageous accusations, are suggesting that Ocean Pines has enormous problems, there is reckless spending and very poor financial performance, it’s very difficult to get the factual and positive information to the membership.

In conclusion, I believe the real reason for Marty Clarke’s being “mad as hell” is that Pat Supik is a real threat to the election of his favored candidates, which currently number four (Collins; Janasek; Parks and Trendic), based on the lawn signs on his property.

I’m proud to be supporting Pat Supik, whom I’ve known and worked with during the three years of her membership on the OPA Budget and Finance Committee. As a CPA, former CFO and board member of multiple organizations, including not-for-profit

its and a condominium association, I believe she would be an excellent addition to the OPA Board. Her ability to work with others and openness to opposing viewpoints would also be a welcome addition to our board.

I’m also tired of what I believe Mr. Clarke’s Letter represents, and is representative of certain board members and segments of the membership. The incivility, personal attacks, distortion of facts, misrepresentations, and, generally, an exaggeration of the negative and a failure to recognize accomplishments, and the many positives of our community, including our management and employees, is not in the best interests of the association, or helping us move forward as a community. I hope that a great many members share my view. The election is near and we will soon know if they do.

*Pete Gomsak
Ocean Pines*

AGH introduces free, hour-long Medical Mondays

(July 7, 2016) Medical Mondays, brought to the community by AGH Healthy Happenings, Atlantic General Hospital’s community connection, is a free one-hour monthly program.

All members of the community are invited to attend to learn about various wellness and healthcare topics including skin care/dermatology, diabetes, finding a primary care provider and when to go to the ER vs. the ImmediCare clinic.

“We’ve added this valuable, informal workshop to give the community an easy option for learning more about taking charge of their health and the wellness of their family,” said Population Health Manager, Donna Nordstrom. “It is a great addition to our extensive community education calendar and has been well received.”

On Monday, July 11, Andi West-McCabe, director of emergency and surgical services at Atlantic General Hospital, will lead a discussion to help attendees test their “Health Literacy Navigation Skills,” answering questions like – Where is the best place to go when I’m sick? and What can I do to keep from getting sick in the first place?

For information, visit www.atlanticgeneral.org/Calendar.

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Berlin Farm Supply puts emphasis on local meat, produce

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(July 7, 2016) Close to 100 people came out for a double-ribbon cutting ceremony in Berlin on June 24, almost making it a block party for two new businesses located just off Main Street.

For one of them, Berlin Farm Supply, the event was something of a coming out party for a business that changed ownership in March. The shop, on 115 Broad Street, offered live music, grilled burgers made from locally grown beef, poured local beer and gave bubble wands to children, as well as information about local farms and farmers.

The atmosphere was so convivial that Mayor Gee Williams, at the time, suggested such happenings become a regular occurrence in the town.

“We were really excited about that. There were probably twice as many people as we thought would be there,” Co-owner Alan Hudson said. “We were really impressed with how many came out.”

Hudson and his cousins from the Taylor family had largely been farmers before taking over the shop, and they brought several things from the farm into the store.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Berlin Farm Supply, under new ownership, now carries local produce and meat from local farms. The Broad Street shop had a ribbon cutting in June.

“We were farmers and we’re still farmers,” he said. “We thought this would be a pretty good benefit to work together with what we’re doing.”

Along with farming supplies, including seed and feed, the store now carries local produce, locally made canned goods, local milk, cheese, eggs and ice cream, and all-natural local beef products – mostly steaks and ground beef.

Doubling down on the local ties,

the cattle are fed spent grains from Burley Oak Brewing Company, effectively recycling materials after they’re used in the brewing process.

“That works out really well for both of us,” Hudson said.

In the future, Hudson hopes to continue those kinds of endeavors, tying Berlin Farm Supply to more local growers and producers, and keeping the operation as closely tied to the community as possible. Hudson, after all, is a fourth-generation

Berliner.

“We’re trying to hit on as much of the local things as we can,” he said. “We want to support everybody local and see everybody working together.”

“We like to keep Berlin viable – keep everything localized. Local is good,” Hudson added. “We’ve got long roots here.”

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FOURTH FUN

Jessica Wormer takes a plunge after a bull's eye shot deposits her in a tub of water during the Fourth of July celebrations at Veterans Memorial Park in Ocean Pines on Monday. (Above, right) Forgetting about keeping his feet on the ground, Aden Tyhacz, 3, aims for the sky during the event.



KATIE TABELING/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

FACE PAINTING

Arianna Larkin, 5, of Hanover, Pennsylvania got a firework painted on her cheek by Lollipop the Clown as part of the Independence Day festivities in Snow Hill. The official celebration began at 5:30 p.m. and finished with a firework show last Saturday.



BRIAN GILLILAND/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

BISHOP'S STOCK

Ann Coates chats with a customer while ringing up a sale during last week's First Friday Arts Stroll in Snow Hill.



BRIAN GILLILAND/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

CHANCEFORD HALL

Bed and Breakfast owners Fran and Doug Wight take a few moments away from Chanceford Hall to enjoy the sights and sounds of Snow Hill during its monthly First Friday celebration.



BRIAN GILLILAND/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

BLUE DOG CAFE

Frank Nanna, left, and Gary Weber prepare for another full house last week during First Friday in Snow Hill. The popular eatery gets even more popular during these events.

WYFCS to play with Ocean Games

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(July 7, 2016) Berlin nonprofit Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services is joining the fourth-annual Ocean Games this year, hoping to broaden the reach of the event and to raise money and awareness for services benefiting children and families in Berlin.

The annual event, scheduled this year for Saturday, July 16, was started to bring attention to traumatic brain injuries. Proceeds help fund the Johns Hopkins Brain and Stroke Rehabilitation Program in Baltimore.

“There was a local man injured in a motorcycle accident that had traumatic brain injury, and they sent him to Johns Hopkins for rehabilitation. Different doctors told him along the way that he would probably never walk again and be normal again,” WYFCS Executive Director Steven Taylor said.

“Over the years, he worked with Hopkins and now he’s fully functioning, walks around, has a normal conversation with folks and is completely normal,” he added.

That man, Corey Davis, started the event to support Johns Hopkins and its work, Taylor said.

“They have had three years of events, always in July on the beach, and also had after-parties at

Seacrets,” Taylor said. “They’ve invited Worcester Youth and Family to be a partner in this effort to bring awareness to mental health care and mental health treatments.”

On the beach, WYFCS will run a “play zone” for families, offering events like a three-legged race, tug-of-war and a hula-hoop challenge.

Meanwhile, the main event will focus on paddleboard races, ultimate Frisbee and one, three and nine-mile swims.

‘We both want to support the community and we both want to bring attention to mental health.’

Steven Taylor

WYFCS will also help organize the after party at Seacrets, which doubles as a secondary fundraiser. Bargain Scotch and Royal Jelly will provide live entertainment, and food and drink specials will be offered from 5-7 p.m.

Tickets to the after party are \$10.

“This is our first year of doing this and helping Ocean Games, and we’re trying to promote it as much as we can and get the word out,” he said.

“It’s appealing to Worcester Youth and Family for many reasons. First of all, it brings attention to mental

health, and secondly, it’s an opportunity to capture some resources that are here in the summer so we’re not always tapping the local folks for support for our agency.

“This agency can’t exist without community support, so we’re always looking for new and innovative ways to tap into resources, and taking advantage of tourism and the resources that come here is a good way for us to do that,” Taylor added. “That’s one of the reasons we’re so excited to partner with Ocean Games.

“We’re very appreciative of the initiation, and we think we have a lot in common in that we both want to support the community and we both want to bring attention to mental health,” Taylor said.

Registration for the nine-mile swim is closed. Registration for the three-mile swim is open until July 13 at noon. Sign-up for the one-mile swim can be completed during the day of the event.

Registration for the East Coast SUP CUP paddleboard races closes on July 15 at 4 p.m., and ultimate Frisbee registration is open on the day of the event.

For more information or to register or inquire about sponsorships, visit www.oceangamesusa.org.

For more information on Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services, visit www.gowoyo.org.

Worcester solar co-op struggles to find purchase

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

(July 7, 2016) Though neither of the Worcester County meetings to organize a solar power cooperative was in danger of breaking attendance records, organizers continued to stress the importance of signing up online to realize its goals.

“When we went into this, we realized things in Worcester tended to start slowly. I’m actually encouraged by the eight we already have,” said Corey Ramsden, Maryland project manager for MD Sun, the nonprofit dedicated to helping communities form solar co-ops.

Meetings in Ocean Pines and Snow Hill during the past few weeks drew about the same number of people Ramsden said, which was about 15. From that perspective, the deal and potential savings on solar installation was enticing enough to convert nearly one-third of the audience to potential business partners.

“Assuming we’re successful, which is a goal of at least 20 participants, we’d then start the next phase of the process,” he said.

Ramsden said he would be spending the next few weeks work-

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Solar movement in county still pushing online signup

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ing with event sponsors and those already in the group to try to cross the finish line.

Should that happen, the group's wants — as outlined by responses to questions posed as part of the online form — would be ranked, collated and developed into a request for proposals document.

This document will be provided to a number of solar system installers, and any suggested by the group, to solicit bids.

By gathering into a cooperative arrangement, Ramsden said, the group can realize greater savings based on its purchasing power and savings on marketing expenses.

Anyone in Worcester County can elect to be part of the process, or drop out if it's discovered solar solutions aren't a good fit.

Once the form is submitted, Ramsden said MD Sun would look at satellite images of the owner's property to see if it's adequate to

generate enough power.

However, he said, those images aren't always entirely accurate, so property owners might need to be their own advocate should the property be determined to be unacceptable.

Ramsden said owners need about 200 square feet of roof space for the smallest viable system at 3 kW, and added ground-based solutions were also available.

The area to be covered in panels must get good, direct sunlight preferably between 9 a.m. and 3p.m., and should face south, east or west. Ramsden said north-facing surfaces don't get enough direct sunlight to be of much use.

The form is at www.mdsun.org/worcester.

In it, MD Sun asks for information such as the address where solar panels are to be located, a recent utility bill plus asks users to rank several factors used in selecting a solar installer.

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Ocean Pines Pump Station F contract awarded after rebid

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(July 7, 2016) After a round of bids this March came in significantly over budget for the Ocean Pines Vacuum Pump Station F rehabilitation project, the Worcester County Commissioners rebid the project last month, and on Tuesday awarded the contract to Hopkins Construction of Bridgeville, Delaware.

The pump station, located at 43 Club House Rd, is in the County Public Works Department's Ocean Pines service area.

John Ross, Worcester Department of Public Works deputy director, told the commissioners that the county accepted bids until June 27, following a pre-bid conference on June 20. The process resulted in two firms coming in at roughly 30 percent less than the cost estimates submitted in March.

"We rejected the bids on pump station F when they were originally submitted at a little over \$600,000," he said. "We now have it down to \$420,000 which brings it more in line with our estimates for the project."

Based on Ross' recommendation, the commissioners chose Hopkins' bid of \$420,200 over a \$433,700 submission from M2 Construction of Landisville, Pennsylvania. Among his rationales, Ross said Hopkins had recently completed work on a gas mitigation system at the Snow Hill Landfill in a satisfactory manner and has been involved in several pump station projects.

"We feel they're qualified to do the work and will make sure the work gets done correctly," he said.

Commissioner Chip Bertino raised one concern over the long-term appearance of the pump station.

"I didn't see it in here. It's possible I missed it, but will there be fencing placed around this?" he asked.

Ross said the fencing will be addressed later, and the commissioners would be able to decide between vinyl and wood materials.

"We pulled it out of this, figuring there was no point in paying a contractor mark-up," he said. "We'll just go out after it's all said and done and get some competitive quotes."

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Cuisine

Grilled chicken skewers simple to prepare

(July 7, 2016) With the whirlwind of moving comes the onslaught of discoveries – some good and some downright frightening. Despite the fact that we’ve only moved seven miles away, it is almost as though we are traversing continents, as we are moving into a house that has been empty for two years. Allow me to explain.



By Paul Suplee,
CEC PCIII

Two years – an admirable stretch in time in which animals can and have roamed free, growing at will. I guess what I’m trying to say is that we have found a secret portal to Australia. I’ve never seen bigger wolf spiders, and in fact the only larger spiders I’ve seen in person were the tarantulas in Southern California. Furry little bastards.

The snakes have moved on as we disturbed their home around the pool’s edge. The two largest snakes, an Eastern Racer and a King Snake, were easily six feet long. Luckily, most of us in the family like snakes (the same cannot be said about spiders), so we were a little sad once we realized that they would be taking up residence somewhere else. Alas, this is the price we pay in the name of progress.

As I noted the last time we met, the family has been eating terribly throughout this ordeal, but this week has marked the turning point. We are starting to cook more in an effort to get back on track. As my wife is back in Baltimore during the week, the kids and I have been brainstorming on dinner on occasion. During one of our bull sessions, the 11 year old had the most striking insight of all when he blurted “Mom said we’re going polio.”

“Out of the mouths of babes,” I pondered. I’m assuming that he merely heard “paleo” wrong, but these fanatics and their diets – it just makes me wonder if there was a strange, new variation of the tape-worm diet. Anyways, after ensuring the lad that we would indeed be avoiding polio and leaning more towards the latter, he seemed further at ease.

Cooking in the new kitchen is an absolute pleasure, as there is actually room to do so. Last night I cooked dinner in the outdoor kitchen, an area that needs a tremendous amount of work but I couldn’t resist firing up the grill on day one ... you



know... just to make sure that it worked.

Back in the main kitchen, carrying in the nice spread of food and having our four kids, momma, two dogs and three cats roaming around, I still had room to work. That was something that I haven’t experienced since my childhood home. I think it’s safe to say that we have a big-boy home now, and it feels great – it’s finally starting to sink in.

Since we had just unpacked the goodies from the old refrigerator, I earlier got to work and threw together some chicken skewers. These are incredibly easy to make and with a few quick turns on the grill, you will have a substantial meal that is good for lunch or dinner.

Of course, when I say “quick” I would rather you cook your chicken all of the way through. Very few people will tell you to cook your chicken under the mandatory 165F internal temperature, and if you find a chef who serves it even medium well, just leave. Walk away. Walk very far away.

I own a Japanese cookbook from the 70s in which they discuss chicken, a popular staple in this complex yet aesthetically pleasing cuisine. There is a recipe to boot, but to repeat, there is no situation in which anyone

should be undercooking chicken these days.

And now I pass the torch on to you. Fire up that grill, marinate that chicken and let ‘er rip! I know at least my family will be salmonella-free, but now I have to work on that whole polio thing. Just what I need – another project.

Chicken Skewers

makes 6 skewers
2 Chicken Thighs, cut in 2-inch cubes
2 cups Marinade (recipe follows)
2 Bell peppers, cut into 2-inch squares
1 large red onion, cut into chunks
1 large yellow squash, chunked
Mushrooms, as needed
Grape tomatoes, as needed

Marinate the chicken for at least two hours

Soak your skewers overnight or at least for a few hours to saturate them. This way, they won’t burn too quickly as they sit on the grill

Skewer the ingredients, alternating them and leaving space as needed to allow everything to cook evenly. You want everything to be done in a uniform manner, so that you don’t have raw onions and overcooked chicken or, god forbid, raw chicken

with overdone onions

Once everything is skewered, brush with more marinade and grill until you have nice grill marks. If you find that the product is charred or dark but you need to cook it more, simply place it in an oven to finish. 350-425F will suffice, depending on the oven

Serve the skewers with rice, fresh vegetables and/or roasted potatoes. But I would recommend that you hold the polio

Chicken Marinade

makes about 2 cups
1 cup Roasted garlic oil
2 Tbsp. Soy sauce
2 Tbsp. Cracked black pepper
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
3 scallions, thinly sliced
Hot sauce, to taste
2 Tbsp. Balsamic vinegar
Combine all ingredients, adjusting to taste and for consistency
Refrigerate until needed

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

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ACROSS

1 Carol opening

7 Unable to make a mess?

11 "Yeah, same here"

19 Crankcase base

20 Rib-eye alternative

21 "S.N.L." cast member, 1985-90

22 Emmerich who directed "Independence Day"

23 Portrayer of Buffett in "Too Big to Fail"

24 Doesn't cool down

25 What's involved in a tongue twister?

28 Alternative to "la"

29 School leader?

30 Good looks or a nice personality

31 Who said, "If you even dream of beating me, you'd better wake up and apologize"

32 Very, very top of the earth's crust?

35 Outback baby

37 ___ Na Na

39 Subject of many an internet meme

40 Did some housecleaning

41 Internet annoyances

44 Handler of many trays, for short

45 Unit of bricks, so to speak

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47 Beryl and bornite

48 Mary Kay rival

49 First home of the three rich little pigs?

55 Sporty Spice of the Spice Girls

56 We all do it

57 Recently retired Laker great, to fans

58 Green Day drummer

63 Gussying up

66 Wally's bro, on '50s-'60s TV

68 Raw footage?

69 Counting rhyme start

70 Bank-window letters

72 Donald Duck's nephews, e.g.

74 ___ Barkley, Truman's vice president

75 Sing about?

76 Dixie term of address

78 Curt ___, 2001 World Series M.V.P.

80 Suffragist Elizabeth Cady ___

83 Polish site

85 Entrance requirements, informally

86 The first step

87 Two things the candy lover took to the beach?

90 Going ___

91 Still quite red

95 Abbr. on a copier tray

96 Every leader of North Korea so far

97 Like supermarkets, theaters and planes

99 Sci-fi-inspired toys of the 1980s

101 Suffix with Darwin

103 Point

104 Peer onstage

105 What an overbearing sergeant causes?

108 Green org.

110 Actress Hayek

114 ..., to Samuel Morse

115 Spirits: Abbr.

116 What improved tire tread produces?

119 Something you might have a handle on

122 New Mexico natives

123 Ruin, as a parade

124 IMAX predecessor

125 Cousin of an impala

126 Seinfeld's "puffy shirt," e.g.

127 Painkillers

128 Spine part

129 Detects

DOWN

1 It helps get the blood flowing

2 Some gowns

3 "American Psycho" author

4 The cantina in "Star Wars," e.g.?

5 Bit of summer wear

6 Onetime Expos/Mets outfielder Chvez

7 X-coordinate

8 Custom

9 New York native

10 "Vive ___!"

11 Response: Abbr.

12 Too tired for the task, say

13 Product that works, and is stored, under the sink

14 Mystery writer Dorothy

15 "___ bodkins!"

16 More run-down

17 Like some soap

18 Shifts to the right

20 Follow

26 Appointment-book page

27 Fed. reactor monitor

33 Ink

34 Wee hour

36 Will work

38 Peddle

41 Coddles

42 Have thirds, say

43 Cornmeal dish

44 Hot

46 Winter Olympics powerhouse: Abbr.

50 "Glad the week's almost over!"

51 Pitchfork-wielding group

52 Help illegally

53 Narrows the gap with

54 Only country with a nonrectangular flag

59 Where they sell accessories at a pet shop?

60 Like a satellite's path

61 Unvarying in tone

62 Kind of truck

64 Red Cross setup

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- 65 Humongous

67 Mark

71 Group sharing a tartan

73 Only state with a nonrectangular flag

77 Rap epithet

79 "Nope, huh-uh"

81 Night ___

82 Bottom-line figure
- 84 Villain in "The Avengers"

88 Historic blocks

89 Internet surfing, often

91 Daphne du Maurier novel made into a Best Picture

92 Flooded with

93 "South Pacific" star ___ Brazzi

94 Squeak (by)
- 98 Proportionate

100 Like a clear night sky

102 Quill tip

103 Yearly tree growths

104 Long-nosed fish

106 Online finance firm

107 Moved like sap

109 Concern for vets

111 "Peanuts" thumb-sucker
- 112 North Woods denizen

113 Queen ___ lace

117 Some, to Spaniards

118 Some Wall St. traders

120 "Ideas worth spreading" grp.

121 "Live ___" (Taco Bell slogan)

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MAKERS' MARKET

From May through September, we'll have a **MAKERS' MARKET** on Jefferson Street from Main Street to the Berlin Coffee House. Artists can set up tables and display their goods - take a real art stroll down Jefferson Street to see the **MAKERS' MARKET**!

A Baked Dessert Cafe featuring artist Isabel Morris and a wine tasting and other goodies

B Beez Kneez featuring Attics of My Life (upcycled/repurposed furniture) with a paint demonstration by Ashley Abell

C Berlin Printery featuring artist Brian Robertson and silversmith Caroline Forester of CFD Fine Jewlery

D Blacksmith 2nd Friday Deck Party

E Bungalow Love hosting artist Ray Valion in a courtyard reception

F Burley Oak featuring local artist Dean Lo with live music by The Pete Bosick Trio at 9 p.m.

G Bustle hosting Michelle Lewis with a LulaRoe showing

H Church Mouse outreach for summer camp for Berlin Youth Club

I Nest featuring oil painter Susan Webster

J Salt Water Media features Smithsonian Scientist Emeritus Dr. Benjamin Beck, author of "Ape" & local fiction author Joan Cooper.

K Sisters live entertainment

L Stevenson UMC crabcake dinner plus two sides

M Victorian Charm Patrick Henry & Karen Pregelmann book signing with live music by The Country Grass and Friends

N Visitor's Center the unveiling of the 2nd installment of the public art mural at 5:30 pm (painted by the students and staff at Worcester County Youth & Family Services)

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., JUL. 7

LIVING WELL: CANCER THRIVING & SURVIVING

Atlantic Health Center, 9714 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. An evidence-based, once a week workshop for those in treatment for cancer, individuals in recovery and caregivers to attend together. Register: Gail Mansell, gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org, 410-641-9725

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

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

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>

SUNSET PARK PARTY NIGHT

Sunset Park, S. Division Street and the bay, Ocean City, MD, 7 to 9 p.m. Free concert by “Eclipse” (Journey tribute band), while watching the sunset over the Isle of Wight Bay. Admission to the park is free, while beverages, including beer, are available for purchase. It is recommended that attendees bring their own seating. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, <http://www.ococean.com>

FRI., JUL. 8

SAFE SITTER COURSE

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

CRAB CAKE DINNER

Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 4 to 7 p.m. Dinners include a single crab cake sandwich with green beans and seasoned baked potato. Cost is \$10. Carryouts and bake table available. 410-641-1137

OC TUNA TOURNAMENT

Ocean City Fishing Center, 12940 Inlet Isle Ln, West Ocean City, MD, 4 to 7:30 p.m. See more than 100 boats weigh-in large tuna in hopes of winning more than \$500,000 in cash. Free to spectators. A \$900 entry fee for participants. Jennifer Blunt, ocfc@ocfishing.com

PATRICK HENRY BOOK SIGNING

Victorian Charm, 100 N Main St, Berlin, MD, 5 to 8 p.m. Victorian Charm joins Patrick Henry in his celebration of 50 years as an artist with a book signing of his reflective work, “Still Images of the Eastern Shore.” The book is a collaboration effort, joining the art collector, artist and poet in a journey through life on the Eastern Shore: Life as it was, as it is and as it will be. Join Henry and Karen Prengaman, contributing poet, for the book signing and enjoy live music from The Country Grass and Friends. Copies of the book available for \$25. Steve Frene, Steve@VictorianCharm.biz, 410-641-2999

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 p.m. Free movie on the beach for the entire family, featuring “The Lego Movie.” Take a beach chair or blanket. Weather permitting. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326

SAT., JUL. 9

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

KIWANIS ANNUAL SUMMER PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 8 to 11 a.m. Pancakes, sausages, fruit cup, coffee or tea. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 5-11 years and free to those 4 and younger. Proceeds benefit local youth. Carryout available. Tickets can be purchase at the door or in advance from Kiwanis members or by calling 410-208-6719

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

OCEAN PINES ANGLERS CLUB MEETING

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road,

Ocean Pines, MD, 9:30 a.m. Local fishing legend, Big Bird Cropper will be the speaker. His favorite catch is the blue fish but is renowned for his flounder and rockfish expertise using the Roy Rig that he has created. All welcome. Jack Barnes, 410-641-7662

VOLUNTEER PLANTING EVENT

Maryland Coastal Bays Program office, 8219 Stephen Decatur Hwy, Berlin, MD, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Plant native shrubs and flowers at the Ilia Fehrer Nature Preserve to help increase habitat value for local wildlife and to enhance the site. The property is not yet open to the public and may only be accessed by MCBP’s volunteers. Planting is in a forested area, proper attire from shoes/boots that can get dirty and wet to long sleeve shirts and pants should be considered. Bug spray, water and a bagged lunch also recommended. Register in advance. Amanda, amandap@mdcoastalbays.org, 410-213-2297, Ext. 103

CHICKEN BBQ

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 405 Flower Street, Berlin, MD, 11 a.m. A half BBQ chicken and roll for \$8. Proceeds benefit the church’s Men’s Ministry. Patrick Henry, 443-880-4746

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CAPTAIN CRAIG SWIM

On the Beach at 14th Street, Ocean City MD, 6 p.m. Registration begins at 5 p.m. Competitors swim a measured mile with the prevailing current to a finish line located at 14th Street. The Ginny Craig quarter mile swim will take competitors on a 400m distance and also finish in the area of 14th Street. Open to the public. Awards presented. Commemorative T-shirt included with registration. Registration fee is \$25 on the day of the event or \$20 if registered before July 6 at www.ococean.com/ocbp. The Captain Craig swim can also qualify participants for the fourth annual “Swim Ocean City” event. Kristin Joson, kjoson@oceancitymd.gov

OCEAN CITY DANCE

Ocean City Recreation and Parks Community Center, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD, 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Open to singles as well as couples. Swing, ballroom, Latin, salsa, disco and country dancing to the music of DJ Mike T. Open to singles as well as couples. Instructor John Brilliants will teach the West Coast Swing dance from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Open dancing from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Admission costs \$14 and includes lesson. Mike Tasevoli, 443-474-0015, <http://www.DancingAtTheBeach.com>

SUN., JUL. 10

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

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 CRUZERS CAR SHOW & MUSIC

Somerset Street Plaza, Somerset Street, Ocean City, MD, 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. OC Cruzers will display approximately 15 vehicles. The owners will be on hand to supervise and educate spectators about their older cars. Live music by Rob Fahey (rock) begins at 3 p.m. 410-289-7739, <http://www.ocdc.org>

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

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GOSPEL CONCERT

St. Matthews By-The-Sea UMC, 1000 Coastal Highway, Fenwick Island, DE, 7 p.m. Featuring “Jerry Jones.” Free and open to the public. A love offering will be taken for the artists. Info: Rita Williams, 302-436-1562 or St. Matthews Church office, 302-537-1402

SUNDAES IN THE PARK AND FIREWORKS

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD, 7 to 9 p.m. For a small fee, enjoy your own ice cream sundae creation. Free live entertainment by The Key West Band (tropical rock) and entertainment for the kids. The evening concludes with a fireworks display at 9 p.m. Picnic baskets, chairs and blankets welcome. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326

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

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10:30 p.m. Free event. 800-626-2326, <http://ocbeachlights.com>

FREE CONCERT ON THE LAWN
Calvin B. Taylor House Museum, 208 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 6 p.m. Featuring Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition. Take a chair and a picnic. 410-641-1019, <http://www.taylorhousemuseum.org>

MON., JUL. 11

CPAP MASK FITTING
Atlantic General Hospital Sleep Disorders Diagnostic Center, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, All Day Free, monthly mask fitting clinic for patients who are having trouble adjusting to their CPAP equipment. By appointment only: Robin Rohlfing, 410-641-9726

HYPERTENSION CLINIC
Apple Discount Drugs, 314 Franklin Ave., Berlin, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place the first Monday of every month. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268

HYPERTENSION CLINIC
Walgreens, 11310 Manklin Creek Rd., Ocean Pines, MD, 1 to 3 p.m. Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place the first Monday of every month. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268

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

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CLUB
Bethany United Methodist Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, West Ocean City, MD, 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 410-629-9986, 410-629-9986

MEDICAL MONDAYS
Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main Street, Berlin, MD, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Test your Health Literacy Navigation Sills with Andi West McCabe. Learn how to make the right healthcare decision for you and your family. Registration is requested but not required. Door prize is a First Aid Kit. This group meets on the second Monday of each month. Free and open to the public. Dawn, 410-641-9268, <http://atlanticgeneral.org/MedicalMonday>

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 "Soul Surfer." Take a beach chair or blanket. Weather permitting. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326

BEACH FIREWORKS
On the Beach at N. Division Street, Ocean City, MD, 10 p.m. Free fireworks display every Monday and Tuesday from July 11 to Aug. 30. Fireworks will be visible along the boardwalk. 800-626-2326, <http://www.ocbeachlights.com>

TUES., JUL. 12

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

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 2:30 to 4 p.m. For individuals suffering from Parkinson's. Ron and Mary Leidner, 410-208-3132, <http://www.DelmarvaParkinsonsAlliance.org>

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

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

LAST SAFE BOATING CLASS OF 2016
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 6 to 9 p.m. This class and certification are required for boat operators born after July 1, 1972 but everyone can benefit from it. Cost is \$15. Class held July 12-14. Barry Cohen, bmc_rsc@yahoo.com, 410-973-1097

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

NAMI FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP
Atlantic General Hospital, Conference

Room 2, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Offers shared wisdom and problem solving for family members of persons with mental illness. The group is free. Info: Carole Spurrier, 410-208-4003, carolespurrier@msn.com or Gail S. Mansell, gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org, 410-641-9725

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

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WED., JUL. 13

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>

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>

FREE INFORMATIONAL HEALTH SEMINAR
Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Dr. Sara Moghaddam, a dermatologist at Atlantic General Hospital, will discuss the truth about sunscreens, what they are and how to use them. She will also discuss skin cancer surveillance and how to identify melanoma and other skin cancers. Advance registration is required. Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, 410-641-7052

STEP BY STEP GUIDE TO YOUNGER LOOKING SKIN
Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. A free, educational presentation by Dr. Sara Moghaddam, Dermatologist all about skin care, aging prevention and treatment options. Open to the public. Register: 410-641-7052

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

CONCERT ON THE BEACH
Caroline Street Stage, On the Beach at Caroline Street, Ocean City, MD, 8 to 9:30 p.m. Free, live entertainment by Ragdoll (tribute to Franki Valli & The Four Seasons). Take a blanket or chair. 800-626-2326 or 410-250-0125

MOVIE ON THE BEACH
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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.

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