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OPA Board candidates state their positions on key matters

By Nathan Brunet
Staff Writer

Bayside Gazette sits down with OPA Board candidates for a question and answer session.



Mark Venit

MARK VENIT
■ What do you believe is the most important single issue facing Ocean Pines?

The paramount issue is whether the OPA should continue its current level of annual spending on operations, and spending another \$8 to \$10 million or more on proposed new projects in the next few years – all while the nation's economy continues to flounder in search for real solutions to restore growth.

While some of us are financially secure, a growing segment of our population is experiencing diminishing purchasing power, declining returns on investments, increases in real estate taxes, and escalating costs for basic necessities. Those property owners living on fixed incomes are feeling it worse than most, as seen in uncollected OPA assessments that are now approaching an estimated \$900,000, which amounts to just over \$100 per property.

I view the increasing cost of the OPA's operations as an area where the overspending of recent years and the substantial losses in underperforming amenities can and should be curtailed. Budgeted payroll is up some \$750,000 in two years. I strongly believe we can freeze annual dues without impacting our lifestyles or jeopardizing the overall quality, safety, and delivery of OPA services to property owners. I further believe we can start to lower assessments in our next budget.

The proposed capital expenditures need to be revisited and, except for absolute essentials, delayed where feasible or trimmed to more manageable proportions. We may want lots of things, but what things we need and can afford merit closer scrutiny.

■ How has your background qualified you to run for multiple terms on the board?

My one term as an OPA director



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Berlin Major League All-Star, Zach Pilarski, makes contact with the ball during last Saturday's game against Pocomoke at the Northern Worcester Athletic Complex, off Route 113. Pilarski had two doubles in Berlin's 17-4 victory.

ended in 2006. Having remained on the sidelines since then, I feel a responsibility today to return to the board, where my background and experience offer different skills and insights to help lead the OPA on a new and fiscally responsible commonsense path for addressing and resolving the membership's needs.

As an owner and senior executive at

several firms during my career – and as a full-time management and marketing consultant and turnaround specialist to over 600 companies during the past 30 years – I deal on a daily basis with both executives and line employees on revitalizing and re-energizing the profitability, productivity, and marketing agendas of their enterprises.

As an OPA director, chairman and liaison to numerous OPA committees, and serving on the Governor's Economic Development Committee as well as in leadership in several non-profit community and national organizations, I have a broad understanding of how to identify core needs and solutions to a

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And they're off! Bathtub races set to launch Friday in Berlin

By Nathan Brunet
Staff Writer

BERLIN — Tomorrow night, North Main Street will serve as a racetrack for an assortment of zany hand-made racers to be driven by representatives of local businesses during the traditional The Berlin Bathtub Races.

The 21st annual Berlin Bathtub Races, which is free for spectators, will begin at 6 p.m. with a parade featuring each unique bathtub racer. At least 13 businesses in the area will compete in a 250-foot-long drag race between Pitts and Jefferson streets.

Races will begin at 6:15 p.m. and continue until the event's conclusion at 8 p.m.

Additionally, at least 10 businesses around the downtown area will provide entertainment for bystanders.

The Art Studios at the Berlin Chamber of Commerce at 14 S. Main St., will showcase art from featured artists Jim Adcock, James Coltellino and Don Grafer, along with watercolor artist Mary Doellgas.

Baked Dessert and Café at 4 Bay St., will serve samples of craft beers with food. Also, artist Patrick Henry will show off his collection of works from Henry Fine Arts, which is located in the same building.

Berlin Coffee House at 17 Jefferson St., will feature music from Knuckle Heads and art of artist Kim Zimmerman.

The Worcester County Arts Council at 6 Jefferson St., will present watercolors painted by Dee Brua while also holding a reception during the event.

Bungalow Love at 12 Williams St., will display silhouette paper cuttings from Leah Mowry.

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Old Ocean City Blvd., will be visited by photographer Nick Denny to display is works.

Victorian Charm, 100 N. Main St., will celebrate the birthday of its mascot, Josh, and serve complementary food and drink for people and their dogs.

Waters Edge Gallery at 2 S. Main St. will unveil a new set of monotype prints along with holding a reception.

Waystead Inn, 15 Harrison Ave., will hold a reception with artist Crystal Collins and acoustic musicians Jamie McDonald and Alan McDuffie.

The Church Mouse at 101 N. Main St., will stay open for business and donate all proceeds from Friday's sales to the Berlin Youth Club and Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services.

For more information, call the Berlin Chamber of Commerce at 410-641-4775 or visit www.berlinchamber.org.



Bryan Brushmiller and Brian Carl of Burley Oak Brewery, left, go head to head with Dale Barber and Tom Simon of Super Fun Eco Tours.

Police continue to investigate July 4 accident

By Nathan Brunet
Staff Writer

OCEAN PINES — Ocean Pines Police are still unsure what caused a Brooklyn Park, Md. man to steer his scooter from Ocean Parkway and into a tree on July 4.

Around 9:18 p.m., a motor scooter operated by David Allan Biggs, 50, left the roadway at the intersection of Ocean Parkway and Breezeway Lane, and collided with a tree in the center median. Biggs, who was not wearing a helmet, was pronounced dead at the scene.

No other vehicles, nor persons, were involved in the incident.

Traffic was blocked in both directions as rescue personnel cleared debris, causing irregular backups as citizens leaving Showell Park following an Independence Day fireworks display returned to homes in Ocean Pines.

The Worcester County Sheriff's Department is currently assisting the Ocean Pines Police Department in the investigation.

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variety of real-world challenges. From a lifetime of varied management experiences, I feel I'd bring something to the table here in my own back yard and at a time when the long-term issues for the OPA need a new level of critical thinking.

The current OPA board's majority doesn't, as I view it, work to solve problems. It simply subsidizes them. Those property owners who agree we need a major course correction in the board's philosophy will find me a dedicated steward of OPA resources and a strong advocate for budget restraint.

■ What makes you so focused on financial issues?

I see the OPA's leaders spending money on a variety of budget items – and sometimes unbudgeted items – without focusing on whether their choices are always the most prudent. One glaring example of poor choices is spending an unbudgeted \$100,000 to outfit the Java Bay Café without first testing whether the operation would be successful, resulting in a loss of over \$190,000.

Yes, our Yacht Club certainly needs attention. But is \$4 million to build a bigger building the best or only sensible solution, when there's general consensus YC operations should be curtailed or closed in the off-season?

Will a new \$4 million edifice attract a sufficient number of new patrons who'll spend significantly more money than now? Will a bigger building – and its upkeep – be equal to erasing escalating annual deficits? Should the board have committed over \$170,000 for plans before a referendum is even approved? Might the board have offered a revised strategic business model and a cogent marketing plan before asking property owners to approve \$4 million? I'd venture that a solid re-do or a smaller replacement building is more suited to our community's needs.

How many more spending schemes can we endure, much less afford?

■ How do you plan on decreasing spending?

Limiting the Yacht Club's months of operations would immediately eliminate that operation's deficit. But while there are several areas when spending can be moderated, the question is better framed as, "How can we improve revenue generation and limit spending to produce more favorable overall outcomes? Here are a few ideas, among many others, I'll advance for improving our bottom line on existing resources:

Hire a commissioned salesperson to create and market golf and tennis tournaments and other events ripe for sponsorship from area businesses and organizations. Improve the marketing

for hosting events at the Beach Club and invest in heating and air conditioning the building, if feasible, for gaining banquet business and enabling longer hours of operation. Upgrade our liquor license at the Beach Club to attract more patrons. Establish direct relationships with leading area hotels for funneling golfers to our course.

The solutions to a financially healthier association obviously entail both restraints on unnecessary spending and improving sales in key amenities. Realistic and attainable results can indeed be affected through a renewed focus on "selling" Ocean Pines to more patrons, local businesses and organizations, and promoting popular events in the shoulder seasons.

Isn't this what we should have been doing better all along?

■ What would you say is your specialty that you bring to the board?

Beyond what I've written in the second question, I bring a great love for Ocean Pines as my home and community for over 20 years. I value our special amenities from the beach to the bay and from the wonderful places we offer for recreation to our well maintained roads and landscaping.

While I'm well aware that some of our infrastructure and facilities need serious attention, I'm equally mindful that we can afford only what we can afford

and justify. If there's a specialty I bring to the board, it's the ability to make commonsense judgments about where we can and should be focusing our resources without being unfair to those who don't utilize our amenities and don't live here all year.

That means holding the line against profligate spending, unnecessary increases in annual assessments, the unwarranted growth in our annual budget, and catering to and appeasing special interest groups.

■ What is the message you are sending to homeowners to get them to vote for you?

My appeal to our property owners is that we need to run the association more effectively. Trying new ideas is great, but ensuring their success through more intelligent planning before we launch them, including input from our own members, who would be happy to offer their talents and expertise to us, is a more promising approach to success on the bottom line.

My message is that property owners who'd like to see a more businesslike emphasis on running and promoting Ocean Pines will find I'd be a willing, energetic, dedicated director. For those property owners frustrated with the current board majority's policy of expanded secrecy and obfuscation they see in the conduct of OPA affairs, they'll find me

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Bill Cordwell

BILL CORDWELL
■ What do you believe is the most important single issue facing Ocean Pines?

We, as a community, have let some of our facilities get to the point of no return. Some directors have tried [to fix facilities] but they have been stalled by a "vocal minority." The independent engineering firm that inspected the Yacht Club came to the conclusion and stated in their 20-page report that parts of the Yacht Club are dangerous. We have been put on notice about the safety concerns and we will have to respond to the concerns or put ourselves at risk should something happen. I'm afraid that we will lose the Yacht Club completely. It's time to stop talking about it and do something. You can only paint over rot so many times.

■ How has your background with the Baltimore County Police Department qualified you to run on the board?

My experience in police work taught me a valuable lesson and that is to listen to everything folks have to say. In investigating murders, rapes and robberies, I kept my mouth shut and ears open. One little thing said by a victim or witness that may have seemed innocuous at the time has come back to help me solve cases. That is why, when I was thinking about running for the board, I went to and stayed every minute of every meeting, both board and facilities planning meetings, to hear every resident comment.

■ Why do you believe the OPA must renovate its facilities?

One facility in question, the Yacht Club, shouldn't be renovated; it should be replaced. The bids for replacing the Yacht Club weren't substantially higher than simply renovating it – especially if we tried to renovate it and the contractor found other problems as they started to tear it apart. We could conceivably pay more to renovate a 40-year-old building than to build a brand new building. That just doesn't make sense to me. Our facilities and amenities are our community. They keep our property values up and add to our overall community experience.

■ How will you keep assessments low?

Continuing the final year of the Five-Year Funding Plan next year is crucial. This should give us enough funds to aggressively attack the problem with our aging facilities. After the Five-Year Plan is exhausted next year, I don't see the need to raise assessments further. This Five-Year Plan was necessary because we backed ourselves into a corner with previous boards getting voted in by promising to lower assessments.

What they didn't say was that they would then have to raid our reserves to pay for other things. Paying assessments one year to go into reserves, to pay for needed improvements, and then raiding those same reserves the next year, doesn't work and has gotten us where we are today with much work that needs to be done. It scores political points but leaves the residents holding the bag.

■ What would you say is your specialty that you bring to the board?

I believe my strongest assets are common sense and the ability to solve problems. I am able to work with people that I may not care for personally, as long as it is evident that we both have the same goal in mind, which in this case would be the community of Ocean Pines.

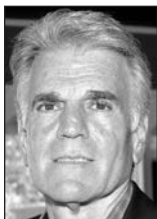
I can read people fairly quickly and don't have time for those who want to be somebody they are not and would rather pander to a certain group and be the star, instead of working hard towards a goal. I am also a huge proponent of research. Seeking facts from professionals

and make informed decisions is what we should ask of our board.

■ What is the message you are sending to homeowners to get them to vote for you?

I am offering a new face and point of view. We shouldn't keep recycling old faces and old ideas. It's obvious that they didn't work in the past, or we wouldn't still be talking about our falling-down facilities. These facilities should have been taken care of years ago. Unfortunately, we have some who have to carry the conversation and have for years, telling the rest of us what we can't do. And quite frankly, this isn't about me, it's about the community.

I may be too blunt for some folks and that's fine. Those who can't vote for me because of my being too blunt, please consider voting for others who are willing to move forward and getting things done.



Bill Wentworth

BILL WENTWORTH

■ What do you believe is the most important single issue facing Ocean Pines?

The major issue facing Ocean Pines is coming to the realization that our facilities have been neglected for several years and

have reached a point where they are in need of major repairs. This issue must be supported in a fiscally responsible manner.

■ How has your background as an educator and principal qualified you to run for multiple terms on the board?

My experiences as a professional educator have helped me to develop the ability to analyze issues and come to meaningful conclusions in a timely manner. It has also given me the opportunity to work with people; to put their philosophical differences aside, and to come to a consensus on important issues.

■ Do you feel you accomplished much during your one year on the board?

During my year of service as a member of the Board of Directors, I have monitored the board goal-setting process with special emphasis on expanding the use of technology. This has allowed the community to operate more efficiently, as well as, to make it easier for OPA members to be better informed.

Also, I moved for the General Manager to proceed with plans for the Yacht Club and Country Club, which required him to seek input from the OPA membership. This resulted in three Town

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Hall meetings, which pushed management to proceed with the Yacht Club.

To deal with the beach parking tax liability, I made my fellow board members aware that there is already a model in place for resident and non-resident membership to our amenities. When this was brought to the attention of our lawyer and independent auditors, it was concluded that if we included beach parking with this model it would relieve OPA from future beach parking tax liability.

■ **What makes you want to have a second term on the board?**


My one year on the board has been a great learning experience. I would like the opportunity to use this knowledge to take a larger leadership role in developing policies that serve the best interest of the community.

■ **What would you say is your specialty that you bring to the board?**

The most important thing I bring to the board is professionalism. I listen to everyone's opinion on issues with respect and try to assist my fellow board members to come to respectful conclusions when there is disagreement.

■ **What is the message you are sending to homeowners to get them to vote for you?**

The major task facing us today is maintaining the 34 million dollars of community-owned assets and property. These assets and properties must be supported in a fiscally responsible manner that recognizes the economic diversity of our community.



SHARYN O'HARE

■ **What do you believe is the most important single issue facing Ocean Pines?**

The most important issue facing Ocean Pines is balancing the need to replace aging infrastructure without unreasonable annual assessment increases. Is the budget realistic?

Can we hold the line on the assessments? This is not an easy task.

In my last six weeks of campaigning, I have spoken with many of you. You are asking for better communication from management to the residents. You don't want the [homeowners] fees to be increased, but at the same time you want the facilities to be fixed up and more services to be offered to residents. Based on my personal experience, I don't think that we really understand how and where our fees are being spent.

Just one example: many residents don't realize that the money from the State of Maryland, funneled through Worcester County to Ocean Pines to resurface our roads, has dropped from approximately \$500,000 in 2008 to just more than \$10,000 in 2011.

The need to maintain our streets and roads has not been similarly reduced or eliminated. How do we make up that loss? Our fire department is in need of members. Will we have to go a combination volunteer and paid fire company? What services do we keep and what services do we eliminate? We need common sense on the board. We are facing some tough choices but so is every community in the country.

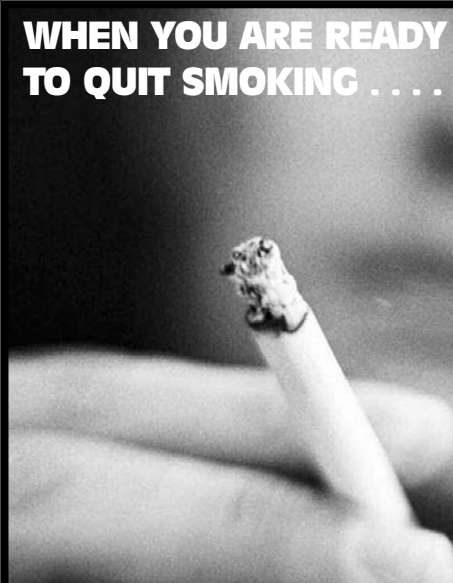
■ **How much of an impact does your 38-plus years of residency have on your ability to work on the board?**

I know the Pines. I moved here in 1975 as a young wife and mother, and have raised my family here. I have had over 33 years of experience selling property in the Pines. I know why people choose to move here, and why they leave. I also know that this is one of the best kept secrets on the East Coast. I challenge you to find a community that offers what we have, for only \$873 a year ... and that includes five pools, a Robert Trent Jones-designed golf course, tennis courts, numerous parks, a full-time recreation department, our own emergency services, and an ocean-front location too!

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Plan, there should be ample funds to address our major structures: the Beach and Country Club, and the Yacht Club.

■ How will you keep assessments from getting out of control?

It is the General Manager's responsibility to propose budgets and control costs. It is the [OPA] board's responsibility to provide direction and to monitor compliance to approved plans and budgets. Controlling assessments involves eliminating operating losses, increasing revenues from outside sources and reducing costs wherever possible. Sometimes the only reasonable alternative is to say 'no,' and mean it.

I would like to see our major amenities, including the Yacht Club and Golf Club, come closer to a "break even" point and maybe join the Beach Club and marina operation as a profit center, and I think that is doable with the right management.

However, even with the losses that our amenities experienced in the 2011-12 fiscal year, the actual cost per household was \$5 a year, or less than 50 cents a month. The actual operating costs for the amenities are less than one percent of your annual assessment. This needs to be put in perspective.

Operating costs for the day-to-day running of Ocean Pines are 59 percent of your annual assessment and the reserves are 40 percent. Once again, the amenities only cost each household less than one percent last year. And what is the benefit? It is estimated to be a 15 percent increase in value for your home because you chose to buy in [Ocean] Pines. That is a pretty good trade off, no matter how you look at it.

■ What would you say is your specialty that you bring to the board?

I am a business woman who has lived here since 1975, who has the ability to listen, search out answers to questions, and make decisions. I know the history of this community perhaps more than anyone on the board.

■ What is the message you are sending to homeowners to get them to vote for you?

My track record of leadership and experience in the community stands for itself. I was co-chairman of the project to create the Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines and have been general chairman of the 35th Anniversary. I know how to organize and get things done. Both efforts required involving numerous residents and businesses to work together as a team.

This is not a one-person job. We are all part of Ocean Pines. If elected, my job is to represent you and to preserve the OPA Mission, which is to, "provide the governance, administration, facilities, services and amenities that are necessary to making Ocean Pines an attractive, affordable, safe and enjoyable place to live and work."

I would like to make it clear that I don't need another job or to enhance my resume. I am offering to volunteer my time and energy to make a positive difference. I am running for the board because of my desire to preserve and improve the community for all of us.



Marty Clarke

MARTY CLARKE

■ What do you believe is the most important single issue facing Ocean Pines?

To lowering our assessments by first returning to a sensible and conservative zero-based budget incorporating reasonable and common sense reserves. Our yearly assessments have increased by 60 percent in seven years. We currently have more than \$7.5 million in our reserve accounts, which is ludicrous.

In spite of these bloated reserves, the Board of Directors has yet to accomplish even one budgeted capital improvement since 2010. The board has voted, outside of any approved budget, to spend \$1.3 million to purchase another golf course and \$900,000 to fix our existing greens. It sounds like this money from our hard-earned assessments are being used more as a slush fund then a reserve account.

Second, stop the fifth-year contribution to the so-called and never-approved Five-Year Funding Plan. With this move

alone, we could cut our assessments by \$150 each.

Third, lower the absurd \$900,000 balance of our delinquent assessments by a one-third through an aggressive collection program. This could help lower our assessments another \$35 each.

Fourth, cut our losses at the big three amenities – golf, aquatics and the Yacht Club – by one-third and that would give each member another \$25.

■ How has your background as a developer and builder qualified you to run for multiple terms on the board?

I am not sure that it does, but I think it helps. I have a proven business track record and my company, Caliban Realty Corporation, enjoys an enviable reputation as a successful and fair-dealing real estate and construction company operating right here in Ocean Pines for over 25 years. I would like to think that my construction experience was instrumental in the development of our new community hall. I believe that I can do the same for our other amenities which are suffering from long deferred maintenance.

■ Why is the Yacht Club so important to Ocean Pines?

Judging from the bottom line performance, it isn't. Our Yacht Club lost more than \$170,000 last year in operational costs alone. Trying to keep a 200-seat venue open in the off-season makes absolutely no sense. If closed in the off-season, our Yacht Club would have come close to break even or even a profit last year.

Management admits to having no business plan and their performance proves it. Unfortunately, the maintenance at our Yacht Club has been grossly neglected for years. Some of our directors want to spend well over \$4 million to build a new facility. The existing facility's deferred maintenance can be accomplished for one-third of that cost and still provide the membership many years of service during the season. The problem at the Yacht Club is not the facility and it seems everybody except our board knows it.

■ What makes you want to have a second term on the board?

Since I left the board in 2010, our Yacht Club losses are up by \$150,000. Our aquatics department losses are up \$34,000, and the losses at our golf operation have increased by \$46,000 for a total loss before audit in 2011 of \$630,000.

Unbudgeted capital expenses have been approved for our golf of \$900,000, and next year we have budgeted capital expense of more than \$1 million. We are even borrowing \$450,000 to resume the drainage program. Think about that. With more than \$7.8 in the bank, we are borrowing \$450,000.

Our delinquent accounts have gone from \$380,000 in February of 2010 to \$730,000 in February 2012, and that does not include the addition of \$223,000 in new delinquent accounts for 2012 assessments. Our payroll budget is up over \$1 million over the same time frame that our property values have plummeted. I want to help fix these problems by bringing some common sense business experience to the board.

■ What would you say is your specialty that you bring to the board?

Experience. I served as a director from 2007 to 2010 and have been actively involved in the OPA governance for many years. As the chairman of Stop Taxing Ocean Pines, I brought about the action that put an end to the ill-conceived plan for a new \$6 million community hall in front of the Veterans Memorial at the Sports Core Pool. I co-chaired the OPA Marina Group, whose petition brought about the defeat of the proposed commercial marina at the Swim & Racquet Club.

■ What is the message you are sending to homeowners to get them to vote for you?

To the best of my knowledge, I have not solicited anyone to vote for me. I have submitted the requested paper work and participated in the process. I will stand on my record of service and let the membership decide. I am not promising to lower assessments in order to be elected. I am running to be elected in order to lower the assessments.

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OPA Board of Directors candidate Bill Cordwell speaks to homeowners on Monday at The Parke Clubhouse in Ocean Pines during the second forum of the election race. Candidates addressed audience after a one-hour ice cream social.

Strong showing for OPA candidates in forum

By Nathan Brunet
Staff Writer

OCEAN PINES – Ballots in the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors election are going out this week to Ocean Pines property owners, who will choose two directors from a field of five candidates.

This year’s contest, the results of which will be revealed at the OPA Annual Meeting on Aug. 11 at 10 a.m., is notable for the clear differences between those running.

Following a social hour between candidates and prospective voters at The

Park Clubhouse on Monday, contestants in this year’s race got down to business at the second of two forums this summer.

Following a three-minute opening statement, each candidate responded to questions submitted before the event by audience members. Each response lasted two minutes.

When asked for each their vision of the future of the community, all the candidates focused on economics, with Bill Cordwell, Sharyn O’Hare and Bill Wentworth agreeing that Ocean Pines’ aging facilities need improvement.

Mark Venit and Marty Clarke, how-

ever, said spending is fine only if the project makes sense for the community.

At the completion of audience questions, each candidate was given the chance to pose a question to one another.

Highlights from the segment were when Clarke suggested reducing payroll expenses at major facilities and when Wentworth proposed taking \$25 out of each homeowner’s property assessments to be used at Ocean Pines facilities.

Ballots must be received by the OPA by Aug. 9, and will be counted the following day. For more information on all five candidates, visit <http://oceanpines.org>.

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Public hearing set for Aug. 10

OCEAN PINES — There will be a public hearing for all property owners in the Ocean Pines Community Center at 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 21. The subject of the hearing will be to review the proposed plans for the Yacht Club project. The referendum question will appear on a referendum ballot to be distributed on or about Aug. 10.

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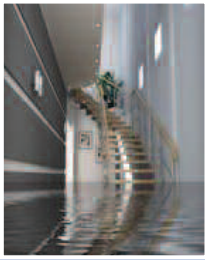
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AGH announces recent additions to medical staff

Atlantic General Hospital recently appointed the following to the medical staff:

■ Patricia Maltagliati, PA-C, MPH, who joins the emergency department staff as a physician assistant, received her physi-

cian assistant certificate and master's degree in public health from the George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Maltagliati is a member of the American Academy of Physician Assistants, the Maryland Academy of Physician Assistants, and the Society of Emergency Medicine Physician Assistants.

■ Sidney Barnes, MD, received his

medical degree from New York University of Medicine, and completed his surgical internship and residency at Graduate Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, where he became chief resident. Barnes is board certified in general surgery by the American Board of Surgery and a diplomat of the National Board of Medical Examin-

ers. Barnes joins Atlantic General Hospital as a general surgeon.

Rosenblit named branch vice president

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage recently named Maryellen Rosenblit the vice president of the company's Ocean City 104th Street office. Rosenblit has been with Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate in a sales associate role since 2010, and has extensive knowledge of the Ocean City area.

"We are excited to have Maryellen Rosenblit as the branch vice president of our Ocean City office," said Dean Cottrill, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, Baltimore. "Maryellen's energy and sales knowledge are going to be great assets to our clients and to our team."

RE/MAX names top producing June agents

RE/MAX Premier Properties Broker Dr. Carl E. Ortman last week announced the top producers for the month of June, as well as three new agents joining the company.

The Top Listing Agent is Pam Price of the company's Salisbury office and the Top Volume Producer is Holly Campbell, also of the Salisbury office.

RE/MAX Premier Properties welcomed three new licensed agents to the company, as well: Charlene Reaser and Dana Wells in the Salisbury office and Jim Adcock in the Ocean Pines office.

Nichols joins Prudential Penfed Realty

Mechelle Nichols has joined the professional sales team of Prudential Penfed Realty. She will work in the 75th street office in Ocean City.

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Dew Tour returns to OC, with free admission

By Brandi Mellinger
Managing Editor/Ocean City Today
OCEAN CITY — This time last year, much of the buzz about town was the upcoming Dew Tour.

Ocean City, the Tour's first beachfront venue, edged out Virginia Beach for the privilege of hosting the "Pantech Open," held July 21-24. It was first of four events on last season's tour. Competitions, including the Tour's first-ever surfing event, took place on the beach in downtown Ocean City and attracted a record-breaking 73,000 fans, making it the highest attended Dew Tour event since the extreme sports competition began in 2005.

The July 21 competitions were free to attend, and the festival village — featuring event sponsors, merchandise, prizes, giveaways and autograph signings by the athletes — was open to the public during each of the four days.

Tickets were required to enter the park, set up on the beach just north of the pier and stretching to Caroline Street, to watch the competitions during the remaining three days of the 2011 event.

The buzz this time around? It's all free.

The Aug. 16-19 Dew Tour Beach Event, the first of three Tour stops, will feature competitions in Skate Vert, BMX Vert, Skate Bowl, BMX Park, Skate Legends Bowl, BMX Mega 2.0, Skate Mega

2.0 and Surf. Each will be free and open to the public on a first-come, first served basis.

"It was the Dew Tour's decision to make the event free to fans; it just happened to fall within our 'Summer of Thanks' season and all of the great free events we are offering to our visitors this summer," Donna Abbott, Ocean City's tourism and marketing director, said this week.

As part of its 2012 "Summer of Thanks" campaign, the town is offering "freebies and discounts" from resort shops, restaurants and attractions. According to the town's Web site, www.ococean.com, where promotions are listed, "It's just a little something for the people who love our town as much as we do."

A limited number of premium passes are now available for purchase online at <http://dewtouroc.com>. Premium Pass tickets are limited and guarantee fans a seat for that day's competitions as well as Dew Tour swag and exclusive Dew Tour souvenirs. For events where seats are unavailable, such as the concert on the beach and the Mega 2.0 contest, a special section will be reserved for ticket holders.

Premium passes cost \$60 for Thursday's events and \$100 each for Friday, Saturday and Sunday events.

The top names in each discipline have been invited to compete in the action sports and lifestyle festival. Among the

athletes invited to compete are Kyle Baldock, Brett Banasiewicz, Scotty Cranmer, Daniel Dhers and Ryan Nyquist in BMX Park; Jamie Bestwick, Vince Byron, Chad Kagy, Steve McCann and Dennis McCoy in BMX Vert; Pedro Barros, Mitchie Brusco, Pierre-Luc Gagnon, Andy Macdonald and Shaun White in Skate Vert; and Rune Glifberg, Omar Hassan, Ben Hatchell and Baltimore native Bucky Lasek in Skate Bowl. (Note: this is a partial list of invited athletes only and confirmed competitors will be announced closer to the event)

"It was a great weekend. It's definitely something I'll always remember," Lasek said following the 2011 competition, during which he finished second in the Dew Tour's first-ever Skate Bowl event and took top honors in the Skate Vert competition.

The action from Ocean City will be showcased across 11 broadcast hours on NBC and NBC Sports Network and an all-new digital platform with live streaming plus exclusive behind the scenes and in-depth content on dewtour.com. Tune into NBC on Aug. 18 and 19 for all of the Dew Tour action live from Ocean City. For additional Dew Tour information, visit www.dewtour.com or <http://dewtouroc.com>.

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For convenience, bike racks are located immediately adjacent to the shelter.

In keeping with sustainable design practices on the island, the foul weather shelter can be moved to a safer location for temporary storage during extreme weather events such as hurricanes or Nor'easters.

The Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge is a popular destination for cyclists and beachcombers due to its proximity to the town of Chincoteague. Refuge visitors who bike to the beach may also enjoy the several miles of bike and hike trails that are available. Cyclists and pedestrians entering the Refuge are not required to pay an entrance fee.

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James Coltellino, left, explains the process of etching the paper material made by panel manufacturer Trespa, as exemplified by the sign in the center, to Celinda Ellsworth, right, and Philip Scudieri.

Berlin artist brings laser etching to Chamber

By Nathan Brunet
Staff Writer

BERLIN — A quick glance into James Coltellino's art studio, Gecko Image Laser Works, reveals just how many different works can be crafted using a single technique.

Known as "Jungle Jim," partly because of the magnificently colorful tropical tattoos that cover most of his body, the long-time local artist specializes in using a high-powered laser to etch designs into an array of materials such as wood and glass.

"The mediums I use are pretty much anything," said Coltellino, who added that hard metals such as steel are difficult to utilize because of their solidity.

While his works come from a desire to create art, the Berlin studio, located in the Chamber of Commerce on South Main Street, acts as place to display and sell the art he produces.

A sign displaying the studio's name is one representation of the laser machine's precision. Consisting of a paper material made by a panel manufacturer, Trespa, two different colored layers are compressed on top of each other to form what appears to



Coltellino works on most of his art in a separate shop, but does do some work at his new studio. Any work of art can be bought at the studio inside the Berlin Chamber of Commerce.

be a block of wood. When etched deep enough by the laser, the resulting groove on the front of the piece is the color of the back layer. The final product is a sign that can be displayed in private homes or businesses.

Along with laser-etched marble and tile pieces, stylized Corian countertops are

prominently displayed throughout the cozy shop. Unlike most countertops that are visibly sectioned into separate parts, Corian countertops are known for incorporating a smooth and seamless surface on the entire countertop.

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FINANCIAL ADVICE

Dividends are an effective way to help build savings

Dividends have customarily been considered a source of income, but they can also be an effective way to help build savings. A recent study shows that dividends contributed to nearly half of S&P 500's total returns from 1930 through September 2010 (total return refers to share price appreciation plus all earnings from an investment, including dividends, interest, and any capital gains).

The keys to dividend performance are reinvestment and time. The power of compound interest is well known, but compounding dividends can be even more powerful because dividend payments may increase, potentially adding to the value of an investment.

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BERLIN — Don Boger of Ocean Pines has been named administrator of the Berlin Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, located on Healthway Drive near Atlantic General Hospital.

“I’ve been an administrator for over 12 years, with the past eight years concentrating in Delaware communities. I thought it was time to come home and concentrate on the health care needs in my own back yard,” said Boger, who enjoys boating and spending time with his wife, Corrie, and their two children, Sydney and Samantha.

“As we look to expand our specialized services beyond short term, long term, dementia care and pulmonary/ventilator care, Mid-Atlantic Health Care felt Don’s involvement in the community and ability to identify what would help the community the most, is exactly the direction we’re heading,” said Bob Lanza, regional director of operations. “We have a great staff at our Berlin facility and his personality seem to fit right away. We’re looking forward to great accomplishments with Don leading the team.”

Berlin Nursing & Rehabilitation is a Mid-Atlantic Health Care, LLC property serving the Eastern Shore for more than 30 years with an array of services from short-term rehabilitation to long-term nursing care.

Local artist sells works made of wood, glass, more

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Once Coltellino has sanded his design etched onto the slab, there are no grooves on the surface and it can be used normally as a kitchen countertop.

Also prominent on the studio’s walls is a unique take on watercolor painting.

With an idea in mind of what the design will look like, Coltellino applies multi-colored acrylic paint on an entire sheet of paper. The laser is then used to etch very small lines in the paper, thus creating an image.

Many of the images that are featured in the artist’s works have been originally drawn by Matthew Amey, co-owner and artist of Independent Tattoo in Selbyville, Del. The two have been friends since Coltellino began getting tattoos from Amey 16 years ago.

“I am continually trying to merge modern technology with traditional processes, and the laser etcher is the most state-of-the-art piece of equipment I’ve been able to use so far,” said Amey.

Numerous works of glass are also on display, and most can be worn as jewelry. One set of necklaces is made up of layered glass that is pressed in a machine that melts each layer onto one another to create a colorful collage.

Other glass jewelry involves a technique called lampworking, in which glass is melted by a torch and wrapped around a rod to create a specific design.

A brightly colored stained glass parrot hanging on the studio’s wall exemplifies larger glass projects that can be custom built.



NATHAN BRUNET/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Examples of Coltellino’s watercolor etchings are hung on this wall. Also present are some etchings the artist performs on plain paper that is not colored, but still results in a vivid image.

“The difference between mine and store-bought stained glass is that mine is of much better quality,” said Coltellino. “Other than some pieces that are only done on one half, mine are finished all the way around.”

Aside from his laser and glasswork, Coltellino builds custom mirrors, etched frames, small furniture and wooden lamps that use florescent bulbs. Each piece is entirely unique and can be specially designed to a customer’s wants.

“If I can do it, I will,” he said. “If I can’t, I won’t lead them on.”

Although Gecko Image Laser Works opened just one month ago, Coltellino has been interested in the arts since his teenage years. An electrician for 33 years, he began searching for a more profitable career last year. When Amey presented a laser etched Mayan calendar as an example of a possible art project, Coltellino instantly knew he wanted to change his career path to the arts.

For more information, contact Coltellino at 410-845-3007 or lldagger@yahoo.com.

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NATHAN BRUNET/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

In August, the windows now boarded up on what used to be Goober's, will clearly display the home-style feel of the BurleyInn Tavern.

Old Goober's location to soon serve 'comfort' food

By Nathan Brunet
Staff Writer

BERLIN — The restaurant formerly known as Goober's on Pitts Street in Berlin will soon be transformed into a family-style English pub specializing in comfort food — a dining option owner Cody Bates believes is missing in the downtown area.

“The thing about Berlin is that every [business] is a little bit different,” said Bates. He hopes his new restaurant, the BurleyInn Tavern, will provide a niche for those looking for traditional food at an affordable price.

BurleyInn will serve breakfast, lunch and dinner and offer options such as chicken and dumplings and mashed potatoes with gravy. Head Chef Anthony Grasso said the menu will feature high-quality foods, but at reasonable prices.

“Doing everything from scratch right

away doesn't mean it needs to be priced like fine dining,” he said.

A beer, wine and liquor license has been obtained for the restaurant, which will also provide entertainment soon after opening.

Bates, who has lived in the Berlin area for most of his life, worked in many different local restaurants before deciding to own his own.

“When I found out about the opportunity [to open a restaurant], I wanted to be my own boss and create something for myself,” he said.

Late last year, Bates received approval to lease the Berlin property on the same day he discovered he was expecting his first child. Since then, the diligent Bates has been organizing every detail of both new ventures. He received a builder's permit last week and said construction should begin soon.

“There's nothing really stopping us at this point,” said Bates.

The BurleyInn Tavern, which is not to be confused with the unrelated beer crafters at Burley Oak Brewing Company, will bring a historic namesake back to Berlin.

According to information from the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum on North Main Street, the principal part of the town was built on a tract of land called Burley. Because Burley had an inn and was a popular crossroads for travelers, it became known as Burley Inn. The name was later shortened to Berlin.

Bates has not yet set a date for the restaurant to open, but said he is hoping to serve Berlin by the middle of August. After that, Bates hopes the building's windows will never be boarded up again.

“If everything goes well, I'd love to be around 365 days a year,” he said.

FINANCIAL ADVICE

Dividends are not just a source of income anymore

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ments buy more shares, which have the potential to grow as market performance improves.

Since enactment of a 2003 tax law, qualified corporate dividends have been taxed at a maximum 15 percent rate, similar to long-term capital gains. However, this special tax treatment expires after 2012, unless Congress takes further action. So in 2013, dividends will be taxed as ordinary income, with rates that could reach 39.6 percent. Keep in mind that dividends in qualified retirement plans such as your 401(k) and traditional IRA accumulate on a tax-deferred basis; distributions from these plans are taxed as ordinary income.

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Even in challenging economic times, dividend-paying stocks can be rewarding. As you examine your investments, you might consider the role that dividends could play in your savings strategy.

— *Chip Gordy, MBA, CRPC is a financial advisor with Coastal Wealth Management, LLC, located at 10441 Racetrack Road, Unit 1, in Berlin, who specializes in wealth and retirement planning. He can be reached at 410-208-4545 or chip@coastalwealthmgmt.com.*

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DNR seeks public comment on Worcester land

WORCESTER COUNTY — The Maryland Department of Natural Resources is seeking public comment on the 15-year vision for E.A. Vaughn Wildlife Management Area. The 2,630-acre property is located in southeastern Worcester County. DNR will accept public comment on the plan through Aug. 10.

"Public comments will help wildlife professionals establish a sound management strategy to preserve, protect, enhance and restore diverse wildlife populations and habitats," said Russ Hill, habitat biologist and plan coordinator for DNR's Wildlife and Heritage Service. "We hope that interested hunters, hikers, birdwatchers and other outdoor enthusiasts will take advantage of this chance to review and comment on the vision plan."

The E.A. Vaughn WMA vision plan was developed to effectively establish long-term goals, and maintain and manage public access for outdoor recreation and natural resource protection. The plan, to be carried out over the next 15 years, will address conserving, restoring and protecting sensitive wildlife habitats as well as creating and maintaining valuable habitat for game species.

Citizens may comment by phone at 410-713-3851, by fax to 410-713-3849, or online by visiting dnr.state.md.us/wildlife/EAVaughn_WMAForum/Vision_Plan.asp. Written comments should be sent to Russ Hill, DNR Wildlife and Heritage Service, 201 Baptist St., Suite 22, Salisbury, Md. 21801. For additional information about the E.A. Vaughn WMA, visit <http://dnr.state.md.us/wildlife/Publiclands/eastern/eavaughn.asp>.




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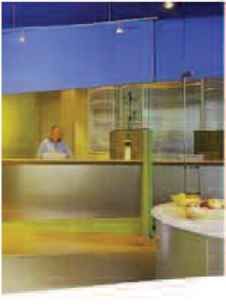
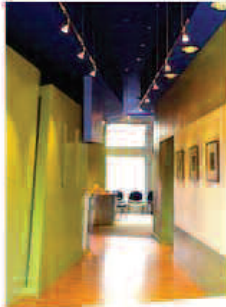
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Local volunteers aid Appalachia Service Project

Three local churches send volunteers to serve low-income families

By Casey Knerr
Contributing Writer

OCEAN PINES — The last week in June was an exciting time for the members of three local churches: the Community Church at Ocean Pines, Wilson United Methodist Church and Zion United Methodist Church. Each church was represented by numerous hardworking teens and adults, who spent part of their summer volunteering for the Appalachia Service Project.

ASP is a Christian organization, founded by the Rev. Tex Evans in 1969, that builds and repairs the homes of hundreds of low-income families in rural Appalachia. The Community Church at Ocean Pines and its partners have long participated in the mission trip, organizing teams of churchgoers to offer their skills for one of the eight weeks of activity.

This year, 22 teenagers and 10 adult chaperones made up four teams. The teams were assigned to work at three locations in Clinton, Tenn., during the last week in June. The volunteers stayed at Clinton Middle School with teams from many different states, including North-



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Pat Shumate, Casey Knerr, and Erin Smith work under a house as part of the Appalachia Service Project. As volunteers with Community Church at Ocean Pines, the three are part of a larger group that journeyed to Clinton, Tenn., for one week to repair the homes of low-income families.

Carolina and Illinois.

Throughout the week, each team established a relationship with the family that owned or rented the house it repaired. Since each family's situation is unique, ASP veterans are able to have many different experiences over the years.

One such veteran is Morgan Hoffman, a rising junior at Stephen Decatur High School. She spoke fondly about the family she worked with throughout the week. With one young woman she formed a close friendship that has continued even after the trip ended.

"We clicked instantly," said Hoffman,

who was inspired by the tales of the hardships her new friend has overcome. "I could relate to ... what she was saying."

Hoffman also described one of the children at her job site, a "sweetheart" suffering from "everything under the sun," from ADHD and OCD to Down Syndrome and epilepsy. Playing with the young boy and his siblings was a high light for all the team members, especially on the night of the team picnic.

This picnic occurred midweek, on Wednesday, June 27, in Norris Dam State Park. All the team members and the families they worked for were invited to a night of football, hamburgers and fellowship.

One of the most enriching aspects of this service project is the potential for education. Volunteers are not only able to learn the basic aspects of carpentry — framing, underpinning and insulation— but also about a fascinating culture and the struggles of those living under very different circumstances.

For this reason, "Culture Night" has become an ASP tradition. Every trip, a local musician is invited to the center at which the volunteers stay to play songs and tell stories about life in a particular region.

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EDITORIAL

Strong OPA candidates

As candidates spoke to property owners in hopes of earning one of the two open seats on the OPA Board of Directors at the second and final candidates' forum on Monday, positions and statistics were revealed by each board hopeful with ease.

So effortless were there pronouncements that one could think all nominees were capable of taking their talents to a level higher than the local arena.

The truth is, unlike some elections in the past, Ocean Pines homeowners have been presented with a strong set of candidates, all of whom have clearly staked out their positions and have a legitimate chance at winning a seat.

Obviously, there are differences between each candidate.

Mark Venit does not like big spending and wants a better handle on finances so homeowner's assessments do not go out of control.

Marty Clarke is also not in favor of spending large amounts of money and wants to go so further to reduce property assessments through means such as reducing the payroll of Ocean Pines facilities.

Bill Cordwell believes money should be spent on all of Ocean Pines' major facilities to avoid paying more later, with the goal of bringing in more business for the community.

Sharyn O'Hare also believes Ocean Pines needs to work on its infrastructure and those amenities that increase property values for everyone, and urges all community homeowners to start working together in order to make progress.

Bill Wentworth, the only candidate currently serving on the board, agrees with spending on community improvements, and wants the board to stop procrastinating on big projects.

As each candidate continues to publicly campaign, Ocean Pines voters are fortunate that the quality of this year's slate is so notable.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Waste Management lacks organization

Editor,
I am glad to see that there is a cash incentive in the form of the SC Johnson recycling challenge grant competition. However, as a customer of Waste Management, I find their approach to recycling to discourage recycling and to encourage using their regular waste pick-up. They pick up regular waste four times more often than recycling, which sends the message that they expect their customers to generate significantly more regular waste than recyclable waste. The twice-monthly recycling alphanumeric pick-up scheduling code on their Web site is nearly incomprehensible by the ordinary customer. Their practice of adjusting the recycling pick-up schedule on some holiday weeks but not others depending on whether they decide to require their staff to work the holiday places the burden on the customer to contact them to find out for sure whether recycling pick-up will be on the regular schedule or delayed one day for the holiday.

All of these factors make a mockery of their CEO's expressed commitment to making recycling the largest share of their business. It only takes one missed pick-up a month to require the customer to fill the regular trash receptacles with recyclables that won't fit in their too-full recycling receptacle.

I vote for either pressuring WM to show a true commitment to recycling by providing customers weekly recycling pick-up or to find a provider who will. The SC Johnson cash incentive won't help the cause if you can't get adequate recycling pick-up to begin with.

Colette Horn
Ocean Pines

People should be paid cash for trash

Editor,
I am writing in response to

your editorial in the July 6 edition of the *Bayside Gazette*. In this editorial dealing with the SC Johnson Green Recycling Challenge, you asked this question: "Has SC Johnson found the answer?"

Ironically, you answered this question two paragraphs earlier with this statement: "Without incentives, why do the extra work just to throw trash away?"

This program does not give an incentive to the individual since the individual will not personally get any of the reward. The individual's community is also not guaranteed to receive anything. So, again, where is the incentive for someone to do extra work for [something] that might not even benefit that individual, even if the community receives the grant?

Look at how many "fights" over projects and their funding have occurred in Ocean Pines in the last five to 10 years alone, and you can see why someone might not be thrilled with the way such a grant might be spent.

If Worcester County and the state of Maryland were truly se-

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rious about having a successful recycling program, and not a perceived but never realized cash cow, they would do what California was doing when I was stationed in San Diego — pay the individual in cash for his trash.

When I was stationed in San Diego, you could take your plastics, aluminum cans and green and clear glass to a privately operated recycling point. There, you unloaded those materials into wire bins and the staff would weigh them. Posted next to the scales were the prices they were paying for each type of material by weight. After all your material was weighed, you went to the cash window and they handed you the money for your recyclables. The operators of the recycling point then sold those materials and made a profit.

Besides recycling points such as that, you could take your 2-liter soda bottles and aluminum cans to your local grocery store to be recycled. Sitting next to the Coke and Pepsi machines in front of the store would be two machines that accepted those materials. You would feed the bottles and cans into these machines and when done, the machine would print out a receipt. You would take that receipt into the store and go to the customer service desk and they would pay you the amount you were owed. The store would then sell the recyclables and make a profit.

In both cases, the individual got a tangible benefit for recycling and a incentive to do more. To see what a successful program looks like, visit the California site, www.calrecycle.ca.gov.

As to the SC Johnson program, it is not designed to get someone that is not already recycling to start. It is designed to bring SC Johnson good PR and nothing else. This is something well known as “Greenwashing” and the definition of which is readily found on Wikipedia.

Robert Allaband
Berlin

Anthony J. Trevisonno

OCEAN CITY — Anthony Joseph “Tony” Trevisonno, 56, died Wednesday, June 27, 2012, at his home in Ocean City. Born in Dundalk, Md., he was the son of Michael A. Trevisonno, and the late Catherine Zenalotti Trevisonno. He leaves behind his dear friend, Lucy Ann Sydnor.

Tony had worked as a construction supervisor.

Cremation followed his death. No formal services are planned at this time. A donation in his memory may be made to the Worcester County Humane Society, P.O. Box 48, Berlin, Md. 21811.

Arrangements were handled by Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

Rick J. Trojan Jr.

SALISBURY — Frederick “Rick” Jacob Trojan Jr., 65, died Monday, July 2, 2012, at his home in Salisbury. Born in Berlin, he was the son of the late Frederick J. Trojan Sr. and Elizabeth Mumford Trojan Shockley. He is survived by his wife, Gloria Jean Holland Trojan; a son, Shawn Frederick Trojan; a daughter, Lori Marie Trojan Downs and her husband, Paul; and two grandchildren, Kyle and Kara Downs, all of Salisbury. Also surviving are his sisters, Paula King and her husband, Frank, of Wyoming, Del., and Audrey Taylor and her husband, Troy, of Palm Bay, Fla.; and a half-sister, Lee Ann McMahon and her husband, Mark, of Birdsboro, Pa. There are numerous nieces and nephews.

Mr. Trojan graduated from Stephen Decatur High School in 1964, and later from the Eastern Shore Academy of Criminal Justice at Wor-Wic Tech. He had worked for 20 years as a correctional officer at E.C.I. in Princess Anne, Md., where he retired. He then worked for the Wicomico Parks and Recreation Department in Salisbury. He had also been a master plumber and had



Rick J. Trojan Jr.

OBITUARIES

worked in life insurance sales. He was a Vietnam Army veteran, a member of the American Legion in Salisbury, a member of the Berlin Counsel of the Order of Demolay and the Berlin/Ocean City Little League. He was an avid hunter and golfing enthusiast. He had attended Melson United Methodist Church in Salisbury.

A funeral service was held Saturday, July 7, at Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin. Pastor John Oltman officiated. A donation in his memory may be made to Hope Lodge, 636 W. Lexington St., Baltimore, Md. 21201, or the American Cancer Society, 1138 Parsons Road, Salisbury, Md. 21801.

Arthur Dorsey LaPole

BERLIN — Arthur Dorsey LaPole, 85, of West Ocean City passed away Sunday, July 8, 2012, at Coastal Hospice at the Lake in Salisbury. Born in Catonsville, Md., he was the son of Charles LaPole and Irene Burrall. He was preceded in death by his wife and lifelong partner, Esther. Mr. LaPole was a hardworking, simple and honest man and will be remembered by many with endearing nicknames, including Reds, Art, Mr. Dorsey, Dorse and Pike. His satisfaction and contentment came from within, often with small anonymous and selfless deeds.

Arthur is survived by his three children and their families, JoAnn and Herb Butler, Arthur Jr. and Mark; his five grandchildren, Bradley, Todd, Amanda, Trae and Candace; and four great-grandchildren, Lily, Luke, Kyle and Zoe. He is also survived by his brothers, Charles and Thomas.

Mr. LaPole served in WWII aboard the aircraft carrier USS Franklin. “Art” was never one to complain about surviving the violent attack and near sinking of his ship, but clearly his approach to work, family and life were forever altered. During the war and throughout her life, he supported his single, hardworking mother.

Mr. LaPole married Esther Connor in 1946, and then began his family and his long career in machinery design, production and servicing. He held positions at the Poole Foundry, Elicott Machine Company, and in the U.S. federal government. His passions included boating, fishing, woodworking and teaching for the U.S. Coast Guard.

The family is appreciative to all the wonderful friends, neighbors and to Coastal

Hospice for making this transition peaceful and beautiful. A memorial service for Arthur and Esther is being planned for late summer at the Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery in Hurlock. Arrangements are being handled by the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

Larry Edgar Gears

BERLIN — Larry Edgar Gears passed away Monday, July 9, 2012, at Coastal Hospice at the Lake in Salisbury. Born in Chestertown, he was the son of the late James T. Gears, Jr. and Margaret Morris Gears.

Mr. Gears was a graduate of Chestertown High School, Towson State University and Washington College, where he earned a master’s degree in psychology. He taught school at Chestertown Middle School, where he started a rocketry club for his students. After moving to Berlin with his family, he taught at Berlin Middle School in the math and science departments. Upon retiring from the school system, he entered the insurance industry, working as an agent for Prudential and later New York Life, retiring several years ago. At various times he was a beekeeper, farmer, gardener and muscle car and aviation enthusiast.

He is survived by his wife, Penny Hudson Gears; their three sons, Nathan Gears and his wife, Liz, David Gears and Cary Gears; a brother, Thomas Gears of Rock Hall; a sister, Margaret Ann Bolton of Harrisonburg, Va.; beloved grandchildren, Hailey, Brittany, Jackie, Bridgett, Jessie and David; and numerous special nieces, nephews, cousins and in-laws. He was preceded in death by a brother, Henry Gears; a sister, Elsie Bryden; one infant brother; and one child sister.

A funeral service was held Thursday, July 12, at Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin. Pastor Phil Timmons officiated. A private interment will follow at a later date for family and friends in Chestertown at St. Paul’s Parish Kent Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to Coastal Hospice, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, Md. 21802 or to the NRA Foundation, 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, Va. 22030.



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Project teaches children life skills and how to serve others

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friend.” Later, the group visited Hoskins’ Pharmacy, an icon of Clinton, Tenn., for ice cream cones and milkshakes.

However, many of the volunteers agree that their favorite moments of the week occurred at the job site. Despite the intense heat, each team found a way to complete many much-needed repairs over the course of the week. A variety of situations, including fire damage, a missing floor and the potential for flooding, encouraged the teenagers to learn many new skills.

Over water breaks and lunch, the volunteers bonded with the families they

worked for, some members of which actually aided in the construction. Especially touching was the kindness and gratitude the families showed.

One student at Stephen Decatur, a rising senior named Devynn Detzer, spoke about her “Mom for the week” — a strong and caring woman who bandaged her blisters and made sure the volunteers were happy, healthy and well hydrated.

The adult chaperones, who also participated in the construction work, were inspired by the hard work and love put forth by the younger members of the community. Russ Snader, who suffered from a “staleness of the spirit” prior to the trip,

said his faith was rejuvenated by the energy and kindness of his team members.

Another chaperone, Pat Shumate, added that the aid of the community was especially helpful toward the volunteers participating in this “wonderful opportunity.” Successful fundraising efforts, such as pancake breakfasts and ticket sales, ensured that this year’s trip was a great experience for all those involved.

“The Appalachia Service Project is one of the best national programs I know that give youth and college students an incredible opportunity to share their Christian Faith and develop their leadership skills,” said Liza Davis, director of

Youth Ministries at the Community Church at Ocean Pines. “What keeps me going back every year is seeing the unbelievable changes the youth make not only in their own lives, but in the lives of others. I am always inspired by the spirit of charity these youth give not only to the families they assist, but to each other. I can only be proud.”

In total, all four teams had an “amazing experience,” according to rising Stephen Decatur sophomore Lucas Duker. Many of this year’s volunteers have plans to participate in the mission for years to come, ensuring that the positive impact will continue to spread.

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NATHAN BRUNET/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Stephanie Slovikosky of Lighthouse Sound in Bishopville paints patriotic themes on Emily Steer, who was visiting with her parents from Catonsville, Md., during Lighthouse Sound's Concert on the Green on July 4.



NATHAN BRUNET/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Tranzfusion performs one of their many classic rock tributes before the evening's fireworks shows. They could be viewed from the lawn behind the clubhouse.



NATHAN BRUNET/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

From left, Emily Hagenbuch from Monrovia, Md. and Jacob Peterson from Landenberg, Pa. race in one of the inflatable rides at All-American Day for Kids on July 4, next to the Sports Core Pool.



NATHAN BRUNET/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The Margas Family of Edgewater, Md., awaits for the fireworks show at Showell Park on July 4. They joined hundreds of people who sprawled throughout the park and open areas across the street to view the show.



NATHAN BRUNET/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Hundreds of attendees listen to Tranzfusion's set during a Concerts on the Green event at Lighthouse Sound.



PHOTO COURTESY JAMES SEIP
Hannah Gilbert Donlon and Darragh Donlon were married on Oct. 22, 2011. The bride and her bridal party got ready for the wedding in The Gardner's Cottage at the Atlantic Hotel in Berlin.

Berlin business community schedules fall wedding show

BERLIN — Saturday, Sept. 29 has been designated as the premier event in a new wedding endeavor organized by the Berlin area's business community. "Say I Do In Berlin" will be an outdoor show on Berlin's Main Street with an anticipated 25 vendors displaying wedding-related products, services and wedding services unique to very few locations.

Berlin has a multitude of artists and artisans that provide custom registries available to brides, friends and families of the wedding party. Demonstrations of custom-made gifts will be the highlight of the show.

The event will begin at 10 a.m. with a vintage wedding gown display and will continue into the afternoon with a musical wedding fashion extravaganza, gift demonstrations and a showcase of services, including flowers, jewelry, beauty, apparel, photography, videography, catering and music. Information about wedding venues, wines and gift ideas will also be available.

Guests will have an opportunity to win prizes and giveaways. The event will close at 6 p.m.

Following a successful trial wedding event in June, the Wedding-Art Stroll, Berlin's business leaders decided to pursue promoting Berlin as a prime destination for weddings. Having so many services and persons who assist brides, wedding planners and families of the prospective brides and grooms on a regular basis, it seemed the natural path for Berlin.

The town's wedding popularity and notoriety stems from "Runaway Bride," a film produced in the late 1990s with Julia Roberts and Richard Gere. Walking tours of the movie's top locations, as well as touring Richard Gere's guest room at the Atlantic Hotel where many of the scenes of the movie were filmed, are still very popular activities in Berlin.

For additional information, contact Angela Reynolds 443-497-0569 or angela@fagers.com.

POLICE BRIEFS

Marijuana

A 27-year-old New York man was charged July 8 with possession of marijuana after a Berlin policeman stopped his Nissan Maxima for speeding on Route 113 in the area of Bay Street.

The K-9 unit of the Berlin Police Department was called to conduct a K-9 search of the exterior of the vehicle. K-9 Luke gave a positive alert.

A search of the vehicle revealed a bag of marijuana and a cigar containing marijuana.

The driver, Devin John, was placed under arrest.

Robbery

Worcester County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a Bishopville residence July 5, for a reported 911 call that

ended when the caller hung up.

They met with a victim who said a man, later identified as William Randall Lewis, 54, of Berlin, had assaulted her and tried to steal her purse, which contained money.

Lewis left the scene before deputies arrived, but was located a short time later in Berlin. He was charged with robbery and second-degree assault and held on a \$10,000 bond.

Protective order

A 50-year-old Ocean City man was charged July 6, with violation of a protective order that prohibited him from being on a Berlin property.

Worcester County deputies, who went to the Berlin address for a civil complaint investigation, were aware of the protective order in place against Joseph Daryl Webster and arrested him.

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CALENDAR

BAYSIDE

ONGOING EVENTS

PINE'EER CRAFT & GIFT SHOP
Saturdays and Sundays
Pine'eer Craft and Gift shop open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. White Horse Park, Ocean Pines. Handcrafted items created by members.

EARLY BIRDS
Every Thursday
The Early Birds, 7:30 a.m. TC Diner, West Ocean City. Free. Reservations required, 410-600-5320.

BUILDING MATERIALS SALE
Every first & third Saturday
Habitat for Humanity, 310 E. Market St., Snow Hill, 8 a.m. to noon. Building materials, appliances, doors, windows, cabinets, vanities, fixtures, furniture and more. Selection and prices vary depending on inventory. Proceeds fund the Flower Street, Berlin house construction.

STORYTIME
Tuesdays: Berlin library
Wednesdays: OC library
Thursdays: OP library
10:30 a.m. Stories, rhymes, finger plays, music and crafts. A different theme each week. For ages 2-5.

KIWANIS CLUB
Wednesdays
Meeting 7:45 a.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Hall, except for third Wednesday which meets at The Woodlands in Ocean Pines. Meeting at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. For more info: 410-641-7330.

DELMARVA CHORUS
Mondays
The Delmarva Chorus under the direction of Carol Ludwig meets 7-9 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center. Women interested in learning and singing in a barbershop format are welcome. For more information call 410-208-4171.

SALTWATER SPORTFISHERS
Atlantic Coast Chapter of the Maryland Saltwater Sportfishing Association meets on the fourth Tuesday of the every month except for July, August and December at the Ocean City Lions Club, Airport Road, West Ocean City, 7:30 p.m.

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



BERLIN YOUTH CLUB
Pictured from left to right are Melanie Windsor, Berlin Youth Club (BYC) Program Coordinator, Harleigh Layton, Asher Layton and Dimond Lockwood. The Science and Builders Club, part of the BYC, meets every Tuesday from 1-2:30 at the Ray community room in Berlin. For more information call 410-641-4598 or visit www.gowoyo.org. The Berlin Youth Club is offering free activities for youth ages 3 – 11 who live within the town limits of Berlin. The events are brought to children by Worcester Youth and Family, the Town of Berlin, The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore and the Humphreys Foundation. Please contact the Club's activities coordinator, Melanie Windsor, at mwindsor@gowoyo.org or call 410-641-4598 if you have any questions or require additional information.

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DEMOCRATIC WOMEN
Democratic Women of Worcester County meets 9:30 a.m. for coffee followed by a meeting at 10 a.m., the third Monday of the month at the Ocean Pines Community Center. Guests and new members welcome.

SHRINE CLUB
The Ocean City Shrine Club holds regular monthly dinner meeting the last Friday of every month except June and December at the Elks Hall, second floor, at 137th Street and Sinepuxent Drive. Information: Bud, 410-208-6951.

SANCTIONED BRIDGE
Mondays: noon
Tuesdays: 10 a.m.
Weekly open duplicate Bridge games. Ocean Pines Community Center. Cost is \$5, special games \$6. 1 p.m. on the third Sunday of every month is Swiss Teams. Partners guaranteed. Info: Felicia Daly, 410-208-1272, Pat Kanz, 410-641-8071.

BINGO
Fridays
Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway (rear of St. Luke's Church) in Ocean City. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments for sale. Info: 410-524-7994.

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

includes coffee and juice. Bloody Marys cost \$3. Info: 410-524-8196.

BEACH SINGLES
Thursdays
Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour at Clarion Hotel, 10100 Coastal Highway in Ocean City, 4-7 p.m. Info: Arlene, 302-436-9577; Kate, 410-524-0649; or www.beachsingles.org.

BERLIN FARMERS' MARKET
Wednesdays, 2-6 p.m.
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TACO NIGHT
Thursdays
VFW Post 8296, 66th Street, Ocean City. Benefits veterans. Three tacos and a Corona plus dessert, \$8 per person.

BREAKFAST
Knights of Columbus #9053, every second and fourth Sunday, 9 a.m. to noon \$8 per person, half price for 12 and younger. 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, rear St. Luke's Church. Info: 410-524-7994.

SI BOC
Group meets the second Tuesday of every month at the Woodlands in South Ocean Pines 6 p.m. dinner social time meeting begins 6:30 p.m. Info: President Marty Cropper, 410-213-1592.

LIFE AFTER LOSS
Non-denominational support group will meet 11 a.m. on the second and

fourth Tuesday of each month at The Community Church at Ocean Pines, room 38 in the Thomas McKelvey Family Life Center. Info: 410-641-5433.

AARP
Ocean City AARP Chapter 1917 meets at the Elks Lodge, 138th Street and Sinepuxent Avenue, 9:30 a.m., on the second Thursday of the month (January, June, October and November).

SWEET ADELINES
Mondays
The Delmarva Sweet Adeline Chorus, under the direction of Carol Ludwig, 7-9 p.m., at the Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, White Horse Park. Women interested in learning and singing in a barbershop format are welcome. Info: 410-208-4171.

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE
Meets the third Wednesday of every month 6 p.m. at the Worcester County Health Department, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin (adjacent to Atlantic General Hospital). Open to anyone who has lost a friend or loved one to suicide. Hosted by a survivor and a licensed social worker. Free of charge. Info: 410-629-0164 or www.jessespaddle.org

WEEKLY SALE
Fridays
Stevenson United Methodist Church Thrift Shop, 5 Stevenson Lane, Berlin, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

OCEAN PINES PLANT CLINIC
Tuesdays

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Ocean Pines library, lobby, 11107 Cathell Road, every Tuesday, 1-4 p.m., May 1 through Sept. 25. Got plant problems or bugs? Take bagged samples by and let the expert Master Gardeners find solutions to your questions. Info: Penny McGrath, 410-641-5570 or plantladyop@aol.com

THURSDAY, JULY 12

SUNSET PARTY NIGHTS
Sunset Park at South Division Street, bayside, Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Admission to park is free; beverages, including beer, available for purchase. Entertainment provided by Full Circle (blues, R&B, jazz). Take own seating. Info: 800-626-2326, 410-250-0125 or http://oceancitymd.gov/Recreation_and_Parks/specialevents.html.

MOVIES ON THE BEACH
Princess Royale, beach at 91st Street, 8:30 p.m., weather permitting. Take a blanket and enjoy a free, general audience movie featuring “Jack & Jill.” Info: 410-250-0125 or www.ococean.com.

HOOKED ON BOOKS
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 410-632-3495, 10 a.m. and at the Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 410-957-0878, 2 p.m. Enjoy a book about Mr. Jones with actor/comedian, Mark Lohr. Mr. Jones learns reading is a fun, exciting way to gain new skills, see new places, meet new people and experience more channels than TV could ever have.

FREE CONCERT IN THE PARK
White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines, 7 p.m. Featuring Saltwater String Band. Free and open to the public. Take lawn chairs and a picnic if desired. BYOB allowed. Info: www.oceanpines.org.

WESTERN NIGHT AT THE RACES
Ocean Downs Racetrack, 10218 Race-track Road, Berlin, 4:30 p.m. All-you-can-eat chicken and fish buffet, prizes for best dressed western style attire, live harness and simulcasting races, door prizes, free program, entertainment by Randy Lee Ashcraft and SDHS Cheering Rocketts and picture with the winning horse of the “Diakonia Race.” Cost is \$26. Benefits Diakonia. Reservations: Sharon Marble, 410-208-3442; LouAnn Trummel, 410-208-9514; Peggy Rumberg, 410-641-7333; or Anna Foultz, 410-641-7667.

FREE DIABETES CLINIC
Atlantic Health Center, 9714 Healthway Drive, 8:30-11:30 a.m. By appointment only, 410-641-9703. Must be at least 18 years of age and a resident (or work) in Somerset or Worcester counties.

OCEAN PINES GARDEN CLUB MONTHLY MEETING

Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 10 a.m. “Christmas in July” meeting, which will include an auction of “recycled” Christmas and garden items.

FRIDAY, JULY 13

OC TUNA TOURNAMENT
On the docks at Route 50 and Inlet Isle Lane, West Ocean City, 4-7:30 p.m. See more than 100 boats weigh in large tuna in hopes of winning \$500,000 in cash. Live entertainment, food and drinks. Info: Jennifer Blunt, ocfc@ocfish-ing.com; 800-322-3065; or 410-213-1121.

MOVIES ON THE BEACH
Ocean City beach at 27th Street, 8:30 p.m., weather permitting. Take a blanket and enjoy a free, general audience movie on 16-foot projector featuring “Kung Fu Panda 2.” Info: 410-250-0125 or www.ococean.com.

BERLIN BATHTUB RACES, SECOND FRIDAY ART STROLL
Berlin’s Second Friday Arts Stroll is from 5-8 p.m., with galleries and shops open late, showcasing works of local artists and artisans along with music. Starting at 5 p.m., bathtubs will be on display at the new Chamber of Commerce Welcome Center, 14 S. Main St. Enter for a chance to share the winning tub’s prize by voting for a favorite. Beginning at 6 p.m., the tubs will parade down Main Street to race central on North Main between Pitts and Jefferson streets. Race begins at 6:15 p.m. Registration costs \$50. Register business: www.Berlin-Chamber.org or 410-641-4775.

GO ORGANIC GROCERY CHARITABLE EVENT
Go Organic, 12 Artisan Way, Berlin, 5-8 p.m. In conjunction with Berlin’s Second Friday Art Walk, the store will feature pillowcase dresses made by local women and delivered to impoverished girls in Haiti and Dominican Republic. Watch a demonstration of how the dresses are made. Dresses can be purchased for \$10 each. Proceeds will be used to deliver the dresses and for supplies to make additional dresses. Info: 410-641-0415 or bbwistle@intercom.net.

THE FABULOUS THREE TENORS AND A DIVA
Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Featuring selections from Broadway’s “Phantom of the Opera” and “Les Miserables” and songs by Pavarotti, Andrea Bocelli and Celine Dion. Special guest artist soprano, Barbara Wayman. Advanced tickets sales only (\$37.50) can be purchased at AGH Gift Shop and AGH Thrift Shop. Info: 410-208-9790. Fundraising concert sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital Auxiliary.

OCEAN PINES BOAT CLUB

MEMBER RAFT UP
Yacht Club Day Marker 2, at 5 p.m. Steve Rosen is the captain. Call to attend, 410-641-6915. This is a joint event with the Power Squadron.

SATURDAY, JULY 14

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MARK SILLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
Northside Park, 200 125th St., in Ocean City. Facility usage: east gym, west gym. Info: 410-250-0125.

OC SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT
Northside Park, 200 125th St., in Ocean City. Facility usage: Ball fields 1, 2 and 3. Info: 410-250-0125.

FLEA MARKET
Treasure Beach Campground, Route 54, Fenwick Island, Del., 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Vendor space costs \$25. Food and baked goods. Variety of items for sale: furniture, crafts, jewelry, sports memorabilia, clothing and speciality items, lawn and garden items and antiques. Info: Charley Albert, 410-726-5517.

OCEAN PINES ANGLERS CLUB MEETING
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 9:30 a.m. Andrew Grossman, owner of Paddle House Outfitters in West Ocean City, will discuss fishing from kayaks and he will be bringing a kayak outfitted for fishing. All welcome. Info: Jack Barnes, 410-641-7662.

SUNDAY, JULY 15

OC TUNA TOURNAMENT
On the docks at Route 50 and Inlet Isle Lane, West Ocean City, 4-7:30 p.m. See more than 100 boats weigh in large tuna in hopes of winning \$500,000 in cash. Live entertainment, food and drinks. Info: Jennifer Blunt, ocfc@ocfish-ing.com; 800-322-3065; or 410-213-1121.

SUNDAES IN THE PARK
Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Free concert by The Janitors (classic rock/funk/pop). Children’s entertainment featuring Lollipop The Clown (summer fun and games). Create your own ice cream for a small fee. Take a chair or blanket. Info: 800-626-2326 or <http://town.oceancity.mmd.us/sep.html>.

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SUMMER CONCERT ON THE LAWN
Wilson United Methodist Church, 10722 Bishopville Road, Bishopville, 6:30 p.m. Take a chair or blanket and enjoy music by Sacred Sound and worship on the lawn. Info: 410-352-5211.

MONDAY, JULY 16

MOVIES ON THE BEACH
Ocean City beach at 27th Street, 8:30 p.m., weather permitting. Take a blanket and enjoy a free, general audience movie on 16-foot projector featuring “Happy Feet 2.” Info: 410-250-0125 or www.ococean.com.

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CPAP MASK FITTING
Atlantic General Hospital, Sleep Lab, 9733 Healthway Drive in Berlin. Monthly mask fitting clinic for patients who are having trouble adjusting to their CPAP equipment. Patients will have the opportunity to try on a variety of masks, receive advice on the proper care and cleaning of the mask, as well as some education that may help improve compliance, based on each individual’s specific needs. Free and by appointment only, call Robin Rohlfing, 410-641-9726.

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CALENDAR

BAYSIDE

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TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Stephen Decatur Park, Tripoli Street, Berlin. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly. Info: Edna Berkey, 410-629-1006.

HAND DANCING

House of Welsh, 1106 Coastal Highway, Fenwick, Del. Free lessons from 6-7 p.m., open dancing 7-10 p.m. No cover charge. Info: DC Hand Dance Club, 302-541-0728.

TUESDAY, JULY 17

STARPOWER NATN'L TALENT COMPETITION

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'BOOKS ARE A BLAST' TOM LILLY, BEOWULF T. WONDERBUNNY

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 410-641-0650, 10 a.m. and at the Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 410-268-4014, 2 p.m. Beowulf T. Wonderbunny and Tom Lilly show off their collection of strange tomes and invite audience volunteers to join in the action. Pinky and Floyd, world's fastest bookworms, demonstrate their speed and deliver a surprise message. Beowulf T. Wonderbunny appears in his own bookmobile.

CRAB NIGHT

Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway (rear of St. Luke's Church) every Tuesday, 5-7 p.m. Steamed crabs, steamed shrimp, corn on the cob, homemade crab soup, fried flounder, broiled or fried crab cakes, fried oyster, fried shrimp, French fries, deviled egg with crab meat and hot dogs. Cash bar. Order crabs in advance by calling 410-524-7994, Monday and Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

STEPPING ON WORKSHOP

Gull Creek, 1 Meadow St., Berlin, 10 a.m. to noon. Stepping On is a well-researched falls prevention program. Older people understand that the threat of a fall can be a barrier to safely doing things at home and in the community. Workshop meets for two hours a week for seven weeks, July 17-Aug. 28. Pre-registration is necessary by calling Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268.

YOGA

James G. Barrett Medical Office Building rotunda, 5:30-6:45 p.m. All levels welcome. Cost is \$72 for eight sessions or \$10 drop-in fee for first time. Info: Georgette Rhoads, 410-641-9734 or

grhoads@atlanticgeneral.org.

ART AT THE BEACH

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, July 17-19, 10 a.m. to noon. Classes are free and for children ages 5-12. Classes are taught by volunteer artists from the Art League of Ocean City. Register: 410-524-9433 or Sarah Titus, 410-334-2267.

OCEAN PINES PLANT CLINIC

Ocean Pines library, lobby, 11107 Cathell Road, every Tuesday, 1-4 p.m., May 1 through Sept. 25. Got plant problems or bugs? Take bagged samples by and let the expert Master Gardeners find solutions to your questions. Info: Penny McGrath, 410-641-5570 or plantladyop@aol.com.

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

MOVIES ON THE BEACH

Carousel Resort Hotel and Condominiums, 118th Street and oceanfront in Ocean City, 8:30 p.m. Take a blanket and enjoy a free, general audience movie featuring "The Adventures of Tintin." Info: www.ococean.com/events.

CONCERT ON THE BEACH

Ocean City beach at N. Division Street, 8 p.m. Featuring Rising Sun Reggae Band (reggae). Take a blanket or chair. Info: 800-626-2326.

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DINOROCK: 'DINOSAUR BABIES'

The Stage at Cypress Park, Pocomoke City, 2 p.m. Each dinosaur baby had their own tale to tell as they introduce concepts such as what fossils tell us about the natural world, instinctive behavior, geography and how babies relate to their world. Info: kbreithut@worc.lib.md.us or 443-235-5597.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Ocean Pines Yacht Club, pool, 1 Mumford's Landing Road, 6 p.m. Pool is open to all ages. Deejays play music of summer. Food and beverages available poolside for a small fee. Info: www.oceanpines.org.

HYPERTENSION CLINICS

Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place at Walgreens, Bethany Beach, Del., 10 a.m. to noon and at Walgreens, Selbyville, Del., 1-3 p.m. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Info: Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268.

LAP-BAND SEMINAR

Berlin Main Place Complex, 9956 N. Main St., Berlin, 5-6 p.m. Receive information about the benefits of the LAP-BAND® procedure. Pre-register: 410-641-3960.

QUILTERS BY THE SEA GUILD MEETING

Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Christmas in July sewing project. A brief membership meeting will take place at 12:30 p.m. Info: Nancy Valasko, 410-641-8815.

BINGO

Every Wednesday at Ocean City Elks Lodge 2645, 138th Street across from Fenwick Inn. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., games start 6:30 p.m. A \$1,000 jackpot available, food, snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. No one under 18 years allowed in the hall during bingo. Info: 410-250-2645.

DELMARVA HAND DANCING CLUB

Meets every Wednesday at Skyline Bar & Grille at The Fenwick Inn, 138th Street and Coastal Highway in Ocean City. Beginner and intermediate lessons, 5:30-6:30 p.m., followed by dancing until 9 p.m. Jitterbug, swing, cha-cha to the sounds of the '50s, '60s and Carolina beach music. All are welcome. Discounted food and drink prices. Info: www.delmarvahanddancing.com, info@delmarvahanddancing.com or 302-934-7951.

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE VICTIMS SUPPORT GROUP

Worcester County Health Department, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 6 p.m.

Open to anyone who has lost a friend or loved one to suicide. Free of charge. Info: 410-629-0164 or www.jessesaddle.org.

TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT

Snow Hill Senior Center, 4767 Snow Hill Road, 10:30 a.m. The guide is designed to help older adults and their family members identify alternative living arrangements and to decide which option is the best for them. This guide is full of tips and advice from national experts to help create an emotionally healthy, financially sound and environmentally safe multigenerational residence. Info: 410-632-1277.

THURSDAY, JULY 19

FREE CONCERT ON THE GREEN

Lighthouse Sound Golf Club, 12723 St. Martins Neck Road, Bishopville, 6-9 p.m. Take a lawn chair and enjoy music of Chris Sacks Band (Jimmy Buffet tribute band). Games for kids and food and beverages available. Info: 410-352-5250 or www.lighthousesoundrestaurant.com/oceancity-maryland-special-events.

SUNSET PARTY NIGHTS

Sunset Park at South Division Street, bayside, Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Admission to the park is free, while beverages, including beer, are available for purchase. Entertainment provided by Pat O'Brennan Trio (Irish band). Take own seating. Info: 800-626-2326, 410-250-0125 or http://oceancitymd.gov/Recreation_and_Parks/specialevents.html.

MOVIES ON THE BEACH

Princess Royale, beach at 91st Street, 8:30 p.m., weather permitting. Take a blanket and enjoy a free, general audience movie featuring "The Zoo Keeper." Info: 410-250-0125 or <http://ococean.com>.

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'BOOKS ARE A BLAST' TOM LILLY AND BEOWULF T. WONDERBUNNY

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 410-632-3495, 10 a.m. and at the Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 410-957-0878, 2 p.m. Beowulf T. Wonderbunny and Tom Lilly show off their collection of strange tomes and invite audience volunteers to join in the action. Pinky and Floyd, the World's Fastest Bookworms, demonstrate their speed and deliver a surprise message. Beowulf T. Wonderbunny appears in his very own bookmobile.

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Across

1 Hose shape

5 Building blocks

11 “The Office” woman

14 QB feats

17 Years in old Rome

18 Capital city formerly behind the Iron Curtain

19 Nephew of Cain

21 “Let’s Get Lost” singer Baker

22 So happy you can’t see straight?

25 Where to enter the theater, usually

26 Where “it’s fun to stay” in a 1978 hit

27 Gleamed

28 Deserving praise

30 “Sk8er ____,” 2002 top 10 hit

31 Acid

34 Argument about a fork-tailed bird?

36 Apt

39 Spend the night

40 Arizona senator Jon

41 It represents a 0 or 1

42 Trendy antioxidant berry

43 “Yeah, right”

45 Org. full of big shots?

47 Calpurnia’s dream in “Julius Caesar” and others

49 Bear’s cry

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50 Circle above the airport?

55 Manager with four World Series titles

57 Very clumsy person, in slang

58 Subject of the 19th, 24th and 26th Amendments

62 Willing to do

65 TWA competitor

67 See 77-Across

69 Optima maker

70 Making one’s way down the corporate ladder?

76 [This ticks me off]

77 With 67-Across, “That’s not true!”

78 Relative of a harrumph

79 Not flat, say

80 One of two for four

82 Slalom obstacle

85 Passing

88 Breed hatred in?

91 It’s seen on many roadside signs

95 When the witches in “Macbeth” say “Double, double toil and trouble”

98 “Sure thing”

99 ____ beetle

100 Eternally

101 Canterbury can

102 Org. trying to clear the air?

105 Ed Wood player in “Ed Wood”

108 Squad cars

110 Woman who’s the very best at saying no?

114 Part of TBS: Abbr.

115 Pal of Pooh

116 Modern marketplace

117 Like the verbs “come” and “go”: Abbr.

119 “Baseball Tonight” broadcaster

121 Bulldogs

122 Really enjoy giving specifics?

127 Art ____

128 Alexander Graham Bell, by birth

129 Get ready for a bomb, say

130 Corona garnish

131 Require (of)

132 “Your point being ...?”

133 Some closeups

134 Take too much of, briefly

Down

1 It might be caught in the rain

2 Unrepeated

3 Hostile

4 Nickname for the Philadelphia Eagles’ stadium, with “the”

5 Downed

6 Arranged, as the hair

7 Partners of scepters

8 Indiana political family

9 Gives support to

10 Spotted in the vicinity of

11 Eastern Canadian prov.

12 White, informally

13 Hair line?

14 Old Yankee nickname

15 Given a hand

16 Some are mean

20 Home office site

21 Curmudgeon

23 Painter portrayed by Adrien Brody in “Midnight in Paris”

24 Stanford of Stanford University

29 Actor Alain

30 Predilection

32 Marsh bird

33 It’s a first

35 Zither cousins

37 “Get Low” rapper

38 Orange sign

44 Organ holder

46 Ancient royal symbol

48 Network with an annual awards show

51 German women

52 Fake

53 Not wavy, say

54 Basso Pinza

56 Hardly an exercise in restraint

59 “I get your point. Jeez!”

60 Pitchfork part

61 Unhurried

62 Fashionable boots

63 Read carefully

64 Like some offers

66 Van Gogh’s “Starry Night Over the ____”

68 David Cameron’s alma mater

71 ____ party

72 Red Scare grp.

73 Mild oaths

74 “I won’t bore you with the rest”

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- 75 What a Latino immigrant might learn

81 Sam Cooke’s “That’s ____ Quit — I’m Movin’ On”

83 “Know ____ enemy”

84 Bit of music at a music conservatory

86 Old Russian line

87 One to consult for PC problems

89 Birthday party, e.g.
- 90 Words heard at a birthday party

92 Like pro athletes, some say

93 Jump accompanier?

94 +/-

95 War on terror target

96 Combines

97 Part of an ice skate

103 Combines

104 One of the five Olympic rings
- 106 Filled turnovers

107 “Steel Magnolias” actress

109 “Hmm ...”

111 Petro-Canada competitor

112 English county

113 “Traffic Crossing ____ Bridge” (pioneering 1888 film footage)

118 Hit Fox show
- 120 W.W. II battle city

123 Airport approximation: Abbr.

124 Word before rip or slip

125 Infielder feats: Abbr.

126 “Dancing With the Stars” judge Goodman

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Fill in the blank spaces in the grid so that every vertical column, every horizontal row and every 3 by 3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9, without repeating any. There is really only one solution to each puzzle.

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TUESDAY – Nature's Child / Opposite Directions / Nick Norman Band

WEDNESDAY – Table Ten / Nature's Child

CUISINE

BAYSIDE

‘Milk was a bad choice,’ but crustini is not

They say the heat wave is over, but I have to disagree. I haven’t sweated off of my elbows since my days in the Mojave.



By Paul Suplee,
CEC PCIII

The rain has come and gone and I am still waiting for a reprieve from the muggy environs, but I guess I have to wait. The temperature drop is a wanted gift from the “cold” front that is passing through, but we are looking forward to some more sunny summer days as business is brisker when the sun is shining.

What is the old saying? “Make hay while the sun is out,” I believe it is, and when you are running an operation in Ocean City, you know all too well that the money is really to be made 100 days per year. So the rain hurts, as important as it is at present for our physical and mental well-being.

In the meantime, if you are able to relax and enjoy the sunshine, then this is the time and place to have a party with some freshly made spreads and dips.

Among these treats are two of my favorites — guacamole and ceviche. I believe I have written about the latter before, but that is fine, since this recipe is a touch different from the last. And it is better.

There is nothing like a good deck party, and I can think of no better place to have one than on a deck. That’s why I built one last year for my lovely bride. Unfortunately, we haven’t had much time this summer to utilize aforementioned deck due to the hefty hours at work. But we will make our way out there soon. As the temperatures finally drop in September, we will be outside a great deal, as work will be almost done for the season and it is usually so comfortable to be outside.

Owing a deck party to my friends, I will be sure to include these simple treats, and when you taste them, you will understand why.

Ceviche is one of my all-time favorites. It is traditionally uncooked seafood treated with a citrus dressing that ultimately “cooks” the seafood by denaturing the proteins. When you make this salad, make sure to eat it the day of or day after. That’s it. It won’t retain its fresh and crisp qualities once it sits around too long.

When you serve your ceviche and guacamole, especially on these hot days, just make sure to set them on an ice plate or somewhere they will stay cold or at least cool.

In the overdramatic words of Ron Burgundy, “It’s so damn hot! Milk was a bad choice.”

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As your party progresses, revel in knowing that you will probably have a shady spot to which you may retreat. Enjoy the cold food and the refreshing drinks, and for goodness sake, stay away from the milk.

It wouldn’t go with the ceviche anyway.

Guacamole

- 1 avocado pulp
- Juice of 3 limes
- 1/2 cup red onion, diced
- 1/2 cup fresh cilantro
- Salt and pepper to taste

- Using a potato masher, combine all of the ingredients
- Spice it up with some diced jalapeno or serrano chilies
- Adjust the flavorings by increasing or decreasing the salt and pepper

Crustini

- 1 baguette, sliced into 1/3-inch slices
- Olive oil
- Fresh garlic
- Salt and pepper to taste

- Rub the fresh garlic clove on the bread to infuse that great garlic flavor
- Drizzle olive oil on the bread slices
- Season with the salt and pepper
- Cook in a 400-degree oven until golden brown. These should be crispy on the edges but can still have some chewiness in the middle. Be careful, though, since you don’t want to go too short a time or the crustini will get soggy

Ceviche

- 4 ounces fresh, dry scallops
- 4 ounces fresh rockfish
- 4 ounces shrimp
- 4 ounces fresh salmon
- Juice of 3 limes
- 2 tbsp. olive oil
- 1 tsp. honey or to taste
- 1 jalapeno pepper, diced
- 1/4 red bell pepper, fine diced

- Dice the seafood into small pieces. The citric acid from the limes help to “cook” the ceviche (I am going to give you the cheater recipe for ceviche since many people do not like the thought of a plate of raw seafood. If you want true ceviche, skip the next step)

- Very briefly poach the seafood until it is just underdone. The citric acid will finish the job

- Strain the seafood and add the remaining ingredients while the seafood is still warm. It is very important to immediately refrigerate your salad to cool it down after this point

- Adjust the seasoning after the salad has cooled since a cold salad will taste significantly different

- Serve with the tortilla chips and enjoy. This is one of my favorite summer dishes

Tortilla Chips

- Tortilla chips cut into wedges
- Peanut oil for frying
- There is only one step — fry at 350 degrees until crispy
- Drain on paper towels and serve immediately or set aside until service time

Paul G. Suplee is a certified executive chef and ProChef certified Level-3. He is a writer and culinary instructor. Find his ePortfolio at www.heartofakitchen.com

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