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Trendic vote delayed with no new date

Herrick resigns as board president, Stevens returns

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(July 27, 2017) An Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors vote on whether to expel Director Slobodan Trendic just a year into his three-year term has been postponed for a third time.

A motion proposed by director and interim General Manager Brett Hill to remove Trendic for alleged breaches of confidentiality had been scheduled for the board meeting tomorrow (Friday), but was taken off the agenda Tuesday after Director Doug Parks reported another scheduling conflict.

If that weren't enough to confuse Friday's agenda, Director Tom Herrick, who has served as the board president for the past year, resigned that post Wednesday and will be replaced by Vice President Dave Stevens.

Initially, the board was to meet in special session last Thursday night to consider ousting Trendic, but that See HERRICK Page 5

Clubs committee, financial reports hammer OPA clubs

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(July 27, 2017) The current operations of Ocean Pines clubs were condemned last Thursday, as a Clubs Advisory Committee meeting turned into a forum of complaints from frustrated members who detailed their recent bad experiences.

The meeting was held just days before the association released its June financial report, which appeared to back up those sentiments.

The report revealed a \$34,988 net operating loss for the month and \$63,977 year-to-date net operating See JUNE Page 6



GONE FISHIN'

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Gabriel Vitak, 6, of Snow Hill, concentrates during the Art Hansen Memorial Youth Fishing Contest at the Ocean Pines South Gate Pond last Saturday. The Ocean Pines Anglers Club hosts the annual event.

Prgm. Open Space funds trickle in

By Josh Davis Associate Editor

(July 27, 2017) For the first time in several years, the Town of Berlin will receive funding from Program Open Space, a state program administered by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

During a Town Council meeting Monday Night, Administrative Services Director Mary Bohlen said the town would receive \$20,000 – about 7 percent of the \$279,270 it requested, but still something.

Program Open Space funds are given to the counties, which can then decide to allocate or hold the money.

Bohlen said the funding would be used to improve the tennis courts at Stephen Decatur Park.

"It's obviously fortunate that they've allocated those \$20,000. Unfortunately, \$20,000, when it comes to park projects, is not a lot of money," Bohlen said. "However, it will help us in the completion of the tennis courts project, which already has funding allocated, \$215,000, from the Community Parks and Playgrounds program."

The Community Parks and Playgrounds grant comes via Program Open Space, but is only available directly to municipalities.

Bohlen said the tennis court project was the only one in the parks program that could be reasonably completed within the grant timeframe, which has a deadline of July 2018.

This year, the town also requested Program Open Space funding to buy and install prefabricated bathrooms at Stephen Decatur Park (\$126,270), buy and install lighting for the basketball courts at Dr. William Henry Park (\$54,000), and to establish a small aesthetic space on William Street to be called John Howard Burbage Park (\$49,500).

Also in the request was \$40,500 for benches, picnic tables and trashcans at Berlin Falls Park, and \$9,000 to expand the tot lot at Stephen Decatur Park.

In March, Bohlen said it was un-

likely the town would receive any assistance from Program Open Space.

"Those funds, as with so many things, have substantially decreased over the years and the county has not been able to allocate to the municipalities in quite a while. But, we all keep hoping that that will change," she said at the time.

On Monday, Berlin Parks Commission Chairman Mike Wiley said the commission has long been in favor of rehabbing the tennis courts. He said conditions there were poor and joked it was a wonder tennis players who do use the courts don't come away without sprained ankles.

"We're totally in favor of it and I think it will be a big asset," Wiley said.

The Town Council voted unanimously to approve an application to use the Program Open Space Grant for the tennis courts.

"Maybe it's a sign that the financial picture for all of that kind of support is at least moving in the right direction," Mayor Gee Williams said. "It's small, but it's better than nothing."



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By Greg Ellison Staff Writer

(July 27, 2017) In a show of solidarity with law enforcement agencies across the nation, the Snow Hill Police department is flying a Thin Blue Line (American) Flag in front of its headquarters on West Green Street.

Snow Hill Police Chief Tom Davis said Mayor Charlie Dorman provided the flag.

"It was the mayor's idea," he said. "In April he got it and gave it to the department."

Dorman hatched the plan after learning Ocean City painted a thin blue line along 65th Street leading up to the Public Safety building in late February.

"Ocean City painted that thin blue line, but we really don't have a street to do that," he said. In lieu of adding a dash of blue to Green Street, Dorman formulated an alternative.

"I though it would be an ideal

'We may not consciously think about it everyday, but it's an awareness that's always with us.' Tom Davis Snow Hill Police Chief

thing to have the Thin Blue Line Flag fly over the police department," he said.

Use of the thin blue line as a show of support for law enforcement originated in Britain. In the U.S., the symbol became associated with the Blue Lives Matter pro-police movement that was launched following the murders of New York City Police Department officers Rafael Ramos and Wenjian Liu in Brooklyn on December 20, 2014. The pair was ambushed while sitting in their patrol vehicle.

The campaign in support of law enforcement was also in response to the Black Lives Matter movement. Outcries from the African-American community coalesced around the namesake hashtag following the 2013 acquittal of George Zimmerman for fatally shooting unarmed teenager Trayvon Martin.

Davis said the flag symbolizes support for all law enforcement agencies, while simultaneously honoring the dangers and sacrifices faced by officers on a daily basis.

"We may not consciously think about it everyday, but it's an awareness that's always with us," he said.



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Police investigating skimming operation in OC and Pocomoke

By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(July 27, 2017) The Worcester County Sheriff's Office is asking the public to stay alert after a pair of illegal credit card skimmers were recently discovered attached to gas station pumps in Ocean City and Pocomoke.

Sheriff's Office spokesman Lt. Ed Schreier said the Worcester County Bureau of Investigations is looking into both cases.

"They have reason to believe that they are related," he said.

While scant details are available about the ongoing investigations, Schreier said avoiding becoming a victim of data thieves is relatively easy in most instances.

"If you don't feel comfortable paying at the pump, go inside," he said.

The Pocomoke incident was more problematic for consumers, Schreier said.

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CLOWNING AROUND

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Camira Waters gets an assist from Lollipop the Clown in putting beads in her hair during the seventh annual Hilltop Day, held last Saturday in Snow Hill. Hilltop Day was founded as a sort of homecoming event for people who have left Snow Hill, but return for one day each summer.

Pocomoke Discovery Center nabs 'hat trick'

By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(July 27, 2017) Call it a hat trick. For the third year in a row the Delmarva Discovery Center & Museum has received project grant funding through the Maryland Heritage Area Authority.

Stacey Weisner, museum president and CEO, said the center was awarded a state grant of more than \$40,000 for a project to improve the guest experience, which could also impact numerous nonprofits in the area.

"That's for an interpretation and signage project," she said. "There are many signs in the museum that some people don't ever look at and we think it's an opportunity to get better."

Education is a key component behind the presentation upgrades, which will involve a weeklong training seminar for nonprofits and other area agencies, Weisner said.

Potential partners would include the Sturgis One-Room School & Heritage House, the Costen House Museum and the Mar-Va Theater, Weisner said.

"Anybody that can benefit from doing better interpretation," she said.

Although still in the planning stages, Weisner said a training seminar would be scheduled during early 2018 with Jay Miller, president of the American Association of Interpreters.

"He is the national expert on interpreters," she said. "He'll teach us how to think as a visitor – not as a subjectmatter expert."

While proper signage may be an afterthought to some, Weisner said there is actually an art and science to word choice and presentation.

"Is it good for children and adults?" she said. "Just because we have signage doesn't mean it's the best wording [or] the best location." Recognizing an area of need, Weis-

ner opted to pursue grant funding. "We know enough to be mindful when we need help," she said. "We knew we weren't properly trained to do it right, so we wanted to go after this grant."

The sign improvements will ideally be implemented in time for the nation's longest-running traditional arts event, which will begin a three-year run in Salisbury next September, Weisner said.

"One of the big impetuses for this grant is the National Folk Festival's coming to Salisbury in 2018," she said.

In June the National Council for the Traditional Arts, which produces the festival, announced Salisbury had been chosen from 34 competing cities as the host site from the event from 2018-2020.

According to the group's website,

the festival has taken place in 28 cities since its inception in 1934. Festival producers said the three-day free, outdoor multicultural celebration draws upwards of 150,000 attendees with an economic impact ranging from \$15-\$30 million dollars.

"If they come to Salisbury they'll come to Pocomoke," she said.

Regardless of attracting overflow from neighboring events, Weisner said the end game is about the end user.

"We want to create the better visitor experience for everybody," she said. "We want multi-generational families to come."

The Delmarva Discovery Center is open seven days a week, 361 days a year. Hours of operation are Monday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 12-4 p.m. For more information, visit www.delmarvadiscoverycenter.org.

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Herrick: Trendic had been warned repeatedly

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meeting was postponed until the following day after Parks said he was unable to attend. That meeting was pushed back to this Friday because of Trendic's unavailability.

With regard to the third cancellation, Herrick emailed a statement to the *Gazette* Tuesday evening.

"The agenda has been changed to delete the motion to conduct a hearing and subsequent vote for the removal of Director Trendic. Director [Doug] Parks has again notified the Board of Directors that he will be unable to attend the meeting," Herrick wrote.

As for Herrick's resignation, Stevens said, "I very much regret that Tom felt it necessary to resign, but I can understand his reasons for doing so."

He said there would be a motion Friday to accept him as president. With regard to the possibility of a special meeting on the motion to oust Trendic, Stevens said the board would try, but that it would depend on "if we can get the appropriate people."

The board's regular meeting will take place Friday, starting at 9:30 a.m. in the Assateague Room of the community center on 235 Ocean Parkway, but Hill's motion will not be heard.

A target of frequent criticism by Trendic, Hill proposed the motion to remove him as the battle between the director and the director/interim general manager escalated publicly.

"I move that pursuant to Section 5.12(B) of the Ocean Pines By Laws, the Board conduct a hearing and subsequent vote for the removal of Director Trendic from the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors," Hill wrote in the motion.

"Director Trendic has conducted himself with behavior that has violated not only attorney-client privilege, but also breached his fiduciary responsibilities as an officer of the corporation by disclosing confidential information to the press, in public meetings and in direct conversations with employees.

"The Board needs to discuss the ramifications of Director Trendic's actions and determine the best course to move forward in the best interest of the entire Association."

Herrick provided additional details in a statement emailed Monday.

"The purpose of the proposed motion at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Friday, July 28, 2017 is for the Board to consider the removal of the Director Trendic from the Board of Directors for cause," Herrick wrote. "The advancing of this proposed motion was not taken lightly. The members of the Board are keenly aware of the type of publicity that will result from the advancement of the motion and sought unsuccessfully to pursue other solutions with Director Trendic before moving forward with the motion.

"Mr. Trendic had been warned repeatedly to refrain from improper actions but refused to do so. A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors was called on June 19, 2017 to again address these issues. At this meeting Mr. Trendic agreed to refrain from this type of activity and gave verbal assurances to the Board that this type of conduct would cease. The Board decided to take no official action at that time. Unfortunately, shortly after this meeting, Mr. Trendic violated that verbal agreement by continuing to disclose to the media and to the public various confidential information.

"Our By-Laws provide a mechanism for the Board to consider the removal of a Board member for cause. Regrettably, it appears that due to the continued conduct of Mr. Trendic, this matter will be moving forward.

"I fully realize that the association membership is not privy to the intimate details behind this the rationale for the motion, and the lack of information creates a vacuum which is filled by others. While I understand the desire for information, and wish we could provide it, we have to balance that desire with the need to protect the interests of Ocean Pines. Releasing the details would not only violate the privacy of certain staff employees, it could unjustly and further foster a hostile and chaotic environment for them to perform their tasks, and could also risk further exposure of our association to liability.

"My hope is that one way or the other, the Board of Directors will move past these internal disagreements and continue our focus on improving Ocean Pines."





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June numbers not great for Pines beach and yacht clubs

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loss at the beach club. A profit of \$30,196 was budgeted for the month. The yacht club had a net operating

loss of \$115,537 in June and a year-todate net operating loss of \$147,618. The budget listed a \$1,311 profit for the month.

Last year for the same period, the beach club posted a \$16,919 profit, a difference of \$87,164, while the yacht club showed a \$5,010 loss as of June 2016, a difference of \$179,197.

"We've all been hearing horror stories about service and food at all of the clubs," committee member Gary Miller said on Thursday. "We've all had ideas and thoughts and recommendations that nobody is particularly listening to, it seems."

Committee member Donna Hickey reported that she and her husband recently went golfing with a man who attended a wedding at the yacht club. The man said the décor was nice enough, but was appalled when the buffet ran out of food.

"When the bride and groom and family asked if they could get more food and what was going on, they were told by the management that the people who ate first ate too much," Hickey said. "That was the answer that was given ... you can't make this stuff up."

Hickey said she recently went to the beach club and ordered sandwiches.

"The rolls were so hard, you could break them," she said. "We threw three of our sandwiches in the trash."

She said she spoke with the manager of one of the clubs, who apologized and said they did not have any control over the food.

"He apparently has 18 years experience as a restaurateur and he had said that he has spoken to [interim General Manager] Brett [Hill] and made some suggestions in terms of alternative food choices and products, but at this juncture he said his hands are tied," Hickey said.

Hickey asked Board of Directors Vice President Dave Stevens who was in charge of ordering food for the clubs.

"Does Brett do direct ordering?" she asked.

"Nah. He'd better not. I don't think so," Stevens said.

Hickey said she also recently had a disturbing discussion with a floor manager.

She said she asked the manager if her understanding that managers would "float" between the different clubs is true. He apparently said they would, to some degree, but not on a regular basis.

"He said, 'Well, actually I would be hoping that I can spend more time over at the beach club, because that's easier and that's what I'm looking for – I'm looking for easy," she said. "I'm thinking, this is a floor manager of our largest amenity telling a community member 'I want easy.'

"This guy has such responsibilities

to make this place look sharp, act sharp, get the staff going," Hickey added.

"Maybe that's why it's not working," Miller said.

Hickey also reported hearing "very foul language" from several of the bartenders at the yacht club.

Committee member Herb Roe said he recently had a bad experience at the tiki bar outside the yacht club. He stood in line for 15-20 minutes waiting for a drink, but the two bartenders there refused to even make eye contact with him.

"So I said, to hell with it, I'm going inside," Roe said. "I went inside and there were only six people sitting at the bar inside and [the bartenders] didn't make any eye contact. What the hell is that all about? Who are these guys? It's like Butch Cassidy."

One committee member suggested it was difficult to hire good workers, because word had gotten out that Ocean Pines fired most of its clubs staff earlier this year.

"Try this, do you want to go some place where there really aren't very many people and there really aren't very good tips, or do you want to go across the bay and work in a place where there are a lot of people and there are a lot of good tips?" Stevens said.

"If they wanted to make money and they decided to come here, well then do the job," committee member R. Lewis Furman said.

Committee member Audrey Wahl said she was upset by early reports that Ocean Pines clubs were in for a poor summer financially.

"It has started out that way and it breaks my heart, because I think that we have so much good that could be developed and I don't know why this hasn't come to [fruition]," she said. "Well, this year I know why."

Until Ocean Pines hires a new general manager, Miller said, committee suggestions are not likely to change anything.

"From what I read, I'm not too sure it's going to mean anything to Brett no matter who they hire," committee Chairman Les Purcell said. "He seems to do whatever he damned well pleases, no matter who says what."

"He's so incompetent – and he is a dictator," Wahl added.

Miller said Ocean Pines had hired plenty of managers and tried plenty of different things at places like the yacht club, but largely always got the same result.

"The final answer is, it's not worked," he said. "Whether it's because people didn't listen to a committee or there wasn't enough money budgeted for employee salaries or for training or whatever ... it hasn't worked. Is it time to think about something else?"

He said one option was to ask the directors to consider hiring a profes-See CLUBS Page 7

Clubs committee troubled by lack of information

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sional restaurateur to run the clubs. Another option, he said, was to lease out the food and beverage operations entirely.

Miller went on to say the committee was due to give its annual report to the board.

Committee member Gerald Horn said the report needed more than just anecdotal information - it needed hard data.

He called for the return of comment cards at clubs facilities that could be used as a tool to gather data. If analyzed correctly, he said, that information could be used to identify the biggest areas of concern.

"I do think we're long on opinions and short on data and I'd like to inject some data," Horn said. "If we intend to submit a report, let's submit a report that really reflects what our committee says, in concrete terms.²

Roe said the committee was somewhat restricted by a lack of access. Committees, in an official capacity, are not permitted to have direct conversations with staff members. Communication is limited to committee liaisons and the board president.

"If you're totally isolated and cut off ... then you're not going to get that information," Roe said. "Nothing is coming down. Nothing is being shared. We don't even know when things happen for improvements at the yacht club or beach club or anything else.

"It's a one-way street right now, and hopefully that will change," he added.

The committee members agreed to begin working on the annual report, but said they would wait until a new general manager is hired to turn that in.

Purcell also had a suggestion for committee members.

"If you want to be educated at the yacht club, go over there some night [and] don't just talk to your friends. Go find somebody that's new and ask them what they think. You will get amazingly different answers," he said.



Still time to vote in Ocean Pines

(July 27, 2017) Voting continues for the Ocean Pines Board of Directors election through Thursday, Aug. 10. Ballots may be dropped off in the ballot box inside the Ocean Pines Police Station at the Ocean Pines Association (OPA) Administration Building no later than 5 p.m. on Aug. 10.

Four eligible candidates are vying for two open positions on the Board of Directors. Votes may be cast for no more than two of the following candidates:

- Dr. Colette Horn
 - Nicole Schafer Crosariol
 - Douglas Parks
 - Marty Clarke

The Elections Committee will monitor the Elections telephone,

410-208-3989, for questions and/or requests for replacement ballots.

In accordance with the OPA bylaws, no member may vote if the member has failed to pay the annual charge, including any assessed interest levied by the association.

Votes will be counted on Aug. 11. Election results will be announced during the annual meeting on Saturday, Aug. 12 at 10 a.m. in the Ocean Pines Community Center at 235 Ocean Parkway.

All property owners are urged to attend the annual meeting. Arrive early and be ready to provide a photo ID, such as a driver's license.

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of seven elected officials manages the affairs and business of the association. Directors serve three-year terms and until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified.

For questions, call Ocean Pines Administration at 410-641-7717. Mailed ballots must be received at the Post Office by Thursday, Aug. 10. Write-in candidates are not allowed.

For more information, contact Elections Committee Chairman Tuttle Steve at sltuttleo8@gmail.com or Denise Sawyer, director of marketing and public relations for the Ocean Pines Association, at 410-641-7717 ext. 3006 or dsawyer@oceanpines.org.





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Hartley Hall Nursing Center dedicates new courtyard

'Dan would want us to emphasize

that while the garden is a

pleasant place to visit, it does

have a functional side too.'

Gary Crowley, Hartley Hall

Administrator

By Greg Ellison Staff Writer

(June 27, 2017) The Hartley Hall Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Pocomoke will hold a dedication ceremony for a multipurpose courtyard on Sunday at 1 p.m.

Gary Crowley, Hartley Hall administrator, said the new Bradford-Gladding Courtyard was made possible because of the generosity of Dan Gladding. It memorializes his mother and

grandmother, both former patients at Hartley.

"Dan thought that a courtyard would be a nice place for people to gather and visit, but would also be useful for our

therapy program," Crowley said.

Sunday's dedication ceremony closes the book on a project that took more than a year to complete, which would not have been possible without Gladding's generous donation, Crowley said.

"The lion's share of the cost was covered by his contribution," he said. "The whole project came in a little more than \$40,000."

Crowley said the project was completed in stages.

"We have some different walking

residents to plant flowers and vegetables, Crowley said. "We also have raised planting beds that our residents and our therapy

surfaces including concrete, grass and dirt," he said "Also we have a

Further additions include areas for

ramp and a deck."

that our residents and our therapy and activity services work with," he said. "There are a number of places therapists take residents ... that would give them an opportunity to

walk outside and be on the different walking surfaces."

In the interest of safety, Crowley said the courtyard is enclosed as some residents have a tendency to wander offsite.

Sunday's ceremony, which will include cake and light refreshments, will also dedicate a bronze plaque to remember the family's contributions to Hartley Hall, which Crowley noted is the only skilled nursing facility currently operating in Pocomoke.

"Dan would want us to emphasize that while the garden is a pleasant place to visit, it does have a functional side too," he said. "That's part of their therapy and that's part of the therapy that can hopefully get them to go home."

Police: Check ATMs, look for cameras that could steal data

SKIMMING continued

"This gas station didn't have that option – it's an unattended pump," he said. "Anybody can use it at any time of the day. There's really no one maintaining it."

Unlike many card skimmers that are simply attached to the outside of a gas pumps credit card reader, Schreier said the Pocomoke culprits managed to install the device inside of the locked pump.

"You can almost use any key to get inside of them," he said. "They're not the highest-quality locks."

After the card-skimming device is planted, accessing data is not difficult, Schreier said.

"Once they get into it and install the device, they can come back at anytime in the proximity of it and pull data off via Bluetooth," he said.

More often than not, data pirates simply slap a card reader overtop of the actual reader, which Schreier said could be easily uncovered by giving a tug prior to inserting your plastic into a gas pump card reader or an ATM.

"Your ATM at your bank, check it and pull on it," he said. "Those are constantly being checked, but you never know when somebody can put one on the outside, so you've got to pull on it."

Worse yet, Schreier said data thieves often install discrete cameras strategically placed to capture pin numbers when entered.

"They are capturing the data through not only reading the magnetic strips on the card, but capturing the identification numbers you're putting in," he said. "Cover the keypad if you're entering data."

Often tiny cameras will be discreetly placed above or below the keypad, which Schreier said could be detected by running your hand along the surface.

"If you feel that's its not smooth, if you feel something, it may have a camera up in there," he said. "It's good to look up, look around and see if there's a tiny camera looking down at the keypad."

While the investigation into the card skimmers installed in Ocean City and Pocomoke continues, Schreier advised the public to be cautious

"We just keep putting the message out there to be very vigilant with your cards," he said. "Don't take anything for granted."

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OPA directors confirm offer made to new gen. manager

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(July 27, 2017) No formal announcement had been made as of press time on the hiring of a new Ocean Pines Association general manager, although several directors recently sprinkled clues that one could be eminent.

Last Thursday, Board Vice President Dave Stevens said an offer had been made to one of the several general manager candidates the board met with earlier this month.

"A manager has been selected," Stevens said. "I don't know whether the last 'T' has been crossed and 'T' dotted."

He said the person was "not exactly local, local, but he's from the East Coast."

"He's had both community, municipality management experience and he's had HOA experience," Stevens said. "Most of the others [candidates] that were available to us were municipality only."

Stevens also hinted the person had at least some experience running a restaurant. "It's also quite possible that our new

general manager, with his experience and contacts, will be able to make an active contribution [to the clubs]," Stevens said.

He said the person could start as soon as September.

Stevens added all five finalists interviewed by the board were "all pretty good" and more than 100 applications had been received. Director Doug Parks, the only incumbent running in the election this year, provided further details during a candidate forum on Saturday.

"One of the things that's in front of us that I'm happy to report is ... bringing in a new GM," Parks said. "That is something that I will take personal responsibility for not moving forward in a more expeditious manner to get that done.

"We now have someone that is eminent," Parks added. "I don't have all the details right now, but having addressed that process myself, I know where we are with it."

Parks later added some details about the contract, specifically the lack of bonuses.

"I will tell you that lessons learned from the previous GM contractual arrangements that were made were certainly taken into consideration by the board," he said. "I can publically say that the same conditions and employment contract, bonuses included, are not part of what the board thought was appropriate to offer as a package for the new general manager.

"I think it is important to make sure that you bring on somebody who has the best interest of running the association ... that's the genesis of how he or she becomes a good general manager, and a bonus is not really one of the things I'd be interested in," Parks continued. "Trust me, we've got that covered."

Alberto Dacanay acquitted because of lack of evidence

By Brian Gilliland

Associate Editor

(July 27, 2017) The Ocean Pines man accused of terrorizing his family with a kitchen knife before barricading himself in his home has been acquitted on all charges because of a lack of evidence.

The trial of Alberto Dacanay, 76, had been postponed at the request of the state to allow time for witnesses to come forward, but they did not. It was a move foreshadowed by defense attorney Marc Zeve back in June.

"I've spoken with the daughter and son-in-law and they're adamant about not returning," Zeve said.

Zeve said in June he normally wouldn't oppose a motion for postponement, especially on a first request, but said he'd spoken with the relatives and they'd showed no interest in testifying.

Judge Patrick Cavanaugh granted the postponement, despite the objection.

On Tuesday, Assistant State's Attorney Brittani Roksiewicz called for the witnesses, and hearing no response, concluded her case. Zeve then made a motion for acquittal, which was granted by District Court Judge Gerald Purnell.

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OPA candidates weigh in on pools and Trendic removal

'We're going to have to address

that transparency and trust

issue going forward as a board.'

Dr. Colette Horn

Board Candidate

By Josh Davis

Bayside Gazette

Associate Editor

(July 27, 2107) Two elephants in the room were addressed early during a second Ocean Pines Association candidate forum Saturday in the community center.

Candidates were asked about recent policy changes at the Oasis pool, and, indirectly, about a motion expected to be introduced Friday calling for the removal of Director Slobodan Trendic from the board.

On the decision to remove the adults-only designation at the Oasis, Nicole Schafer Crosariol said her understanding was the Fair Housing Act bound Ocean Pines.

"We aren't able to discriminate," she said. "That wasn't really a choice that the board made ... that's something we had to do to avoid any kind of lawsuit."

Still, Crosariol said changing the status of the pool to an all-ages facility was not necessarily a

done deal. "I really am trying to look into finding a solution," she said. "My goal is to try ... to maybe have two different pool memberships."

She said one

membership would be for an adult pool and the other would be for family pools, and later clarified another company could come in and manage one of the pools.

Dr. Colette Horn said there were issues of transparency and fairness in the policy change. She said distrust of the board and general manager "caused us to question the motives and question the background of this decision."

"We're going to have to address that transparency and trust issue going forward as a board," she said.

Horn agreed there was a legal issue that could not be ignored and cited the Fair Housing Act. She argued, however, the Americans With Disabilities Act provided other protections and said adults have the right to have a safe place to swim.

She suggested creating a single complex that included the Oasis and Mumford's Landing pools, which are on either side of the yacht club.

"I think that the intents of both of these laws need to be balanced and considered in coming up with a solution to this problem," Horn said. "I think it's going to require some creativity of thinking by both the attorney who's giving us some advice, as well as the board."

Marty Clarke said the board decision, based on the Civil Rights Act and amended as the Fair Housing Act, was a no-brainer.

"Anybody that's read the law will understand that you cannot discriminate against families," Clarke said. "End of story. They had no choice. "Are there any options? I can't find one," Clarke added.

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Director Doug Parks, the lone incumbent in the group, said he moved to maintain the adults-only status during a special meeting in April.

"Soon thereafter, we were counseled by our attorney that we were indeed in violation of not only the Fair Housing Act, but several Maryland anti-discrimination laws," he said.

Parks said the board considered other options, but the attorney said there were no exceptions.

"At that point, we decided we could no longer keep the association at risk by continually violating the law," he said. "As evidenced by a unanimous vote of the board, the importance of protecting the association from potential lawsuits and fines that had totaled tens of thousands of dollars [was stressed]. To me, it was very

> prudent for us to make sure we protected the association by complying with the law."

> He said the board would continue to look for another solution and said privatizing the pool had been considered.

"How, actually, that works, I don't know," Parks said. "We also have to keep our tax exempt status ... careful thought needs to be given to this [and] I think we owe the association continued research in this, but at this point following the law is the right thing to do."

The candidates were next asked by moderator Steve Habeger, "What requirements must be met to remove a director from the board?"

Clarke answered, "five votes."

"I think cause ought to be staggering," he added. "I haven't been in the closed meetings. I don't know what cause is."

He joked that anyone who has been in a bar in Ocean Pines during the last three weeks has heard plenty of rumors and conjecture.

Crosariol admitted she was not sure of all the details.

Horn said she was concerned that "cause" was not defined in the bylaws.

"It needs to be something that is so egregious as to be criminal," she said. "The bar for proof of the commission of that act also has to be very high."

She also said the board did not address confidentiality and ethical issues immediately and that led to other problems.

"That needs to be addressed when it happens," she said. "We don't want to store that stuff up and then decide when it's maybe politically expedient ... to go straight to a vote for removal. I think that's wrong.

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Wrapping up second Pines forum

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(July 27, 2017) Along with their positions on arguably the two biggest issues, candidates for the Ocean Pines Association Board also weighed in on their top priorities, biggest weaknesses, and being a positive force during a candidate forum on Saturday in the community center.

Dr. Colette Horn, Nicole Crosariol, incumbent Director Doug Parks and former Director Marty Clarke are vying for two seats on the board.

Parks said the first thing he wanted to do was bring stability back to association leadership.

"I've been the one that has been in the middle," Parks said. "I was the one that has offered consensus to try to get board members of each side of the issue to consider alternatives that would allow them to, quite frankly, stop all the unproductive time that's been spent on arguing their positions.

"Have I been successful? Obviously not. Will I continue to try? You bet I will," Parks added. "Time needs to be spent on issues and things that affect the association membership, not on settling arguments between factions of the board. Quite frankly, I'm tired of spending that kind of time, because that's not what I signed up for."

If elected, Parks said he would work to "bring that harmony back to

the board.

"If it requires drastic action, then so be it," he said. Horn agreed the infighting needed

to stop.

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"Emotions have taken over on the board," she said. "We need to get back to doing the business that the board was elected to do.

"One of the big lessons that I take away from this chaos that's happening right now is the board needs to listen to all voices. We need to stop silencing dissent," Horn added.

Clarke said his first motion would

be to ask the general manager to provide the board with the cost of closing the yacht club during the offseason, versus keeping it open. He said he would put a moratorium on booking offseason events until that could be determined.

"I think the cost [to keep it open] is staggering," he said. "But I want the rest of the board to see the numbers. I think once they do ... it's going to get shuddered."

Crosariol said her top priority would be to hire a new food and beverage manager who could train and develop a strong team of employees.

Asked what would likely be the biggest issues over what would be a three-year term, Crosariol said she wanted to make the yacht club successful, improve the North Gate Bridge and address infrastructure, including the police station.

Parks said the Cove, the restaurant inside the yacht club, needed to be addressed.

"We've talked about it long enough. It's time to really take a look at alternatives, not just doing the same kind of thing like changing the menu or changing the hours," he said. "It has to be something that's a little more concrete and has a little more substance to it."

He suggested leasing it out to a restaurateur "who understands the See FIXING Page 13

Candidates set bar high for removing elected officials

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"I think we need to make sure the cause it clear, the actions have been proven and that the actions are so egregious that removal is the only way we can protect the association."

Parks admitted he was in a precarious position as the only candidate that will have a vote on whether or not to remove Trendic.

"When you make a claim to hold in confidence information that's relevant to legal action, I will abide by that," he said. "I will not compromise my integrity to do anything else. If that costs me votes, so be it."

He added it would be a bad precedent "if the board majority decided they don't like a director that was elected by the community" and removed the person.

"I set the bar pretty darn high to criminal activity," he said. "Anything short of that is suspect. Anything short of that is conjecture. Anything short of that is politicizing the issue.

"That bar should be set very high and should not be some cavalier approach to pushing one's agenda forward," Parks added. "I'm not happy that I'm in this position. Quite frankly I've got a better solution – and I'll leave it at that."



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Fixing OP yacht club comes up as top priority

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business of running a restaurant." "We do not have the core competency to run a restaurant," Parks said. "It's time for us to move forward and put some real research into the possibility of leasing that facility out."

Horn agreed.

"We are not restaurateurs. We need to get a professional in there, whether it's outsourcing it or putting out a search for a professional restaurateur to be our employee," she said. "However we go about it, it needs to be a professional operation. We can't continue to have that be a financial drain."

She added that talk of closing the facility during the winter only created instability and hurt the bottom line.

Clarke said if a board majority agreed to lease the club, "hallelujah." He added any deal would have to be hands off.

"No Ocean Pines directors with their nose in it telling a Buddy Trala ... or a John Fager how to do it," he said. "We've got to be the biggest idiots in the world. Let's fix the yacht club, I've got it, we'll spend \$5 million. A new cafeteria ought to do it!

"We don't know what we're doing," Clarke added. "And if you don't believe that, go to the golf course. We're number three out of three. River Run did more revenues last year than we did. What, do they have 700 houses? We have 7,000."

When the candidates were asked about their biggest weaknesses, Horn joked that hers' must be street cred, referring to an incident last Friday evening, when she said she was threatened at a local restaurant.

During the start of the forum she said, "things have gotten pretty violent lately" and that "some pretty incendiary stuff" had been discussed in local media.

"I got threatened last night for running for the board at South Side Grill. The guy said he hadn't seen me around," she said. "Things need to settle down."

She also said she had been called "uppity" by some for using her doctor title with her name.

"I've been a child psychologist for over 30 years, and I can tell you as a child psychologist there's no room for uppityness. Kids don't leave any room for pretentiousness," Horn said. "My title doesn't mean that I'm any smarter than the next guy, but what it does tell you is that I have some training and some expertise that may help settle things down here and set us on a path toward a more productive future."

Crosariol said people always tell her she's impatient.

"That can be a bad thing – it can also be a good thing," she said. "I wake up every day with a purpose. I wake up with a list of things to do. I know what I have to get done, and anything I put my energy into [gets done]."

She said growing up in Ocean Pines makes her particularly invested, and said she was not a typical 31-year-old.

"I have the energy to put into it and I have the heart to put into it, because I've been here for so long," she said. "When stuff needs to get done, that's when [impatience] plays as a strength."

She later joked public speaking was also a weakness.

Parks said his weakness was his stubborn desire to reach a consensus.

He also said he's not entirely dismissive about what people think of him.

"I do care when somebody says, 'you're an idiot' because I want to know why," Parks said. "I look at it as a potential opportunity to correct something [or] take a different perspective."

Asked about his biggest weakness, Clarke walked up to the microphone, paused, said "diplomacy," and sat back down.

Ironically, the next question from Habeger was whether each would be "a positive force to help the board become more functional."

"It's such a silly question," Clarke said. "Of course, I would hope so. Everybody knows I can be a little disruptive. I don't do it because I like doing it. I'm a little passionate at times.

"I think this board is a good board. I couldn't be more pleased with it right now," he added. "They're all good guys and they're all doing what they think is best for Ocean Pines. And that's what I'll do and I don't think there'll be a big conflict."

Parks said the other directors often refer to him as the "Peace-maker."

"I tend to stay in the middle and listen to both sides of the argument," he said. "One of the things that I try to lend harmony to the board and the overall perspective is to make sure that both sides understand one another. If I can play arbitrator, I readily accept that role."

Crosariol said all of the candidates obviously intended to be a positive force.

"I think that giving more versatile opinions ... helps us achieve more," she said. "The word 'positive' is kind of my middle name, because even if something bad happens I always try to see the positive in it."

Horn said she was trained to be a moderating influence.

"Let's get back to ... [trying] to bring the best out of each other, which is what I try to do every day in the work that I do with my clients," she said.

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Berlin's A&E and Germantown team for mural project

By Josh Davis Associate Editor

(July 27, 2017) The Berlin Arts and Entertainment Committee has finalized plans for the third panel of a public art mural and for the community building it hopes it fosters.

The committee will host an open paint session with muralist John Donato on Saturday, Aug. 5 from 1-4 p.m. during the Berlin Peach Festival at the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum.

The panel is expected to be finished during an open paint and community potluck on Saturday, Sept. 16 from 4-7 p.m. at the Germantown School Community Heritage Center. Guests are encouraged to bring picnic blankets, chairs, and a dish to share. Musician/singer Bryan Russo will collaborate with local church choirs to perform the gospel songs of Charles Albert Tindley.

Robin Tomaselli from Berlin Arts and Entertainment recently met with the committee overseeing the Germantown School Community Heritage Center project, to discuss a collaborative event.

Last Wednesday, Tomaselli and Donato met in Germantown again with Barbara Purnell, Gabe Purnell, Wilbert "Tom" Pitts and Karen Prengaman.

Tomaselli spoke highly of Donato. "He is a genius. His gift is collaborating with people of all talent and lack of talent, and using art to bridge gaps not only in community building, but particularly with youth," she said. "His murals ... tell a story. To me, it's so much bigger than a piece of artwork."

The first two panels of the mural hang on the north-facing wall of the Berlin Visitor's Center on 14 South Main Street. Students from Buckingham Elementary School worked on



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Members of the Berlin Arts and Entertainment Committee meet with officials from the Germantown School Community Heritage Center last week to discuss plans for a community potluck and mural painting event in September. Pictured, from left, are Robin Tomaselli, John Donato, Karen Prengaman and Barbara Purnell.

the first panel and children involved in Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services worked on the second.

Tomaselli said many of those children stop to look at the mural, take pictures with their parents or show off their handiwork to friends.

"For the people that have worked on it so far, it does create this level of ownership of something really positive in their community," she said. "In thinking about working on the third phase ... we really wanted to something that incorporated that side of town, and this side of town.

"It makes sense to use to start it over at the Peach Festival with a completely free community paint," Tomaselli continued. "And then to dismantle those panels and have them be completed at ... a completely free community potluck. The desire is to share a meal together and complete the mural together."

She added the collaboration of Russo and the church choirs, singing the songs of Tindley, was another convergence of two sides of Berlin.

During the remainder of the meeting, Purnell and others talked about their recollections of the school, as Donato sketched ideas for panel three. The Germantown School, built around 1922, was one of several community schools that served black children during segregation. There were similar schools on Flower Street in Berlin, and in Snow Hill and Sinepuxent.

Those in the room talked about the long walks to and from school carrying loads of books, and what the landscape looked like when it was in service. Worcester County was much more rural, and the parents of the school children worked on farms, were laborers, and many were teachers.

"With the murals the key things [are] ... what's the story we're telling, what are the details, it's gotta look good, and people actually have to paint it," Donato said. "What I'm getting is the school itself is built on this foundation of all these people and their stories."

"I think now, more than ever, kids need to understand how hard work and honor and leadership [mattered]," Tomaselli said. "What matters is your work ethic and your moral fabric. All of those are good things that kids, in general, aren't getting.

"This can tell a little bit of the story," she added.



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Sgt. Burnett comes full circle in Snow Hill

After three decades with state police, man returns to agency he first started with

By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(July 27, 2017) Snow Hill Police Sgt. Rob Burnett appreciates that life occasionally comes full circle.

After more than 30 years with the Maryland State Police, Burnett returned in February to the same agency where he launched his career 40 years ago.

"My first time in law enforcement was with the Snow Hill Police Department back in 1977," he said.

Burnett, who graduated in 1974 from Overlea High School in Baltimore, worked in the construction field for a few years before his father encouraged him to pursue steadier employment.

"When I turned 21 my dad told me, 'You've got to get a job with the government,' because I kept getting laid off from jobs," he said.

Focusing on a law enforcement career, Burnett applied with police departments in Baltimore City and county, as well as the Maryland State Police.

An inroad appeared when his halfbrother, James Courtney, who was then chief of police in Snow Hill, called him with good and bad news.

"I said what's the good news?" he re-

called. "He said, 'I have an opening for you if you want it."

The coin was flipped when Burnett asked how much time he had to make the decision to accept the offer, which would involve migrating his family from the Western Shore.

"He said, 'that's the bad news, you've got to decide today whether you want it or not," he said.

To complicate matters further, Burnett said his wife of two years was initially hesitant.

"She was, I think at first, kind of against it," he said. "She knew I wanted to get into police work, so she's like, 'OK we'll see what happens.""

Burnett said he knew, early on, he was in for a challenging start.

"When I came down it was like, here's the key to the car, here's your gun, here's your badge, there's your uniform, have at it," he said. "I just went and got every possible book I could find and started reading about laws."

Eventually Burnett's self-instruction was bolstered with additional training.

"Ten months after being here they finally sent me to the police academy," he said. "It was ten months of knowing nothing."

Following a few years patrolling the streets of Snow Hill, Burnett ventured back into the construction field, but continued pursuing opportunities in law enforcement. He finally landed a spot with the Maryland State Police in January 1982, which kept him occupied for the next three decades.

"I primarily worked the roads and got promoted to sergeant when I retired," he said.

Although Burnett was stationed at a number of state police barracks, he said the bulk of his career was spent in Salisbury.

After retiring from the state police, Burnett jumped at the opportunity to return to Snow Hill and work with an old cohort, Police Chief Tom Davis.

"Actually, if you talk to Chief Davis he'll probably tell you I was his mentor when he first came on the state police," he said.

The pair became acquainted in the late 1980's when Davis was a rookie officer assigned to the same state police barracks as Burnett.

"When he came out of the academy he came to Salisbury," Burnett said. "When he got cut loose we were in the same work group for a while and that's when we first met each other."

Since rejoining the force in Snow Hill, Burnett said despite the intervening years things seem reasonably familiar.

"The town itself is pretty much the same," he said. "Not a whole lot has changed."

Where Burnett would like to engender change is within his department.

"We're trying to get the police de-



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Sgt. Rob Burnett

partment up to par of where it should be," he said. "It needs to brought up to modern times."

With a background working around state police facilities, Burnett said the Snow Hill department could use a building upgrade.

"It's the old fire station, which in it's time was OK, but now we need something more modern and more up to date," he said.

Since joining Davis, who took over as chief in December, Burnett said the pair of Maryland State Police veterans is reshaping the department in their vision.

"It's all starting to come together and the guys like it and are adjusting to it," he said. "They're getting more training and more education than they've ever had before."

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Berlin adds funds to West Street renovation

Additional \$90,000 will bring total to \$426,000; repaving to finish in Aug.

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(July 27, 2017) The Berlin Town Council on Monday unanimously agreed to spend \$90,000 more to repave West Street, opting for a more expensive approach designed to last longer and get better results, town officials said.

Construction on West Street paused last month to allow work already done there to settle. Town Administrator Laura Allen said unexpected issues with utilities had been one problem, while additional concerns involved some "interesting mixtures of cement and asphalt under the road."

On Monday, Mayor Gee Williams said the town was at the point where the actual paving could be done.

Three paving options were presented, costing roughly \$66,000, \$70,000 and \$90,000, respectively. The town opted for the most expensive route because it was the most comprehensive.

"The issue with paving was pretty complicated because we had cement down the center of the road, and as water resources and the contractor were working to change and replace the water and sewer connections, they were cutting into the asphalt and the concrete," Allen said.

"It was a challenge ... to come up with an approach for the final paving of the project that would work, given the challenges of keeping the asphalt stable given the fact the cement is much more solid."

She said the utility work settled and a base coat of paving was applied on Monday. A layer of paving fabric designed to keep the road flat and smooth will be put down next, and that will eventually be paved over.

"We think that this recommendation has the highest chance for longterm life expectancy of the road and it should result in a nice finished, final product so that the folks that live there will be able to drive on the road and it will be nice and smooth for a long period of time," Allen said.

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The town successfully used a similar approach when repaying Jefferson Street several years ago.

"Short of a very, very expensive option of removing all the concrete in the road, this is ... the best approach for a very aesthetic and longevity project," Darl Kolar from EA Engineering, Science and Technology. Inc. said.

He said the work was estimated to finish within two-to-three weeks.

The total cost of the project is about \$426,000.



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Those sounds near Berlin power plant are 'peak shaving'

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(July 27, 2017) Berlin residents near the William Street power plant might have noticed loud noises during the middle of the day last week.

Town Administrator Laura Allen said that's because hot weather pushed the electric utility to generate additional power. During that time, one of the bay doors at the plant that is usually shut has been opened.

"We have been generating a lot these last couple of days," Allen said. "The noise is a function of having those bay doors open, which we need to do because it is so hot and those engines need some additional air circulation as a result ... which means more people can hear and it's a little bit louder than usual."

Allen said the town received a few noise complaints during those times.

"I would just ask folks to understand, there are time periods of short generation, typically from 2-6 [p.m.], in the afternoon," she said. "We're not generating at night and in the weekends. It's just a temporary situation until we get through these hotter days and hotter months."

Berlin's electric utility uses Delmarva Power infrastructure to deliver electricity to homes in the town, but buys most of the power it distributes from an outside source. That system of buying most of its electricity and then generating it during peak periods has helped lower the average electric bills in town.

During the warmest and coldest days, the power plant generates additional power to offset high consumption, when purchased electricity is most expensive. That's also called peak shaving.

The town releases "Tweak our Peak" alerts during those periods, asking residents to help conserve energy. Alerts are posted on social media and on the town website, as well as on the Berlin public access channel and through the Code RED emergency notification system.

"Essentially what we're asking people to do is just adjust their thermostat, maybe make it a little bit warmer in the house, close your blinds, and don't run your washing machine or major appliances [during peak hours]. Roughly from 2 o'clock to 6 o'clock is our summer peak," Allen said. "We can't control the weather, we can just adjust to it. Everybody is encouraging folks to use their resources wisely."

Allen said the savings created by the Tweak Our Peak program are subtle, but added, "I think the impact could be more significant if folks weren't paying attention to it and being careful."

In February 2016, a missed peak caused electric rates to increase roughly \$2 a month. Allen said there were some relatively minor mechanical problems with a few of the engines at the power plant, but otherwise there have not been issues recently.

Additional information about the energy savings program, as well as energysaving tips, can be found on the electric utility page at www.berlinmd.gov.

Bethany United creates first 'Blessing Box'

'My endgame in this for me

is not just one little food

pantry at my church. I want

to put them all through

my county.'

Merrie McElrath

Church worker spearheads effort to open freestanding food pantry based in Berlin

By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(July 27, 2107) Merrie McElrath recognizes the importance of community members giving according to their abilities and taking according to their needs.

McElrath, a Sunday school teacher at Bethany United Methodist Church in Berlin, is joining a growing national trend by creating a freestanding food pantry in the parking lot at her place of worship.

The idea took root after the Sunday school teacher learned about the pioneering efforts of Jessica McClard, who in May 2016 created the Little Free Pantry at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

"She put up a Facebook post about how she had done it and people were like, 'this is great,' and followed suit," she said. "She had taken the concept from the Little Free Library and thought this would work if [she] wanted to do a food pantry on a small scale. What a great concept."

Last Sunday Bethany United's pastor, Rev. Connie Paulson, consecrated the church's new Blessing Box, which was constructed by church trustee Joe Dell.

In contrast to the numerous food banks and soup kitchens operating throughout the Lower Shore, McElrath said the Blessing Box could be accessed at any hour.

"On a weekend evening let's say a family were hungry and they didn't have any money in their bank account," she said. "There was no place to go for food or anyway to receive anything."

Jennifer Small, managing director of the Maryland Food Band Eastern Shore branch, said based on data from fiscal year 2016 there are more than 6,600 individuals experiencing food insecurities in

Worcester County, and of that number more than 2,000 were children. Small noted that although that figure has trended downward recently, other factors continue to present challenges.

"Even though the numbers of food insecure individuals has decreased, the cost of a meal has increased," she said.

To bolster the efforts of groups like the Maryland Food Bank, McElrath said the Blessing Box would provide an outlet for community members to give and receive nonperishable foodstuffs in a self-service setting.

"[It's] something to give them a meal for the evening where they wouldn't go hungry," she said. "The concept is different than a typical food pantry in that whenever you have a need you can just drive right up and put whatever you have extra in or take whatever."

The Blessing Box will fill a need that other food-based outreach efforts

undertaken by Bethany United Methodist may not accommodate, she said.

"You have to remember someone has to be there to distribute that food," she said. "Somebody has to be there for intake

and outtake." McElrath said the Blessing Box would only accept nonperishable and non-expired food in its original packing.

"We'll also have a list within the pantry [stating] don't drop this off because were not going to be able to distribute that," she said. "You obviously can't bake a pie and put the pie in the little free pantry. That's not how it works."

Although still in its infancy, McElrath said in time the Blessing Box would contain canned vegetables, fruits, proteins, personal care items, school supplies and paper goods, while noting that the freestanding food pantry would not accept razors, sharp objects, harsh chemicals or items stored in glass containers.

In light of the growing popularity of self-service food pantries nationwide, McElrath hopes to popularize the trend in Worcester County.

"My endgame in this for me is not just one little food pantry at my church," she said. "I want to put them all through my county."

Future projects are beginning to materialize, she said.

"We've already approached somebody else that is very interested in doing it on her property," she said. "My goal is to have a bunch of the little food pantries and have other people who are going to be maintaining them."

As people learn about the concept, McElrath thinks the give-and-take concept will become appealing.

"It could be that you go to drop off something and you see something in the pantry you were going to go shopping for and say, 'I really need that," she said. "It's just like your neighbor borrowing a cup of sugar."

Anyone who would like more information on the Blessing Box can email redspeck@prodigy.net or call 443-783-0547.

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Voters' buyer's remorse

Not to be redundant, as we seem to write a similar editorial each year going into Ocean Pines elections, but it is always with the hope the incoming board members will remember their campaign promises once they take their seats at the table.

Elections of late, unfortunately, have brought a winnertake-all philosophy. Sides are drawn and those who oppose or question any issue being debated are immediately accused of making an attack or having a personal agenda.

All the promises made last year sounded great to voters, who elected candidates who campaigned for greater transparency, increased community input, a desire for independent thinking, and more cordial dealings with one another.

This past year, however, brought more behind-closeddoors meetings with little other than accusations made public, scant input considered from the many community committees whose role now seems all but marginalized, and in-fighting like elementary school-age gangs protecting their turf.

Property owners deserve better. They voted for people who they expected would leave their egos at the door, would listen to a variety of viewpoints and who would rationally come to terms with what is in the best interest of the community.

There is little to indicate that will change this upcoming year, although hope springs eternal. As you return your ballot, we recommend voting for those who you feel provide some indication of giving property owners what they promise.

Elections should not be about who wins, as the loser ends up being the community at large.

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Letters

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'Doug Parks and the current mess' Editor,

The candidate forum on July 22 provided those in attendance, and those watching at home, something that has been missing – a ray of hope out of the political mess created by the ongoing feud between Directors Slobodan Trendic and Brett Hill.

Director Doug Parks, the only Board Member running in the current election (and possibly facing the ire of some voters) made two very interesting points. The first was that he didn't sign up for the mess that the current Board has become. The second, and most interesting point, was an inference that he knew what to do the get out of it.

the date below ~

That raises the following interesting possibility – what would happen if Director Parks requested the resignations of both Directors because of their egregious behavior (at least perceived) and, if they failed to do so, threatened to abstain from the vote? Such a move would certainly make the July 28 Board meeting even more interesting.

This situation, by most accounts, would either force the Board majority to bury the hatchet and work together, or create a situation where a new board majority would emerge after the election with two new appointments. Either move would be a positive way out of the current mess.

Likely to happen? Who knows, but it would be an amazing attempt to "lance the boil" that Board politics has devolved into.

Frank Daly Ocean Pines

Books for sale at Ocean Pines library

(July 27, 2017) The Friends of the Ocean Pines Library is celebrating its 17th year and for the 2017 sale, buyers will find fiction novels, arranged in alphabetical order by author, sports book, biographies as well as audio books, CDs and DVDs, cookbooks, gardening and nature books, coffee table books, book sets and humor and travel books.

A new section on rare and autographed books has been

added this year and will be displayed in the conference room on the left as guests enter the library.

The sale will begin at 6 p.m. on July 28 for Friends of the Ocean Pines Library. Join at the door for \$5 for an individual membership or \$10 for a family membership. Saturday, July 29, the sale will be open to the general public from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Monday, July 31, all books will be sold at half price, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This sale is the single biggest source of income for the Friends. The funds are used to help the Ocean Pines Library purchase books, upgrade systems as well as provide funds for the children's programs and adult reading programs.

The library is located at 11107 Cathell Rd., beside the Ocean Pines Post Office and across from the Sports Core Pool.

Berlin Briefs

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(July 27, 2017) The Berlin Mayor and Council discussed the following items during a public meeting at Town Hall on Monday night.

Opioid symposium

Managing Services Director Jeff Fleetwood recently attended an opioid awareness symposium at Salisbury University sponsored by Gov. Larry Hogan.

Fleetwood said the governor has earmarked \$50 million for an anti-opioid campaign.

"One of the statistics that actually astonished my mind ... nationwide, four out of 10 youth ages 18 and younger have had an experience with opioids," Fleetwood said.

He related one story, told during the symposium, that he found particularly powerful.

"[The speaker] said she was a grandmother and she said she was very much at fault for something that she had done," Fleetwood said. "She said that she had a grandson that played middle school football [and] came home from football practice one afternoon and his shoulder was hurting.

"She didn't want to take him to the doctor, so what she chose to do, she broke off a piece of an oxytocin [and] gave it to him," he continued. "She said it was the worst mistake I made. She said he liked it. And then he apparently got the medicine chest, took all of that, and then he elevated to the next [thing]. She said six months later she found him

dead with a needle in his arm." Fleetwood said about 200 people attended the symposium.

Parks updates

Administrative Services Director Mary Bohlen said the prefabricated bathrooms ordered for Dr. William Henry Park were currently being built. She said the delivery date has not been set, but that hoped that would happen soon.

Most of the cost of the permanent restrooms, about \$96,000, was covered by Community Parks and Playgrounds grant overseen by the Department of Natural Resources Program Open Space.

Bohlen added she would present an application for a Community Parks and Playgrounds grant for permanent restrooms at Stephen Decatur Park at the next Town Council meeting.

Berlin electric

Electric Utility Director Tim Lawrence said the town recently had issues with two of the engines at its power plant on William Street.

He said engine two shut down because of a high exhaust temperature alarm essentially put the engine in protect mode when a part became clogged. The part was removed, cleaned and tested, but has not yet been reinstalled.

Lawrence said the engine was operating temporarily under a de-rated output

setting.

Engine four also had some issues and an alarm was triggered. Lawrence said a specialist was brought in and parts were used from another engine to repair it.

"All four engines are up and running now," Lawrence said. "Two and four were down at multiple times, but we were able to get them back up and running."

Police outreach

Members of the Berlin Police Department and other volunteers recently took children from Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services to Jolly Roger, Police Chief Arnold Downing said.

He said Robin Tomaselli of Baked Dessert Café made desserts and lent a hand, and Main Street Deli provided lunches at a big discount.

Next, the police will participate in a trip with children from Worcester Youth to the Stratosphere Trampoline Park in Delmar.

"Worcester Youth is doing a wonderful job," Downing said. "For most of the days of the week they have something going on."

Planning updates

Planning Director Dave Engelhart provided several "calm community notes" on Monday.

He said no further road closures were expected on Seahawk Road because of the Oceans East apartment complex. He said some widening of the road near the complex would be done in August, before school starts, but no road closures would be needed.

Engelhart said some delays may be experienced this week near the new Atlantic General Hospital Cancer Center, because workers will be boring for utilities there.

He said the town received several calls from residents asking about repairs to the sidewalks on South Main Street. The State Highway Administration is working to make those ADA accessible.

Engelhart said the contractor is responsible for getting a release from property owners, especially if it would affect their front lawns, retaining walls or driveways, and provide a minimum of 24 hours' notice.

In some cases, apparently, notice "wasn't early," Engelhart said.

"We've had some issues," he said.

Baker Street meeting

Town Administrator Laura Allen said a meeting would be held for residents of Baker Street on Aug. 10 at 6 p.m. in Town Hall, to discuss plans for street repairs.

New police car

The council unanimously approved a \$33,000 requisition order to buy a 2017 Chevy Tahoe. It will replace one of the last two Ford Crown Victorias in the police fleet.

Councilman Thom Gulyas noted he had opposed the planned purchase of Ford Interceptors, which were recently recalled.

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Bayside Gazette

Hendricks captures 'Natural Wonders' of Assateague Is.

By Kara Hallissey

Staff Writer

(July 27, 2017) For the last seven years, wildlife photographer Mark Hendricks has been capturing images on Assateague Island, from the snowy owl and seaside grasshopper to the beaches and inland forests, throughout all seasons in Maryland and Virginia.

In "Natural Wonders of Assateague Island," readers can appreciate 198 images taken by Hendricks along with a written history of the island and information about its biodiversity pertaining to animals and plants. In addition, four chapters depict his journey including the tracking and photographing tales of four elusive species to the island: the river otter, snowy owl, black stallion and piping plover.

"When people think of Assateague Island, they think horses, or it's a vacation spot," Hendricks said. "There is so much more. It's a biodiverse region and a pristine barrier island. I've been documenting Assateague Island for a long time."

The conservation-based book also encourages readers to clean up after themselves, slow down when driving, appreciate nature from afar and to be conservation-minded in regards to behavior, he said.

"What makes Assateague cool is it

has all of these intact ecosystems," Hendricks said. "The beach, dunes, maritime forest and marsh. The bays and ocean surround it. Each ecosystem has a unique flavor to it with different animals."

About 40 percent of content for the 144-page book was created in 2016, although the oldest image is seven years old and plenty were taken in between that time.

"Most people don't know and are shocked [Assateague] has so much life," Hendricks said. "I wanted to tell a complete story of the pristine barrier island and show it in a different light. It's so cool and I want people to appreciate that we have this awesome place. Come and treat it well."

Hendricks, 34, of Baltimore, who has taken hundreds of trips to Assateague Island since he was 5 years old, has written for wildlife magazines in addition to giving talks and lectures.

Growing up in Baltimore, he always appreciated trips to the park and loved being around animals.

"Natural Wonders of Assateague Island" was published on June 28 and autographed copies are available on his website, www.markhendricksphoto.com, for \$24.99.

"I wanted to do a book project," Hendricks said. "Schiffer Publishing



KARA HALLISSEY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

In "Natural Wonders of Assateague Island," readers can appreciate 198 images taken by author Mark Hendricks along with a written history on the island and information about its biodiversity pertaining to animals and plants.

decided to support the project and we signed a contract near the end of 2015."

The hard cover book is also available on Amazon.com, Barnesandnoble.com and in independent book stores including Sundial Books on Chincoteague Island, Virginia.

Hendricks will have a book signing

at Sundial Books tomorrow, Friday, July 28 from 2-4 p.m.

"The book shows Assateague in its most complete form, and how you can see things from the road and beach," he said. "It reminds people to slow down and take things in. Assateague is a place where you take the time to appreciate it and treat it well."

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Fourth Friday continues in dwtn. Pocomoke

Monthly art stroll to include 'Spray Paint Guy,' live music and activities for children

(July 27, 2017) The Pocomoke 4th Friday Street Festival returns this week, with Market Street between Front and Second streets shut down to traffic from 5-8 p.m. for the occasion.

Karah Lacey, Pocomoke economic development coordinator, said local artists, craftsmen and vendors would fill the downtown sidewalks to sell their wares, including paintings, photography, jewelry, bath and body products, home decor, fashion and much more. She also noted that numerous local businesses would stay open until 8 p.m.

This month's featured artist is Darren "That Spray Paint Guy" Linton, who began his foray into airbrushing nearly five years ago and in the last few years has increased the scale.

"I find that with spray paint, if it doesn't turn out exactly like I planned I can add more colors, textures, and still make something I'm proud of," Linton said.

Over time Linton has come to appreciate the creative process and has found people enjoy witnessing his methods.

"It starts out looking impossible and then as the details come to life, they can see what they pictured appear," he said.

Refreshments will be available for purchase including hotdogs, hamburgers, fries and beverages. Beer and wine sales will be available for the adults. XO Beanery & Bites will serve iced coffee and sweet treats, including Chesapeake Bay Farms ice cream.

Reggae group The Raucous Brothers will provide live music.

The City of Pocomoke and the Downtown Pocomoke Association will honor Linda Redmond of the Dance Loft for her 35 years of service to Pocomoke City at 6 p.m.

Lacey said children would have lots of activities to capture their attention.

'Cascading Carlos the juggler will be onsite to give a one of a kind performance," she said. "Games will also be offered throughout the downtown area, including life-sized checkers and chess in the Downtown Community Garden.'

Lacey said the Future Warriors Field Hockey Program would offer a free skills session for girls entering Kthrough-eighth grade at the open

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field on Willow Street from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

"Children must register at the time of the event," she said. "Players are encouraged to bring their own equipment, but equipment will be provided to those who need it."

For those interested in expanding their knowledge base, Lacey said there would be free admission into local museums, including the Delmarva Discovery Center, the Sturgis One-Room School & Heritage House and the Costen House Museum.

Lacey said an adult must accompany children at the museums, adding sidewalk chalk would be available at the Sturgis School.

In the event of rain, 4th Friday would be cancelled and resume on the 4th Friday of the following month. For more information, visit www.downtownpocomoke.com.



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Aug. 1: Full Circle Duo, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Bettenroo, 3-7 p.m. Aug. 2: Matt Tichon, noon to 3 p.m.; Chris Button & Joe Mama, 4-8 p.m. Aug. 3: Chris Diller, noon to 3 p.m.; Chris Sacks Duo, 4-8 p.m.

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National Night Out to unite community and police, Tues.

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Arnold Downing

By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(July 27, 2017) Fostering positive community relations with local police departments is the goal behind National Night Out on Aug. 1.

Celebrations are scheduled in Ocean City, Berlin, Pocomoke and Snow Hill as part of a national event held each year on the first Tuesday in August.

Ocean City will hold a trio of community events scattered throughout the resort.

Police Public Affairs Specialist Lindsay Richard said officers would be on hand at Fiesta Park on 141st Street in the Caine Woods neighborhood, in Montego Bay at the end of Harbour Drive and in Gullway Villas off Bayshore Drive near 28th Street, from 6-8 p.m.

"All the neighborhoods have their own block party,"

she said. Residents at each location can enjoy a K-9 unit demonstration, Richard said.

"We get direct feedback from people who live in the neighborhoods year round," she said. "It's a chance to talk with officers and a great opportunity for us to interact with locals."

Berlin Police Chief Arnold Down-

ing said festivities would take place from 4-7 p.m. in Henry Park on Flower Street. In addition to free food and drinks, carriage rides will be offered at no cost, while kids and adults will have the opportunity to engage with police, fire, EMS and social service agencies.

"The Berlin Area Ministries United (BAMU) will handle food for us," he said. "Lots of kids get engaged with us and we do it in a family atmosphere."

In addition to providing sustenance, BAMU will also liven up the event with music from its worship band.

Downing stressed the importance of establishing community partnerships to produce events like National Night Out.

"The community partnerships try to reinforce the link we have with the community," he said. "Lots of local people come together to make this work and each year we end up with new partners."

The Pocomoke Police Department will hold its National Night Out event from 5-8 p.m. in Cypress Park.

Gayle Waters, executive assistant to Pocomoke Police Chief William Harden, is in charge of organizing this year's event.

"We'll have a bunch of activities and games for kids," she said. "DJ Straight Up (from Pocomoke) will perform."

Burgers, fries, soft drinks and snow cones will be provided for free, Waters said. Other highlights include a bouncy house for children and assorted vendors with information for families and kids.

"The Delmarva Discovery Center will have some live animals," she said.

Despite celebrating National Night Out for more than 20 years in Pocomoke, Waters said there would be some new wrinkles next week.

"This year we're having a dance contest for the youth," she said.

To keep the competition fair, Waters said the children would be divided into two age groups, from 6-10 and 10-16 years old.

"The youth in the community are what's most important [because]

they're our future," she said. "[We want to] teach kids where they can go if they need help."

need help." Snow Hill will hold its National Night Out from 5-8 p.m. in Byrd Park.

R e g a n a Fontaine, administrative aide to Police Chief Tom Davis, said residents could enjoy free burgers, hot dogs and soft drinks, all while grooving to the v D I Wiz

beats provided by DJ Wiz.

"The Snow Hill ROTC will present the flag to start the ceremony," she said. "The Worcester County Health Department will have a display on hand and the Worcester County Recreation Department will be on hand for physical activities."

With offerings including kickball and ring toss, among others, Fontaine said the event is intended to feel like a neighborhood party.

"DNR will be on hand and Assateague State Park will also be coming," she said.

National Night Out was launched in 1984 through the pioneering efforts of the National Association of Town Watch and founder Matt Peskin.

Peskin formed the Town Watch group three years prior, after spending time volunteering for a community watch program sponsored by the Lower Merion Police Department, in the western suburbs of Philadelphia.

According to the National Night Out website the inaugural event in 1984 drew more than two million participants from about 400 communities in 23 states.

The groundswell of support for the event has grown to include more than 38 million neighbors from roughly 16,000 communities nationwide.

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Inaugural Believe in Tomorrow Block Party

Fundraising event in Berlin to feature free activities for children and adults, Aug. 12

By Kara Hallissey

Staff Writer

(July 27, 2017) A guest bartending event at Sisters on Main Street evolved into a Believe in Tomorrow Block Party in Berlin, with games for adults and children in addition to live music, vendors, activities and food on Saturday, Aug. 12, from 6-9 p.m.

"I am hoping it becomes our next big event," said Wayne Littleton, coordinator for the Believe in Tomorrow Children's Respite Housing Program. "I've wanted to do something in Berlin for years."

The inaugural festival will feature a range of free activities taking place on Main, Pitt and Commerce streets.

"The goal is to pack this town," Littleton said. "Bring the kids, grandkids or your spouse to have fun for three hours. There will be stuff going on all over town."

Attendees can enjoy live music and street performers, carnival games and a number of children's activities including face painting, balloon animals from Kris Krunch the Klown, a bounce house, surprise costumed guests and performances by Cascading Carlos.

"Another awesome event for a good foundation," said Megan Cosman, owner of Patty Jeans Boutique on Main Street.

Rothschild Broadcasting, 94.9 WAMS-FM and K107.7 WKHI of the Adams Group will both broadcast live during the event.

The Snowball Stand of Ocean Pines and Sobos Catering from Salisbury will be parked on the street selling

treats.

Berlin businesses will have bright colored balloons to mark their participation and an auction item inside their stores for attendees to take a chance on. Tickets for the Tricky Tray Auction cost \$1 each. Get seven for \$5 or 15 for \$10.

Businesses are also encouraged to donate a portion of their proceeds to Believe in Tomorrow on Aug. 12.

"I want to thank all of the local businesses for their positive response," Littleton said. "I've met a lot of amazing people. We are still looking for vendors and Berlin businesses to participate."

A cornhole tournament is slated to take place outside of Burley Inn Tavern on Pitt Street with prize packages for the winners.

"Their cornhole tournament has been called 'legendary," Littleton said. "It will be a really fun night with games for kids and adults."

Troy Mawyer will provide live music on Commerce Street. Mystery boxes sponsored by Park Place Jewelers can be purchased for \$10 each. A Disney raffle will also be taking place. Chances cost \$1 each or get seven for \$5, 20 for \$10.

Sisters on Main Street will have guest bartenders during the event including Buck Mann, Igor Conev, Jessica Shue, Jessica Jersey, Maria McEvoy, Jan Rooney, Tanya Knott and Christina Fohner.

There will also be wine tastings and samples provided by the Blue Crab Bay Co., out of Virginia, including its Bloody Mary mix and nuts at Sisters.

"It is nice to give back to a good cause and we are excited about it," said Maria Brittingham, manager of Sisters.

Ed Sparks is slated to play live

music inside her store from 6:30-8:30 p.m. while local band Spare Change jams outside on steel drums and an acoustic guitar.

"It started out as a guest bartending event and then evolved into a block party in the whole town," said Donna Sompher, owner of Sisters. "The town and Council are thrilled. I think this is the first time the town has ever done anything like this [sponsor a charity event]."

Debbie Frene, owner of Victorian Charm on Main Street, has a soft spot for children and knows the importance of supporting local nonprofits.

"I love the Children's House," Frene said. "It is a really good organization and the first time some of these families have ever been able to take a vacation...It's nice they can do it and not have any worries. People love coming to Berlin and we don't have many events after hours."

Hunter Smith and Devin Donahue, owners of Fathom on Main Street, have witnessed Believe in Tomorrow events in Ocean City and think it is a great organization.

"We're excited. The block party sounds like a fun time," Smith said. "It is special and should bring a crowd here."

"It is a great event for Believe in Tomorrow," Donahue added. "I am excited Berlin can be a part of it. I think there will be a good turnout and it's nice to have a family event here."

Jen Sorrell, co-owner of Island Creamery with her boyfriend, Drew Conklin, agreed with Smith and Donahue.

"I am super excited about it. Anything that brings people into town and helps the local business owners. It's pretty cool to sell ice cream in a place like Berlin," Sorrell said. "I admire the purpose behind the block party. It's not just fun, but heartfelt."

Littleton said he is happy to have an event in Berlin and acknowledged that many people are unaware of Believe in Tomorrow.

"When Donna approached me to guest bartend and it grew into a block party, I knew it would be fun," he said. "We don't do much in Berlin and I thought it would be nice to get the town involved so they could see what we do."

The Believe in Tomorrow facility on 66th Street in Ocean City is open year-round to provide a free getaway to the beach for critically ill children and their families whenever they may need to escape the stresses of their child's illness.

Each of the four condos feature kid-friendly décor and paintings with at least two bedrooms, a full bathroom, a fully-stocked kitchen, living and dining room areas.

Last year, Believe in Tomorrow acquired another house on 65th Street, which is just a few steps away from the back balcony of the 66th Street property and renovations are ongoing.

Families can also vacation at the Believe in Tomorrow House in Fenwick Island and House by the Bay on 28th Street.

Fundraisers such as the Berlin Block Party help raise money to provide essential week-long excursions for critically ill children and their families.

"It will be a family-friendly, fun night where we pack the town," Littleton said.

Learn more about Believe in Tomorrow at http://believeintomorrow.org or call Littleton at 410-723-2842 for additional information on the Berlin Block Party.

Gull Creek residents, staff design OC mural

Candy Kitchen, Thrashers, Fisher's, Trimper's and more adorn 'Boardwalk' painting

By Kara Hallissey

Staff Writer

(July 27, 2017) Last Tuesday and Wednesday, staff and residents of the Gull Creek Senior Living Community in Berlin painted an Ocean City-themed mural on a wall of the Treasure Cove neighborhood, which houses residents with dementia.

"Many of our residents have family businesses or lived on the Boardwalk," said Cassandra Coulbourne, director of Gull Creek's Valeo program. "Ocean City is the stomping grounds for most and we are bringing it back."

The Valeo program, which means "to thrive" in Latin, is a wellness initiative for those with memory impairments. Activities incorporate components of social, intellectual, spiritual and physical well-being.

The mural is approximately 6 feet by 14 feet and is designed to have residents feel like they are walking down memory lane and back to a familiar place.

"This population walks and wanders," said Colleen Koziara, a certified dementia care practitioner and senior programming specialist and consultant of the Valeo programs. "They walk to the end of the hall and turn around. The perspective of the mural is set up to entice them to walk back in that direction [toward the Boardwalk.] What is really neat is some of the staff and residents have helped paint."

Highlights include depictions of Candy Kitchen, Thrashers French Fries, Fisher's Popcorn and Trimper's Rides in addition to a number of other businesses and shops lining the Boardwalk.

The mural also includes the ocean, sunglasses, a pizza shop,

sand castles and vacationers sitting under umbrellas on the beach.

"A lot of our residents are from this area and Ocean City is the main attraction," Coulbourne said. "The mural is a sensory and will bring back that part of their memory by seeing something familiar."

Memory Care residents or those with dementia helped paint their wing as well as employees and assistant living residents of the Gull Creek Senior Living Community.

"The goal is to have everyone in the building to have at least one stroke of paint on the mural so we can say everyone had a hand in it," Coulbourne said.

The Ocean City Boardwalk mural painting is designed to help residents living with cognitive and memory impairments. The art can draw them away from daily concerns, foster self-expression, allow for creativity and help to relive fond memories, she said. "This is an ongoing mural where new residents will add pieces to it and I love that," Coulbourne said. "Everyone will have a hand. They can add people under umbrellas on the beach, create people walking down the Boardwalk, add surfboards in the ocean and a volleyball net. We can add more to the sky and a graffiti wall."

Gull Creek Senior Living Community in Berlin has 19 independent living apartments, 56 assisted living apartments and 15 memory care suites in the Treasure Cove neighborhood wing of the facility.

"This has been my passion for the last 13 years and I get joy out of helping this population of residents," Coulbourne said. "I absolutely love what I do here and I am happy to come to work every day."

For more information about Gull Creek, visit www.gullcreek.com or call 410-641-3171.



MORGAN PILZ/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The Bonebreak family, from left, Andrea, Raelyn, 6, Anden, 8, Kai, 4, and Ash, of Ocean Pines, stand together for a photo during the annual Art Hansen Memorial Youth Fishing Contest, last Saturday, hosted by the Ocean Pines Anglers Club at the South Gate Pond in Ocean Pines.

Anglers Club announces winners

(July 27, 2017) The Ocean Pines Anglers Club hosted the 21st annual Art Hansen Memorial Youth Fishing Contest last Saturday at the South Gate pond in Ocean Pines.

Sixty-seven young anglers participated in three age groups ranging from 4-16.

Maryland DNR was on hand to help educate the participants and the Anglers Club provided free bait. The young anglers managed to pull close to 100 fish from the pond, which were measured and tallied by Anglers Club members. Fish caught included bluegills, catfish and large mouth bass. Trophies and rods and reels were awarded to the top anglers, but every youth that participated received a prize courtesy of event sponsors.

First-place winners in each division were: 4-7 age group, Gabriel Vitak, Most Fish (10), Luke Barbato, Largest Fish [8.5-inch bluegill]; 8-11 age group, Chase Rarrich, Largest Fish (16-inch catfish); Jonathan Smith, Most Fish (9); 12-16 age group, Brent Dixon, Largest Fish [12-inch large mouth bass), Trevor Short, Most Fish (19).

Savannah Ohrel was the winner of drawing for the Mike Vitak custom rod.



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Cuisine

Sous vide or not sous vide, that's the question

Oscar Wilde once wrote that life imitates art far more than art imitates life, a sound reversal of Aristotle's



millennia-old tenet. Standard irreverence on the part of Wilde, his simple statement (a part of a much grander piece) holds such a profound

By Paul Suplee, MBA, CEC, PC-3

meaning for me this evening. Fiction is a powerful tool,

and in the original sense of this idiom it is simple to grasp that art is merely a representation of our surroundings. Bob Ross' paintings of happy trees were certainly the blissful flora that he personally saw in the mountains. He merely managed to make it look easy and make us contented just watching him.

In the present age, everyone is an "artist" with their cellphones, many of which have as high a resolution as some respectable DSLRs. What once was a snapshot that would have taken considerable time in post-production is now computer-generated and an unappreciated gift to the phone-artist who really hasn't done anything, but take a picture after clicking a certain button, but I ramble. And before you think that I'm being elitist, I do this myself; I fall into this category, so I am not judging anyone without at least looking in the mirror.

So what did Wilde mean when he wrote this phrase? To me, if I could grab that saying and plop it in the modern world, it is telling me that we are so overburdened and encumbered with sensational inputs from social, televised and print media, that we are pretty much told what to do. And we don't realize it.

The marketing prowess of the big players is unprecedented, and they pretty much can dictate what we should wear, the watches we should buy, the foods we should eat, the lifestyles we should lead et al. Food is no different, and if you study the trends as they present themselves, they typically begin on the coast. "As goes California, so goes the nation" as the saying goes.

Are we just trying to keep up with what we see on cooking shows or in those 60-second online videos? Are we merely going to be lemmings as we march along to the beat of the advertisers as they peddle their wares through their crafty art? Or are we going to take a stand?

Well, I for one am just going to make a sandwich. There, that wasn't



too hard; well, except for the sous vide part. Now, you may not be a pro at sous vide yet, but with a little research you will get there in no time. And when you arrive, you will have the best turkey sandwich that you've ever had.

But then I guess life will be imitating the art of the sale, in that you will have to buy an immersion circulator. But you can't win them all.

Roasted Turkey Sandwich

Enough for 4 sandwiches plus leftovers

1 sous vide turkey breast (recipe follows)

8 slices multi-grain bread

Lettuce, as needed

Fresh tomato, as needed 1 Soft avocado

Juice of 1 lime wedge

4 slices Sharp cheddar cheese

Fresh mayonnaise

1. Thinly slice the cooked turkey breast, making sure that you have at least five ounces per person

2. Mash avocado slightly and toss with the lime juice to keep it from browning

3. Make a basic mayonnaise recipe 4. After making said mayo, make your sandwich just like you would make any other sandwich

Sous Vide Turkey Breast

1 raw turkey breast 1 tsp. Poultry seasoning

- 1 sprig fresh thyme 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 4 black peppercorns
- Salt. as needed

1. Before you dive into sous vide cooking, immerse yourself (Ha! I slay me!) in some serious studies about the topic. It's not hard, but you need to understand basic concepts

2. Heat your water bath to 152 F and ensure that you have enough water so that it won't lose too much temperature when you put the turkey in

3. Rub the turkey with the poultry seasoning and place the breast in a 1gallon Ziploc bag with the remaining ingredients

4. Slowly immerse the bag into the water bath, allowing the water pressure to squeeze out any air

5. Zip the bag closed, making sure that you have left one little space open so that the remaining air can escape

6. Clip to the side of your water bath

7. Allow to cook for anywhere from 2-2 ¹/₂ hours. Here is where things will get technical, and you will need some way to check the internal temperature of the turkey

8. The key to this recipe is to get the core of the breast to 150F for 4 minutes, as opposed to the traditional 165F for 15 seconds. It still kills the pathogens; it just takes longer to do it

9. When the core temperature has been reached and maintained for the appropriate amount of time, remove the breast from the water bath and sear to get some browning on the skin and some good roasted flavor

10. You can cool it down in the icebox, or put it back in the bag that has the garlic, thyme, seasonings and juices and cool it in there

11. If you choose the latter, immediately shock in a large ice bath. This is a critical step if you intend to keep the bag sealed.

12. When the breast has properly cooled, keep chilled until ready to use

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Calendar

THU, JUL. 27

OC MUSEUM SUMMER PROGRAMS

Boardwalk Tram Station (just north of the museum), 813 S Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, MD, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Free, family event offering different topics each day. Sandy, sandy@ocmuseum.org, 410-289-4991, http://www.ocmuseum.org

COASTAL HOSPICE GRIEF SUPPORT

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

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 2 to 3 p.m. Providing physical and emotional support for survivors and caregivers to share personal experiences and challenges. Coping strategies also discussed. Anne Waples, awaples@atlanticgeneral.org, 443-614-5720

BEACH SINGLES

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

FREE CIRCUS

Jolly Roger Amusement Park, 2901 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD, 5 p.m. Two performances each night at 5 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Circus Smile featuring The Wheel of Death with the Morales Family. 410-289-3477

THE NEXT ICE AGE ICE SKATING SHOW

Carousel Hotel, 11700 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 6:30 p.m. Free, familyfriendly event. Iona, 410-520-2259, http://carouselhotel.com/amenities/oce an-city-md-hotel-live-ice-shows/

SUNSET PARK PARTY NIGHTS

Sunset Park, 700 S. Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD, 7 to 9 p.m. Free concert featuring "British Invasion Experience" (Beatles Tribute Band). Admission to the park is free, while beverages, including beer, are available for purchase. Attendees should bring their own seating. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326

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FRI, JUL. 28

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GREEK FESTIVAL

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4TH ANNUAL HUK BIG FISH CLASSIC

Talbot Street Pier, 311 Talbot St., Ocean City, MD, 4 to 9 p.m. Tournament weighins. Teams fish for 32 hours and bring back their heaviest fish. Spectators are free. Win prizes for adults and kids during the weighins. Tournament T-shirts available. Brian Roberts, thebigfishclassic@gmail.com, 410-213-0325, http://www.bigfishclassic.com

ANNUAL BOOK SALE

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 6 to 8 p.m. Featuring fiction novels, sports books, biographies, audio books, CD's, DVDs, cookbooks, gardening and nature books, coffee table books, humor and travel, as well as rare and autographed books. Friday night's sale is for members of the Friends of the Ocean Pines Library. Membership available for \$5 per person or \$10 for families. Proceeds benefit the Ocean Pines library.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO

Columbus Hall (behind St. Luke's Church), 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 6:30 p.m. Held each Friday night. More than \$1,000 in prizes each week and Big Jackpot could pay \$1,000. Doors open at 5 p.m., games begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments for sale. 410-524-7994

FREE MOVIE ON THE BEACH

Ocean City Beach at 27th Street, 27th Street and Atlantic Avenue, Ocean City, MD, 8:30 p.m. Movies for the entire family, held every Monday and Friday from June 26 to Aug 11, weather permitting. Featuring "Storks." Take a beach chair or blanket. Chris Clarke, 410-250-0125

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SAT, JUL. 29

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Terns Landing, Ocean Parkway and Alton Point, Ocean Pines, MD, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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

Rain date is July 30.

FARMERS MARKET

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

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YOGI VIBEZ FESTIVAL

Seacrets, 117 49th St., Ocean City, MD, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Yoga, live DJ and dance party. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. Acro Yoga from 9-10 a.m. and Dance Flow Yoga from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$35 for Acro Yoga or Dance Flow Yoga and \$60 for both. Register: www.seacretsboutique.com/tickets. Proceeds benefit the Peninsula Regional Medical Center Child & Adolescent Outpatient Unit. 443-865-3109

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CHURCH LUNCHEON

Bowen United Methodist Church, 8421 Newark Road, Newark, MD, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Menu includes hamburgers, hot dogs, homemade ice cream and beverages.

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OC BEACH PATROL CREW COMPETITION

Ocean City beach at N. Division Street, Boardwalk and N. Division Street, Ocean City, MD, 3 to 5 p.m. Watch the Ocean City Beach Patrol lifeguards compete against each other in events and demonstrate their athletic skills. kjoson@oceanciytmd.gov, 410-289-7556

4TH ANNUAL HUK BIG FISH CLASSIC

Talbot Street Pier, 311 Talbot St., Ocean City, MD, 4 to 9 p.m. Tournament weighins. Teams fish for 32 hours and bring back their heaviest fish. Spectators are free. Win prizes for adults and kids during the weighins. Tournament T-shirts available. Brian Roberts, thebigfishclassic@gmail.com, 410-213-0325, http://www.bigfishclassic.com

BOOK SIGNING

At the home of retired Naval Officer, Joseph B. Cryer, 709 Gulf Stream Drive, Ocean City, MD, 6 to 8 p.m. Author Walter Blair will be signing his book, "A Novel Abduction." Refreshments and music immediately thereafter. RSVP at 443-497-7371 or your appearance at 6 p.m. sharply. wblairpublishing@gmail.com, 202-286-1099

THE NEXT ICE AGE ICE SKATING SHOW

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SUN, JUL. 30

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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

GREEK FESTIVAL

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SUNDAES IN THE PARK

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD, 7 to 9 p.m. Bring picnic baskets and

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beach chairs for ice cream sundaes and live entertainment by Boy In Black (Johnny Cash Tribute). For a small fee, make your own ice cream sundae creation. Children's entertainment also presented. The night will end with a fireworks display at 9 p.m. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326

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MON, JUL. 31

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ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH MUSEUM TOURS

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

FREE CIRCUS

Jolly Roger Amusement Park, 2901 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD, 5 p.m. Two performances each night at 5 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Circus Smile featuring The Wheel of Death with the Morales Family. 410-289-3477

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

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

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DELMARVA SWEET ADELINE CHORUS

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

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ASK A MASTER GARDENER

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

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CRAB NIGHT

Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 5 to 7 p.m. Crabs and shrimp need to be ordered between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays. Platters and other for available without preorder. Cash bar. Located behind St. Luke's Church. 410-524-7994

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

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

FAMILY BEACH OLYMPICS

Ocean City Beach at 27th Street, Atlantic Avenue and 27th Street, Ocean City, MD, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Events include sand castle contest, tug-of-war, relay races and more. All activities are free. Parents are asked to stay with their children. 410-250-0125

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BINGO

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

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KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OCEAN PINES/OCEAN CITY

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

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HYPERTENSION CLINIC

Rite Aid, 10119 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, MD, 1 to 3 p.m. Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place the first Wednesday of every month. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268

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DELMARVA HAND DANCE CLUB

Ocean City Elks Lodge, 13708 Sinepuxent Ave., Ocean City, MD, 5:30 to 9 p.m. The group meets every Wednesday. Jitterbug, swing, cha-cha to the sounds of the '50s, '60s and Carolina Beach music. A \$5 donation per person to benefit local veterans. Elk members and guests welcome. dance@delmarvahanddancing.com, 302-200-3262, http://delmarvahanddancing.com

OCEAN CITY/BERLIN ROTARY CLUB MEETING

Captain's Table Restaurant in the Courtyard by Marriott, 2 15th St, Ocean City, MD, 6 p.m. The group meets every Wednesday. cliff0917@aol.com, 410-641-1700

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MOVIE ON THE BEACH

Carousel Resort Hotel and Condominiums, 11700 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, MD, 8:30 p.m. Free movie on the beach, featuring "Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (1971)." Take a beach chair or blanket. In the event of inclement weather, the movie will be shown inside the hotel. Chris Clarke, 410-250-0125



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