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Ocean Pines Association Director Slobodan Trendic gathers himself before addressing recent events, not as a director, but as a homeowner during a public meeting on Friday.

John Bailey named new Ocean Pines general manager

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 3, 2017) Nearly a year after firing the previous general manager, the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors announced last Thursday the selection of his replacement.

New hire John Bailey is general manager of the Skyline Plaza condominium association, a community of "two 26-story residential towers surrounded by over 10 acres of beautifully landscaped grounds" in Falls Church, Virginia, according to the official website.

He was the general manager of the Brandermill, Virginia development in Richmond, Virginia from 2013-2016, and general manager of the Lake of the Woods homeowner's association in Locust Grove, Virginia from 2001 to 2009.

Ocean Pines released the following statement last Thursday.

"After a nationwide search and review of approximately one hundred candidates, the Ocean Pines Association's Board of Directors is pleased to announce the hiring of John Bailey for the role of General Manager.

"John comes to the Association with more than ten years' experience managing two other large HOA's, and several years of municipal management experience. He has managed multiple amenities in his previous HOA experience, including the start of his career with several seasons as a Golf Professional.

"John will be moving to the area with his wife, Meredith, and two children, Chase (21), and Augusta, (15)."

His first official day, according to the release, is Sept. 11.

Former General Manager Bob Thompson was fired on Aug. 26, 2016. Director Brett Hill has served as interim general manager since that date.

"This was a very long and very thorough search process," board President Dave Stevens said Friday. "The board of directors appreciates the patience of the community as we completed the search. We're very excited to welcome John to Ocean Pines."



John Bailey

Cheers, boos and applause in OPA

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 3, 2017) Most of the time, meetings of the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors are sparsely attended affairs without much in the way of cheering, heckling and rounds of applause. That, however, was not the case last Friday, when all the above occurred.

A standing-room-only audience of perhaps several hundred broke into applause at least three-dozen times during the nearly four-hour session, which included a standing ovation for embattled Director Slobodan Trendic.

Interim General Manager Brett Hill, on the other hand, was a frequent target of derision by the audience, as was new Board President Dave Stevens.

Much of the audience appeared to support Trendic and clubs and aquatics committee member Gary Miller, both of whom have been targeted for removal. A motion to relieve Miller of his committee assignments was on Friday's agenda, while a plan by Hill to call for a vote to oust Trendic was delayed once again.

Meetings to vote on whether to expel Trendic have been postponed

several times and it is uncertain whether a special meeting will be called before the August election.

Trendic, less than two minutes into the meeting, attempted to add a motion to the agenda to remove Hill as general manager.

The crowd cheered loudly for more than 10 seconds, but Stevens abruptly halted the outburst by threatening to "clear the room."

"If you don't believe me, then you are very badly mistaken. Don't try it," Stevens said over a chorus of boos.

Trendic's motion was rejected by a 5-1 vote, but that did nothing to stem the crowd's criticism of Hill.

Director Cheryl Jacobs asked to have several other items deleted from the agenda, including a motion to hire a food and beverage consultant, a motion to purchase new accounting software and the motion to remove Miller, saying all three had been voted on and defeated during previous meetings.

She was successful on one item, hiring a food and beverage consultant, which was apparently identical to a motion discussed during a July 9 special meeting when Hill proposed hiring Synergy Restaurant Consultants from

Newport Beach, California.

Jacobs fought unsuccessfully to kill the motion to remove Miller, as that vote ended in a 3-3 tie and remained on the agenda. One director, Doug Parks, was absent. Jacobs, Trendic and Director Pat Supik voted to delete the motion.

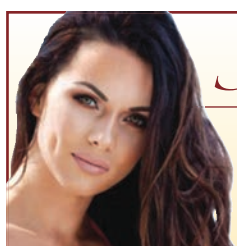
"The motion to remove a committee member [is] exactly the motion that was put forward by Mr. Hill at the last meeting [also on July 9]," Jacobs said. "There was a vote and how else can you interpret that vote other than we didn't want that to happen when we voted 4-3 as a board.

"You don't get two bites at the apple," Jacobs said. "Other members have been criticized for not accepting what the board decides and this would be an example of not accepting what the board decided and, just because you didn't like the outcome, trying to put it in front of us again. I'm totally opposed to that."

The crowd applauded, but Stevens again spoke up.

"There is no applause. Stop it!" he said, inciting laughter from some members of the audience.

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Dr. Horn confronts 'Dutch' on threats she said he made

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 3, 2017) Dr. Colette Horn, one of four candidates running for election to the Ocean Pines Association, said during a July 22 forum that she had been threatened by a resident while having dinner at South Gate Grill.

She said her husband had to intervene during the incident, which apparently happened during the previous evening.

During a board meeting last Friday, Roelof Oostveen, better known locally as "Dutch," admitted he was the one who confronted Horn.

Oostveen is a regular at board meetings and is known for speaking his mind. He was an outspoken critic of former General Manager Bob Thompson and, several times, became animated enough during his criticisms that he was called for being out of order.

That happened again on Friday during the public comments portion of a regular board meeting.

"This week [there] was a story in the paper and it was me, the person, who made that statement to one of the people [running] for the board," Oostveen said. "I had approached that lady in a very pleasant way in a



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Ocean Pines Association Board candidate Dr. Colette Horn speaks on Friday about what she said were threatening remarks she recently received from another homeowner. The person in question, Roelof "Dutch" Oostveen, spoke just prior to her.

restaurant. She made up a statement that I was rude to her.

"This lady has done more problems to this board," he continued. "We don't need a Dr. Phil here on the board. If she wants to be a Dr. Phil, she'd better get a contract with the TV. I don't want that lady on the board - I told her."

Horn has a doctorate in psychology and joked, publicly, the board was very much in need of a calming "Dr. Phil" like presence.

Oostveen sat down, but later got up to speak for a second time.

"I asked her why did she never come to the board meetings? She never watched the board meetings. She never has complained," he said.

Board President Dave Stevens

called Oostveen out of order.

Stevens added, "The person you're talking about is right behind you."

"She never was here [during meetings]," Oostveen said. "I told her come and complain, but she don't have the guts."

Horn spoke next. Her voice shaking slightly, she appeared to stand roughly a foot shorter than Oostveen.

"Mr. Dutch is right. I haven't been here at a lot of meetings, but I have followed the goings on of the board. I am a candidate because I care about our community."

"I am intimidated and rattled by Mr. Dutch continuing to attack me, but I will not be silenced," Horn continued. "And I will do all that I can, if elected, to better this community."

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Snow Hill to host 19th Blessing of the Combines, Sat.

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Aug. 3, 2017) Snow Hill's 19th annual Blessing of the Combines will honor another seasonal planting cycle this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Parade of Combines is scheduled for 11 a.m. and includes antique fire trucks, tractors, lawn mowers and floats. After traversing the bridge the procession will stop on Green Street, at which point the crowd will be treated to an ear-shattering thrust as the engines are disengaged.

Organizer Becky Payne said a conversation with a trio of cohorts nearly two decades ago helped birth the agricultural-themed event.

"We thought the farmers needed to be honored, so we came up with the combine," she said.

Payne, whose father was a long-time proprietor of Western Auto in Snow Hill, as well as a farmer, said the suggestion was initially met with skepticism.

"The farmers looked at me and said, 'Becky we though you lost your mind,'" she said. "Who is going to come out to honor us?"

In sharp contrast to those concerns, Payne said the outpouring of community support was instantaneous.

"The first year the streets were lined and each year since that it has grown," she said.

Following the opening ceremonies at the Performance Stage, the Route 13 band and the Spence Baptist Praise Band will provide musical entertainment.

The family friendly event features a vendor and crafters row, as well as an antique car show. Local and festival foods are available, as are t-shirts for a keepsake memory.

Payne said there are numerous activities for youngsters, including a barnyard with tractors, a clown, a corn pit, a corn maze, and games, as well as hay wagon and pony rides.

"We try to make everything free for the children," she said. "The corn maze is children-sized, so parents

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GIVING A HOOT

A representative from the Maryland Park Service shows off a pair of indigenous owls during National Night Out in Snow Hill, Tuesday.

Pocomoke goes on trash offensive

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Aug. 3, 2017) Sprucing up Pocomoke to rid the town of trash and debris is the aim of a new effort initiated by Mayor Bruce Morrison earlier this month.

"It doesn't look very good and the town is really getting in bad shape," he said. "Even the residents of Pocomoke have come to me and they want me to do something. They're saying, 'Bruce it's time we get this town cleaned up.'"

Morrison said a small committee was formed after strategizing with city department heads. They have been tasked with improving the town's unkempt appearance and instilling a renewed sense of pride in Pocomoke.

"Let's get this town cleaned up and do whatever option we can," he said. "Let's start with the downtown and work our way through it."

Last week the new campaign got underway, Morrison said.

"We power washed all the sidewalks downtown and we pulled

weeds," he said.

The State Highway Administration further bolstered the effort this week, Morrison said.

"They sprayed all of Market Street for weeds, so the state's been very helpful to me," he said. "They've come in there and they restriped everything. There are parking spots lined up all the way down Market Street."

Although the aesthetic improvements are just starting to take place, Morrison is already encouraged by the results.

"Downtown is starting to come together really fast," he said. "I'm very happy right now with the progress we made in the first two weeks."

Another area Morrison hopes to improve involves bulk trash pickup, which the city offers for free the second Wednesday of each month.

"Some people have been putting it out two weeks in advance and it looks like crap," he said. "We don't want the stuff sitting around for two weeks on the street."

The issue prompted the council to

amend the city charter to specify bulk trash should not be placed curbside more than 24 hours in advance.

"What happens to us is we have a lot of evictions," he said. "The landlord will come and take all the furniture and put it on ... the street and it's there for two weeks. That really looks bad."

In some instances, Morrison said the public works department will preempt the regularly scheduled bulk trash service, but at a price.

"We'll go around there and clean it up and then we'll send a bill," he said. "We'll turn around and charge the homeowner for picking this stuff up early and getting it out of there."

For the time being, Morrison said his number-one priority is revitalizing the city's appearance and instilling a newfound pride among residents and property owners.

"We're trying to make the city a better-looking place ... what it used to look like 20 years ago," he said. "When people come into it they can say, 'wow Pocomoke City is a beautiful place.'"

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Employee unrest continues to be issue in Ocean Pines

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug 3, 2017) Ocean Pines Chief Financial Officer Mary Bosack, Controller Art Carmine, Beach Club Manager Lynda Huettner, Golf Course Superintendent Rusty McLendon, Facilities Manager Jerry Aveta, Recreation and Parks Director Sonya Bounds, Marketing and Public Relations Director Teresa Travatello, Yacht Club Manager Jerry Lewis, Office Coordinator Linda Martin and information technology specialist Paul Fazzaloro.

These are the names of the high-level employees who resigned or were fired since interim General Manager Brett Hill took over last August.

Soon to be added to that list, apparently, is Payroll Coordinator Beverly Bromley Meadows, who last week posted on Facebook that she, too, had had enough.

"After 33 years of being a part of the Ocean Pines Community – I think I've hit my breaking point," she wrote last Wednesday. "I'm ready to blow this Pop-sicle stand."

She added, "What you're reading in the papers [is] completely inaccurate – but for the employees, it's a lot worse than what you are reading!"

Since Hill took over, Ocean Pines also parted ways with several individuals and firms with which it had worked with for a decade or more, including long-time bulkhead repair and replacement contractor Dean Fisher and Fisher Marine, attorney Joe Moore, and auditing firm Trice, Geary and Myers LLC.

Reportedly, many staffers at the yacht club and beach club were let go earlier this year as well.

When General Manager Bob Thompson was fired last August, Director Pat Renaud resigned, as did the entire membership of the Elections Advisory Committee.

Several sources said Food and Beverage Manager Brian Townsend has been on hiatus for a month, and it's not clear whether he will return.

The Gazette in May reported accusations that Hill had arranged for video and audio surveillance in the administration building. An employee said the work en-

vironment, at the time, became "toxic ... very unhealthy and stressful."

Another employee sent a similar statement to the Gazette on Monday.

"Many of the staff are grateful that the community is demanding to get to the bottom of the issues at hand. The morale has been destroyed under the current AGM and each day that passes that he is left in that position is one more day that the board is leaving all of us in a bad and hostile working environment.

"Shame on them for turning a blind eye. Yes, a new general manager has been selected and everyone is happy about that, but it is still six weeks away, and when you are in a hostile work environment, six weeks can feel like a lifetime."

Hill said, in July, the accusations were much ado about nothing.

"Video surveillance has been in place in the majority [of facilities] owned and operated by Ocean Pines for greater than 10 years. It would be up to the board to make any changes to existing policy," Hill wrote in an email.

"I am not aware of any formal discussions scheduled to take place, given how long surveillance has been a part of the business practices of the Association."

On July 9, then-Board President Tom Herrick said an undated and unsigned human resources complaint was turned over to the Ocean Pines attorney.

Herrick, who resigned from the position on July 26, said at the time board members Cheryl Jacobs and Slobodan Trendic had perpetrated "a conspiracy to affect the election."

During that same meeting, Jacobs countered that employees had come to her because she is an attorney and because they knew she would keep their confidence.

"That's because of the situation we have found ourselves in, thanks to Mr. Hill," Jacobs said. "I have done nothing other than try to help to employees who find themselves in this predicament.

"I didn't go to Mary Bosack – Mary Bosack came to us," Jacobs added. "Mary Bosack came to us because she went to other directors and felt her complaints fell on deaf ears, so much to the point that she then felt she had no recourse but to resign."

Note: Carmine was scheduled to retire.

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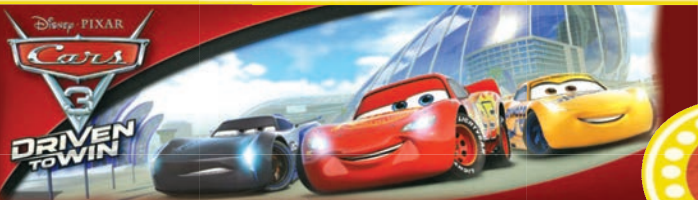
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Stevens threatens to halt meeting over rowdy crowd

■ CHEERS continued

He added, "I can call a recess," which drew yet another chorus of boos.

Trendic noted that Parks, on July 9, requested more time to consider the motion and said it was not appropriate to call a vote without him present. Stevens was booed again when he said Parks' absence "has nothing at all to do with this vote."

Later during the meeting, the board deadlocked 3-3 on whether to remove Miller.

A vote to remove the accounting software fell 4-2, with just Jacobs and Trendic in favor, but Stevens mistakenly skipped over the discussion when it came up on the agenda.

The directors again voted 4-2 on whether to approve the revised meeting schedule.

Hill elicited laughter and groans when, during the general manager's report, he said Ocean Pines was about halfway through the summer season and the "amenities are running strong."

Recently released financial reports show that losses in some areas are far greater than anticipated.

The next outburst came during discussion of who would fill the shoes of former Board President Tom Herrick, who resigned from the position earlier that week.

Herrick posted his resignation on the official Ocean Pines Forum (www.realopforum.com) on Wednesday, adding, "It was my pleasure to have had the opportunity to work with Directors Hill, Stevens, and Supik during my tenure in this position." He did not mention Jacobs, Trendic and Parks.

When Stevens asked for nominations, many in the audience yelled Trendic's name

Herrick nominated Stevens, who was serving as vice president and on two previous occasions served as president of the board.

"This would be a tribute to let him finish his last term as president," Herrick said.

When the crowd booed yet again, Stevens said, "There is little courtesy and I don't know what's wrong with you people. We're conducting business and if you don't like it, leave."

Jacobs noted that Stevens' term ends in August and the board, at that time, will elect new officers.

"I hope you understand ... we're talking about a couple of weeks," she said.

The board unanimously approved the nomination.

Supik then nominated Herrick to serve as vice president, but he declined. Jacobs nominated Parks, and the board unanimously agreed.

"Tough luck if he's not here," Stevens quipped.

"This has been discussed with him and I believe he would not decline," Jacobs added.

About two-dozen homeowners

lined up for public comments, including former board members Bill Cordwell, Les Purcell and Sharyn O'Hare, former candidates Tom Janasek, George Simon and Paula Robertson Gray, current candidate Colette Horn, and Miller and Trendic.

Janasek called the board dysfunctional and called on both Trendic and Hill to resign.

Cordwell, an outspoken critic of Stevens, Herrick and Hill, said the board majority "turned a blind eye to what some would describe as allowing the acting general manager to unilaterally change the entire structure of entire organization."

The audience erupted into applause.

He blamed Hill for the policy change at the Oasis pool and said that vote was illegal because it occurred during a closed meeting.

"Now the board is trying to get rid of board member and a committee member," Cordwell said. "Their only sin has been to describe things going on that are hurting the community. This board majority wants to control the message and anybody who deviates from that and doesn't toe the majority line is the enemy. What is this? Russia? China? The White House?"

Again, the crowd applauded.

Gray said she was concerned about what she had seen in the community since recently moving there, including the secrecy of the board of directors. She said she reads the newspapers each week to see "who got kicked off this week because they had an opinion no one liked."

"This is sad," Gray said. "I moved here because Ocean Pines, according to recent reports, was one of the 10 best places to live. And then I come in and this is like '1984' — let's go see what they're going to let us know this week."

Gray added she filed to run for the board this year, but resigned from the race after people approached her "with every kind of insult on the planet."

"I was not up to standing up to this kind criticism when I'm not even there yet," she said. "Everyone on the board needs to remember — don't clap, we'll get kicked out — [that] we are the Pines."

"And Mr. Trendic, we elected you. If they're going to get rid of you we need to know one, two, three, four, five [reasons] why," Gray added. "Read Facebook. Read what people are saying about us now. It's sad. People aren't going to buy houses here. Your property values are going to go down."

O'Hare said when she served on the board they were lucky to have 10 people attend a meeting.

"Instead of being intimidated by all the people, be thankful and don't be angry at us, Dave," she said. "We're here because we really, really care about this community. It's the best community in the whole area and we want it to continue to be the best community."

She said a new board and general See TRENDIC Page 7

Trendic comments receive standing ovation at meeting

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manager would be in place within weeks, adding, "God help him if he doesn't have somebody that can work with him and compromise."

"There's a saying: if you can't change the wind, change the direction," she said. "Please take this to heart. You've gotta get together as a board and you've gotta heal this community."

Again, the crowd applauded. Trendic was among the last to speak. He stepped up to the microphone and then paused to collect himself, appearing to momentarily tear up.

"I feel compelled to address the membership. The only thing I'm guilty of is protecting the membership and the employees. I thought I was doing to the right thing, and if the membership thinks I did wrong I'd be happy to walk away," he said.

He said he brought up the motion to remove Hill because "we've got another six weeks that [Ocean Pines] would have to deal with the acting general manager's management style."

"Frankly, a lot of people are not looking forward to that and I'm disappointed that the majority of the board, yet again, refused to take actions that I have tried to take, now, almost for three months," Trendic said. "My actions were not intended to be personal in nature, but purely business."

"I believe what I was trying to do was the right thing to do," he continued. "It only got worse from three months ago and it's going to get worse unless this board realizes that we no longer have a choice, but to act. Otherwise it is a pure display of gross negligence."

Trendic thanked those who came to the meeting.

"I hope the next board, in two weeks, will draw this much crowd again and that you will look forward to being more active in the day-to-day operations of this community and be more active and engaged with the future boards, because this is our community, after all."

Trendic received a standing ovation.



An unusually large and vocal crowd attended an Ocean Pines meeting last Friday, breaking into applause several dozen times and, occasionally, booing several of the board members.
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Great Pocomoke Fair starts today, runs through Saturday

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Aug. 3, 2017) The Great Pocomoke Fair, which opens to the public at 5 p.m. today, Thursday, will offer a wide array of activities through the weekend at the Pocomoke City Fairgrounds on 2003 Broad Street.

Gloria Smith, fair treasurer, said the event is free to attend and would feature two activities that were new last year.

"Friday night is our second annual Hobby Horse race at 6:30 p.m.," she said. "About 10 participants are expected."

Smith also noted on Friday at 7:30 p.m. the infield track would be used

for ATV drag races, which is returning for a second year of gear-grinding excitement.

Being tasked with treasury duties, Smith said there would be one past highlight eliminated from the 2017 fair.

"We will not be having the fireworks this year," she said. "It just got to be too costly."

The itinerary for Thursday includes poultry and rabbit judging beginning at 6 p.m., as well as the Little Miss and Jr. Miss Great Pocomoke Fair Pageant, which begins at 7 p.m.

Fair secretary Lisa Smith said the pageants never fail to draw a crowd.

"We normally have 250-300 attendees [and] ... about 10 participants," she said.

On Friday the fair again opens at 5 p.m. with hog judging, to be followed

by dairy cow judging at 6:30 p.m. and beef cattle judging at 7:30 p.m.

Fair gates open at 10 a.m. on Saturday for a full day of animal judging, including pygmy goats and sheep, as well as dairy and meat goats.

Bring your sweet tooth for the cake and pie auction beginning at 12:30 p.m., which will take place in between the harness races that run simultaneously until 4:30 p.m. The race card typically includes 10 races involving five horses in each round.

Although capable of traveling at higher rates of speed than equines, the Eastern Shore Cruisers will downshift their treasured vehicles to neutral for a classic car show on Saturday from 4-8 p.m.

The fair itinerary for Saturday also includes a host of activities for kids, beginning at 1 p.m.

"The ladies organizing the kids games for Saturday are planning some Power Wheel races this year," Smith said.

Other notable highlights on Saturday include a greased pig contest at 1:30 p.m. The infield track will host the Classic/Antique Tractor Pull, which features equipment manufactured prior to 1965, starting at 5 p.m.

The Pocomoke Fair was originally launched in 1901 and ran annually until 1930, when the event was abandoned during the Great Depression. The fair was reorganized into its present incarnation in 1991.

For more information and event schedule visit thegreatpocomoke-fair.org or call 410-957-4486.

'We normally have 250-300 attendees [and] ... about 10 participants.'

Fair secretary Lisa Smith

Plenty for children and adults to do during annual 'Blessing'

■ SNOW HILL continued
can still see the tops of their heads."

Also joining in the celebration is the Lower Shore Land Trust, who will provide lessons about essential animals and insects that aid crop production through its newly installed pollinator garden.

The pollinator garden promotes healthy pollinators through its visible habitat. The public is invited to decorate garden markers to help identify the array of plants.

LSLT will also feature oil paintings by Geo McElroy inside its offices on 100 River Street.

Bishop's Stock Fine Art, Craft & Wine, on 202 West Green Street, will have Dorchester County based author Barbara Lockhart on hand signing copies of her latest work, "Will's Tractor," in addition to her most recent children's volume, "Mosey's Field."

Payne also noted there are a few highlights that adults, as well as the little ones, will enjoy.

"The farmers allow anyone to climb up into the combine to see how large they really are," she said.

Nearly two decades ago Payne said Pocomoke began a tradition that, to the best of her knowledge, was unheard of at the time.

"We were the only ones in the U.S. that had one," she said.

Payne noted one of the most emotionally charged moments comes when event organizers release doves to honor farmers who time has taken away.

"It's so amazing to see the combines come across the bridge," she said. "To see the kids and adults reactions ... I still get chills."

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Deadlocked vote not enough to get rid of OPA's Gary Miller

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 3, 2017) For Gary Miller, a member of the Ocean Pines clubs and aquatics committees, July was one of those up-and-down months.

In three-week period, he faced and survived two attempts to remove him from those board-appointed assignments because of his letters to the editor in this paper that were critical of the board of directors and interim General Manager Brett Hill.

An effort by the board to remove Miller failed to get on the agenda of a July 9 special board meeting by a 4-3 vote. It was on the agenda of a regular board meeting, last Friday, but this time the vote deadlocked, 3-3, with one director, Doug Parks, absent.

Miller spoke during the public comments portion of the meeting Friday, holding up a copy of the application for Ocean Pines advisory committees.

"This application ... says nothing about giving up your First Amendment right of free speech – at all," Miller said. "Because I and a bunch of people questioned some of the things that were going on with Brett Hill and the way the board was not doing anything to monitor what was happening, I wrote a couple of letters to the editor to the Bayside Gazette. They

were recently published. Apparently they hit a pretty sour note with a couple of the board members."

Miller said he was not alone in being targeted for his opinions.

"The sad thing right now in Ocean Pines is that if you disagree or have a difference of opinion of the acting GM or a couple of the board members, you are silenced, whether it's being fired or being asked to resign or being forced to resign," he said. "If you look at the number of people that have left this organizations it's staggering."

"Most of it is because of the actions and the conduct of the GM and a couple of the board members that support him," Miller continued, drawing applause from the audience.

"Everyone who serves on any of the advisory committees spends a lot of time trying to make this community better. Mr. Hill has minimized and marginalized the efforts of all of the committees, and it's a shame."

He did agree that the board had the authority to remove him, not that the bylaws state that all committee members serve at the pleasure of the board and can be removed without cause at any time.

"I don't think anybody has any issue with that," Miller said. "Getting rid of somebody because they speak



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Gary Miller, a member of two Ocean Pines advisory committees, addresses the board of directors during a public meeting last Friday. A motion to remove Miller from the committees was on the agenda, but the vote, a 3-3 tie, was not enough.

up – that's the problem."

Miller again received loud applause.

Board President Dave Stevens made the formal motion to remove Miller, stating he used his position on the committees "to continue to publicly debate board decisions that did not agree with his advice."

He also said Miller recruited advocates to support his position on issues the board was considering that that he did "very publicly disparage the board and management in the local media."

Stevens, the liaison to the clubs committee, said Miller's letters "took

the form of vitriolic attacks that were devoid of facts and filled with innuendo."

Director Slobodan Trendic, himself a target for removal, opposed the motion.

"Any homeowner of this association has a right to publicly voice his or her opinion with regard to either the management or the board itself," he said. "Many times homeowners have gone to the newspaper and critiqued the board and the performance, as well as the management. To take that right away from a homeowner that happens to a member of two committees, I believe, is really



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Participating in Star Charities' 15th annual Country Western Night in the Casino at Ocean Downs' clubhouse, July 13, from left, are Damian Lockhart, Niamh Lundberg, Tyler Vansice, Jake Kvarda, Rebecca Cossaboom, Josian Oswald, Nora Hetzler, Julie and Shane Karson and Carrie Baker.

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Letters to Gazette cited as grounds for removing Miller

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an advisory committee," Stevens said. "He's not being thrown out of the association. He can write a dozen letters to the papers and he can start this afternoon. But on the other hand, he can't do that and serve the board ... he can't make a recommendation to the board and then say, 'you didn't follow my recommendation, therefore I'll get a bunch of people in here and we'll show you a thing or two.'"
Stevens said Miller's letters included "one 'when did you stop beating your wife?' question after another."

"I'm on the board. It is not my pleasure that Mr. Miller serve on the board any longer," Stevens said.

Trendic responded that Miller wrote letters because he represented a public that was frustrated when the board "failed to take actions related to the acting general manager" and his conduct.

At one point, Trendic appeared to become frustrated and started to pack his things.

"I will not be part of this," Trendic said, although several members of the audience encouraged him to stay and vote.

"The real reason we remove people from committees is because they are damaging or causing harm to the committee. [Miller has] done none of that," Jacobs said. "There is no way to support a motion to remove him for any damage that he's caused to the committees. It is simply retaliation and that kind of behavior really needs to stop on this board once and for all."

Again, the audience burst into applause. Stevens briefly argued with several spectators.

"Anybody can get up and leave if they want to," he said.

"So can you!" one person shouted. "You work for us," another said.

Trendic, Jacobs and Supik voted against removing Miller, while Herick, Hill and Stevens voted for his removal. Because of the tie vote, Miller will remain on both committees.

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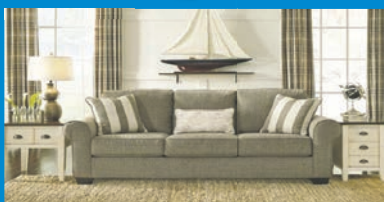


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Pocomoke boat dock to be repaired before competition

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Aug. 3, 2017) Organizers with the annual Pocomoke Boat Docking Challenge are striving to complete dock repairs prior to the event, on Aug. 26.

Mike Shannon, boat docking committee chairman, said sprucing up the decades-old pier, in addition to improving the town's appeal, would also help maintain the docking challenge, now entering its fifth year of competition on the river.

"I just want that place down there to look better," he said. "To me, it doesn't look as nice as it should."

Although Shannon has inquired with city officials, the exact age of the pier is still in question.

"The mayor can't seem to remember," he said. "It was probably built in the 1970s [or] 80s maybe."

Shannon said the intent is to perform repairs that will last for the foreseeable future.

"I'm going to make all the poles the same height," he said. "Make it look uniform."

Shannon said parts and labor expenses associated with dock work could become exorbitant. He said the poles alone would probably cost \$1,000 each.

Anticipating the desired repairs requiring up to a dozen poles, Shannon managed to source a less-expensive alternative.

"We have a gentleman that graciously donated, believe it or not, hardwood trees," he said. "They skin the trees and they look just like the poles and they're solid."

To further reign in costs, Shannon was able to coordinate with the Craig Stevens, who operates Stevens Marine Construction in Marion Station.

"It cost so much for these guys to bring their barges up the river to work on these docks – and you have to catch them at the right time," he said. "If not, you could easily pay \$10,000 to have your dock worked on around here and half of it would just be bringing the barge up."

Luckily, Shannon said Stevens had other work in the area, which will result in further cost reductions.

"It's costing us nowhere near what it would if we just had to bring him up there just to do our piece of work," he said. "You've got to know how to finagle the job process."

Shannon said he is beyond grateful for donations from area businesses and residents, without which the event and dock repairs would not be a reality.

"Without sponsors and people who give money to these events, it would never happen," he said. "Not only does the money we raise go to the event, [but] we also donate to local charities."

After numerous years of being involved with organizing local events, Shannon said the community outpouring of support never ceases to amaze.

"We have tons of great sponsors that have jumped onboard with us and donate a significant amount of money," he said. "This is all money that has been donated by people within the city, or within the area, to our event to help us fund this."

Although the competition is a one-day affair, Shannon is working with Pocomoke Downtown Coordinator Karah Lacey to lure in the boat-docking participants for an entire weekend beginning with the monthly 4th Friday Street Festival.

"I have been in contact with her to try and make this a weekend activity in Pocomoke," he said. "We're trying to figure out something to do Friday evening to bridge the gap between 4th Friday and then the Boat Docking the next day so people will come to town before Labor Day Weekend."

With the repairs likely to cost over \$4,000, Shannon said he is determined to make it a long-term investment to foster future tourism in Pocomoke.

"I'm going to make sure it lasts for years to come," he said. "The committee is not dishing out this kind of money again to repair that dock."

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Pocomoke pump station project pushes ahead

Final design estimated to cost \$2.4M; funds to come from MDE grant, USDA loan

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Aug. 3, 2017) The Pocomoke City Council received some much-needed assurances last Wednesday, ahead of advancing a more than \$2 million project to repair the Clarke Avenue pumping station.

In addition to a Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) grant for approximately \$1 million, the city anticipates sourcing the remaining funding from a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) loan.

Although the council voted 3-2 to pursue both funding sources during a meeting on April 10, councilwomen Diane Downing and Esther Troast

withheld their approval.

On hand last week to assuage potential concerns was Denise MacLeish, USDA-Rural Development community program director, who reviewed time frames for utilizing the loan.

"This money is good for five years so ... by 2021 we'd like to have the money spent," she said. "Once we set aside the money [it] is sitting in the treasury waiting for the town to use it."

With interest rates at a historic low last year, MacLeish said the USDA was able to provide Pocomoke with loan terms set at a locked rate of 1.375 percent for a four-year term.

"We had the opportunity to obligate, or set aside, this money last December [and] at that point our interest rate was at the lowest it's ever been," she said. "I doubt it's

going lower than that."

MacLeish said rates have climbed steadily since the beginning of 2017, which was the primary motivation behind the funding approval in December.

"We didn't have a lot of time to decide on it, but the rate was going up the first of January," she said. "They're currently at 2 percent."

MacLeish said that if the town opted at this time to not accept the USDA loan of roughly \$966,000 the advantageous loan rate would be lost.

"I didn't want to de-obligate or take the money back," she said. "Then you'd come back and today my rates 2 percent. It depends on where our money is and what's available."

Scott Getchell, director of operational services with architectural & engineering design firm George, Miles & Buhr, said the state has mandated improvements at the Clarke Avenue pumping station.

"Over the last two or three inspections from MDE they had called out some deficiencies that need to be corrected," he said. "Some of those were corrected along the way, but there's still some pieces of it that we kind of held onto because the thought was during our upgrade that we'd take care of that."

Although additional corrective actions may be sufficient to satisfy state inspectors, Getchell said the pumping station, which was constructed in the late 1960's, will continue to have age-related issues.

"I think it's a matter of time before you're going to have significant issues," he said. "I would say from a capital improvement perspective that station needs to be upgraded."

Pumping stations generally begin requiring repairs after roughly a quarter century, MacLeish said.

"The key is if the station ultimately fails you're going to have to replace it [but] at what cost," she said. "If we're looking at a rehab of the existing plant at \$2.3 million, what would a new pumping station cost?"

Mayor Bruce Morrison sided with the assessment from both experts.

"The bottom dollar is if we don't do it now, if we wait another year, it could be \$3.6 million," he said.

Peter Bozick, GMB executive vice president, said a proactive approach is advisable.

"What I want us to put into perspective, not just that it's 50 years old, this is the main pumping station for the entire town," he said. "Everything goes through there to get to the treatment plant. If that goes down the entire town goes down."

Bozick noted project plans have already been completed and the town has received a construction permit from MDE.

"We can advertise this in a matter of one week," he said.

With just under \$2 million in designated funding currently available, Getchell said the most recent estimates have already eclipsed that amount.

"The latest estimate when we did the final design increased by \$400,000 to about \$2.4 million," he said.

Morrison wondered if the city could still reverse course if price estimates continue to climb.

"If it comes back and its \$3 million we're not obligated to do anything right?" he asked.

MacLeish cautioned that approach would involve re-sourcing funding, while simultaneously noting the difficulty in conjecturing actual costs until project bids are received.

"If we're \$400,000 short I might call MDE and say, 'hey if I can up with \$200 can you do \$200?'" she said. "There's a coordination, a working relationship with USDA and MDE that has been [established] over the years."

After digesting the perspective provided by MacLeish, Getchell and Bozick, the council agreed to proceed forward with what Morrison deemed "a very important" project.

"We're a small town and right now financially we're not in the best of shape," he said. "It's like every other small town, it's struggling, but this is something that's got to be done. If we put it off any longer the price is going to be up to \$3-4 million."

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY FOR ADJUSTMENTS TO ITS RETAIL RATES FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRIC ENERGY

CASE NO. 9455 ■ JULY 17, 2017

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF MARYLAND

On July 14, 2017, the Delmarva Power & Light Company ("Delmarva" or "Company") filed an application for approval by the Public Service Commission ("Commission") to increase the Company's rates and charges for its electric distribution service ("Application"). The Company also filed supporting testimony and exhibits, which included applicable revised retail rate schedules for electric service. In its Application, the Company asks the Commission for authority to increase its Maryland distribution rates by \$27,029,794 with the proposed rates going into effect on August 14, 2017. Pursuant to the provisions of § 4-204 of the Public Utilities Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, the Commission concludes that all of the proposed rates and charges should be suspended for a period of 150 days from August 14, 2017. The suspension period is necessary to provide the Commission with an opportunity to determine the justness and reasonableness of the proposed rates and charges.

A prehearing conference in this matter is hereby set for Monday, August 21, 2017, in the Commission's 16th Floor Hearing Room, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, beginning at 10 a.m. The purpose of the hearing is to set a procedural schedule for this proceeding, consider any petitions to intervene that have been filed, and consider any other preliminary matters requested by the parties. Petitions to intervene shall be filed by 5 p.m., Wednesday, August 16, 2017. Furthermore, discovery commences immediately for Delmarva, the Commission's Technical Staff ("Staff") and the Office of People's Counsel ("OPC").

IT IS, THEREFORE, this 17th day of July in the year Two Thousand Seventeen, by the Public Service Commission of Maryland,

ORDERED: (1) That proceedings as to the justness and reasonableness of the proposed rates and charges are instituted by the Commission;

(2) That the proposed rates and charges filed by Delmarva Power & Light Company on July 14, 2017, are suspended for a period of 150 days from August 14, 2017.

(3) That discovery commences immediately for Delmarva, Staff, and OPC.

(4) That Petitions to Intervene shall be filed by 5 p.m., Wednesday, August 16, 2017.

(5) That Delmarva Power & Light Company is hereby directed to cause a display advertisement to be published in newspapers in general circulation throughout its service area at least two times prior to August 16, 2017, that includes a description of the matter on which the prehearing is being held and the time, date, place and purpose of the prehearing conference scheduled for August 21, 2017. The notice shall also advise persons who seek to intervene in this proceeding that an original and 17 copies, plus one electronic copy,¹ of any petition to intervene, shall be filed with David J. Collins, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, by Wednesday, August 16, 2017;²

(6) That Delmarva Power & Light Company shall file a proof of publication on or before the date of the prehearing conference;

(7) That Delmarva Power & Light Company shall also place on its home page a notice of the prehearing conference and the date by which petitions to intervene in the matter must be filed in a manner that a customer need not click the link to determine the date, time, location and purpose of the prehearing conference or the date by which a petition to intervene must be filed; and

(8) That Delmarva Power & Light Company is directed to employ any routinely used social media platforms, such as Twitter or Facebook, and any other means of communication at its disposal to further notify its customers of the prehearing conference, as appropriate.

By Direction of the Commission,
/s/ David J. Collins
David J. Collins
Executive Secretary

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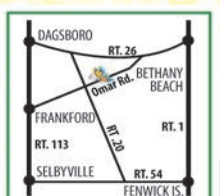
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Berlin and OC had talks about Dew Tour bowl

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor and
By Katie Tabeling
Staff Writer

(Aug. 3, 2017) Berlin has its eye on the Dew Tour skate bowl, the large skate structure that dominated the inlet parking lot in June 2014 as the centerpiece of the national extreme sports competition.

Town officials will have to wait before pursuing that objective, however, as Ocean City officials ponder whether the bowl — now rusting in pieces in a storage lot — can be incorporated in the Third Street skate park.

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams said he called Ocean City Mayor Rick Meehan about a month ago to inquire about the structure.

He apparently told Meehan, “if you all decide not to use it, we might be interested in taking a look at it,” Williams said. “They’re redesigning the entire [Third] Street park, and they haven’t determined yet if any of the components at all [of the skateboard bowl] ... will be used in that design. It’s just too early to know.”

For roughly seven months, Ocean City officials have been working on the parks master plan, but have been stuck on details for the Third Street recreation complex. That location includes the Ocean Bowl Skate Park, basketball and tennis courts, a play structure and open space.

Rough plans for upgrading the skate park included segments of the massive bowl that was built when the national Dew Tour competition that was held in Ocean City for four years. The original bowl covered nearly 4,000 square feet, with pockets and a half-pipe.

Earlier this summer, Parks and Recreation Commission Chairman and City Councilman Wayne Hartman pushed for parks staff to sell the Dew Tour bowl. The commission decided to table the discussion until the parks plans took shape.

“I’m not a fan of it. If we do add

anything to the skate park, it should be street scape, like rails and benches,” Hartman said. “I’m not sure it’ll fit in with other amenities there. There’s also the cost.”

Hartman said it would cost about \$100,000 for an outside contractor to set up the Dew Tour bowl on a temporary basis. Moving the structure from the West Ocean City lot is estimated to cost \$10,000.

If Ocean City decides to leave the Dew Tour bowl out of its redevelopment plans, Williams said he would check it out with people who know skateboarding, safety and insurance. He said the structure was designed for advanced skill levels.

“Only the best skateboarders would be allowed to use it, regardless of where it might end up. It’s not a place to learn how to skate, so it may not be appropriate for Berlin. It’s just way too early to tell,” he said.

Williams confirmed that if Berlin were to acquire any equipment, it would be used for Berlin Falls park to help pave the way for a town skate facility.

“I know a lot of people are anxious for us to do something [regarding a skateboard facility],” he said. “The key thing is, we just want to be very deliberate because you can fix what you do, but we want to minimize the errors in the process of the redevelopment of Berlin Falls park.”

Williams said he did not expect extensive discussions about planning for the park to occur during the peak summer season.

“Patience has never been easy for anyone — particularly the public. I think it’s become a rare art, but it’s still required. I’m more concerned about the result than the timetable. And I’m not a naturally patient person, so it’s not always easy.”

Meanwhile, Ocean City officials have scheduled discussions on the Dew Tour bowl during their annual strategic planning meetings. Those sessions are tentatively set for Sept. 27-29.

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Pines country club renovations land in rough

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 3, 2017) A July 5 news release from the Ocean Pines Association announced renovations to the second floor of the county club were about to “tee off.”

The release went on to say, “The Ocean Pines Association makes a ‘forward swing’ toward renovation to the second floor of the Ocean Pines Golf Club. ‘Fore!’ Watch out. The pivot and turn to the second level will significantly improve the building’s accessibility, upgrade its amenities and bring a number of other improvements to the building, which dates back to the early 1970s.”

Ocean Pines Public Works, the release stated, was working on the project.

During a board meeting on Friday, however, interim General Manager Brett Hill said the renovations hit a hard slice that, apparently, landed in the rough.

“We were notified last week by the fire marshal that we had violated the terms of our demolition permit,” Hill said. “The building is no longer under fire protection.”

Because fire safety systems were removed on the second floor during demolition, the fire marshal ordered a complete inspection of the facility be done every half hour, Hill said. He added the staffing cost to do that was

about \$500 each day.

“Failure to adhere to that policy is fines of \$1,000 a day,” Hill said. “At this point, we are unable to obtain permits for actual construction on our own.”

Hill said it was the second violation the building had received and said his conversation with the fire marshal was “not a pleasant phone call.”

“He had stated that he was well within his rights to close us down,” Hill said.

Hill asked the directors to approve a \$536,000 contract with Willow Construction LLC to take over the project entirely. The Easton-based company handled the recent renovations of the Ocean Pines beach club.

He said the board budgeted about \$417,000 for the renovations. Taking into account an additional \$60,000 budgeted for overhaul of the heating and air conditioning systems, he said the project was only over budget by about 10 percent.

Hill added there was apparently some issue with design drawings.

“It’s been three months of waiting and excuses on the drawings,” he

said. “Not only do we not have progress ... but the work that we did caused damaged to us. That’s why we’re in this boat and that’s why I brought this solution up, because the way we’re doing it now is not working and I don’t have another way to fix it.”

“We’re just in a bad position. We’re five months into a project and we’re really just at the beginning,” Hill added. “Because of the situation with the fire marshal, any delays are ... going to add to the cost of the project.”

Hill said there was an additional sense of urgency because no official board meetings were scheduled for some time.

Still, several directors said they had only just learned about the project and asked for more time to consider it.

Director Cheryl Jacobs said she had feared at the outset that the final number could balloon even more “once you start tearing the walls apart and doing other things.” She added she favored continuing the project at this point because “it’s the right thing to do.”

Director Slobodan Trendic suggested the board take a few days to

study the issue and vote electronically.

“I’m uncomfortable to vote based on the fact that this was just brought to our attention,” he said. “If this motion stays on the table the way it is I’ll vote against it, just because I believe it’s fiscally irresponsible and ... we haven’t been given time to digest the information.”

Directors Tom Herrick and Pat Supik, however, said they were uncomfortable waiting.

Herrick pointed out the renovations were scheduled to be done by now and would have included a meeting space for the board.

“We thought that, with the timeline, we would have this meeting in that building,” he said. “We’re in an emergency situation. It’s not that much of a different [in cost] ... we can get it done in a couple months and, more importantly, that building can be utilized this winter.”

Board President Dave Stevens added, “it’s unfortunate we’re in this situation, but we are.”

Jacobs asked if the board could request design drawings from Willow and commit to an electronic vote by the end of this week. The board consented.

Hill suggested earlier during the meeting the contractor could have new drawings done for about \$15,000.

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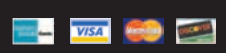
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OPA Briefs

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 3, 2017) With Director Doug Parks absent from the meeting, the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors discussed the following items during a public meeting in the community center last Friday:

Assessments

Board President Dave Stevens said Ocean Pines attorneys recouped more than \$80,000 in unpaid assessments since Jan. 1.

Interim General Manager Brett Hill said the money was collected through letters and notifications of court actions. He said attorneys filed more than 130 judgments, "many of them going back as far as 10 years."

Reserve study

Director Pat Supik said a working group had been formed to analyze a reserve

study conducted by Design Management Associates Inc. well over a year ago.

She said the group would include herself, Stevens, Director Tom Herrick, CFO John Viola, Assistant Treasurer Gene Ringsdorf, former director Marty Clarke, Budget and Finance Committee Chairman John O'Connor and Ted Moroney.

"This is a much needed effort to finally bring some reason and sense and legitimacy to the amount of reserves that Ocean Pines carries," Supik said.

She said the group already met twice and Stevens had contacted Design Management Associates President Douglas Green to arrange a future meeting.

"Our goal is to recommend to the board of directors a short and long-term funding plan for the Ocean Pines reserves, including amounts and timing of the funding," Supik said. "The reserves will support the maintenance, renovation and replacement of our existing assets, both small and large."

She said the updated study could also

help establish a new capital improvement plan.

Audit, take one

Supik said a fiscal year 2017 audit came back with an unqualified opinion, which is the highest level of assurance.

She admitted the audit was not a "deep dive" and said a more in-depth report was requested, but had not yet been received.

Supik added Ocean Pines posted year-ending losses of \$369,539.

"That loss will need to be funded ... either from the reserves or, from what would be my recommendation as treasurer, to fund it in future assessments," she said.

There was some question as to when and how the new auditing firm, SC&H Group Inc. from Ellicott City, was approved by the board. According to meeting minutes, the board voted unanimously, 6-0, during a special meeting on Feb. 10. One director, Slobodan Trendic, was absent.

Supik confirmed in an email this week

that Hill has a prior working relationship with the firm.

Bulkheads

The board awarded a one-year contract, with options for two additional years, to Hi-Tide Marine Construction from Ocean City for bulkhead replacement. Hill had proposed a three-year contract.

He said the company was the lowest bidder out of four that responded to a request for proposals. The search was conducted by Davis, Bowen & Friedel Inc.

Trendic estimated a three-year contract could have been worth about \$2.5 million. He asked for the contract to include a performance bond.

The directors consented and unanimously approved a one-year contract.

Audit, take two

Trendic introduced a motion to contract an in-depth financial audit "with forensic auditing skills to conduct detailed examination of the association's records and point of sales systems related to the food and beverage venues and other operations areas if the initial audit work discovers it to necessary."

The directors voted 5-1 against the motion.

Trendic said he initially recommended a thorough audit several months ago "because of specific events that transpired ... and concerns expressed by certain employees."

"We all know over the past few months what was discussed in closed sessions and we need to be reminded of some of the remarks that were made about some improper behaviors," Trendic said. "You all recall the termination of a number of people from the yacht club and [the] acting general manager referring to numbers that were pretty concerning to me."

"This is about doing due diligence, especially with regard to food and beverage losing so much money," he added. "For us not to proceed with a forensic audit with this part of the operation is basically to ignore what we've been observing."

He joked the audit would likely not "cost more than a food truck."

Director Tom Herrick suggested the board wait for the results of a "deep dive" audit already being performed by SC&H Group Inc.

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National Night Out draws big crowd in Berlin

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 3, 2017) Free hamburgers and hotdogs, playgrounds and inflatable bounce houses, were only a part of the annual National Night Out celebration Tuesday night at Dr. William Henry Park in Berlin.

Also greeting scores of Berlin residents, friends and family members were at least a dozen different arts and crafts projects, live music and plenty of sunshine.

Similar scenes were taking place across the country that night during a nationwide event designed to raise awareness for police and to foster a sense of community.

In New York, Mayor Bill de Blasio called New York City “the safest big city in America,” citing improved security in schools and crediting the NYPD, according to his official Twitter account.

Police in seven districts of Washington, D.C. held events, “hoping to build bridges with the people they protect and serve” in the wake of a rash of almost a dozen shootings in two days, according to a report from NBC.

Locally, celebrations also occurred in Ocean City, Snow Hill and Pocomoke.

In Berlin, volunteers from SonRise Church cooked food for community members, Worcester Youth and Fam-

ily workers made crafts with local children, volunteers from Atlantic General Hospital, Chesapeake Care and the Worcester County Health Department distributed pamphlets, and town, county and Maryland State Police troopers shook hands with the hundreds of attendees.

All told, dozens of community

‘We love it. The partnerships are awesome ... We’re always pleased when everybody comes together.’

Berlin Police Chief
Arnold Downing

partners pitched in to host different free activities, information tables and giveaways, also including the Berlin Fire Company, Berlin Arts and Entertainment Committee and Berlin Parks Commission.

“National Night Out has been a long tradition in our town and I’m really pleased to see such a diverse group of folks from all over Berlin,” Mayor Gee Williams said. “People, as you can see, are having a good time, having good food and what’s really neat is how many of these folks have been friends for years. It’s really a classic example of how Berlin is transforming into an extended fam-

ily.”
Berlin Parks Commission Chairman Mike Wiley said it was a relief to have sunny skies during the event. Several Movies in the Park screenings were recently canceled because of rain.

“I’m just glad to see a good, diverse group over here at Henry Park to let people know what we have here,” Wiley said. “The rain gods have not been friendly to us, but it’ll happen eventually ... in December!”

Berlin Councilman Dean Burrell, who rode his bike to the park, said he enjoyed the togetherness of National Night Out.

“People from the entirety of Berlin are here in fellowship, eating and having a good time. It’s a good thing,” he said.

Burrell, who has attended every National Night Out in Berlin since its inception more than a decade ago, said this one was particularly well attended.

“I’m not a good one for numbers and measurement, but I think it’s a great turnout,” he said.

Community member Jack Orris agreed.

“I think it’s a great turnout,” he said. “National Night Out is a great event and it brings everybody in the community together. I enjoy coming here every year and checking out the crafts and the food, and we have the

fire company and state police and Berlin police. It’s just a great community event.”

Berlin Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Larnet St. Amant called National Night Out “a wonderful event.

“There’s a great community sense of togetherness, music and food – and the kids are all smiling,” she said.

Delegate Mary Beth Carozza could be seen shaking hands and sharing stories with police officers.

“This is a tremendous show of support for the entire community,” Carozza said. “The churches have come together, law enforcement has come together, and our local businesses are out here. Everybody is enjoying themselves and it’s just what we’re all about here in Berlin, and on the shore.

Berlin Police Chief Arnold Downing helped to organize the event and appeared to be proud of the turnout and the overall show of support.

“We love it. The partnerships are awesome,” he said. “We’ve already got three new agencies that want to be a part of it next year – the lifeguards from Ocean City want to set up a booth and do a lifeguard stand. We’re always pleased when everybody comes together.”

The next National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2018.

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Director Cheryl Jacobs agreed, but added that point of sales systems should not be disposed of until that audit was finished and the results were received.

Hill assured the other directors “nothing has been disposed of and, for other reasons, that equipment is not going anywhere.”

Supik added that forensic audits are were generally conducted “to accumulate information for a criminal trial.”

“I don’t know that we’re going in that area yet,” she said.

Road striping

The board unanimously approved a motion, by Tom Herrick, to issue a request for proposals for street line painting for Ocean Parkway, Cathell Road and Yacht Club Drive.

Herrick said the board approved a contract for street-line painting in spring 2016, but the current striping was insufficient and difficult to see.

Accounting transparency

With one, relatively minor tweak, the board voted unanimously, 6-0, to “set a policy for transparency in the accounting records of the Ocean Pines Association.”

Hill introduced the motion and said, essentially, employees were receiving one level of information in financial reports and the board was getting a watered-down version with far less information. He said it was “like pulling teeth” for him to get the detailed reports, even as general manager.

The wording was changed slightly from “set a policy” to “direct staff to make available” and approved.

Social media policy

The directors also voted unanimously to adopt a new social media policy, which was apparently drafted by Ocean Pines attorney Jeremy Tucker.

Jacobs said the policy was overdue. Trendic said he was concerned about whether the policy included the right to edit content, specifically on the official Ocean Pines forum. He read over the language and found no mention of editing.

The policy includes the following: “The Board of Directors and the Association’s General Manager maintains the right to do any of the following any time, with or without prior notice:

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Appointments

Three committee appointments were unanimously approved.

Lisa Schwartz was named chairwoman of the architectural review committee, Harold Keiling will join the budget and finance committee and Larry Bohanan will join the clubs committee.

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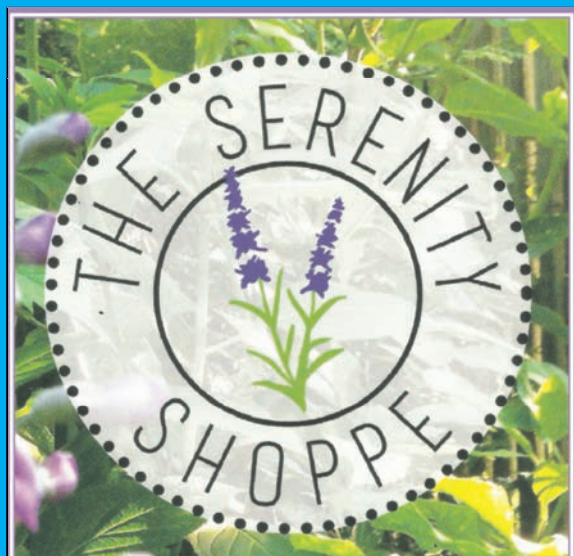
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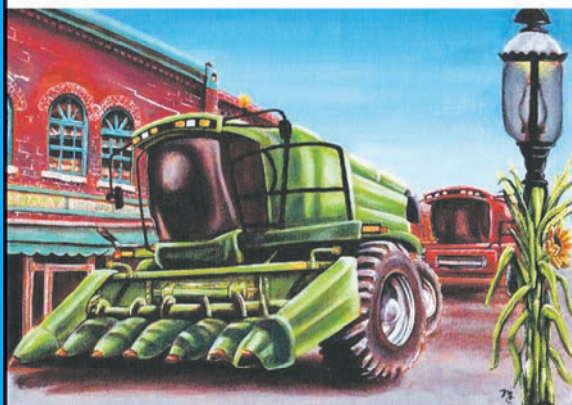


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Berlin spray paint vandal cases over; some fines paid

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

(Aug. 3, 2017) At the third violation of probation hearing for Jordan Denton and Nicholas Bonser, on July 21, District Court Judge Gerald Purnell made them an offer: pay the remaining \$500 in supervision fees assessed by the state that day, and the cases would be closed.

According to the State's Attorney's office, Bonser made good on his obligations, but Denton did not. Purnell ordered both cases closed anyway, Deputy State's Attorney Billy McDermott confirmed last week.

Denton, Bonser and an unidentified juvenile were arrested in January 2015 after buildings, cars and other public property in Berlin was spray painted with movie quotes, catchphrases and crude drawings.

The damages were estimated to be about \$11,000, but the trio was ordered to pay about \$8,300 in restitution along with community service and other requirements.

The hearing, which was first about Denton failing to meet the conditions of her probation by failing required drug testing, became about the \$500 the trio had not paid as part of their restitution.

The \$8,300 figure was off, Probation Agent Michelle Peebles said, because it failed to account for supervision fees assessed by the state that should have been included in the restitution figure.

Denton was able to prove she had a prescription for the medication that caused her to fail the drug test. However, she had tested positive for marijuana use several times during her probation, which ultimately led to her being sentenced to five days in jail at the beginning of the year.

Bonser failed to complete a required treatment program and was also sentenced to five days in jail a couple of weeks after Denton.

Purnell warned the pair during that hearing that if he saw either of them back in court again they would serve out the remainder of their sentence — 55 days.

Deputy State's Attorney Paul Haskell requested the court fulfill that promise during the hearing, but was waved off by Purnell.

Both Denton and Bonser were considered compliant with the other terms of their probation, and so Purnell offered the deal — pay the \$167 each, and close the case.

The pair agreed to make payments that day, but only Bonser did.

The matter is now considered closed by the court.

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Town of Berlin officials recently held a preconstruction meeting to discuss stormwater improvements on William Street. Some road closures are likely, but no dates have been set as of press time.

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Berlin Briefs

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Aug. 3, 2017) Town of Berlin briefs

William Street

Construction on William Street is likely to start within the next two to three weeks, according to Town Administrator Laura Allen. A preconstruction meeting occurred last Thursday.

William Street is the site of the next phase of stormwater improvements in the town.

Allen said the town would publicize ahead of time any road closures related to the project.

"There will be some partial road closures, but we don't have a schedule yet for that," she said. "That will become more apparent when we get more into the project."

Baker Street

The town will hold an informational meeting on upcoming road repairs on Baker Street on Thursday, Aug. 10 at 6 p.m. in Town Hall. Contractor Davis, Bowen & Friedel Inc. will attend.

"They've got a design that we'd like to go over with the residents, and the residents seem very interested in understanding what we're doing and getting more information around the specifics of that project," Allen said.

She said many of the questions from residents were about the oyster shell and concrete mixture currently in the center strip of Baker Street, which is considered historic. It's also the last of its kind in Berlin.

"My understanding is there's not a lot of contractors that work with that

mixture any longer, but we really won't know until we put that project out to bid," Allen said.

She said that project would not start before Labor Day, because traffic on Baker Street and on nearby Main Street was particularly heavy this time of year.

Slow Down in Our Town

New banners hung throughout the town are asking motorists to "Slow Down in Our Town." The Pedestrian Safety Committee designed the banners.

Allen said the campaign was part of the Berlin Police Department's efforts to increase awareness for pedestrian and vehicle safety. She said some business owners and residents had expressed concerns as well.

"There were concerns about vehicles not necessarily being aware of pedestrians and then pedestrians not necessarily being sensitive to the fact that they really need to be crossing [the street] at a crosswalk and looking both ways when they cross," she said.

Allen and Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells had a brainstorming session on the issue, and the new banners were created using the existing Pedestrian Safety Committee design.

"We think [the slogan] is catchy and appropriate," Allen said. "We put the banners up recently in several locations throughout town. The plan is to have them up during the season, and we may keep them up a little longer into the fall."

Allen said the intent is to increase awareness when there are many visitors who are unfamiliar with the town.

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A redone patio area will greet guests at the new DeNovo's Ice Cream Bar, which opened this week.



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DeNovo's owners Kelli and Bob Beck pose under the sign for their new DeNovo's Ice Cream Bar, adjacent to the restaurant, which opened this week in Ocean Pines.

DeNovo's opens ice cream shop in Ocean Pines

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 3, 2017) Last month, DeNovo's owners Bob and Kelli Beck got word the building next to their restaurant on 11310 Manklin Creek Road in Ocean Pines was available.

This week, that space, a former Rita's Italian Ice, is expected to re-open as DeNovo's Ice Cream Bar.

"That location has been there since the building was built in 2009 and it's completely outfitted for ice cream," Kelli said. "It's always been ice cream."

She said the landlord approached them in the beginning of June and a deal was made almost immediately – at the expense of a family vacation.

"The kids were getting out of school, so we already had a family getaway planned," Bob said. "We had to backburner it, get through the Fourth of July, and, between that, there was a deadline [with the landlord]. He approached a few people he thought might be interested."

"If we didn't [run it], somebody else would," Kelli said. "We figured it was a great location and a complement to us right next door, so we went for it."

With the pair working fast, the interior space was cleaned up and a courtyard with picnic tables, umbrellas and strands of lights was built between the two buildings.

"All that's left is county approval and we're going to be up and running, hopefully this week," Kelli said. "It's been very quick, but we're excited for it. It sounds like the community is really looking for something like this, so we're hoping it will be a success."

Kelli joked the couple knew practically nothing about ice cream when they signed the lease, other than they enjoyed eating it.

"I think our track record shows that we know how to run a good business," she said. "When we started [DeNovo's] 13 years ago, we listened to the community and what they were looking for, and that's what we're doing again."

"We know it's going to be a lot of figuring it out as we go," Bob added.

Like Rita's, the new shop will serve water ice, soft serve and hand-dipped scoops, with about a dozen flavors to start.

"We love feedback from the community. That's what we're built on. Depending on what people are interested in, we'll kind of bend and flex and reshape and mold ourselves as we go," Kelli said.

"It's all new, obviously. The beginning of June is not very long ago," she added. "We're definitely excited to see what it brings. We will be open through the fall, and it's going to be what the community is looking for. If they're looking for weekends, we'll be open for weekends."



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Opinion

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Miller became a symbol

The board of directors' skirmish this week over an attempt to remove Gary Miller from his assignments on the clubs and aquatics committees is the product of the turmoil that has enveloped the board in recent months.

Ordinarily, no one would blame any elected body for removing one of its appointees after he or she publicly attacked its decisions and strategies.

In the business world, First Amendment or no, that's a firing offense and the same principle applies in government, as the current national situation has repeatedly demonstrated.

While Mr. Miller's frustrations with aspects of the Ocean Pines Association's operations are understandable — especially as he witnessed the frenzied comings and goings of clubs division employees — he remains accountable to the people who gave him the advisory post.

When an advisor turns against the advisees, well, unpleasant things generally happen.

Considering that, the board's disagreement Friday had less to do with Mr. Miller's right to say what he wants than it did with the fact that half the board agreed with the points he made.

He was more of a symbol of the distrust one side of the board has for the other, as well as the public's own concerns with the why and how of the association majority's thinking.

Because of the tightly controlled dribbles of information from the board to the public, residents can only speculate whether this uncompromising approach to decision-making is the result of personality conflicts, clashing egos or, given speculation's inevitable destination when facts are scarce, something seriously amiss.

Under most scenarios, Mr. Miller's continued service would not have been a major debate. The board's breakdown because of the my-way-or-the-highway approach to governing made it into one.



Letters

Somerset Economic Impact Scholarship

Editor,

It's always good to see how quickly government can work for our people.

One of my initiatives for the 2017 Maryland General Assembly session was to procure monies to begin the Somerset Economic Impact Scholarship program, the goal of which is to make a Wor-Wic Community College education more affordable for Somerset County students.

On the day of the bill hearing, I was joined by several local officials — Somerset County Commissioners Randy Laird and Charles Fisher, Superintendent of Somerset County Public Schools Dr. John Gaddis, and Wor-Wic Community College President Dr. Ray Hoy — who came to Annapolis to testify in support of this most important measure that would create education and vocational opportunities for our Somerset County cit-

izens.

As an experienced legislator, I had a suspicion that the bill wasn't going to make it out of committee, meaning we would be left waiting yet another year for this opportunity to occur.

With this in mind, immediately after the hearing concluded, I asked my distinguished guests to return to my office. I placed a call to Gov. Larry Hogan's staff, and asked if his lead education people could join my guests while they were in town. I hoped we might discuss the importance of the project, so that it could take effect for the upcoming school year.

We were joined shortly thereafter by the governor's staff. When that meeting ended, we had a good feeling about enhancing our chances for a positive outcome. Within days, Gov. Hogan released his supplemental budget, which included \$87,659 to initiate this much-needed program.

As reported in the Daily

Times this week, ("More Shore students ditching debt load for Wor-Wic scholarships," July 31) I was most pleased to see Mallorie Dryden of Marion Station and others be awarded these scholarship monies. Congratulations, Mallorie, and all applicants who will receive this scholarship opportunity.

My thanks to Wicomico County Executive Bob Culver and the Wicomico County Council, whose efforts to offer Wor-Wic scholarships for Wicomico County residents inspired this legislation for my constituents in Somerset County.

Thank you also to the team of Gov. Hogan, the Somerset County Commissioners, Dr. Gaddis, and Dr. Hoy for providing the citizens of Somerset County this great opportunity. What a tremendous example of government working efficiently, quickly, and together for the people we are elected to serve.

Sen. Jim Mathias

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Berlin to get extra peachy with Saturday fest

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 3, 2017) Live music, pie-baking and pie-eating contests, vendors and plenty of peach-themed desserts will be available during the ninth annual Berlin Peach Festival, Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the lawn of the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum on 208 North Main Street.

During the 1920s, Berlin was home to Harrison’s Nurseries, run by J.G. Harrison and his sons and was the largest mail-order catalog business of its kind in the United States.

“They had over 3,000 acres all around the shore with their [peach] nurseries,” Museum curator Susan Taylor said. “They also started several varieties of peaches, like the Hale peach.”

The farms employed a huge segment of the population for about four decades. Then, around 1960 a peach blight struck crops in the area and the industry never quite recovered.

“It just wasn’t as profitable as it had been and that’s when [the Harrisons] switched to the hotel and restaurant part of the business,” Taylor said.

Taylor said she came up with the idea for the Peach Festival while researching old newspaper articles.

“They used to have this big event at the Harrison Nurseries, where they invited the Wilmington Cham-

ber of Commerce and the horticultural society to come, and they had a big picnic on the lawn,” she said. “We thought it would be fun to do this event again and bring it back to town, so we updated it and put our own little spin on it – and it’s grown from that each year.”

Three vendors will provide fresh peaches during the festival: Cole Farm of Berlin, Berlin Farm Supply and Garden of Eden of Salisbury.

Charlie Flagiello, also known as the “Uke of Earl,” and Mickey Justice will provide live music.

This year, the event will include an “open paint” for a community mural from 1-4 p.m. in conjunction with the Berlin Arts and Entertainment Committee and muralist John Donato.

The Community Mural Project is a two-part series. The panel painted during the Peach Festival will go to the Germantown School Community Heritage Center, and an open paint and potluck dinner will be held on Saturday, Sept. 16 from 4-7 p.m. in Germantown to produce the third panel of a public art mural that hangs on the visitor’s center in downtown Berlin.

Donato said anyone could contribute.

“All they have to do is bring energy and a good attitude,” he said. “No experience is needed and all the supplies are going to be there.”

He said the tone of the mural was about “resilience and resurgence.” The Germantown School operated during the segregation era and later became a warehouse.

“Through a lot of effort and dedication and vision, it became a school again,” Donato said. “A lot of Berlin itself has been inventing itself, changing and creating new things. That theme seems to be something that, historically, has been with Berlin.”

The Calvin B. Taylor House Museum enjoyed a similar resurgence. The former home of Calvin B. Taylor, it was turned into an apartment house during the 1970s and then abandoned during the 1980s and scheduled to be demolished and turned into a parking lot.

Instead, the Berlin Heritage Foundation was formed in 1981 to save the building. The foundation purchased the home from the town in 1982 and raised more than \$100,000 to restore it.

“We had a lot of work to do in the beginning and a lot of that was done by volunteers – local people. The whole community has been involved with that,” Taylor said. “A lot of changes have been going on and still are. Now we’re adding exhibits depicting life as it used to be in the town and in the area.”

Guided tours will be available dur-



FILE PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
The peach dumpling at Baked Dessert Café, the official dessert of the Town of Berlin, is one of the many delectable dishes expected to appear during the annual Berlin Peach Festival, Saturday, at the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum.

ing the Peach Festival. Current museum exhibits include a new collection of artifacts from World War I.

The Berlin Peach Festival is free and open to the public.

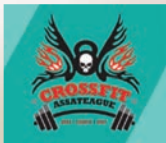
“It’s just a great family event,” Taylor said. “Just come and enjoy the town and enjoy the activities that we have. It’s a wonder time for families to come and soak up some of our history.”

For more information, call 410-641-1019 or visit www.taylorhouse-museum.org.



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National Night Out



Berlin Parks Commission Chairman Mike Wiley, left, poses for a photo with Berlin Mayor Gee Williams, center, and resident Jack Orris.



State, county and Town of Berlin police pose for a photo with Del. Mary Beth Carozza.



Bobby Johnson, with granddaughter Camayah, 3, finger paint on a paper mural with Robin Tomaselli from Baked Dessert Café and the Berlin Arts and Entertainment Committee.



The SonRise praise band performances are an annual tradition of National Night Out. SonRise Church also cooked and donated food.

COMING TOGETHER

Hundreds attended the National Night Out festivities at Dr. William Henry Park in Berlin on Tuesday night. The evening, part of a nationwide awareness and community-building campaign for police, included free food, live music, games and activities for children, information pamphlets and giveaways for the public.

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Children play at Dr. William Henry Park. The event also included a bounce house, arts and crafts and other activities.



Children run and swing at Dr. William Henry Park, Tuesday evening. Several hundred residents and visitors joined in the fun.

Snow Hill Arts on the River First Friday returns

Artist receptions in galleries and deals in shops, along with food, drinks and music

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Aug. 3, 2017) Tomorrow's Snow Hill Arts on the River First Friday event brings another evening filled with artist receptions at area galleries, special deals from local merchants and ample food, libations and musical entertainment from 5-8 p.m.

The Lower Shore Land Trust, 100 River Street, will feature artist Geo McElroy's Eastern Shore inspired landscape paintings. McElroy, who will be on hand from 5-7:30 p.m. to provide insights into the creative process, shared some perspective in a press release about the event.

"I love the Shore and its envi-

rons," she said. "We are so disconnected from nature in our daily lives, but here, on the Eastern Shore, we can still venture into wild places and explore."

McElroy is a third generation artist, following in the steps of her mother and grandmother. In addition to taking studio courses at the Corcoran College of Art & Design in Washington D.C., she also received a BFA from St. Mary's College in Maryland. While pursuing a master's degree from Salisbury University she rediscovered her passion for working with canvas and relaunched her painting pursuits.

Bishop's Stock Fine Art, Craft & Wine, on 202 West Green Street, will feature the work of two artists discovered through the annual Paint Snow Hill event.

Barb Mowery, a former Worcester

resident now residing in Lusby, is titling her display, "Close to Home." Utilizing images from her surroundings, Mowery focused on creating suburban landscape paintings, which she views as a welcome to her world.

Carol Peirson, who lives in Townsend on Virginia's Eastern Shore, will show a series of landscape paintings she is calling "Chasing the Light," which focus on capturing changing light and varied atmospheres.

The Daily Brew Coffeehouse, 213 Snow Hill Road, is in the midst of celebrating a successful first year in business. It will hold an anniversary celebration with music, along with free samples of drinks, sandwiches and baked goods. Instructions will be provided on how to prepare an array of coffees available for pur-

chase, as well as door prizes and a raffle for a coffee-themed basket.

DBC will feature local photographer Joe Scukanec, from Thru My Lens Photography, who will display a sampling of photographs from the Eastern Shore and beyond. In addition to wood-framed prints, Scukanec will have prints on modern metals, as well as post cards for sale.

Jan Coulbourn's Green Street Gallery, 1010 Green Street, will feature paintings by Willie Crocket, who runs the Crocket Gallery in Onancock Virginia. Also Eastern Shore potter Karen Shepherd will be displaying her original kiln creations.

The Jim Adcock Studio in the John Blair House, on 106 East Green Street, will have refreshments and be offering a selection of original paintings by Adcock for purchase.

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MURAL PAINTERS

Stephen Decatur High School students in Darlene Idoni-McCann's French class painted three murals promoting positive thinking and hung them on the fence at the tennis courts next to the Ocean City Center for the Arts on 94th Street. Helping with the project, from left, are Ian Postley, former SDHS student, and recent graduates, Peyton Dunham, Betsy Barb, Bethany Williams, Brennan Holloway and Stella Cunningham. Idoni-McCann is pictured sitting.



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BEST SENIOR

With a decorated resume that includes National Advanced Placement scholar, several varsity sports, and numerous clubs and volunteer hours, Stephen Decatur High School senior Peyton Dunham was named 2017 Best All-Around senior. Dunham will be going to Harvard University in the fall. She is pictured with Principal Tom Zimmer.



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WRITING CONTEST WINNERS

Stephen Decatur High School students, from left, Justice Paige, Serena Camilleri and Ellett Baker were named as winners of the fifth annual Peggy Hevel Memorial Writing Contest. Also pictured are Emma Hancock, president of the National English Honor Society, and Principal Tom Zimmer. The writing contest was named after Hevel, a long-time English teacher at the school. Each winner received a cash award as well as several prizes from the Seahawk Writing Center.



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TOP SPELLERS

Yetive Delaney's and Julie Wilsey's students participated in the Worcester Prep annual Grade 3 Spelling Bee on June 5. Finishing in the top three, from left, are Sydney Todorov (first), Lena Parker (second) and Ansh Batra (third).



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FUTURE MAYOR

Worcester Prep fourth grader Jackson Fernley was named a finalist in the District 1 statewide "If I were Mayor, I would..." essay contest sponsored by The Maryland Municipal League (MML). Fernley is pictured with his teacher Erin Shimko.



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PADDLERS

As part of the outdoor educational experience, Berlin Intermediate School fifth graders Riley Nagler and Sienna McVicker learn to canoe on the Pocomoke River.

Live music at Harvest Moon Tavern and Blue Dog Café

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For a unique piece of repurposed art visit A Diamond on Pearl, on 111 Pearl Street, which will feature New Buoy Creations. The pieces are locally crafted using working buoys from the Eastern Shore and can be displayed indoors or outdoors.

The Corner Shoppe, on 100 West Green Street, will be offering a tasting of four new specialty infused vinegars; sriracha, smoked, barrel-aged white, and chocolate.

Also just outside the Corner Shoppe, a pair of authors, Susan Parker Rosen Lantham and Kari Alice, will be on hand to discuss their literary endeavors and sign published volumes.

For those in need of a fashion update, ReTag'd Upscale Resale, on 108 Pearl Street, will have a sidewalk sale for budget conscious fashionistas.

To continue the appearance upgrades, The Mirror Salon, on 216 North Washington Street, will offer half price haircuts on Friday, as well as a 20 percent discount for future appointments.

If that perfectly quaffed head of hair needs a new resting place, Sassy Girl Boutique, on 114 West Green Street, will be offering buy one get one half off on all pillows.

For those interested in adding

new aromas to their environment, The Flower Shop, on 218 North Washington Street, will be offering 15 percent discounts on summer scented colonial candles.

The Serenity Shoppe, on 214 North Washington Street, is highlighting a selection of back to school essential oils to aid with studying, focus and to provide a restful nights sleep.

To satisfy the most discriminating sweet tooth, the Olde Town Candy Company, on 102 West Green Street, will have new artisan chocolates and fresh waffle cones for ice cream indulgences.

For those looking to get their groove on, the Harvest Moon Tavern, on 208 West Green Street, will have Opposite Directions performing from 7- 10 p.m. As usual, reservations are strongly suggested.

The Blue Dog Café, on 300 North Washington Street, will have a patriotic celebration with a performance by WWIIunes and Todd Crosby, along with co-owner Gary Weber performing from 6:30-10:30 p.m.

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Aug. 4: Reform School, 8-11 p.m.
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Aug. 6: Wes Davis, 7-10 p.m.
Aug. 7: Just Jay, 6-9 p.m.
Aug. 8: Charlie Z, 6-9 p.m.
Aug. 9: Michael Smith, 6-9 p.m.; Open Mic, 9-11 p.m.
Aug. 10: Chris Button, 7-10 p.m.

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Aug. 6: Homemade Hooch, noon to 3 p.m.; Rick & Regina, 4-8 p.m.
Aug. 7: Nate Clendenen, noon to 3 p.m.; Bob Wilkinson & Joe Smooth & Pete, 4-8 p.m.
Aug. 8: Aaron Howell, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Dav Hawkins & Joe Mama, 3-7 p.m.
Aug. 9: Lauren Glick Duo, noon to 3 p.m.; Chris Button & Joe Mama, 4-8 p.m.
Aug. 10: Sean Loomis, noon to 3 p.m.; Kevin Poole and the Gang, 4-8 p.m.

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Aug. 6: Opposite Directions, 2-6 p.m.
Aug. 7: Blake Haley, 4-7 p.m.; DJ Billy T, 7 p.m.
Aug. 8: Funk Shue, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Aug. 9: Karaoke w/DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Aug. 10: Opposite Directions, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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Aug. 8: Bryan Clark, 6 p.m.

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Aug. 7: Ruckus, 10 p.m.
Aug. 8-9: VJ Mazi, 9 p.m.
Aug. 10: Judas Priestess - Tribute Band, 10 p.m.

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Aug. 5: Cruz-in de Bay, noon to 6 p.m.; DJ Tuff, noon to 2 a.m.; Light Up The Moon, 1-5 p.m.; Lima Bean Riot, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; Jah Works, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; Lost in Paris, 10 pm. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Bobby’O, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Aug. 6: DJ Bobby’O, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Jim Long Band, 5-9 p.m.; 9 Mile Roots, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; DJ Davie, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Split Decision, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
Aug. 7: DJ Bobby’O, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Full Circle, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Davie, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; DJ Tuff, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 9 Mile Roots, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Split Decision, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Aug. 8: DJ Bobby’O, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Opposite Directions, 5-9 p.m.; Rising Sun Reggae, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; DJ Mike T, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; DJ Tuff, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Ticketed Event, Collie Buddz Concert, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Aug. 9: DJ Bobby’O, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Full Circle, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Mike T, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Rising Sun Reggae Band, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; DJ Cruz, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; The Rockets, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
Aug. 10: DJ Bobby’O, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Rew Smith, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Anthem, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; DJ Tuff, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; DJ Bobby’O, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; Go Go Gadget, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.

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Paint Berlin gets expanded painting area, to Assateague

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 3, 2017) Registration is open and about a dozen slots remain for the eighth annual Paint Berlin to be held Sept. 20-23

This year's competition will feature an expanded painting area that will include Assateague and Ayers Creek for the first time, as well as the addition of a new legislator's choice award.

The event will culminate with a wet paint show and sale at the Worcester County Arts Council building on 6 Jefferson Street in Berlin on Saturday, Sept. 23 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Arts Council Executive Director Anna Mullis said the popularity of Paint Berlin continues to grow each year.

"Berlin is offering so many different activities throughout the year, so that adds to artists being more interested in coming to the area," she said. "I also think Berlin offers so many different landscapes and historic places to paint, and that's attractive to the artists."

Mullis said in prior years, painters were restricted to within three miles of the arts council building, which did not allow them to make use of the many coastal landscapes just outside of town.

"We have decided [to extend the area] because the artists are coming during a beautiful time of year in September, when the weather is gorgeous," she said. "We would love for them to be able to go to Assateague to paint those bodies of water and other things that they find interesting."

"We found out that a lot of artists who come, especially from the western shore and some of the northern states, they're not familiar with Berlin and think that because we're so close

to the ocean they can find areas of water that a lot of them enjoy painting," Mullis said. "Unfortunately, there's not much within three miles."

With many new settings available, Mullis said the artwork created during Paint Berlin could be vastly different this year.

"Already, several artists are excited about this addition," she said.

After three days of painting plein air, or outdoors and under natural light, artists will gather inside the arts council building for a reception and awards ceremony.

Berlin resident Kirk McBride will judge the show, which will include prizes for first place (\$1,000), second place (\$500), third place (\$100), honorable mention (\$100) and artist's choice (\$100).

Mullis said local elected officials would choose the new legislator's choice award. She said Del. Mary Beth Carozza, Sen. Jim Mathias and elected officials in Berlin were sent invitations.

"We would like them to come and see the exhibits and how the artists represent Berlin 'en plein air,' and provide an opportunity for legislators to vote for the best painting," she said. "We're hoping that at least some of them will be able to join us."

She said the arts council is also looking for local people who are willing to host an artist, many of which travel each year from over the Bay Bridge and from neighboring states.

"Unfortunately, we don't have many hotels in Berlin and it's a very busy weekend, because it's also the Fiddler's Convention," she said. "A lot of artists would like to stay close to town, of course, so we are looking for people in the community who would be willing to offer a guest room to host the artists."

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Michael McSorley from Washington, D.C. won first prize and \$1,000 during the Paint Berlin competition last year for his oil painting "St. Paul's." McSorley is expected to return to the competition this year, Sept. 20-23. Registration is open now and about a dozen of the 50 allowed slots remain.

Registration still open; cost \$40

completed by Aug. 31. Only 50 slots will be available, and Mullis said more than 30 had signed up as of last week.

She also thanked sponsors the Town of Berlin, Salt Water Media, and the Joan W. Jenkins Foundation. For more information or to reg-

ister for the annual Paint Berlin event, call 410-641-0809 or visit www.worcestercountyartsCouncil.org.



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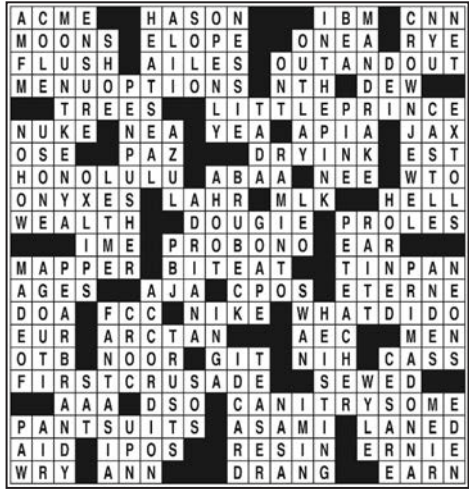
HARD - 92

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

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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BY DESIGN

BY ISAAC MIZRAHI AND DAVID J. KAHN / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

To mark the 75th anniversary of the New York Times crossword, which debuted in 1942, we are publishing a series of puzzles co-created by famous people who solve the Times crossword, working together with regular Times puzzle contributors. This collaboration is by the designer and TV host Isaac Mizrahi, together with David J. Kahn, a retired consulting actuary in New York City. This is David's 172nd crossword for The Times.

ACROSS

1 Little bit
4 Chickenhearted
9 Spur-of-the-moment
13 "Word just got out ..."
19 Funny Gasteyer
20 Offer a thought
21 Shakers' movement?
22 Loren of "Marriage Italian-Style"
23 Top limit, for short
24 Flaunt a loose dress at a soiree?
27 Text changes
29 Mideast royal name
30 Fair-hiring letters
31 Vogue rival
32 Overstuff
33 Title of a fashion-industry seamstress's tell-all?
38 With 53-Across, goethite, e.g.
39 N.F.C. North rivals of the Bears
40 Support under a tank?
41 "Enrol," for "enroll": Abbr.
42 Ones who fix toys?
43 Grub

44 Flapper wrapper
45 Ideal
49 Chipper greeting
51 Cellphone chip holder
53 See 38-Across
54 Personal guide
56 What some wrap dresses are?
60 D.C. summer setting
61 ____ pants
62 Plot at home, maybe
63 Fantasy writer Michael
64 "____ who?"
65 Exercise with keys
66 Way off base?
67 Unwanted pressure
69 Bit of a grind
71 Get the gold
72 Author Michael ____ Dyson
74 "Frozen" snow queen
75 Mars vehicle
76 Scatter
77 Like a model's hairstyle?
81 Calendario opener
82 Argentine article
83 Northern Indiana county or its seat
84 Kind of pressure
85 Souls
88 French possessive
89 Bundle
92 Shiner
95 Boating aid

96 Civil War inits.
97 Ding maker
98 Kind of street
99 Takes fashion photos using an unorthodox camera angle?
104 More limited
105 "Keep it ____"
106 Bylaw, briefly
107 Plane-related
108 N.B.A. notables Korver and Lowry
109 Shorten some couture dresses?
115 Bach's Partita No. 6 ____ Minor
116 Resistant (to)
117 Swift ending for a bad stage performance
118 Chill-inducing, say
119 Writer/critic Hentoff
120 Got the impression
121 Uneasy
122 Ground breaker
123 Chicago rumblers

DOWN

1 Last Scottish king to die in battle
2 How you might do something dumb
3 Preferred means of arriving at a fashion show?
4 Some rescues
5 Subj. for CNBC
6 Putin's peace
7 Stain that's hard to remove
8 Keeps from proceeding
9 Loses
10 Order member
11 Klingons, e.g.
12 Tower with many eaves
13 Suffix with 105-Across
14 Christmas threesome
15 Banned supplement
16 Not worth ____ of beans
17 Go through
18 Historical trivia
25 Vandals
26 ____ party
28 Decagonal
33 A butter alternative
34 Actress Vardalos
35 Little Boy, e.g., informally
36 Got out of
37 Stud site
44 Dust jacket part, usually
45 Revenue source for a magazine
46 Inspects a fashion designer's offerings?
47 One who says, "I'd like to have ..."
48 AOL alternative

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50 Food-prep class at school
51 Very short climb
52 Chilling, so to speak
54 Ruins as a dog might
55 Food in the field
56 Cantina treats
57 Top of the world
58 Quattro minus uno
59 Edict

67 "Take it!"
68 Nutmeg State collegian
70 Cry of exasperation
73 Warlords, e.g.
78 Medium-to-poor
79 Ideal
80 Drunk's problem
84 Cop's target
86 Cans
87 One may be tipped

89 Goes through
90 Creator of an ancient pyramid scheme?
91 Ring around the collar
93 Place for cannons
94 Winter apples
96 Holiday scene
97 You, once
99 Some Latinas: Abbr.
100 Pitch

101 Like some floors
102 Order member
103 Long-winded
108 Leg bender
110 Advantage
111 ____ Xing
112 Put in, as hours
113 Glass on public radio
114 Suffix with fact

Cuisine

Ease dog days of summer with roasted lamb

So many things have happened in the past week, my head is spinning. I commented recently to friends that this feels like is kind of like drinking water from a firehose. For starters, we are no longer Ocean Pines property owners for the first time since 1999. I'm not going to lie; it feels pretty good considering the current political atmosphere. I've seen some upheaval in that place, but it has hit a note of uncertainty that I am glad to not be part of any-more.



By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3

Now, before you send any hate mail, let me just clarify that I love Ocean Pines, and I will always remember it as the community in which we raised our four kids. I appreciated the amenities and I stand here as a proud former-resident. I'm just glad to be gone and removed.

As for the other big event, well, it is much direr. It lends itself to a whole new category of pain and suffering, and I'm not sure that this platform is quite the place to share. But, here it goes.

We got a puppy.
Dammit. Yes, we got a puppy. It was one last joke by my beautiful wife in her promising our youngest that I would replace Sadie (the dog that we had for 10 wonderful years, but had to put down in February). So it is time, and we now have Dr. Winston, a wonderful addition to our family who is laying waste to our first floor. If he hasn't defecated on it, he has chewed it. If he hasn't chewed it yet, don't worry; he will.

And I say all this tongue-in-cheek as I am a dog person and I love the little guy. He is seriously adorable with his uber-fluffy brown coat and green eyes. I mean, how can you not love a Labradoodle? If you don't, you're not human, or at least not one that I am interested in knowing.

Incredibly intelligent dogs, doodles have broken me before and I am sure that he will be no different. He already rules the roost and has the adult chocolate lab who lives with us on the perpetual run. Oh, it's going to be a fun time.

As I sit back and laugh about all of this with a wet puppy (we're already training him to swim, as though he even needs that) on my lap, my belly sits full of the rack of lamb that I just ate for dinner. Happy that the grocery store in north Ocean City stocks good lamb product, I stop there every week to pick some up. My daughter works next door, so it's a quick jaunt for me.

When it comes to cooking lamb, there are a few things to keep in mind. If you're cooking a leg, reverse searing works well as does the time-tested high searing and then finishing on a lower heat. For me, I love rosemary and thyme and tons of garlic on a leg of lamb.

When it comes to the rack, however, I like it simple. You only need four ingredients to make a rack of lamb taste divine, as though it were a gift from the heavens above: salt, pepper, garlic and fire. And yes, fire is an ingredient, or more to the point the chemicals that come from the smoke that lend their ethereal nuances to the finished product are the ingredient. It's just easier and faster to write "smoke."

As you read this, possibly mocking me in that



you are not in puppy-hell at present, I encourage you to at least take my advice and fire up the grill and roast a rack of lamb. It is a great way to celebrate the little things.

Roasted Rack of Lamb

serves 4 for appetizers

1 rack American Lamb
Kosher salt, as needed
Cracked black pepper, as needed
Granulated garlic, as needed
Wood chunk blend, as needed (see following)
Fire

1. Season the rack of lamb liberally, keeping in mind that the spices will fall off during the roasting process
2. Stick the rack of lamb on a rotisserie and get that fire stoked. If you're like me, roast this over wood (I cook over a wide range of heat sources, but nothing beats the taste of wood-fired)
3. Throw your blend of wood on your white-hot charcoal
4. Roast over a hot flame, rotating regularly, until the center is a nice medium-rare. This will vary depending on a few variables, such as how hot the fire is, how far away the lamb is and of course,

if there are flare guards or grates in between the fire and the flesh

5. Remove the spit from the fire and allow to rest for about 10 minutes. This will prevent the myoglobin (the red stuff ... it's not blood, just another protein) from seeping out

6. Carve between the bones and serve

7. This goes especially well with a chimichurri sauce (reference past articles or the interwebs)

Wood Blend for Beef and Lamb

make a batch for future use
1 small bag each of:

Hickory
Apple
Cherry
Oak

1. Combine the woods if you can tell the difference between the four. If you cannot, I recommend you blend them per smoking session
2. It is important to use a little bit of each
3. This is a great blend for beef, lamb and bison

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

Calendar

THU, AUG. 3

PEACH FESTIVAL
St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, 10301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bake table, books, bulk peaches, flea market, food, face painting, sodas, games, health fair, holiday items, ice cream and peaches, peach smoothies, silent auction, music and vendor tables. 410-524-7474, <http://www.stpetersoc.com>

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

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Sunset Park, 700 S. Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD, 7 to 9 p.m. Free concert featuring “Full Circle” (blues/R&B/rock). Admission to the park is free, while beverages, including beer, are available for purchase. It is recom-mended that attendees bring their own seat-ing. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326

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FRI, AUG. 4

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FIRST FRIDAY ART EXHIBIT
Lower Shore Land Trust, 100 River St., Snow Hill, MD, 5 to 7:30 p.m. The Lower Shore Land Trust will feature oil painter Geo McElroy during Snow Hill’s First Friday event. Meet the artist and learn about her connections to our rural region. info@lower-shorelandtrust.org, 443-234-5587

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SAT, AUG. 5

BEACH 5 SAND SOCCER
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san breads, seafood, meats and more. New vendors welcome. 410-641-7717, Ext. 3006

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UNIVERSITY OF MD EXTENSION OPEN HOUSE
Worcester County UME Office, 305 Bank St., Snow Hill, MD, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. As part of the Annual Blessing of the Combines, Worcester County UME will be showcasing how MD Extension serves the community in farming, youth development, health and wellness, finance education and home gar-den-ing. There will be giveaways and activi-ties for the kids. Light refreshments.

BLESSING OF THE COMBINES
Lower Shore Land Trust, 100 River St., Snow Hill, MD, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Visit the newly installed pollinator garden and learn about the featured plants, their benefits and how you can incorporate bene-ficial plants around your home or farm. Help add the finishing touches to the gar-den by decorating garden markers to iden-tify each plant. Inside view works of oil painter Geo McElroy. Enjoy nature art ac-tivities for all ages. info@lowershore-landtrust.org, 443-234-5587

BOOK SIGNING
Bishop’s Stock, 202 W. Green St., Snow Hill, MD, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dorchester County writer, Barbara Lockhart will be outside the gallery signing her newest book, “Will’s Tractor,” and her last children’s book, “Mosey’s Field.” info@bishopsstock.com

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Pines Point Marina, 869 Yacht Club Drive, Ocean Pines, MD, 12 to 4 p.m. Cost to par-ticipate is \$35 per person or \$30 each for 2 or more and includes a T-shirt to the first 150 entries. Cash prizes with new additional calcuttas. Fish anywhere in Maryland or Delaware from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fish must

be weighed in by 4 p.m. with awards imme-diately following. Participants must be reg-istered by Aug. 4 at 3 p.m. Register online: www.OceanPinesChamber.org. Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce, info@OceanPinesChamber.org, 410-641-5306

SUN, AUG. 6

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT CRAB FEAST
28th Street Pit & Pub, 2706 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD, 1 to 5 p.m. Sponsored by Ravens Roost 58 to support local causes and families in need. Crabs, corn, fried chicken, sides, draft beer and sodas starting at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door. Purchase tickets at 28th Street Pit & Pub, 410-289-2020 or 410-916-4006.

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Furnace Town Living Heritage Village, 3816 Old Furnace Road, Snow Hill, MD, 5 to 7 p.m. Doors open at 4 p.m. The third of a four part family friendly Americana Music Series. Also featuring local craft brewers Third Wave Brewery and Fin City Brewing Company and barbeque. Tickets cost \$15 for adults and \$7 for children 15 and younger and can be purchased at www.eventbrite.com or by calling 410-632-2032. Sponsorships are still available. <http://www.furnacetown.org>

FREE CIRCUS
Jolly Roger Amusement Park, 2901 Philadel-phia Ave., Ocean City, MD, 5 p.m. Two per-formances 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, family-friendly event. Iona, 410-520-2259, <http://carouselhotel.com/amenities/ocean-city-md-hotel-live-ice-shows/>

GOSPEL CONCERT
St. Matthews By-The-Sea Methodist Church, 1000 Coastal Highway, Fenwick Is-land, DE, 7 p.m. Nationally acclaimed, “The Hyssongs” to entertain with family vocal harmony, humor and brass instruments (trumpet and trombone). The concert is free but a love offering will be taken. Merle Dimeler, 302-436-1938

SUNDAES IN THE PARK
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CPAP MASK FITTING

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

HYPERTENSION CLINIC

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

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 of-fering different topics each day. Sandy, sandy@ocmuseum.org, 410-289-4991, http://www.ocmuseum.org

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 In-dependence. Guided Docent Tours every Monday through September. Complimen-tary parking and admission. 410-251-2849

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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 inter-ested in learning the craft of a cappella singing welcome. 410-641-6876

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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 "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang." Take a beach chair or blanket. Chris Clarke, 410-250-0125

TUE, AUG. 8

OC MUSEUM SUMMER PROGRAMS

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ASK A MASTER GARDENER

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

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

Gull Creek Senior Living, 1 Meadow St., Berlin, MD, 2:30 to 4 p.m. For individuals suffering from Parkinson's. Group provides education on exercise, nutrition, coping techniques, medications and developments in treatment. Ashley Sterns, 410-641-3171, http://www.delmarvaparkinsonsalliance.org

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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. Plat-ters and other for available without pre-order. Cash bar. Located behind St. Luke's

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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 cas-tle contest, tug-of-war, relay races and more. All activities are free. Parents are asked to stay with their children. 410-250-0125

NAMI FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

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

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BINGO

Pocomoke Elks Lodge 1624, 1944 Worces-ter 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

OC BEACH DANCE PARTY

Caroline Street Stage, Atlantic Avenue and Caroline Street, Ocean City, MD, 7 to 9 p.m. Dance the evening away with entertainment by DJ Batman. Bring beach chairs or blan-kets for an evening of interactive entertain-ment. Free event for all ages. 410-250-0125 or 800-626-2326

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WED, AUG. 9

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ARTISTS PAINT OC - A PLEIN AIR EVENT

Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., Ocean City, MD, All Day Artist from all over set up their easels along the Boardwalk, bayside and beaches to compete for cash prizes. The plain air artwork will be on ex-hibit at the Ocean City Center for the Arts through the end of August. 410-524-9433, http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org

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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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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 dona-tion per person to benefit local Veterans. Elk members and their 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 "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them." Take a beach chair or blanket. In the event of inclement weather, the movie will be shown inside the hotel. Every Wednesday from June 7 to August 30. Chris Clarke, 410-250-0125

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