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Carlos Mir, also known as Cascading Carlos, delivers a fiery performance, juggling, spinning plates and seen here swinging a flaming poi, before a crowd of several hundred during the Berlin Peach Festival at the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum, last Saturday.

OPA annual meeting, election results, Sat.

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Aug. 10, 2017) Four candidates for the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors - not to mention 8,452 homeowners - will learn the results of the 2017 election at the annual meeting this Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Assateague Room of the community center on 235 Ocean Parkway.

Eight candidates originally filed and seven applications were approved, but three people dropped out before ballots were finalized. Two women and two

men remain: Dr. Colette Horn, Nicole Schafer Crosariol, Doug Parks and Marty Clarke.

The two candidates who receive the largest number of votes will be elected to three-year terms on the seven-member board.

The annual meeting traditionally includes year-end reports from the association auditor, legal department, general manager and board president before the announcement of election results.

One hundred homeowners are required to attend in person or by proxy to reach a quorum. That shouldn't be a problem, as the public has turned out en masse during several recent board meetings

For the first time, the actual counting of votes will be done during an open session Friday at 9 a.m. in the Marlin Room of the community center. The Ocean Pines Elections Committee drafted a series of reforms earlier this year, including making the vote count public.

Elections Committee Chairman Steve Tuttle said the Marlin Room could seat roughly 30-40 people, plus the

committee members, who will do the counting.

"Frankly, I don't expect a huge crowd since the announcement of results will be a day later," Tuttle said. The vote counting is expected to last several hours.

Ballots are due at the post office or inside the ballot drop-box inside the administration building on 239 Ocean Parkway today, Thursday, by 5 p.m.

For question, call the Elections Committee telephone hotline at 410-208-3989.

Vote to remove Trendic delayed indefinitely

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Aug. 10, 2017) The periodically postponed motion to remove Ocean Pines Association Director Slobodan Trendic will not be voted on before the Aug. 12 election, several board members said this week.

Interim General Manager and Di-

rector Brett Hill intended to introduce a motion to remove Trendic during a special meeting on July 20. That was rescheduled until July 21 and then again until a regular meeting on July 28, when it was delayed for a third time. In each case, at least one board member could not attend the meeting.

Hill has accused Trendic of violating attorney-client privilege and breaching his fiduciary responsibilities as an officer of the corporation by disclosing confidential information to the press, to the public and employees.

Votes from at least five of the seven directors are needed to remove

a board member. Director Doug Parks, who was expected to vote to remove Trendic, sent notice last week he would not do so immediately before the election.

Parks is the only current board member seeking reelection and is one of four candidates vying for two See PARKS Page 6



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Bay Club campground conversion canned

Property, owned by Carl M. Freeman companies, will continue to be golf course

By Brian Gilliland

Associate Editor

(Aug. 10, 2017) Far from the done deal it was once suspected to be, the Carl M. Freeman companies, owners of the Bay Club on Libertytown Road in Berlin, confirmed it has abandoned plans to turn a portion of the property into a high-end campground.

"In our last communication, we shared that we were in the earliest stages of exploring a campground use for a portion of the property. After researching the opportunity further, we have decided not to pursue it at this time," an undated email sent to Bay Club members and signed by Freeman Senior VP and CFO Dave Levitsky reads. The Freeman companies own 700-

plus acres in Berlin,

460 of which constitute the Bay Club, according to Levitsky. The company had previously sought a special exception to the parcel's A-2 Agricultural zoning, which would allow the operation of the campground.

The formal hearing before the Worcester County Board of Zoning Appeals, which

would make the determination if the special exception were warranted,

had been delayed at least twice since December 2016. The board meets once a month.

> "We have ceased seeking any revision to our current zoning," Levitsky wrote. "We will continue to operate The Bay Club to the same high level of expectations that we set for our members' experience and assess opportunities that arise to make the best use of our undeveloped property to serve the greater community and enrich lives

for generations to come." Opponents to the project had con-



cerns about environmental impacts and traffic.

Hugh Cropper, the attorney representing the Freeman companies on the project said in April that he thought the 434-unit proposed campground would be very environmentally friendly.

In an interview with the Bayside Gazette in April, Cropper said other areas host 400-unit campgrounds on parcels one-tenth the size of the site proposal for the Bay Club. One-quarter of the sites would have been cabins, and a small percentage would be primitive sites, suitable for tents, Cropper explained. The balance of the sites would have been for recreational vehicles.

Those vehicles, Cropper said, are generally set up on sites rented for the entire season, with the residents towing their own cars along for the ride and to be used for everyday travel.

Late last year, three campground proposals emerged — the Bay Club, an expansion of Ft. Whaley and Ayres Creek.

In late April, Todd Burbage, owner of the former Pine Shores Golf Course, abandoned the idea of installing a campground along Ayres Creek because of heavy resistance from the community.

"It's 100 acres, and it was all envisioned to be developed. About 85 percent is highly disturbed, as any golf course would be with irrigation and sand traps, and it was the right thing to do for Worcester County, but couldn't placate everyone," Burbage said in April.

Instead of a campground with space for 275-300 sites along with the existing headquarters for the Maryland Coastal Bays Program, Burbage said he would use the land for his original intended purpose — to live there.

The Ft. Whaley campground expansion from 210 to about 273 sites, the only surviving proposal at this point, was delayed in late June, as the owner, Sun Communities, decided to focus on completing the necessary wastewater treatment facility necessary to serve the site before focusing on campground construction.









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The 19th annual Blessing of the Combines filled the streets of Snow Hill with large and small farm equipment much to the delight of the recordsetting crowd last Saturday.

Morrison enjoying MMA influence

By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(Aug. 10, 2017) Pocomoke Mayor Bruce Morrison might gain additional influence with Annapolis legislators following his recent election as president of the Maryland Mayor's Association.

"The governor knows me by my first name," he said. "When I go up there a lot of people know me now. If I make a phone call, somebody answers the phone."

The Maryland Mayors Association is a constituency group organized by the Maryland Municipal League. Paula Chase Hyman, director of member relations, said the league, which was formed in 1936, is a nonprofit, nonpartisan association.

"We work to support municipal government," she said. "We do that through advocacy and also through education."

Over the last three years, Morrison has gradually worked his way up the chain of command.

"I was second vice president, then first vice president," he said. "Then this year, I was elected president of the whole state of Maryland Mayor's

Association."

Morrison was also elected to a second leadership position during the Maryland Municipal League summer conference in mid-June at the Ocean City convention center on 40th Street.

"I was also elected first vice president of District One for the board of directors for the Maryland Municipal League," he said.

District one includes Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset counties, Morrison said.

"We get together every year in Annapolis in February when the legislature starts and we meet with our delegates," he said. "When you get like 70 mayors together in Annapolis, the delegates know we're in town."

Looking ahead to legislative goals for 2018, Morrison said he would encourage Gov. Larry Hogan to continue his campaign pledge to return state highway user revenue (HUR) funding to local jurisdictions to pre-2010 levels.

"Our biggest agenda is keeping the HUR money coming," he said. "It's a huge thing for municipalities in the state of Maryland." According to the Maryland Department of Legislative Services, during fiscal year 2007 Worcester County received more than \$6.9 million in highway user revenue funding. By contrast, in 2016 that figure had dwindled to about \$726,000.

"[Hogan's] working at it every year, giving us a little bit more," he said. "That's our biggest challenge, to keep on the delegates in Annapolis and tell them how important it is so we keep those funds."

Chase Hyman said the Maryland Municipal League has yet to set legislative goals for 2018.

"Membership begins to meet on legislative priorities towards the end of August," she said. "Then they will vote on those priorities at their fall conference in October."

Thus far, Morrison said he has enjoyed his increased presence with the municipal league.

"It's a little bit on my plate to handle for the next year, but I don't have to attend that many meetings," he said. "It's an excellent tool because now people in Annapolis know who Bruce Morrison is in the little town of Pocomoke."

Blessing of the Combines draws biggest crowd yet

By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(Aug. 10, 2017) Pleasant weather and a record crowd highlighted the 19th annual Blessing of the Combines, last Saturday.

Former Snow Hill Councilman Michael Pruitt was impressed by the strong turnout.

"They're supporting the farmers and that's what this is all about, but they're also supporting the town of Snow Hill," he said. "We look forward to this event every year and the Payne family has done an extraordinary job."

Organizer Becky Payne said although precise attendance figures are difficult to calculate, the crowd likely eclipsed last year's estimated 3,200 attendees.

"I have no idea what kind of numbers we had," she said. "All I know is there was more people and it was the largest one that we've ever had."

Payne noted the conventional wisdom about heat issues during the parade didn't apply this year.

"Usually I tell everybody it's going to be the hottest day of the year," she said. "But this year we couldn't say that, as it turned out it was just a beautiful day."

Snow Hill resident Chris Harkai marveled at the capacity crowd.

"I have no scientific basis, but it seems a lot larger than the prior couple years," he said. "It seems like there are more food options this year, which is good."

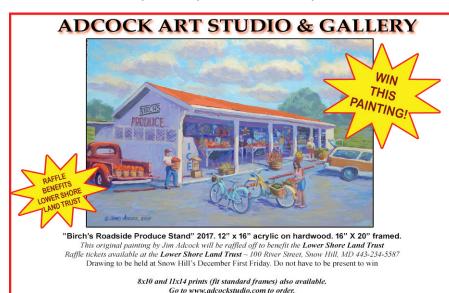
Snow Hill Police Chief Tom Davis said the event went off without a hitch.

"Reports are that this is the best-attended combine since they started this," he said. "The crowd is great, it's great weather and it has a very patriotic, small-town feel."

Michael Day, Snow Hill economic development consultant, said Mother Nature could not have provided a more idyllic climate setting with temperatures in the 80s with a constant, steady breeze.

"A couple people have said it's the largest crowd we've had," he said. "There's no way estimate it as far as we know."

Jake Blakelock, an incoming junior at Snow Hill High School who volun-See BLESSING Page 8





By Brian Gilliland

Associate Editor

(Aug. 10, 2017) The county commissioners last Tuesday approved a contract to remove the chimneys from the Ocean Pines Library and a price decrease for the construction of a replacement branch in Berlin, for a combined savings of about \$62,000.

Back in May, Public Works Director John Tustin brought several issues concerning the Ocean Pines library before the board. At the time, Tustin recalled asking an associate for an opinion on the design of the library, to which the reply was there were four noticeable problems: the chimneys.

Over the objections of two commissioners, Ted Elder and Jim Bunting, the board approved developing design documents to fully explore the chimneys' contributions to water leaks, which may have caused other issues like roof shingle damage and HVAC issues, since two of the chimneys act as outdoor air intakes for the system.

The cost at the time was expected to be about \$71,000 to fully investigate and produce design documents to rectify any issues.

Those issues appear to have a simpler solution — straight up removal of the chimneys, which Bunting and Elder advocated for in May. The cost has come down too, with a projected savings of almost \$53,000.

Tustin said the decision to remove the chimneys had to be made, so design efforts could commence on completely new roofing and HVAC systems, according to Kim Moses, county public information officer.

Joe Mitrecic, Ocean City's representative on the board and a builder by trade, had the most concerns about removing the chimneys in May, but said his concerns were addressed in a later interview.

When asked how Whiting-Turner, the contractor on the project, was able to achieve such significant savings, Mitrecic said he didn't know, but he had every confidence the project would be completed and the issued solved.

The Ocean Pines branch of the Worcester County Library was designed and built in the mid-1990s by an architect and builder who have both since retired, requiring different vendors for the repairs.

Two of the chimneys, Tustin reported in May, are used as outdoor air intakes for the HVAC system, but were built improperly for that purpose. Part of the next phase of the project would include redesigning the HVAC system to compensate for the change.

The roof shingles are also becoming delaminated, Tustin reported in May, which is a fairly common problem with shingles and occurs when the layers composing the shingle separate, and is allowing wind-driven rainwater to penetrate the structure. The valley and dormer flashings may also be undersized as well as the gutters and downspouts, Tustin said.

A completely new roof system is in the works once the chimneys have been removed, Mitrecic said.

The county also approved a change order for the new Berlin library last Tuesday, with four notifications resulting in a savings of almost \$9,000.

The first notification concerned the removal and replacement of "unsuitable structural soils" found after the removal of the topsoil and would increase the overall cost of the project by about \$24,000.

Next, stone outfall protection for stormwater management increased the cost of the project by \$4,009.

Third, a product change for the windows and a manufacturer discount on the exterior doors reduced the overall price for the project by \$24,000.

Finally, during project bidding, the closed circuit TV vendor providing security for the site suggested an alternate product that would reduce the cost by \$13,450.

As a result, the net savings on the Berlin project totaled almost \$9,000.

With the almost \$53,000 reduction for the Ocean Pines design, both modifications saved the county about \$62,000 on two projects.



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The commissioners approved a plan to remove the chimneys from the Ocean Pines library last Tuesday, since the features may be contributing to ongoing flooding concerns and HVAC problems at the building.



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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

¹ The Commission encourages parties to use the Commission's "e-file" system for filing the electronic copy. Details of the "e-file" system are on the Commission's web page, www.psc.state.md.us. Additionally, five paper copies of the petition shall be three-hole punched.

² Persons are reminded that if the "e-file" system is used, the original and required paper copies of the filing must be delivered to the Commission's docket room by noon, the next business day after the e-filing is made to retain the filing date of the e-filed document. In the event the paper copies are received after noon of the next business day, the date on which the paper copies are received becomes the official filing date.

Parks will not vote on Trendic removal before OPA election

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seats on the board.

"I just find it very interesting that all of this comes to a head right before the election," Parks said during a phone interview on Friday. "We had been talking about this for some time and ... quite frankly it's a little convoluted.

"I've been very silent, I have watched, I've tried to take a low-key approach to making sure that we're doing everything possible to avoid this ... circus that's going on," he added. "I basically threw the gauntlet out and said I'm not going to vote."

Parks said he devoted considerable time and energy trying to reach a compromise – any compromise – short of removal.

"Based on my conversations with the attorney [Jeremy Tucker], there's enough information there to warrant the discussion," Parks said. "However ... if we're not applying the standards consistently across all the issues, I'm not going to be part of that.

"We want to make sure that all of these standards that we're judging, based on wanting to remove a director, also include Brett," he added. "If we're going to chastise one individual based on a particular action and the analysis of that action ... I'm not going to do that and provide a double-standard unless we do the same kind of questioning to Brett."

After applying those standards to both men, Parks said, he asked Hill to resign.

"I'm not going to be part of something that is not applied consistently – I just won't. If they want to make it a political ploy, I just find it very interesting that it happened right before the election," he said.

Hill and Trendic have publically sparred for months. Trendic said Hill conducted video and audio surveillance of Ocean Pines employees without their knowledge, while Hill accused Trendic of trying to undermine his role as the general manager in direct conversations with employees.

Parks said the rift was obvious and fixing it is not possible when two people cannot find common ground, "which is where we are right now."

He suggested both instead focus on ensuring a smooth transition for incoming General Manager John Bailey, who is scheduled to take over on Sept. 11.

"If we do not do that, that is an egregious misuse of our responsibility as board members," Parks said. "I offered to lead that [transition] effort because I feel I am in the best position to do that. Brett is going to be a very good resource from an operational perspective, but not a philosophy perspective.

"Both of those guys will want to meddle in the first 100 days of the new GM," Parks added. "One of the things that I absolutely will work to prevent is them from putting their particular spin on how things are. They should be as far away from the GM as possible."

He said Bailey would be better served talking to employees, rather than two feuding directors.

"He doesn't need coddling, he doesn't need prodding, he doesn't need intervention from the acting GM or Slobodan," Parks said. "Being there to answer questions, but not being there to push your influence onto that individual – that's what I'm looking for because I guarantee you that both of those guys will do that."

Furthermore, Parks said he became annoyed that, in his words, several directors "lost sight of why they're there" – which is, to serve the people of Ocean Pines.

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"Right now there's not a lot of that going on," he said. "If I'm on the board [after the election] you can damn sure believe that I will focus on two things: making sure the GM has the tools he needs, and to make sure that we take an introspective look at ourselves."

If Hill and Trendic cannot find a way to move beyond their disagreements, Parks said it is in the best interest of the association that both step down.

⁴I don't mean make up and shake hands, but understand there's irreconcilable differences and don't spend energy on that," Parks said. "If you're not focused on how much you hate the other guy, then the interactions of spewing innuendo and venom reduce significantly.

"At this point the gloves are off and, quite frankly, if it costs me the election, that's fine," he added. "I'm not going to serve by being associated with Brett, being associated with Slobodan, or being associated with some faction. There's business and success factors that go into us moving forward properly and neither of those guys are exhibiting any penchant for doing that."

Board President Dave Stevens said, on Monday, that Parks had indicated he would vote to remove Trendic.

"You can count four other people who would say the same thing," Stevens said. "Out of seven people you have five who do not believe that

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Jacobs optimistic board can come together

Slobodan should still be on the board – that's a fact."

Stevens said he was not initially in favor of removing Trendic, although he eventually came around.

"I believe, in the end, that it was probably the best thing to do," he said.

Whether a vote would ever occur, he added, would depend on the outcome of the election – and what happens next.

"I would say it probably would not happen unless Slobodan will continue to do what he's doing," Stevens said. "I think the best thing for the association is the same thing that it was a month or two months or three months ago – for Slobodan to act appropriately as a board member and remember he's one of seven, and to not act independently and to accept decisions that are made by the majority.

"There's plenty of decisions over the years that have been made by the majority that I didn't like, but you move on," Stevens continued. "I've done that – and Slobodan hasn't. He also lacks a basic understanding of governance the rules that we do it by. Is he going to continue to do that? I don't know."

Stevens added, "Anything is possible."

"Will there be lingering animosity? I don't know. Maybe. I think, probably. But it's hard for me to say," he said.

During a recent phone conversation with Trendic, according to Stevens, he was told, "I don't want to have anything further to do with you" and hung up on.

"That was a happy moment," Stevens said. "I can't help it – it's the truth."

Director Tom Herrick had served as board president for the better part of a year before resigning two weeks ago. Stevens, who was the vice president, replaced him in that role.

"There were health issues, of course, but I think it was more ... I think it was disgust and Slobodan is right at the center of the cause," Stevens said. "I also think Brett is ready to resign and I think he's just fed up and doesn't want to do anything, and I think there's no question about it."

Stevens' term ends on Aug. 12.

Director Cheryl Jacobs, who has one year remaining during her first term, was slightly more optimistic the board could find a common ground.

She also said it is her understanding there would not be a vote to re-

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move Trendic before the election.

"It's my hope, with the arrival of a new, experienced GM, the board can come together and resolve any problems, and [the vote] will not have to occur," she said.

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As to whether any directors were planning to resign, Jacobs said each "has to do what they think is best for themselves as well as the community."

"They were elected by members of the community and I would hope they could resolve their differences and work cooperatively on behalf of the association, but if they don't think that's possible then they have to make a decision about whether or not to step down," she said.

"There's been a lot of bad blood, but I'm going to stay optimistic and I'm looking forward to the new GM coming onboard," Jacobs added.



CERTIFICATE

Two local students were recently presented certificates of appreciation from the Maryland State Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) for their participation in a DAR American History essay contest sponsored by the General Levin Winder Chapter. Ava C. Skorobatsch, Pocomoke Middle School, and Natalie Marie Canham, Berlin Intermediate School, were chapter winners for Grade 5 and Grade 6, respectively. The essay topic was "Celebrating a Century: America's National Parks." Chapter Regent Patricia Ayers is pictured with, Skorobatsch and Pocomoke Middle School Principal Matthew Record.

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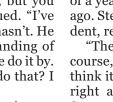
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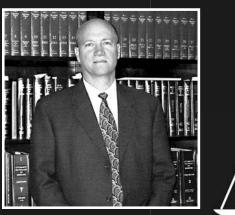




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Crowds also bigger during annual Great Pocomoke Fair

By Greg Ellison Staff Writer

(Aug. 10, 2017) Highlighted by a trio of sunny days, last week's Great Pocomoke Fair offered something a little different each day.

Fair President John Smith said the diverse offerings kept the fairgrounds hopping with activity from Thursday through Saturday.

"We had good attendance for three days," he said. "The crowd was actually up some from last year."

After warming up on Thursday evening with poultry and rabbit judging, in addition to the Little Miss and Jr. Miss fair pageants, Smith said things began to simmer on Friday.

In addition to livestock judging, including hogs, dairy cows and beef cattle, Friday highlights included the second annual Hobby Horse race, followed by drag races, which included a new wrinkle this year, Smith said.

"The ATV races had real good attendance being that was new this year," he said. "That was probably one of the bigger Friday nights we've had in a while."

With roughly 100 ATVs on hand Friday, Smith said on Saturday the fair managed to pull in more than 50 tractors for the antique and classic tractor pull.

"[During] the tractor pull, we had 51 participants [or] 51 hooks, let's put it that way," he said.

Livestock judging on Saturday included sheep, along with pygmy, dairy and meat goats. Harness racing dominated the afternoon's activities and was punctuated with a greased pig contest.

The Eastern Shore Cruisers pro-

vided another highlight on Saturday with a wide variety of muscle-car eye candy.

"The car show that we had Saturday night seemed to be pretty well attended," he said. "They came back in the spring when they did a Relay For Life event. We asked them if they wanted to come back and they ... said they'd be glad to come back."

Smith said the livestock exhibits were well received by spectators.

"We were short on cows this year, [but] we had an abundance of everything else," he said.

The indoor exhibits included: vegetables, cakes, pies, breads, cookies, candies, food preservation, cut flowers, woodworking, fine arts, needlework, embroidery and photography.

"The photography was way up this year," he said. "Our entries were about the same, but it was just different categories were up. What used to be up was down and what used to down was up."

Looking ahead, Smith said he would like to bring back carnival rides, despite some financial and scheduling challenges.

"It was seven or eight years ago we cut them out because they got so expensive we couldn't afford them," he said. "We're hoping maybe we can get a carnival back."

Locating sponsorship is only the first step to reintroduce rides to the fair, Smith said.

"There are very few carnival and ride companies left," he said. "The ones that are left are the cream of the crop and they stay booked two years in advance."

Blessing of the Combines to celebrate 20 years in 2018

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teered with the children's barnyard activities, said he has been attending the annual affair since his youth. The huge throng milling among the large farm equipment also took him aback.

"It's a whole lot more kids than last year," he said. "And I see a lot of old people, which is good."

Although no accidents occurred, Davis said there was one scary moment during the parade.

"We had one mom ... she let her little 2-year-old child run right in front and go feel the tire of one of the massive combines while it was moving in the parade," he said. "That's super seriously unsafe."

Davis advised spectators to avoid cutting through the parade.

"People need to be aware these things don't stop on a dime and they should keep their kids away until they're on display," he said. "Once they're parked, it's safe."

Payne said a few new wrinkles were added to this year's festivities.

"Down near the river we had the Wheels That Heal' car show," she said. "We also put a bounce house down for the children and had free pony rides."

The Wheels That Heal Car Club was founded in 2003. Since then, the nonprofit has organized numerous car shows to benefit local charities and families in need.

"That money is donated for folks that cannot pay their medical bills, and the club helps them out," Payne said.

As the Blessing of the Combines event approaches its 20th anniversary in 2018, Payne said the parade never fails to elicit emotions.

"The feelings go deep when they first see the horse-drawn combine come across the bridge," she said. "Even after 19 years of seeing the parade, I still get emotional when I see that equipment come across and knowing what the farmers go through."

Payne said the 20th annual Blessing of the Combines would take place next year, as per tradition, on the first Saturday in August.

No vote yet on Pines country club

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Aug. 10, 2017) The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors left a July 28 meeting with the expectation that an electronic vote would hand over renovations at the country club to Willow Construction LLC by the first week of August.

But this week, board President Dave Stevens said things had become more complicated and that a decision would almost certainly be deferred to the next board of directors after the Aug. 12 election results are announced.

The OPA's Public Works Department had been working on the renovations, but its removal of fire safety systems caused a host of problems with the county fire marshal.

During the July 28 meeting, interim General Manager Brett Hill asked the directors to approve a \$536,000 contract with Willow to take over the project entirely. The Easton-based company handled the recent renovations of the Ocean Pines beach club.

Several directors said this was the first they had heard about the issues and asked for more time, and the board members agreed to decide by the first week of August.

On Tuesday, Stevens said he sent an updated report to the board, but

had yet to receive a reply.

"Some of the premises upon which we were working on just turned out not to be true," Stevens said. "One of the things that Brett suggested, because at that point in time we had no design drawings, [was] that it be turned over to Willow.

"As it turns out, at this point in time, we at least have a set of mechanical drawings and, I believe but I have not confirmed, that we have the engineering drawings as well,"

'Some of the premises upon which we were working on just turned out not to be true? Dave Stevens Board President

he added.

Stevens said he thought the project was still on track, although he added, "it's on a slightly different track than I think everybody imagined."

"We're doing something which is very comparable to what was done at the beach club," he said. "We believe that's about the most efficient way we can get it done at a reasonable timeframe."

As he sees it, Ocean Pines would enter into an agreement to let Willow run the preconstruction phase as a general contractor. He said the company would take design drawings developed by other companies and public works and seek individual bids, for services from elections, plumbers and others, and "competitively bid the components" of the project.

Stevens said those individual components would not have to come back to the board for approval.

"What will have to come back to the board after this preconstruction phase is we'll get a not-to-exceed type bid from Willow and the board will have to approve that and the corresponding design," Stevens said. "It's a different approach, but it's the only approach that'll get it done in a reasonable timeframe."

He said the primary urgency was not the threat of fines or closing the facility, but rather the start of parallel renovations at the administration building.

The plan was to expand the footprint of the police quarters inside the administration building by moving all of the meeting spaces out of there into the country club. See DELAYS Page 10





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Delays at county club could push back other projects

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Now, one project is holding up the start of the other.

"If we don't have a place to put all the people, then we'll just have to postpone that – for a long time," Stevens said.

The board originally budgeted \$417,000 for the renovations and Hill came back with his own \$536,000 proposal with Willow. Now, Stevens said, the price could be significantly different.

"I think so, but I don't know," he said. "We'll probably find out within the next few weeks, and I have to wait to hear back from the rest of the board."

Stevens said he hoped to get representatives from Sure Fire Protection Inc., a Salisbury company, and Willow together soon to go over the reinstallation of the sprinkler systems.

"When we put them back, they're not going to have to come down again – they'll stay there. They're not going to interfere with the construction," Stevens said. "I feel comfortable with the fire marshal conversation. They were upset about us not doing things quite right, but on the other hand they also expressed a real willingness and [understanding] ... that's what I got out of it."

He said it was within Hill's authority as the general manager to authorize preconstruction to start with Willow at the helm. Stevens does expect that to occur this week.

As for the rest of the decisions on the country club, that will be up to the next board. Stevens' term ends on Aug. 12.

"They'll have a choice and the choice will be, as far as I can tell, to continue with this approach or to back off and let public works take over and run the bids," Stevens said. "But how good are we at putting out RFPs? We're not very good at it. It's unfortunate.

"On the other hand, we can take a general contractor who takes all of that responsibility and basically does the competition for us," he added. "In the end, you're going to a construction contractor whose just going to do the same thing."

Ocean Pines Aquatics host program for junior lifeguards

(Aug. 10, 2017) Future lifeguards are invited to join Ocean Pines Aquatics for skill-building, swimming and fun at the community's popular junior lifeguard program this summer.

Participants ages 7 and up will learn lifeguard skills, basic CPR, first aid and more during the three-day session. Returning Ocean Pines junior lifeguards will serve as junior crew chiefs and will learn additional skills. The program will be offered Aug. 15-17.

On Tuesday and Thursday, class will be held from 4:30-7 p.m. at the Sports Core Pool, located at 11144 Cathell Road in Ocean Pines. On Wednesday, program participants will assist with Family Fun Night at the Oasis Pool, located at 1 Mumford's Landing Road in Ocean Pines, from 5:30-8 p.m.

The fee is \$75 per person, which includes a T-shirt, whistle and first aid kit. Dinner, drinks and snacks will be provided on Wednesday and Thursday.

Registration for the program, which is open to the public, will be taken at the Sports Core Pool only.

For more information, contact Denise Sawyer, director of marketing and public relations for the Ocean Pines Association, at 410-641-7717 or dsawyer@oceanpines.org.



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HDC endorses new downtown mural

By Josh Davis Associate Editor

(Aug. 10, 2017) The Berlin Historic District Commission enthusiastically endorsed three proposals of the Berlin Arts and Entertainment District last Wednesday: a new public art mural, bike racks, and shop signs affixed to flower boxes.

Brian Robertson, owner and operator of the Berlin Printery, designed the image for the mural. The commission was so pleased with it, it did not stipulate where it had go.

Members of the Arts and Entertainment Committee said several locations were being considered, including the north-facing walls of the Worcester Youth and Family and World of Toys buildings on Main Street, along with the Berlin Butcher Shop on William Street and Bruder Hill on Commerce Street.

Robertson, after the meeting, said a fifth location was also being considered.

Chairwoman Carol Rose called the image timeless and said it would go well with the 150th anniversary of the town next year. The black-and-white design resembles a vintage postcard and includes the phrase "Greetings from Berlin Maryland" and the original incorporation date, 1868.

"We are all in agreement – we love this design," Rose said.

"My first thought when I heard

[about] the mural was no, that's not historic. And then I saw it," Commission member Laura Sterns added. "I have to say, I like it."

Along with being a calling card of sorts for the town, the mural could become a popular backdrop for photographs, Robertson said.

'This type of mural is going to present an opportunity for photos and engagement for visitors. They're going to get their photos taken in front of it [and] share it to social media.' Brian Robertson owner and operator of the Berlin Printery

"This type of mural is going to present an opportunity for photos and engagement for visitors," he said. "They're going to get their photos taken in front of it [and] share it to social media."

Committee Chairwoman Heather Layton said one of the primary drivers of the arts and entertainment district designation was promoting public art. Berlin was redesigned as an A&E district about a year and a half ago, she said.

"One of the stipulations [of the designation] is, they want to know what you've done to encourage public art, what you plan on doing and what has already been done," Layton said. "When we fill out the application, we have to promise that we are encouraging artists to create, promote and sell work, in our area."

The committee is working on the third panel of a planned five-panel mural that hangs on the north-facing wall of the Berlin Visitor's Center on Main Street. The bike racks and flower boxes, Layton said, would also qualify as public art because of the designs and construction by local artisans.

The bike racks will be placed near the Berlin Butcher Shop and will be attached to benches that face the Burley Inn Tavern on Pitts Street. Layton said they would likely be in place during the next two weeks.

Separate motions to approve the mural and bike racks were unanimous.

The committee also discussed plans for the flower boxes, which were designed to replace the large number of sandwich-board signs on Main Street. No vote was held, but again the commission stated its approval.

Committee member Robin See COMMISSION Page 12





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The Berlin Historic District Commission, last week, enthusiastically endorsed this design, created by printmaker and graphic artist Brian Robertson, for a new mural. The exact location is yet to be determined, but Robertson and members of the Berlin Arts and Entertainment Committee offered several possibilities.



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Commission also backs bike racks and flower boxes

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Tomaselli said one flower box placed near the Atlantic Hotel, as an example, could replace sandwich-board signs from Wooden Octopus, the Worcester County Arts Council and Jeffery Auxer Designs.

Tomaselli said the composite wood boxes were co-designed by a local carpenter, with assistance from Planning Director Dave Engelhart and Managing Director Jeff Fleetwood. Town Administrator Laura Allen was also consulted.

Each box would include several hanging "shingles" representing different businesses and directing visitors to businesses based off Main Street. There are more than a dozen large sandwich-board signs on the downtown sidewalks.

She said each shingle would be 12 inches long and three inches tall. Her shingle, advertising Baked Dessert Café on Bay Street, would be shaped like a rolling pin.

Tomaselli challenged other businesses to come up with similarly creative, representational signs.

She will produce a prototype at her own expense. If it is successful, Tomaselli said Berlin Main Street would pay for the construction of additional boxes.

Jan Poli would maintain the flowers and other plants in the boxes, which would be changed seasonally, and the town would assist in finding ADA-compliant locations for each box.

"Not everybody is going to be convinced to take their sandwich-board sign down, but for just the prototype, every single business that I've gone to would welcome [removing] their sandwich board sign because, like myself, [they] spend a lot of money maintaining that board," Tomaselli said. "Between the weather and wind, it's a huge expense ... this would be way less expensive."

Historic District Commission member Mary Moore heaped praise on all three proposals.

"Hats off to the committee," she said. "This never would've gotten to where it was without ... you all putting your heads together and coming up with these very creative, really outstanding ideas," she said.



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Two storefronts still irk Berlin advisory panel

By Josh Davis Associate Editor

(Aug. 10, 2017) Members of the Berlin Historic District Commission continued to express their frustration last Wednesday with what they said was a lack of enforcement of their rulings.

Replacement windows and other repairs at A Little Bit Sheepish and Main Street Nails, in particular, have been sore subjects and two commission members, Robert Poli and Mary Moore, have been especially outspoken on the subject.

One of the large storefront windows at A Little Bit Sheepish that faces Main Street had to be replaced after a vehicle crashed into the building. Extensive renovations also continue at the nail salon by Sonny Nguyen who bought the building that housed the former Berlin Shoe Box.

Both cases originated earlier this

year and critics said the final products did not measure up to plans presented during previous Historic District Commission meetings.

Apparently, a single-pane plate glass window was replaced with a twopane window at A Little Bit Sheepish, and commission members had several issues with the work Nguyen has been doing.

Moore used the phrase "crow bar" to describe the latter instance at least

four times during the meeting.

"When Sonny came to get his nail [salon] sign approved, the next thing I knew, when I drove out the whole window was out," Moore said. "It looked like they were tearing the stuff out of the window. I'm like, what's going on here? All we approved was the little nail polish bottle on the sign."

Planning Director Dave Engelhart said the commission was polled, be-See HDC Page 14





HDC upset at lack of enforcement of two recent rulings

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tween meetings, because of an emergency situation.

Poli agreed that did happen, but said the commission members were told the window would be identical to those on the front of the Fathom clothing store.

"It wasn't. It was supposed to be one, solid plate-glass window and he divided it into two windows," Poli said. "This is like the fourth or fifth month I've been asking about this and nothing's being done about it. So, I need to know, where do we stand as a commission with enforcing people who don't follow through with putting in an application when they make changes?

"If we're going to be so lax and just let it go, I don't see the point of even having a historic district anymore," Poli added.

In both cases, Engelhart said, he would be the enforcement officer.

"I'm fine with [enforcing it] if you do think that's a major issue. I didn't think either one of them was," he said, adding that civil infractions could be filed if commission guidelines were not followed.

Moore said the apparent lack of enforcement was not fair to applicants who did follow the rules.

"[The perception is] you can go get a crow bar and a couple of your friends and take your window out and put up a lesser quality [product] just to get the job done," she said. "We gotta change this right now.

"There's something terribly wrong with that picture and I don't like being a part of it," Moore added. "The ramification is, go ahead and do what you want to. That's a very good example of, go ahead and get your crow bars out.

Also during the meeting, the commission approved additional lighting for 16 Salon on 16 Broad Street, a new roof the building on 11 South Main Street that houses the Bayside Gazette and Nest, and façade improvements for the Treasure Chest on 20 North Main Street.





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Motorcycle swap meet registering vendors for Sturgis

By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(Aug. 10, 2017) In preparation for Snow Hill's second annual Ride To Sturgis event, organizers have begun registering vendors for a Motorcycle Swap Meet on Sept. 16.

Michael Day, Snow Hill economic development consultant, said the nominal fee would be waived for those who sign up prior to the event.

"If they sign up now it's free," he said. "Day of registration is \$25."

The Ride to Sturgis event is timed to coincide with OC Bikefest and Delmarva Bike Week, both of which draw large throngs of motorcycle enthusiasts to the area.

The idea came to life during a conversation between Day and Pocomoke River Canoe Company owner Barry Laws, as they tried to conceive of a means to siphon off a small percentage of the more than 100,000 bikers who descend on the Lower Shore during mid-September.

"He said, 'well we've got Sturgis Park,' and I just connected the dots and said, 'oh we're going to do that," he said. "We're playing on the name and the emotional heartstrings of the bikers.'

The 77th annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally is taking place from Aug. 4-13 in South Dakota. Founded in 1938, the event was attended by a record crowd of more than 739,000 people in 2015.

Day said the swap meet in Snow Hill is targeting smaller operators.

"We're just trying to cater to people who can't afford to set up at [OC] Bikefest, but want do this," he said. "The booth rentals in Ocean City start at \$750.3

In contrast to the high-end retailers who dominate the OC Bikefest, Day said the swap meet provides a different stratum of shopping options.

"We're opening it up to anybody that wants to bring anything to sell to bikers," he said. "It should be small stuff, because they don't have a car."

Day said the initial swap meet brought out vendors with a wide sampling of items of interest to motorcycle lovers.

We had a lot of neat, older stuff," he said. "Last year we had pins from bike shows from all over the country [and] we had older t shirts."

In time, Day hopes to grow the burgeoning event into a major calling card for Snow Hill.

"I would like to see it develop now and in the future to having more vintage bike parts - not your commercial bike booth where you've got all the new stuff," he said. Snow Hill's Ride to Sturgis gather-

ing is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 16. For more in formation or to register as a vendor, call 443-735-0957 or email day@snowhillmd.com.

Summer months tough on Diakonia food pantry levels

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Aug. 10, 2017) Much has been said about the generosity of Worcester County residents when it comes to giving. That's especially true during the winter, when the holiday spirit serves as a rallying cry to donate food, clothing and money to help those in need.

But the problems of the needy don't go away once winter gives way to warmer months, when area nonprofits find themselves scrambling for money and supplies.

While millions of beachgoers flock to the beach, workers and volunteers at nonprofits such as Diakonia in West Ocean City often struggle to provide the same level of support as they do in December, January and February.

"In the summer months, the need for food is not necessarily where our attention is focused," Diakonia Executive Director Claudia Nagle said. "It's historically a very slow time for food donations, but our demand is still pretty high."

Michelle D'Ascoli manages the food pantry for Diakonia. For 15 years, she worked for a private food company that served colleges, universities and school systems using strict USDA guidelines and adhering to former First Lady Michelle Obama's health and wellness program.

D'Ascoli said she brought the same standards and values to Diakonia and makes sure the food that is distributed is more fruits, vegetables and proteins and less carbohydrates and fats.

"The goal of that is to improve nutrition for folks that are hungry and food deprived," Nagle said.

Each bag of food is based on the size of the household and designed to feed people for five days.

Those who need assistance can come to the door of the main Diakonia House on 12747 Old Bridge Road in West Ocean City.

Nagle said the hours are "pretty flexible," open daily from about 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. to accommodate people with busy work schedules and those with transportation issues.

The pantry primarily serves northern Worcester County, and people can visit the food pantry once a month.

"We do have other support services that we can connect people to if there's other issues they would like to tell us about or get assistance with," Nagle said. "All you have to do is let the person at the food pantry know and we would get someone to assist them and make arrangements with them."

Volunteer Coordinator Anna O'Neill said accessibility and approachability are stressed at the See WEST Page 19



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Food pantry manager Michelle D'Ascoli, left, volunteer Reynie Buttion and Diakonia Executive Director Claudia Nagle, right, pause for a photo in the Diakonia main house on Old Bridge Road in West Ocean City. The nonprofit, like many in the area, is struggling to replenish its supplies during the lean summer months.









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West OC nonprofit asking for food donations

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"There's a number of reasons that people come to the door," she said. "The person could be homeless. The person could need food. The person could be a donor who wants to give us a check. We greet every person in exactly the same way – it doesn't depend on whether they need something for us or they're giving us something."

"When we open that door, we don't know what that person is there for – whether they're receiving or giving," D'Ascoli added. "When you open the door, there's a smile and there's dignity and respect for every human that walks in."

O'Neill said its normal for firsttime visitors to be apprehensive, but that Diakonia's strong reputation in the community often helps to diffuse the tension.

"If people are intimidated or don't want to engage in services or don't want to come to the pantry because there's a level of humility that goes along with it, the reputation carries some weight," O'Neill said. "Perhaps they know someone who accessed the pantry and said when they went there, they didn't have to stand in line outside. We bring people inside and let them sit down.

"Also, it's not so invasive," she added. "The amount of information that people want to share with us is the amount that we take. There's certain things that we need for our documentation, but we're not digging deeper into things like, 'Do you have a job? Why don't you have a job? What do you do with your money?' It's not like that. If you come to the door and you need food, that's what we can do to serve you."

Nagel added, "there but for the grace of God go any of us."

"We know that it's not an easy thing to do," she said. "How we work with people and how we greet people is about understanding how difficult that could be for someone. The response is universal, regardless of who is on the other side of the door, and that's how we try to do our work throughout the community. Everyone deserves respect and to be treated with respect." Stock in the food pantry is dwindling because of low donation rates, Nagel said, and food insecurity is a year-round issue.

"We know that there are a number of people and families that struggle – weekly and daily – to have enough food," she said. "Whether it's visible or not, we know that it's a huge issue."

Area vendors, from small farms and produce stands to larger companies like Food Lion, are regular contributors to Diakonia, but those donations often vary.

"There's sometimes meat, but we can't count on it from week to week. We can't expect that we'll get a certain amount of produce," O'Neill said. "We know during the holiday season we can expect a large volume, but after that the challenge is how are we piecing together what people are willing to share with us and making it last long enough."

Asked about a particular area of need, D'Ascoli simply replied, "We need everything."

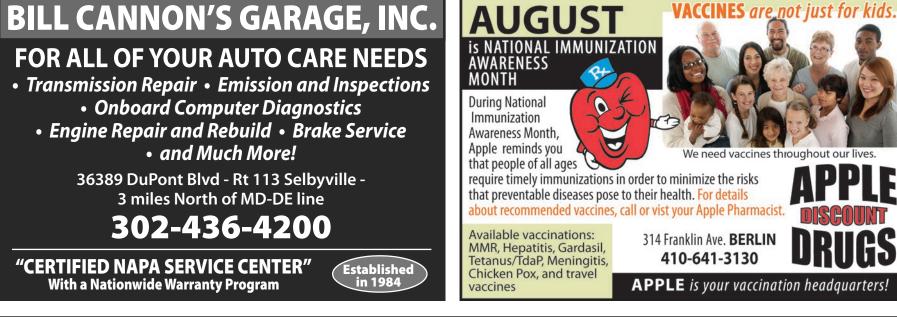
"During the summer months, the receiving on this end is very low," she said. "

She added that children, in particular, tend to struggle with food insecurity when they're out of school, because so many are served by free and reduced lunches and other public school programs.

"We want to raise people's awareness and to get them thinking about how they might be able to help over time and what that would look like," Nagel said. "A dozen eggs, a couple gallons of milk, some fresh produce – it doesn't have to be pretty produce. We can cut around a spot on a tomato and it's still nutritious, and those donations also feed the people that call Diakonia home, temporarily."

ily." "Anything people can share is helpful," O'Neill said. "We don't want people to think a few cans of food doesn't make a difference, because it absolutely does make a difference."

Small donations may be dropped off at Diakonia, on 12747 Old Bridge Road in West Ocean City. For larger donations, call 410-213-0923 and ask for Michelle D'Ascoli.



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By Greg Ellison Staff Writer

(Aug. 10, 2017) There has been a changing of the guards at Bishop's Stock Fine Art Craft & Wine in Snow Hill.

Following the passing, last month, of longtime canine ambassador, Sarge, owner Ann Coates has filled the void with a new, furry face.

Coates said Sage "had been part of the gallery." The amiable golden retriever was born just prior to the opening of Bishop's Stock in 2003.

"We launched it with Sarge ... who really became the known identity here because he was here for 14 years," she said.

About two weeks after losing Sarge, a golden retriever puppy, named Cropper Island rockin' rye, or simply "Rye," filled the opening.

The site of the pup for those who first walk into the gallery, according to Coates, is akin to "almost instantaneous happiness."

Rye currently serves under the tutelage of the other canine-in-residence at Bishop's Stock, an English Labrador retriever known as Primo, or "Mo," born in 2009.

"He and Sarge were just great buddies," Coates said. "We're pretty much into two dogs because we like them to have a companion."

Many regular visitors to Bishop's Stock were aware of the health issues faced by Sarge.



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Following the passing of longtime canine ambassador, Sarge, last month, Bishop's Stock owner Anne Coates brought a new golden retriever, Rye, to carry on the tradition his predecessor.

"He had a tumor, [but] people were always amazed at his positive attitude and his greeting ability," Coates said.

The outpouring of sympathy was palpable when news of Sarge's passing circulated. Coates said more than 3,000 people acknowledged her Facebook post.

"We got probably a couple dozen cards and notes from people, and the response on Facebook was just astounding," she said. "It was not something that I wanted to publicize, but when we opened the door the first day he wasn't here, I wanted people to know." She admitted the pups at Bishop's Stock are one of the main attractions at the gallery.

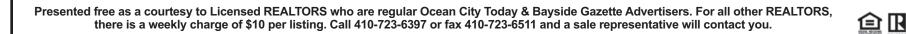
"We have people who would just come to see the dogs," Coates said. "People who work here in town ... they stop by going to lunch."

Because of their calm demeanors, Coates said Mo and Rye also serve as impromptu therapy dogs for children who are just becoming comfortable in the presence of canines.

"They're very gentle dogs," she said. "One of the things about having the dogs here is it makes the space happy and positive."

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Pup of the Pines photo contest

(Aug. 10, 2017) The Ocean Pines Association urges "pup-arazzi" pet parents to enter their furry friends in the third annual "Pup of the Pines" photo contest, sponsored by the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department.

The contest runs Aug.14 to Oct. 20. The winner will be named the "2018 Pup of the Pines" and will receive a free 2018 Ocean Pines Dog Park registration. The pup will also be the official face of the dog park and will be featured in the Ocean Pines Activity Guide and other postings throughout the year.

The top eight entries will be on display during the Ocean Pines Halloween celebration, held Saturday, Oct. 28 from 1-4 p.m. in White Horse Park. Event attendees will be able to vote for their favorite. The winner will be announced during the Hometown Christmas Tree Lighting on Saturday, Nov. 25.

The entry fee is \$5 per dog. Money raised from the contest will be used for upgrades and improvements to the dog park.

Official entry forms are available at the Ocean Pines Community Center at 235 Ocean Parkway, online at Ocean-Pines.org or on the Recreation and Parks Department's Facebook page.

For more information, contact Denise Sawyer, director of marketing and public relations for the Ocean Pines Association, at 410-641-7717 ext. 3006 or dsawyer@oceanpines.org.



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Berlin Briefs

By Josh Davis Associate Editor

Street repairs

Initial work on culvert expansion and other stormwater improvements on William Street have begun.

"The contract has already staked out the area, so I'm sure we'll be seeing more activity around that in the next week," Allen said.

Allen said road closures would be required, but no timetable for those was yet known. She said the town would publicize a schedule as soon as it is available.

Meanwhile, work on West Street has paused, but is not delayed, Allen added.

"The contractor has got three

subs he's working with, so he's coordinating that, but we still expect it to be finished within the timeframe we committed to, which was two-tothree weeks from the last council meeting [July 23]," Allen said.

Believe in Tomorrow

Town Administrator Laura Allen said the town staff has been preparing for the inaugural Believe in Tomorrow Block Party, Saturday Aug. 12 from 6-9 p.m.

The festival, which will raise money to provide weeklong excursions in Ocean City for critically ill children and their families, will be largely based on Main, Pitt and Commerce streets. The event will feature games and activities for children and adults, as well as live music, vendors and food.

Allen and other town employees met with organizers to discuss the parking layout and road closures last Thursday.

Slow Down in Our Town

Allen said the town had received positive feedback about the new "Slow Down in Our Town" banners, encouraging motorists to watch their speeds and be aware of the heavy pedestrian traffic downtown.

"There's still a lot of concerns about speed," Allen said. "The police department will be putting up speed boards that track [the speed of cars] more frequently downtown, especially on Broad Street. We just ask folks to be mindful when you're driving through downtown and to be cautious."

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Opinion

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



The core issue in Ocean Pines isn't really one of nondisclosures, questionable decisions or projects that have gone awry, but one of trust.

Early on, many on the board made a pact to close ranks, deter comments to the media and show blind loyalty to one another. However, as happens when information, both good and bad, is not communicated, that approach caused suspicion, rumor and an overall cynicism by the community at large.

By taking cover in too many closed meetings, hoping issues of concern would just go away and creating diversion by blaming those who speak out, it made the community wonder what there is to hide, as it is human nature to be wary when direct, honest communication is lacking.

A better approach would have been to disclose any possible conflicts of interests upfront, even if there is no requirement to do so, and to provide clear, complete information on changes big and small that impact the community, along with the reasoning behind those decisions.

A new board will be seated this week and it would benefit each member to take a hard look, both individually and collectively, on how they should communicate with the membership.

People tend to understand what they know - it's the lack of information that has caused many of the problems for the current board.

Hopefully, hard lessons have been learned and a more open and upfront approach will be chosen.



Letters

was misreported

Editor,

In response to the story on Dr. Colette Horn where she had been threatened by me, [it] is not true.

I approached Dr. Horn in a very pleasant manner at the South Gate restaurant. First, she was alone at the bar, not eating her dinner.

I told her she was never at the board meetings, so how could she criticize the board in the newspaper without attending them? I always say "don't criticize the board in the newspaper without attending the board meetings" and "don't criticize your neighbor until you've walked in their shoes."

When she began running for the board she said everything is wrong with the board. I have worked hard for five board members and all of them have done a good job this past year, above all Tom Herrick.

We don't need a Dr. Phil on the board. If Dr. Horn can't stand the heat, don't get in the kitchen. Remember, we have freedom of speech.

Roelof "Dutch" Oostveen Ocean Pines

Volunteers made event successful

Editor,

We would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped with the Friends of the Ocean Pines Library book sale between Thursday, July 17 and Monday, July 31.

Lest we omit someone, we will just list categories of helpers: setup crew on Thursday; membership signup on Friday; all of the greeters, rovers, checkers, and cashiers on Friday, Saturday and Monday; the food service person who coordinated lunches and beverages; the person who monitored the special collection; the breakdown crew on Monday afternoon; all of the people who gathered over 300 boxes for the leftover books, which went to Goodwill in Salisbury and Easton; the liquor stores which allowed our volunteers to gather up their sturdy boxes; the Goodwill manager who arranged for the truck to come pick up the books; all of those willing to assist people who needed help in getting their purchases to their car; and the tolerant staff at the Ocean Pines Library who

tolerate the disruption at their facility each year during the three days of the sale.

This was the 18th year for the sale, which broke all records, bringing in over \$10,000. The book sale is held every year during the last full weekend of July and is a tradition for both residents and summer visitors. It could not happen without the generous donations of books from the community, which are sorted and boxed weekly by the "Backroom Gang."

A special thanks to those who donate books and also to those who sort and box them throughout the year. The sorters are a dedicated and reliable group, who devote many volunteer hours to this task.

However, that's not the end of the book sale. Recently published books in good condition are sold in the back of the library by the turtle tank at very reasonable prices, year-round. Please stop by and check those shelves. All proceeds go to the Friends of the Ocean Pines Library. It's the only bookstore in town.

> Jim Meckley Eileen Leonhart Jean Fry

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Bike rentals now available in downtown Berlin

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Aug. 10, 2017) Downtown Berlin is packed with interesting shops, galleries and restaurants, but visitors tend to overlook some attractions on the outskirts.

Several parks, including Stephen Decatur, Dr. William Henry and Berlin Falls, are all within comfortable bicycling distance, as are businesses such as Crush n Crab, Urban Nectar and Burley Oak Brewing Company, as well as the Henry Fine Arts and Random Juxtaposition art galleries

With that in mind, Andrea Canon, also known to her many nieces and nephews as "Aunt Annie," recently launched Aunt Annie's Bike Rentals from the patio of HOUSE by Salvaged on 11 Artisan's Way.

Canon runs HOUSE with business partners Brynn Byerly and Michelle Hepting, and her husband, Corey. She and Corey operate the bike rental



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Aunt Annie's Bike Rentals, based on the patio of HOUSE by Salvaged on 11 Artisan's Way in Berlin, offers bicycle rentals by the hour, day and week.

business separately.

"We have this awesome patio and I kept thinking about other things we could be doing with it," she said. "I was looking to add onto what we already had here at HOUSE."

She said she initially thought of Berlin as a stopover on the way to Ocean City. Since opening the main store last spring, however, Canon realized the town had become a destination in of itself.

"One day, I was talking to a couple that asked me what they should do tonight and I was talking up Burley Oak, and they had no idea [it was even there]," Canon said. "They thought this little Main Street area was it.

"I told them it was a long walk, but me and my husband always ride our bikes there, and they said they always forget to bring their bikes when they come into town," she added. "That night I slept on it and the next morning I woke up and thought, 'bikes! Berlin needs bikes!"

Rentals start at \$6-8 hourly. Daily rates are \$20-24, three-day rentals are \$50-60 and the weekly rate is \$90-100, depending on the model.

New and restored, vintage cruisers are available for adults and children's bikes can be rented, by appointment.

Hours are Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. "If they want to bring the bikes back after our closing hours at 6 p.m., certainly we're open to that," Canon said. "They basically can just come in the shop, pay and fill out a short form with their information on it.

"Because it's so new, we're still kind of working on the hours and drop-off, but the fact we live two minutes away lets us be very flexible and do whatever works best for the customers," she added.

Customers are given a map of the downtown and outlying areas, and Canon said she's working to develop a more in-depth tour.

"I want to set up a Berlin bike tour and highlight the parks and everything the tourists have no idea is out there," she said. "We certainly want to expand into that and emphasize some of the cooler areas outside of Main Street that some people might not know about."

Canon said Crush n Crab and Urban Nectar have already agreed to offer discounts for bike-rental customers, and she's hoping to add to that list soon.

Aunt Annie's Bike Rentals and HOUSE by Salvaged are based just off Main Street on Artisan's Way, behind Fins Ale House and Raw Bar and next to the municipal parking lot.

For more information or to reserve a bicycle, call 443-859-1876 or email auntanniesbikes@gmail.com.



Berlin Temple Bat Yam helps to facilitate kidney transplant

By Morgan Pilz

Intern

(Aug. 10, 2017) Few people would be willing to donate a kidney to a stranger, but that was the case for Salisbury resident Rachel White, who donated one of her kidneys through Paired Exchange, a national kidney registry, in June.

When members of Temple Bat Yam congregation in Berlin received an email written by Ilene Silverman and forwarded by Rabbi Susan Warshaw in January asking if anyone was willing to donate a kidney to her, White knew she needed to help.

"For those who've known me for a long time, you may or may not remember that I've lived my entire life with one kidney," Silverman said in her letter. "And that one kidney has served me well. In 2005, I was extremely ill with an abdominal blockage, so ill and so much time wasted before a proper diagnosis, my organs (primarily the kidney) had started to shut down! Luckily for me, I was saved in time, surgically repaired and have lived to tell about that experience! However, I do think my strong kidney took a beating!

"Here is the good news: People only need one kidney to survive and live a 'normal life," she continued in the letter. "It is a relatively risk-free endeavor for the donor. Donors go on to live completely normal lives after donation."

Silverman, 67 of Georgetown, Maryland, is married with two children and four grandchildren. She was born with three kidneys, with only one functioning normally, while the other was a double kidney. The double kidney became infected and was removed when she was four months old.

At age 55, 12 years ago, she fell ill, but was unable to determine the cause. In 2015, Silverman's doctor told her she had kidney disease and would need a transplant in the next five years.

Silverman's family and friends were not compatible matches, so she turned to her summer congregation, Temple Bat Yam, for help.

"Rabbi Warshaw offered to put my letter in the bulletin," Silverman said. "And I finally got [Rachel's] email. She had already done the online registration for Georgetown (Georgetown University Hospital), she already did her bloodwork, she was considered a match and she already had an appointment scheduled to do the seven- to 10-hour testing and evaluation at Georgetown."

White, a married 56-year-old social worker with two daughters, not only knew it was the right thing to do, but had a personal connection.

"My mother had needed dialysis, and she never told us that she needed it until it was much too late," White said. "She was never going to have it, so I knew I wouldn't want anybody to go through that if there was something I could do.

"I got the email with the letter," White added. "I was at work and I paid attention to it. I said, 'Well, I bet they'd like to have my kidney.' I'm healthy, I don't take any medications, so right away I clicked on the link and filled it out."

Both women are members of Temple Bat Yam, yet had never met. The two finally did meet on April 11 during the Passover Seder, which is held the second night of the holiday.

"When I met her for the first time, I gave her [a] necklace," Silverman said. "The necklace was two little girls smiling and hugging. When I met her at the Passover Seder, I said, 'I'm going to cry.""

Rabbi Warshaw gave her blessing for anyone in the congregation who was interested in offering help to Silverman, which further encouraged White to go through with the donation.

For Jewish families, organ transplants can be a controversial topic. The concern is whether it is ethical for a person to voluntarily risk his or her life through surgery to save an ill person in need of particular organs. This is a critical question for traditional Judaism and why many Rabbis condemn transplants.

Heart transplants from brain-dead patients are just as difficult, because Jewish law condemns taking vital organs from still-living people.

"It's important for people to know that, that's the right thing to do," Rabbi Warshaw said. "It's the biggest gift you could give. This is such a good thing to encourage other people to do. The essence of this story [is] let's get more people to realize it is a possibility and that they can do this great gift."

On June 13, White donated one of her kidneys through Paired Exchange. She could have given her kidney directly to Silverman, but wanted multiple people to benefit from her donation.

"When I was meeting with the nephrologist, she said that I had really good blood work, and that I should do the Paired Exchange because up to 17 people could get kidneys that day and she explained how it worked with the exchange," White said.

On the national kidney registry, when a donor and a potential recipient are a match, it makes them a compatible pair. That makes it easier for other kidney matches to happen as a result.

Most of the pairs in the national program are matched with a donor who cannot give directly to the recipient because of different blood types, or different antibodies present that make it impossible to give to that recipient. The goal of joining the national kidney registry is to swap donors and recipients so everyone



MORGAN PILZ/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Kidney recipient Ilene Silverman, left, is joined by Rabbi Susan Warshaw, center, and Rachel White, who donated a kidney through Paired Exchange, a national kidney registry, at Temple Bat Yam in Berlin last week. Through the Paired Exchange process, White's kidney was transported to the University of Minnesota, which sent a kidney to Colorado, and from there, a 25-year-old male's kidney was transported to Maryland for Silverman.

gets a transplant, even if it was not from the intended donor.

"And so, my husband and I were like, 'Well how could you not do that?" White continued. "But I said I wanted to make sure Ilene had a kidney. That was my priority. If this all didn't work out ... I would just direct donate [to her]."

The date of Silverman's and White's surgery was a significant number in Judaism, because 6/13 is how many mitzvahs there are. Mitzvah is Hebrew for good deeds that follow the commandment.

"What happens with a pair like this, even though she was able to give directly, if a compatible pair goes into the registry, it can make a lot of other kidney transplants happen," said Dr. Jennifer Verbesey, coordinator of the Paired Exchange Program, who works in Georgetown University Hospital and performed White's surgery. "Because they're not difficult to match, they're just offering to be a part of it.

"[Potential donors] can donate within the context of the national kidney registry, which is a national program," Dr. Verbesey added. "Most of the pairs in the national program are paired with a donor who can't give directly to the recipient. They go into this big pool of patients and the goal is to basically swap donors and recipients. You may not get the donor you come in with but everyone still gets a transplant."

Through the Paired Exchange process, White's kidney was transported to the University of Minnesota, which sent a kidney to Colorado, and from there, a 25-yearold male's kidney was transported to Maryland for Silverman.

"It was a miracle," Silverman said. "I mean, this was the answer to my prayers, and I just can't believe that there's some good people left in this world. I just thank God every day for [Rachel] and I'm indebted to [her] for life. I just can't believe that [she's] so selfless. I'm very lucky and I know how blessed I am."

Both women want to recommend more people, regardless of their religion, to become donors.

"I think organ shortage and kidney

shortage is a real problem in the field of transplant, and we are trying to find every possible way to perform living donor transplants, which is the best outcome," said Dr. Seyed Ghasemian, a transplant surgeon at Georgetown University Hospital and the surgeon in charge of Silverman's surgery.

"The operation is minimally invasive," Dr. Ghasemian added. "They stay one or two nights in the hospital, they can go back to work maybe two weeks after that and everything should be perfectly back to normal within three to four weeks.

"Living donations have been happening for close to 60 years and the reason that the medical society, communities and institutions are allowing us to do that [is] because the possibilities of having serious complications even right after surgery, 25 years after surgery are very, very low. It's definitely successful and 100 percent saves lives."

According to Donor Leave Laws, Maryland donors who work in federal or state government may receive 30 days leave (paid or unpaid) for serving as a living donor and seven days leave for bone marrow donation. This leave is not taken from annual or sick leave the donor may already have accumulated. Interested donors who work in the private sector are encouraged to look up donor laws for their company.

"The donor bills and the cost of the donor surgery is paid by the recipient's insurance," Dr. Verbesey said. "There's multiple [private] donor assistance programs too, that if people qualify for we can offer for them to do that as well. The donor assistance are not through insurance."

Both women have fully recovered from the operation, and say they will continue to be friends.

"We're going to be bonded for life," Silverman said.

"I just feel blessed that I was in the right place at the right time and was able to do something that could help other people, especially Ilene," White said. "She has a beautiful family. I don't feel like it was any big deal really. It's just something that I was very easily able to do."

Helmuth to open new Berlin gallery, Friday

Clearlight Studio, next to visitor's center, will feature global, contemporary art

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Aug. 10, 2017) Berlin resident Dana Helmuth hopes to provide a home for overlooked and otherwise under-the-radar artists when she opens the doors of her new gallery, Clearlight Studio, for the first time tomorrow, Friday, during the monthly 2nd Friday art stroll in Berlin.

The space, on 16 South Main Street next to the Berlin Visitor's Center, was formerly home to the Brooklyn Baking Barons.

Helmuth, a painter and illustrator, earned a bachelor of fine arts degree from the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore in 1993. She has worked and traveled extensively in the United States and abroad during the last two decades.

Her work has been published in more than 100 art magazines and she has displayed art in solo and group shows in Baltimore, New York City, Los Angeles, London, Paris, Tokyo and Kathmandu.

She also has 20 years of experience as a tattoo artist, working primarily in Baltimore and Manhattan. "Clearlight Studio is my private painting studio as well as the divided front half of the space being the gallery," she said. "The aim of the gallery is to bring contemporary art to the area of many different backgrounds and directions."

She said the gallery follows the trend of "pop up" galleries that are popular now in New York City. The first show, opening Friday, is called "Art for Arts Sake."

"It features artists from all over the world, from fine art, urban street art, lowbrow art, folk art, tattoo art, and photography backgrounds," Helmuth said. "There will be original work as well as some prints from international artists, and local artists including myself, Patrick Henry, Patti Backer [and] Matthew Amey."

She said Clearlight would regularly host solo and group exhibitions and opening receptions "to try and bring the community together to see art."

"My goal is to bring other types of artwork to an area I feel is somewhat of a cultural void in that respect," she said. "There is no outlet for local young people who don't paint landscapes or still life work or Eastern Shore themes to display their work as artists."

Helmuth said tattoo artists, in particular, have a hard time making ends meet in the area.

"Tattooing is illegal in Worcester County, but it is one of the most popular themes for television shows, clothing lines and people's skin in general," she said. "Some of the most talented tattoo artists in the country live in Worcester County, but are forced to travel outside the community to earn their living for their trade. "It's not a free-trade platform here – it is very limited and only taking away huge potential revenue into Worcester County or Berlin from traveling tattoo collectors into the area spending money in restaurants and bars and stores," Helmuth added.

"It's very hypocritical in a Republican platform to limit business potential in a safe way. However, hopefully I can successfully bring wall art from these outlawed artists to the area and display it with other contemporary art of all forms, like the rest of the art world is doing."

The gallery will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends, as well as open evenings in conjunction with town events, she said.

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WHEELY GOOD TIME Aleigh Daniels, 7, of Stockton, fits perfectly inside the wheel of a farm combine during the annual Blessing of the Combines in Snow Hill last Saturday.



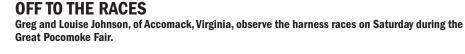
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FIRST PLACE

Sami Hoffman, 12, of Westover, displays her photograph, which was awarded a grand champion ribbon during the Great Pocomoke Fair, Saturday.



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE





PAINT PARTY

Muralist John Donato leads a crowd of amateur artists in an open paint for the third phase of a public art project overseen by the Berlin Arts and Entertainment Committee. The open paint was held on the back lawn of the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum during the Berlin Peach Festival, Saturday.



MR. AND MRS. CUPCAKE

JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Kenny "Cupcake" Tomaselli and Baked Dessert Café owner Robin Tomaselli sell the official dessert of Berlin, the peach dumpling, during the 2017 Berlin Peach Festival, Saturday.

GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE PAIR OF MISSES Little Miss Worcester County Farm Bureau, Tenley Littleton, left, and Miss Worcester County Farm Bureau, Chloe Holland, right, greet spectators during the Blessing of the Combines in Snow Hill.

Believe in Tomorrow's Block Party to debut in Berlin, Sat.

By Kara Hallissey

Staff Writer

(Aug. 10, 2017) Live music, vendors, food and games for adults and children are a few of the featured offerings during the inaugural Believe in Tomorrow Block Party, this Saturday from 6-9 p.m., on the streets of Berlin.

"This is an opportunity for the Berlin business community and citizens to support a nonprofit organization that provides a service that truly touches the heart," Berlin Mayor Gee Williams said. "I believe I join many other Berlin area residents in anticipating a strong turnout for what sounds like a delightful evening of family fun."

A guest bartending event at Sisters on Main Street evolved into a Believe in Tomorrow Block Party.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Snowball Stand of Ocean Pines and Sobos Catering from Salisbury will be parked on the street selling treats. Berlin businesses will have bright colored balloons to mark their participation and an auction item inside their store for attendees to take a chance on. Tickets for the Tricky Tray Auction cost \$1 each. Get seven for \$5 or 15 for \$10.

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

"I want to thank all of the local businesses for their positive response," Littleton said. "I've met a lot of amazing people."

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

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

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

In addition, attendees can purchase tickets to the Believe in Tomorrow Beach Bash, slated for Sept. 25 at Seacrets on 49th Street in Ocean City, for \$50, buy a raffle ticket for \$100 or sign up for the Believe in Tomorrow 5K on Sept. 30.

Sisters shop will have guest bartenders during the event including Buck Mann, Igor Conev, Jessica Shue, Jessica Jersey, Maria McEvoy, Jan Rooney, Tanya Knott, Christina Fohner and Jackie Siejack, in addition to, radio personalities, EJ Foxx, Johnny Maze and Big Red.

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

Ed Sparks is slated to play live music inside the store from 6:30-8:30 p.m. while local band Spare Change jams outside on steel drums and an acoustic guitar.

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ART SCHOLARSHIPS

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The Art League of Ocean City annually awards scholarships for art education, funded by the Art League and the Katherine Ellen Brown Fund at the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore. Pictured, from left, are Jan Perdue and Nancy Fortney with students Jordan Riddleberger, Tate Shockley and Rebeka Kline, and Judy Tremellen. Not shown: Marley Parsons.



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MEDAL RECIPIENT

The General Levin Winder Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recently presented DAR Bronze ROTC Medals to Cadet Destinee Johnson of Pocomoke High School and Madison Mendiaz of Snow Hill High School. Recipients of this award must be either a junior or senior in a secondary school JROTC program or a Junior College graduating senior and the medals are worn according to JROTC protocol. Mendiaz is pictured with Chapter Regent Patricia Ayers.



MUSICAL MALLARDS

Worcester Prep family and friends enjoy an afternoon of music and art presented by Pre-Kindergarten through fifth graders who performed during the annual Spring Music & Art Festival on April 28. Lower School music teacher Alana Parker directed a cast of more than 200 students colorfully dressed for the theme, "Musical Mallards Hit the Road in 2017." In addition to singing, dancing and celebrating the fifth graders moving up to Middle School, student artwork was displayed, completed under the direction of Lower School art teacher Rebecca Tittermary. Pictured are first graders Chase Thompson and Brooke Moore.



OCPS CLEANUP

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Members of the Ocean City Power Squadron (OCPS) participated in the annual spring cleanup of Pintail Park in Ocean Pines, June 12. The OCPS has "adopted" Pintail Park and has maintained it for the past several years. Pictured, from left, are Tony Curro, John Hess, John Tellman, Jeanne Stiehl, Neal Lookner and Tony Smith.



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GOLF SCHOLAR Berlin Intermediate School student Gavin Stearn, Franklin Burroughs Golf Scholarship winner, is pictured with BIS Principal Thomas Sites, left, and Ocean City Recreation & Parks Recreation Manager Al "Hondo" Handy.



AWARD WINNERS

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Ocean City Elks Lodge #2645 selected 12 high school seniors to be recipients of scholarship awards. Pictured, from left, are Chairman Dave Poore, Ryan Sauer, (\$1,000), Clare Riley (\$4,000), Erica Hall (\$1,000), Logan Gordy (\$2,000), Dakota Maykrantz (\$4,000), Peyton Dunham (\$1,000), Patrick Miller (\$4,000), Whitney Van Kirk (\$1,000) and Chairman Pat Flynn. Not in picture are Will Sass (\$4,000), Jackson Pielstick (\$4,000), Asil Omar (\$2,000) and Lauren Paulsen (\$2,000). All recipients graduated from Stephen Decatur High School except for Riley, who graduated from Worcester Prep.

Event to raise funds for nonprofit

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In addition to the six lots of free

public parking in Berlin, attendees can also park at Stephen Decatur Park off Route 113.

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

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



KARA HALLISSEY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Wayne Littleton, coordinator for the Believe in Tomorrow Children's Respite Housing Program, joins Sisters owner Donna Sompher, left, and Maria Brittingham, store manager, recently. Sisters on Main Street will have guest bartenders, live music, wine tastings and samples during the Believe in Tomorrow Block Party, Aug. 12, in Berlin.



call: 302-732-3744 or visit: www.theclaytontheatre.com



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BJ'S ON THE WATER

75th Street and the bay Ocean City 410-524-7575 www.bjsonthewater.com Aug. 11: Old School, 9 p.m. Aug. 12: Over Time, 9 p.m. Aug. 16: Identity Crisis, 6-9 p.m. Aug. 17: Bettenroo, 8 p.m.

BIG EASY ON 60

5909 Coastal Highway Ocean City 410-524-2305 www.thebigeasyon60.com Aug. 13: Bryan Russo, noon to 3 p.m.

BOURBON STREET ON THE BEACH

116th Street, behind Fountain Head Towers Condominium Ocean City 443-664-2896 www.bourbonstreetonthebeach.com Aug. 11: Dave Sherman, 5-8 p.m.; Rusty Foulke, 8-11 p.m. Aug. 12: Randy Lee Ashcraft and the Saltwater Cowboys, 5-8 p.m.; Rusty Foulke, 8-11 p.m. Aug. 13: Walt Farovic & Chris Button, 6-9 p.m. Aug. 14: Just Jay, 6-9 p.m. Aug. 15: Charlie Z, 6-9 p.m.

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CAPTAIN'S TABLE

15th St. & Baltimore Ave. Ocean City 410-289-7192 www.captainstableoc.com Every Thursday-Tuesday: Phil Perdue, 5:30 p.m.

CASINO AT OCEAN DOWNS

10218 Racetrack Road Berlin 410-641-0600 www.oceandowns.com Aug. 11: Sol Knopf, 5:30-9:30 p.m. Aug. 12: Everett Spells, 4:30-8:30 p.m.; Matt Lafferty Trio, 9:30 p.m to 1:30 a.m.

COCONUTS BEACH BAR AND GRILL

In the Castle in the Sand Hotel 37th Street oceanfront Ocean City 410-289-6846 www.castleinthesand.com Aug. 11: Darin Engh, noon to 4 p.m.; Funk Shue, 5-9 p.m. Aug. 12: The Vigilantes Duo, noon to 4 p.m.; The Swell Fellas, 5-9 p.m. Aug. 13: Lennon LaRicci & The Leftovers, noon to 3 p.m.; Over Time, 4-

8 p.m. Aug. 14: Nate Clendenen, noon to 3 p.m.; Bob Wilkinson & Joe Smooth &

Pete, 4-8 p.m. Aug. 15: Kevin Poole Solo, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Bettenroo Duo, 3-

7 p.m. Aug. 16: Monkee Paw Duo, noon to

3 p.m.; Chris Button & Joe Mama, 4-8 p.m. Aug. 17: Heather Videl, page 1-2

Aug. 17: Heather Vidal, noon to 3 p.m.; Rick & Regina, 4-8 p.m.

COINS

Ocean City 410-289-3100 www.coinspub.com Aug. 12: Tranzfusion, 9 p.m.

COWBOY COAST COUNTRY SALOON AND STEAKHOUSE

17th Street and Coastal Highway Ocean City 410-289-6331 www.cowboycoastoc.com Aug. 11: Ticketed Event - Adam Yarger, 6:30 p.m.; DJ BK, 9 p.m. Aug. 12: DJ BK, 9 p.m. Aug. 16: Live Band Beat the Clock Karaoke, Dust N Bones, 8 p.m. to midnight; DJ Jerry B, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Aug. 17: DJ Dutch Adam & DJ Bigler, 9 p.m.; Free Bull Riding

DUFFY'S TAVERN

130th Street in the Montego Bay Shopping Center 410-250-1449 www.duffysoc.com Aug. 11: Bob Hughes, 5-9 p.m. Aug. 15: Nate Clendenen, 8 p.m. to midnight

HARBORSIDE BAR & GRILL

12841 S. Harbor Road West Ocean City 410-213-1846 www.ocharborside.com Aug. 11: DJ Billy T, 4 p.m. Aug. 12: Side Project/Chris Button, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m. Aug. 13: Opposite Directions, 2-6 p.m. Aug. 14: Blake Haley, 4-7 p.m.; DJ Billy T, 7 p.m. Aug. 15: Funk Shue, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Aug. 16: Karaoke w/DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Aug. 17: Opposite Directions, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

HARVEST MOON TAVERN

208 W. Green St. Snow Hill 410-632-9890 harvestmoontavern@gmail.com Aug. 11: Red No Blue, 7-10 p.m. Aug. 12: Smooth & Remy, 7-10 p.m.

M.R. DUCKS

311 Talbot St. Ocean City 410-289-9125 www.mrducksbar.com Aug. 11: Over Time, 5 p.m. Aug. 12: Tim Metz, 5 p.m. Aug. 13: Tranzfusion, 4 p.m. Aug. 16: Batman, 5 p.m. Aug. 17: Steve Ports Duo, 5 p.m.

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MARINA DECK

306 Dorchester St. Ocean City 410-289-4411 www.marinadeckrestaurant.com Aug. 17: Karaoke w/J-Lo, 9-11 p.m.

MARYLAND WINE BAR

103 N. Main St. Berlin 410-603-6278 www.themdwinebar.com Aug. 11: Ed Sparks, 8-10 p.m.

MUMFORD'S LANDING OCEAN PINES

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1 Mumford's Landing Road Ocean Pines 410-641-7501 www.oceanpines.org Aug. 11: Full Circle, 6 p.m.; First Class, 8 p.m. Aug. 12: Smooth & Remy, 6 p.m.; Kaleb Brown, 8 p.m. Aug. 15: Suzette Pritchett, 6 p.m.

OCEAN CITY FISH COMPANY

12817 Harbor Drive West Ocean City 410-213-2525 www.ocfishcompany.com Aug. 11: DJ Wax, 5-8 p.m. Aug. 12: TBA, 3-6 p.m. Aug. 13: On Night Stand, 3-6 p.m. Aug. 17: Binje, 5-8 p.m.

OCEAN CLUB NIGHTCLUB

In the Horizons Restaurant In the Clarion Fontainebleau Hotel 101st Street and the ocean Ocean City 410-524-3535 www.clarionoc.com Every Thursday-Saturday: DJ Dusty, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Aug. 11-12: Power Play, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Aug. 16: Bryan Clark, 7-10 p.m. Aug. 17-19: Passion, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Lenny's Deck Bar: Aug. 11-12: Passion, 5-10 p.m Aug. 13: Power Play, 5-10 p.m. Aug. 14-15: Passion, 5-10 p.m Aug. 16: Passion, 4-9 p.m

OCEAN PINES BEACH CLUB

Aug. 17-20: On The Edge, 5-10 p.m

49th Street Ocean City 410-641-7501 www.oceanpines.org Aug. 11: Kaleb Brown, 3-7 p.m. Aug. 12: First Class, 4-7 p.m. Aug. 13: First Class, 3-7 p.m. Aug. 17: First Class, 6-10 p.m.

PICKLES

706 Philadelphia Ave. Ocean City 410-289-4891 www.picklesoc.com Aug. 11: Beats By Jeremy, 10 p.m. Aug. 12: Phantom Limbs, 10 p.m. Aug. 14: Karaoke w/Jeremy, 10 p.m. Aug. 15: International Beats By Dutch, 10 p.m. Aug. 17: Beats by Wax

PURPLE MOOSE SALOON

108 S. Atlantic Ave. Ocean City 410-289-6953 www.purplemoosesaloon.com Aug. 11-12: CK the DJ/VJ, 2 p.m.; Doc Marten and the Flannels (aka Dirt), 10 p.m. Aug. 13: CK the DJ/VJ, 2 p.m.; Ruckus, 10 p.m. Aug. 14: Ruckus, 10 p.m. Aug. 15-16: VJ Mazi, 9 p.m. Aug. 17: Judas Priestess - Tribute Band, 10 p.m.

SAND SHARK POOL BAR

In the Quality Inn & Suites Beach-

front 3301 Atlantic Ave. Ocean City 410-289-1234 www.qibeachfront.com Aug. 13: Keri Anthony

SEACRETS

49th Street and the bay Ocean City 410-524-4900 www.seacrets.com Aug. 11: DJ Bobby'0, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Jim Long Band, 5-9 p.m.; Anthem, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; DJ Tuff, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; DJ Mike T, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; Lost in Paris, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Bobby'0, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Aug. 12: Cruz-in de Bay, noon to 6 p.m.; DJ Tuff, noon to 2 a.m.; Kicking Sunrise, 1-5 p.m.; Flowers for Taco, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; Anthem, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; Garden State Radio, 10 pm. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Bobby'0, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Aug. 13: DJ Bobby'0, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Jim Long Band, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Davie, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; New Direction, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; Garden State Radio, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m. Aug. 14: DJ Bobby'0, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Full Circle, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Tuff, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; Steal the Sky, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; My Hero Zero, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m. Aug. 15: DJ Bobby'0, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Opposite Directions, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Tuff, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; The Benjamins, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m. Aug. 16: DJ Bobby'0, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Full Circle Duo, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Cruz, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; The Rockets, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m. Aug. 17: 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.; Zion Reggae Band, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; DJ Tuff, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; DJ Bobby'0, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; Go Go Gadget, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.

SHENANIGAN'S IRISH PUB AND GRILLE

309 N. Atlantic Ave. Ocean City 410-289-7181 www.ocshenanigans.com Aug. 11-12: James Gallagher & Off the Boat, 9 p.m. Aug. 13-14: Dueling Pianos, 9 p.m. Aug. 16: Joey Harkum, 9 p.m. Aug. 17: Dublin 5, 9 p.m.

SKYE RAW BAR & GRILLE

66th Street, bayside Ocean City 410-723-6762 www.skyebaroc.com Aug. 11: Marcella Peters, 4-8 p.m. Aug. 12: Elwood Bishop, 4-8 p.m. Aug. 13: Test Kitchen, 4-8 p.m. Aug. 17: Monkee Paw, 4-8 p.m.

WHISKER'S BAR & GRILL

11070 Cathell Road, Suite 17 Pines Plaza, Ocean Pines 410-208-3922 www.whiskersbar.com Aug. 11: Karaoke w/Donnie Berkey

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Cuisine

Fresh, local ingredients set this BLT apart

Never one to do things the easy way, I decided to get a little exercise before a shift at the Reel Inn for



White Marlin week. I figured that I would loosen up the ankles and the knees after the first two days

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behind the grill. The old joints were stiff, and it seemed like a good idea at the time. Yeah, exer-

cise; about that. Let's just say that my stint in the emergency room on Monday didn't take too terribly long. Now I'm trying to gather my wits as to whether I should finish the week out or let this knee rest. What was the size of a respectable grapefruit on day one is now down to a baseball-sized knot with some commendable hues of blues and purples that I'm pretty sure shouldn't be associated with anyone's

knee. But this is what happens when we, the aged, try to keep up with the young. If I had to be brutally honest with you, as many of you readers insist that I be, I'll be right back at it as soon as I am up and able; and well after this knee doesn't resemble something out of the "Alien" franchise.

Having been pardoned from this evening's dinner service by Captain Nick, I decided to focus on grown-up things, paying bills and getting some long-overdue errands completed. I stopped by Gilbert's Provisions to see what was cooking down there, and picked up a couple of things and then went over to see Matt and Stephanie Dove at their studio.

It feels good to be able to spend time just roaming around Berlin, and getting to know the amazing people who have made this the great little town that it is. There are so many wonderful things to see, artisans to meet, craft beers to drink and truly good food to enjoy.

Upon finishing our conversation, Matt and Stephanie offered me some vine-ripened tomatoes, which I immediately accepted if for no other reason than their deep-red color. Even in the middle of summer, the tomatoes that I'm seeing in many restaurants and grocery stores are terrible, flavorless gassed abominations. I mean, not that I have a strong opinion about them or anything.

Offer me what you will from the back of a truck, but there is nothing like tomatoes fresh off the vine. My

wife and I grew them in Baltimore, but never had luck with them down here. My parents grew them at our place outside of Annapolis, and as I look fondly back on that period of my childhood. It was just a normal day for my father to pluck a tomato off the vine, with that singular nightshade smell wafting through the air, fighting the ethereal smell of the compost pile. My dad prided himself on that heap of rotting leaves and grass.

He would cut a chunk of tomato off and hand it over to me, and we would stand there and eat our glorious harvest like apples. I still do that to this very day as long as they are good, warm tomatoes.

And as soon as they handed me the tomatoes, I knew exactly what I needed to make. While there's nothing wrong with a tomato sandwich on wheat toast with Duke's Mayo, I wanted to go right back to Gilbert's and buy some of his homemade bacon. It was perfect, and would round out my most-interesting day of healing, bills and puppy ownership. Man, this puppy. No, I'll save that for next week, if he doesn't put me in the

grave before then.

As I close this out, I realize that I need to grow some tomatoes next year, if for no other reason than to hand my son a chunk of one right off the vine. Maybe in my slower, older days I'll take up gardening, and avoid the emergency room.

The BLT

makes 4 sandwiches

8 slices multi-grain toast

8 leaves Fresh romaine

1/2 cup Spicy Hank Mayo (recipe follows)

12 ounces Old Bay Bacon from **Gilbert's Provisions**

8 slices of beefsteak tomatoes, fresh

1. I'm not sure what this sandwich kick is as-of-late, but I like it. Sometimes we just need to take a step back from the cutting board and get back to basics

2. For this sandwich to truly stand the test of time, you need to seek out fresh tomatoes. There is no substitution and you will know when they are true. They are a different creature altogether

3. Toast the bread slices and

slather top and bottom with the spicy mavo

4. On a medium heat, fry some of Toby's Old Bay bacon – which they usually slice uber-thick - until it is to your liking. Personally, I'm not a fan of crispy bacon, so I'll always make sure that there is some chew left in it

5. Stack the tomatoes, lettuce and bacon on the bread and skewer the sandwich halves

6. Split and serve

Spicy Hank Mayo

makes about 1 cup 3/4 cup Duke's Mayonnaise Juice of 1/2 lemon 3 Tbsp. Hank's Hot Sauce Salt & Pepper to taste

1. Combine everything and adjust the seasonings to your taste

2. This will keep for a good long time in the icebox

> – 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. 10

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COASTAL HOSPICE GRIEF SUPPORT

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

BEACH SINGLES

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

WHITE MARLIN OPEN

Harbour Island Marina, 419 14th St., Ocean City, MD, 4 to 9 p.m. World's largest billfish tournament. More than 300 boats vie for more than \$2 million in prize money. Spectators see weigh-ins free of charge. Jim Motski, jmotsko289@aol.com, 410-289-9229, http://www.whitemarlinopen.com

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CELIAC SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 7 to 8 p.m. Held second Thursday of each month. Support and information for those affected by celiac disease. Betty Bellarin, 410-603-0210

SUNSET PARK PARTY NIGHTS

Sunset Park, 700 S. Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD, 7 to 9 p.m. Free concert featuring "Blind Wind" (bluegrass/American classic rock). Beverages, including beer, are available for purchase. It is recommended that attendees bring their own seating. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326

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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. Featuring "The Secret Life of Pets." Take a beach chair or blanket. Chris Clarke, 410-250-0125

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SAT, AUG. 12

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FARMERS MARKET

White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Held every Please send calendar items to editor@baysidegazette.com by 5 p.m. Monday. All community-related activities will be published at no charge.

Saturday. Locally grown vegetables and fruits, eggs, honey, kettle korn, flowers, artisan breads, seafood, meats and more. New vendors welcome. 410-641-7717, Ext. 3006

FREE PICKLEBALL CLINIC

Manklin Meadows Sports Complex, 11443 Manklin Creek Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 8 a.m. Free clinics for beginners conducted by Ocean Pines Pickleball Club members. Register: John Hanberry, Jhanberry@comcast.net, 703-598-6119.

OCEAN PINES ANGLERS CLUB MEETING

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 9:30 a.m. Frank Piorko, Executive Director of the Maryland Coastal Bays Program, will tell the club what is going on and the key issues affecting our coastal bays. Members will provide updates on the local fishing scene. All welcome. Jack Barnes, 410-641-7662

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ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Pavilion at Taylorville United Methodist Church, 11252 Adkins Road, Berlin, MD, 5:30 p.m. Featuring Nancy Elliott Brittingham and the Old Time Gospel Singers. All are welcome. Diane Wilson, 757-710-8966

FREE CONCERT IN THE PARK

Amphitheater at Shad Landing, 3461 Worcester Highway, Snow Hill, MD, 6:30 p.m. Pocomoke River State Park presents "Blind Wind" Band and Scales and Tales. 410-632-2566

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

Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Takes place the second and fourth Sunday of each month, mostly. Menu includes scrambled eggs, pancakes, French toast, creamed chipped beef, biscuits, sausage, bacon and toast. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 8 and younger. Located behind St. Luke's Church. 410-524-7994

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OC CRUZERS CAR DISPLAY

Somerset Street Plaza, Atlantic Avenue and Somerset Street, Ocean City, MD, 2:30 to 6 p.m. OC Cruzers will display approximately 15 vehicles. Owners will be on hand to educate spectators about their older cars. Live music or DJ will be provided. 410-289-7739, http://www.ocdc.org

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SUNDAES IN THE PARK

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City,

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MD, 7 to 9 p.m. Bring picnic baskets and beach chairs for ice cream sundaes and live entertainment by Front Page News (Rock). For a small fee, make your own ice cream sundae creation. Children's entertainment also presented. The night will end with a fireworks display at 9 p.m. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326

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MON, AUG. 14

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ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH MUSEUM TOURS

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

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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

MEDICAL MONDAY

Ray Room, 124 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Free educational session that occurs the second Monday of each month. Faustino Macuha, M.D., Endocrinologist from Atlantic General Health System, will be discussing diabetes. Reservations requested but not required: Dawn, 410-641-9268.

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DELMARVA SWEET ADELINE CHORUS

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

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TUE, AUG. 15

SNOW HILL ROTARY CLUB MEETING

All Hallows Church Parish House, 109 W. Market Street, Snow Hill, MD, 7:30 a.m. Guest speaker will be James Holmes, Instructor at the Naval War College. martypusey@gmail.com, 410-632-2527

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ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Berlin Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 9715 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Support group for caregivers of Alzheimer's patients. It meets the third Tuesday of each month. Open to the community. Info: Heather Cormack, 410-641-4400, Ext. 6123 or Kenneth Lewis, 410-208-1701 or 410-430-4818

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 September. 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

AUTISM EDUCATION DINNER

Castle In the Sand, Waverly Banquet Room, 3701 Atlantic Ave, Ocean City, MD, 4 to 6 p.m. Free seminar on Autism with Dr. Menon from Kennedy Krieger Institute, followed by a free catered dinner. For anyone whose life is touched by Autism Spectrum Disorder. Reservations: Dawn, 410-641-9268 or www.atlanticgeneral.org/calendar.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CRAB NIGHT

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

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

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BINGO

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

OC BEACH DANCE PARTY

Caroline Street Stage, Atlantic Avenue and Caroline Street, Ocean City, MD, 7 to 9 p.m. Dance the evening away at "80's Night" with DJ Batman and The New Romance. Bring beach chairs or blankets for an evening of interactive entertainment. Free event for all ages. 410-250-0125 or 800-626-2326

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WED, AUG. 16

KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OCEAN PINES/OCEAN CITY

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

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BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic Health Center Conference Room, 9714 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 1 to 2 p.m. Women Supporting Women/AGH Support group for women and men who are battling breast cancer (current patients and survivors). Lunch is provided. RSVP: Women Supporting Women, 410-548-7880

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DELMARVA HAND DANCE CLUB

Ocean City Elks Lodge, 13708 Sinepuxent Ave., Ocean City, MD, 5:30 to 9 p.m. The group meets every Wednesday. Jitterbug, swing, cha-cha to the sounds of the '50s, '60s and Carolina Beach music. A \$5 donation per person to benefit local Veterans. Elk members and 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 "Sing." Take a beach chair or blanket. In the event of inclement weather, the movie will be shown inside the hotel. Chris Clarke, 410-250-0125

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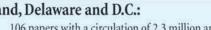
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