

Berlin to get wired to new steel poles beginning Oct. 1

Four-to-six hour outage scheduled for Dec. 9

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

BERLIN— The town announced during a Mayor and Council meeting on Monday, Sept. 8 that Delmarva Power plans to replace several transmission poles in the area, requiring a four-to-six hour interruption of power on Dec. 9.

The company will replace all of the 60-65 foot wooden poles between the Worcester Substation on Old Ocean City Boulevard and Route 50 and the West Ocean City Substation on Golf Course Road with 80-90 foot steel poles. Poles in Berlin will be brown steel, and poles toward Route 611 will be galvanized steel. Delmarva Power estimates the project to run from Oct. 1 through May 2015.

The power interruption will affect more than 2,400 Berlin customers and more than 11,000 Delmarva Power Customers.

"The entire town will be down for that time period," said Electric Utility Director Tim Lawrence.

Lawrence said the town discussed the possibility of adverse weather conditions with Delmarva Power.

"We talked about the temperature outside – during December it could be pretty cold or snowing or whatever, so it's all based on weather conditions," he said.

A set minimum temperature was not set, but Lawrence said state restrictions could come into play.

"From November through March we cannot shut off anybody, even for nonpayment, unless it's 32 degrees and rising for 72 hours – that's state law," Lawrence said. "That's going to play into this."

"With any time of planned outage the biggest factor is coordination, and we will certainly coordinate that with the town and its electric system to ensure that everything is done well in advance," said Delmarva Power Sr. Public Affairs Manager Jim Smith. "If

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DOG PADDLE

Meredith Lingenfelter and her Cavalier King Charles spaniel mix, Finnick, frolic in the Mumford's Landing swimming pool during the Doggie Swim in Ocean Pines last Saturday.

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Three candidates to run for available town council slots

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

BERLIN— Three candidates filed for the three available slots on town council before the Tuesday, Sept. 9 deadline.

Incumbent Troy Purnell filed to keep his District 1 seat and incumbent Dean Burrell filed to keep the seat in District 4. Newcomer Thom Gulyas, owner of Ace Printing, filed for the At-Large seat made available by retiring councilmember Paula Lynch.

Berlin's Board of Supervisors of Elections certified each candidate for inclusion on the ballot during a meeting on Tuesday. Minimum requirements were residency in Berlin for at least a year and completed voter registration. None of the candidates will face opposition on the ballot.

Linda Bowen, Lou Creter, Anthony Bowen, John Briddell and Milton Schul were in attendance at the meeting, along with Deputy Town Administrator Mary Bohlen.

The two incumbents filed financial disclosures earlier in the year. Gulyas filed his disclosures when he filed for office.

Write-in candidates, who will not appear on the ballot, have until Sept. 30 to file. If no write-in candidates file by the deadline the Board cancels the election for that particular seat and automatically names a winner.

This is the first election in Berlin where at-will write-in candidates will not be allowed, following a rule change this year. According to Bohlen, no write-in candidate has been elected in Berlin

OPA leaders work to standardize all future meetings

Moves provide needed procedural efficiencies

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

OCEAN PINES— New OPA leadership did not waste any time in reorganizing the Board of Directors, effectively streamlining procedure and standardizing future meeting dates through 2015 during an assembly on Wednesday, Sept. 3.

Newly elected Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors President Dave Stevens called the meeting and proposed six new procedures in an attempt to give Board members more information ahead of time, make the meetings more transparent for media and OPA members, and reduce the duration of meetings.

The new president asked that Board members receive all items of discussion at least three days ahead of time, with presentations and reports submitted and approved in advance. Stevens also asked for briefer General Manager Reports, posting of financial reports online on the same day the Board receives them, imposing a five-minute limit on public comments and reading action items at the conclusion of each meeting.

Board Director Sharyn O'Hare objected to the notion that – potentially – Board members could not make new motions during meetings unless they provided materials ahead of time.

"I think there are cases (where) things come up and we need to have a discussion," she said. "If a motion is proposed it may not be what we really want to do after we've discussed it. Then we can't have another motion submitted because it hasn't been presented three days in advance."

Stevens clarified that the Board can make adjusted motions "as appropriate."

"The material that will support the decision is what's important – not the motion itself," he said. "What's inappropriate is to make a motion on a significant decision when all the

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we have a severe cold snap we'll certainly have to reconsider. Our system operations folks will work around that."

Smith said the upgrades would improve the reliability of electric service in Worcester County.

"Delmarva Power is making significant investments to keep power flowing to its customers and – in the event of an interruption – to restore services as quickly and safely as possible," he said. "In this project we're modifying infrastructure that was originally constructed about 50 years ago. It's a sizable project that improves service not only for our customers, but for the customers served by the town of Berlin's as well."

Along with the wooden transmission structures, Delmarva Power will replace all of the wires and insulation,

essentially modernizing the entire corridor. The company is also replacing the manual switch at the tie in point behind the police substation in Berlin with two fully automated switches.

"Right now if something happens to the transmission line they actually have to send somebody here to manually operate that switch," said Lawrence. "Depending on where that person is it could be one or two hours. Being able to do it remotely the way they're going to have it set up with automated switching, their operator can do it from wherever their operation center is within minutes. We don't have to wait for somebody to show up."

Berlin, which purchases power from Florida-based NextEra Energy, Inc., uses some Delmarva Power infrastructure. Lawrence said cus-

tomers in town would not experience rate increases due to the project.

It is unclear how much the \$43 million project will affect other Delmarva Power customers in the county.

"This is just one of numerous transmission projects that we have (planned) for the next five years," Smith said. "We've spent about a billion dollars across the Delmarva Power service territory, and we're looking at maintaining that base over the next five years."

Smith said he was pleased with his interaction with the Mayor and Council.

"I thought it was very well received," he said. "There were a couple of questions, but I thought the council looked forward to working on the project with us. The biggest component for us will be when we actually

tie in to the town of Berlin system in that early December time frame, but that's why we set up the meeting with them – to inform them about the upgrade."

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TIM LAWRENCE
Electric Utility Director

"We place a high value on all of our customers including what I call our 'wholesale' customers like the town of Berlin, which own their own electric system," Smith continued. "We place a high value on providing reliable service to them because our transmission system interconnects to their distribution systems, so that's a very important relationship that we have with them."

Delmarva Power will host a community meeting discussing the project on Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 7 p.m. at the Firehouse on 10124 Keyser Point Road in West Ocean City.

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OP's Stevens urges focus on 'what's important'

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information is not provided in advance. The Board basically is making its mind up without that information."

On requiring advance materials Stevens said he wanted the Board to be able to "focus in on ... what's important."

"No surprises - that's all I think you're trying to say," said Board Vice President Marty Clarke.

"We're in agreement on one thing - if a member of this Board of Directors wants to bring a topic to the agenda of this Board of Directors they have a right to do it," said Board Parliamentarian Tom Terry. "As long as we're all in agreement of that."

Stevens asked that General Manager Bob Thompson submit reports to the Board in writing with suggested topics for discussion, as opposed to giving a full presentation.

"If you have a special topic that requires a presentation ... that should be submitted to the board in advance and it should be put on the agenda as a separate topic," Stevens said. "Fundamentally - no surprises."

Stevens said the new procedure would be "faster, and it zeroes in on the information we need."

Clarke complained that previous General Manager Reports did not provide enough advance materials.

"I want to see this stuff in advance," he said. "Otherwise why are we here?"

Terry, meanwhile, balked at the notion of doing away with presentations.

"The idea that there not be a presentation by the GM or it's not required - I've served on boards at executive levels as well, and I've never served with or in a corporation that didn't have Power Point presentations to executives that were overviews of what's going on," he said.

Board Treasurer Jack Collins said, in his experience, leadership generally received information in advance rather

than rely on direct presentations.

"I don't know what board you served on, but I'll tell you what - if you're saying that critical issues are brought to a board for a board to make a decision that day, I'd say that corporation had a hard time getting a decision done," he said.

"I'm referring to the sentence (in the proposal) that says, 'a presentation by the GM is not required,'" said Terry. "I'm simply reporting that my experience has been that you get an overview of what's going on in the community from the guy who's running it day-to-day."

"I think the important thing we're trying to accomplish is informing the membership as to what is happening in terms of numbers, in terms of progress, in terms of finances of the organization."

JACK COLLINS
Board Treasurer

"In the last few years we have had general discussions at the Board level to have a sense of what was going on in the community that did not end with a motion for us voting 'yes' or 'no' on something," Terry continued. "There was a purpose behind it - so that the Board of Directors would have a sense of what was going on in the community. I'm not against (the proposal). I'm simply saying to flat-out say there's no presentation from the General Manager on the state of the nation and what's going on ..."

"He didn't say that," Clarke said. "He said a presentation is not required - maybe everything he has to say is (on paper). If we don't understand it we can ask questions on it."

"That becomes a presentation in of itself, Tom," Collins said.

"You've got my feedback," said Terry.

Stevens attempted to get the meeting back on track.

"I understand that this is different, but it's not something that I just pulled out of my head," he said. "It's something we've done before successfully."

"In terms of getting a general state of the community ... I would suggest that that's not what we're there for. We're there to look at specific information, have specific discussions that lead at some point in time to specific actions. I think if we focus on that we will get more things done and we will spend less time doing it."

O'Hare voiced a concern that viewers - the OPA broadcasts meetings on their website - would not have the benefit of having seen written reports in advance.

Stevens countered that the General Manager's report would be published on the website and be available in hard copy at least three days in advance.

"Everybody gets to follow along," he said.

Stevens promised to publish monthly financial reports online, and said the General Manager could give quarterly reports to the Board.

Currently, Thompson said he withheld financial reports from the public for two-to-three days following a meeting as a courtesy to Board members.

"I've never worked anywhere where the board has not been given information a little ahead of time so they could get their arms around it before they're asked by membership," he said. "My intent of a couple-day delay was a professional courtesy."

"There's no reason that anybody in this room or somebody sitting over at Taylor's having a beer right now isn't just as entitled to those numbers as I am," Clarke said. "I don't think (a delay) is necessary. I've got five or six

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OP board president moves to reduce length of meetings

years on the Board and I don't remember the first phone call from anybody catching me short on any of the numbers."

"That's because nobody has seen any of the numbers before a Board meeting – including the people on the Board," Stevens said.

Clarke said there had been two meetings this year in which the Board had not received any financial numbers in advance.

"I have no problem at all with building a one-day delay into it," said Stevens. "Right now the numbers aren't there, period. (Last month's) numbers aren't there as of today. That's the change."

"I think the important thing we're trying to accomplish is informing the membership as to what is happening in terms of numbers, in terms of progress, in terms of finances of the organization," Collins said. "I appreciate Bob's point in that he's trying to be courteous (to the Board members). However, I also agree with David that it is in the best interest to the most people within this community to put that information out to the public. The best way to do that that we know is through the website."

Previous Board Resolution B-02 limited public comments to five minutes. Stevens said future comments would "be directed through the Chair."

At the end of each meeting the Board Secretary, currently Pat Renaud, will review any actions resulting from the meeting, per the proposal. The Secretary will maintain a pending action list used to set the agenda for future meetings and reporting.

Board members agreed to amend the proposals according to the discussions that occurring during the meeting and vote on them electronically before the next meeting.

The Board normalized all future meetings to either Thursday at 3 p.m. or Saturday at 9 a.m. Meetings will be held in the Assateague Room in the Community Center unless otherwise noted.

Upcoming meetings were set for Saturday, Sept. 27, Thursday, Oct. 23, Thursday, Nov. 20, Saturday, Nov. 22, Thursday, Jan 8, Thursday, Jan. 29, Saturday, Feb. 21, Saturday, March 28, Thursday, April 30, Thursday, May 28 and Thursday, June 25.

The board canceled the December meeting due to Stevens' inability to attend. If needed, the Vice President may call a special session.

OPA set the Budget Presentation meeting for Saturday, Feb. 7 and the Budget Approval meeting on Wednesday, March 21. Leadership must approve the budget 45 days before the beginning of the fiscal year.

Special dates include the annual Commissioners' Dinner for Thursday, March 19 at 6 p.m., Executive Council on Thursday, April 23 at 7 p.m. and Volunteer Appreciation Night on Thursday, April 30 at 6 p.m.

The Board will review the General Manager contract during a closed session on Thursday, July 16 at 3 p.m.

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Berlin mayor, council urge Planning Comm. action

Williams asks aloud if panel ‘temporarily shell shocked’ by Dollar plan

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

BERLIN— A discussion on the efforts of the Planning Commission morphed into a virtual referendum of the town’s future during a Mayor and Council meeting on Monday, Sept. 8.

Berlin Planning Director Dave Engelhart’s departmental report on a proposed new Dollar General Store across from Atlantic General Hospital, moving to a bigger facility from the current location near Food Lion, triggered an examination of the commission.

The Board of Appeals approved Dollar General’s request to exempt the required 49 parking spaces for a building of its size, but Engelhart said the project had plenty of work left to do with the State Highway Administration as well as the Planning Commission.

Officials admitted fitting the 9,100 square foot building and 40-plus parking spots into the space would be a squeeze, not to mention the traffic problems it might pose on MD Route 346.

“I don’t know how they will get it all on there, but it will be creative I’m sure,” Engelhart said.

District 2 Councilmember Lisa Hall asked, “If they really want that piece of ground and they really want to be in Berlin, then why can’t they reduce the size of their building a little bit to accommodate the property instead of trying to put 10 pounds in a five-pound bag? It’s going to be really important that we be really smart about (that corridor) and not create traffic problems and more walking problems trying to put another store in and bettering the community. There’s got to be a way to do it right.”

Mayor Gee Williams said he wrote the Planning Commission a letter in

June encouraging them to develop architectural standards.

“They didn’t do that because they didn’t have anything to do,” he said. “The next stage of growth in this town is already here — it’s happening. I’m just not sure how to get that across to the Planning Commission.”

Hall speculated that the commission might feel underqualified in this case.

“Then they need to come talk to us,” Williams said. “It’s their responsibility, and if they don’t feel that they can do the job then we’ll have to come up with another way. Because we’re not going to sit around here and do things half-assed simply because people are not sure what they’re doing. If they need training, if they need seminars — we do it for every other employee (and) we’ll certainly do it for anybody.”

The mayor wondered aloud whether the commission was “temporarily shell shocked” due to the complex Dollar General plan, or whether they needed additional guidance.

“If you think there is a lot going on now, just wait two years,” he said. “Unless we have an economic calamity of national proportions we are growing.”


“We need to find out if this is a temporary bump in the road,” Williams continued. “If there are some issues that they are unclear about then we can consider it — think about, discuss it, debate, whatever — then give them the guidance. What I don’t know is if they’re not sure what’s expected or if what the situation is.”

Engelhart said some of the commission members felt they needed professional guidance or were calling for the town to contract an outside study.

“The world could end tomorrow, but that doesn’t mean we’re not going to plan for next week,” Williams said. “We boldly stepped into the 21st century and it is paying off beyond anything in our expectations. We make plans and we make ordinances and

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County looking for bidders to replace OP water lines

Second try for bids; original deadline for contractors last April

By Nancy Powell
Staff Writer/Ocean City Today

WORCESTER COUNTY - Worcester County will try again to attract bidders to replace approximately 250 water service lines in Ocean Pines. All of the service lines to be replaced are on Ocean Parkway.

The project was originally advertised for bids in March, but the April 28 deadline came and went with no bids at all.

According to John Tustin, director of the Worcester County Public Works Department, interested contractors told him the timing for the bids was not good and they hoped bids would be sought again for the project, which is estimated to cost \$250,000.

A pre-bid meeting is scheduled to be held at 10 a.m. Sept. 19 at the Water and Wastewater Division Office at the Ocean Pines Wastewater Treatment

Plant. Bids will be accepted until 1 p.m. Sept. 29.

After the bids are opened, they will be forwarded to the Public Works Department for tabulation, review and recommendation to the Worcester County Commissioners, who are expected to award the work to one of the bidders during a future meeting. They could, however, reject any or all bids.

Depending on the complexity of the project and bids received, the county staff tries to submit their recommendation for the bid award to the county commissioners for the next meeting following the bid opening, which is often a matter of only two days, according to Kelly Shanahan, the county's assistant chief administrative officer. However, complex projects or bids, which require significant review and verification, might not be presented until the second meeting after the bid opening.

Work on the project is expected to be completed within 180 days of the notice to proceed and all work is to be warranted for two years after the date of completion.

Tustin said last week that the work could begin in October or early November and continue through the winter.

Lack of urgency gets questioned

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we make resolutions, and if they're not working we go back and fix them. But doing nothing is the absolute worst possible thing the government could do. We see it every day in Washington and I'll be damned if we're even going to closely imitate that. We've got to make decisions – we've got to know where we want to go.







"We're not going to be frozen in time," Williams continued. "As wonderful a year as this has been, when it's over it's over and we keep building on it – building on the assets and trying to minimize the challenges and the things that are adverse."

Williams said the rate and the amount of work that town employees performed now far exceeds their output from years' past.

"The boards and commissions that work for this community have got to also keep up with that pace," he said. "If it's too much work – if they don't have the time or they lack the confidence – then we need to have a discussion."

"We have to have a vision," Williams continued. "We do the best we can to make it happen. If we run into unforeseen circumstances or problems then we deal with it. I don't want to see us go back to the way it was decades ago to where it took six months to decide to change the smallest thing. We can't do that. The world is at a different pace."

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Final concert on Taylor House lawn

Salisbury Community Band bringing more than 30 area musicians

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer
BERLIN— Calvin B. Taylor House Museum’s final 2014 Concert on the Lawn promises to be the biggest of the year.

The Salisbury Community Band will bring more than 30 musicians to the museum lawn on Sunday, Sept. 14. at 6 p.m. Formed in the late 1930’s, the band played concerts in Salisbury City Park throughout the summer.

“The band has been around for a long time,” said Chairman of the Board of Directors Pat Shaner.

Shaner, who has played trumpet in the group for 37 years, said the musicians are a mix of amateur and professional players from Delaware, Maryland and Virginia ages 16-80. The youngest players must have graduated from 10th grade, and the oldest in the band’s history have been well into their late-80s.

Membership varies from week-to-week based on availability, generally ranging between 30 and 60 musicians. Because of the rotating cast, the Salisbury Community Band uses an adaptable repertoire with band directors



PHOTO COURTESY FACEBOOK

The Salisbury Community Band brings more than 30 musicians to the final Concert on the Lawn of 2014 at the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum on Sunday, Sept. 14.

creating a song list each week based on which musicians are available.

“They do a tremendous job every week of coming up with a program, figuring out how to rehearse quickly and utilizing the right personnel,” said Shaner. “Typically around the 4th of July we’ll do a patriotic concert. The other concerts all tend to be a mix of some marches – because the audiences seem to love marches – some show tunes either from movies or from Broadway shows, and a mixture of traditional concert band music. It’s just a wide variety.”

Sunday also marks the Salisbury Community Band’s final concert of the season.

“The band is not complicated,” Shaner said. “We’re there to maintain traditions of the early 20th-century concert in the park on Sunday night – that’s us. It’s a tradition we think is great and that’s what we’re doing in Berlin.”

“We love it when people come out and just enjoy the concerts,” Shaner continued. “If they can attend more of our concerts that’s great. Next season if they have ideas that they would like for us to do something else that’s great too,

but we just want people to come out and enjoy some music on a Sunday night in the park.”

The concert is free and open to the public. Lawn chairs and picnic baskets are encouraged.

The Calvin B. Taylor House Museum is located on 208 North Main Street in Berlin. For more information call 410-641-1019 or visit www.taylorhousemuseum.org.

For more information on the Salisbury Community Band visit www.salisburyband.com or www.facebook.com/salisburyband.

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Ocean Pines Assoc. to continue talks with Sandpiper Energy

Community frustration mounts over delayed natural gas conversion

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

OCEAN PINES— With frustrations over the delayed conversion to natural gas growing, the community made a tentative agreement to continue negotiations with Chesapeake Utilities Corporation.

The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors issued a press release on Friday stating they extended the franchise agreement made in 1993 and would continue talks with Chesapeake subsidiary Sandpiper Energy in approving the conversion.

The company is in the process of converting much of Worcester County from propane to natural gas. The Board contended that, “It should be noted that during the conversion process these rates are the same for all Sandpiper customers whether they are being served by the propane distribution system or have been converted to natural gas.” The release went on to say that the Board and staff are assembling cost data “to aid members in making intelligent decisions regarding conversion” and that “Ocean Pines does not have a one size fits all energy solution.”

Board President Dave Stevens declined to comment further on the matter.

In a letter to the editor published in the Bayside Gazette on Sept. 4, Ocean Pines resident Budd Shea voiced his dissatisfaction with the timetable of the conversion in the community, saying conversions had taken place in Berlin and would soon take place in Glen Riddle while Ocean Pines was “placed on the backburner of conversions.”

Jeff Tietbohl, vice president of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation, said the company had converted more than 800 Worcester County customers to natural gas as of August.

“That’s basically in the immediate Berlin and West Ocean City area,” he said. “We’ve essentially converted the residents and the commercial businesses within the corporate limits of

Berlin. We finished that project earlier this year and we’re currently finishing up the Glen Riddle development – which will hopefully be this week into next week – and then our intent is to focus on the immediate West Ocean City area this fall and winter between residential and commercial businesses.”

Tietbohl said delay in Ocean Pines is due to the ongoing negotiations.

“We’re still in the process of trying to negotiate a franchise agreement, which essentially dictates the terms of service (and) how we go about service within Ocean Pines – rules, procedures, things that they want in addition to the requirements that we have to meet already from the Public Service Commission perspective.

“We’ve had some extensions and we’re still trying to work through various issues, but that’s where basically we are,” Tietbohl continued. “We still are in the process of trying to finalize negotiations on a new agreement there. We’re hopeful we can work through that process through the balance of this year.”

If negotiations go well, Chesapeake would begin conversions in Ocean Pines in spring 2015. Tietbohl declined to comment on specifics, but said he was hopeful they would be resolved “within the next couple of months.”

“I think some of this is just normal process,” he said. “Each party is trying to reach a resolution of the issues. These things can be fairly complex in terms of how they want to provide service and the conditions of that service

and what they want to see.”

Chesapeake also has to contend with Public Service Commission regulations.

“That creates complexities as well,” Tietbohl said. “We’re hopeful that this process will be able to come to a close in the next couple of months just like they are. I think all of us were hoping that we would be able to get through this process earlier and be able to be starting doing Ocean Pines this year. It just doesn’t look like – where we are right now – that’s going to be the case.

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“We’re still heading down that path,” Tietbohl continued. “We’re obviously doing other areas and converting other areas, so we’re certainly engaged in the community and we want to be able to provide a good service to all.”

Tietbohl said much of existing propane distribution systems, including mains and services, can be adapted to natural gas. Once conversion begins, teams will go into each individual home in order to assess appliances and conditions in an attempt to use as much of the existing infrastructure as possible.

“Our intent right now would be to use as much of what’s already there in

the ground as possible,” he said. “There are things that we have to do to convert it, but for the most part we’ve been able to use the systems that are in place.”

An initial assessment suggested that consumers in the county would save more than \$1 million dollars each year, cutting energy bills between 5 and 10 percent. Because propane is unregulated energy as opposed to natural gas, the Public Service Commission approved a proposal by Chesapeake to blend rates together, possibly account-

ing for the Board’s contention that rates were the same for all customers.

“Natural gas is less expensive than propane, so as we introduce more natural gas into the system and we are able to combine those rates with propane rates, the prices will come down year over year over year as we introduce more natural gas into the system,” Tietbohl said.

“We’re continuing to work with Ocean Pines,” Tietbohl continued. “I think this is just the normal course of the process and both parties want to see this thing through and get it done as soon as possible.”

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Stephen Decatur High School National Honor Society students Kaylen Johnson, center, and Claire Edmunds, far right, help incoming freshman Cade Solito navigate the hallways during the annual Freshman Seahawk Day on Aug. 28. Approximately 300 incoming freshmen attended the orientation, which allows new students to become acclimated to the school.

Three honors to be bestowed at OP chamber installation

Group to recognize area business, citizen, non-profit at banquet

By Nancy Powell
Staff Writer/Ocean City Today
OCEAN PINES - The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce will bestow three honors during its upcoming installation and awards banquet.
The chamber will honor Taylor Bank as business of the year, long-time volunteer Terri Mahoney of WMDT as citizen of the year and the Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines and Ocean City as non-profit of the year.
The chamber's board of directors for 2014/2015 will also be installed

during the banquet, which will be held 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, at the Ocean City Marlin Club on Golf Course Road in West Ocean City.

The theme for the banquet is "The Captain's Dinner" and the ambience will be like the ambience of a captain's dinner aboard a cruise ship. Dress is black tie optional.

Tickets, at \$60 each, may be purchased online at www.ocean-pineschamber.org or by calling 410-641-5306 to RSVP by Oct. 3.

This is the chamber's 15th annual awards and installation banquet.

The chamber also has events planned for the remainder of this month.

Fall Bingo will be held 6-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, at the Ocean Pines Community Center. Doors open at 6 p.m. and games begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. There will be cash games, special games and prize baskets from local businesses. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

A forum for candidates for Worcester County Commissioner seats will be held 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, at the Ocean Pines branch of the Worcester County Library. As of Sept. 8, those expected to attend were Commissioner Madison "Jim" Bunting, Commissioners President Bud Church, Commissioner-elect Joe Mitrecic and candidates Chip Bertino, Tom Wilson and Diana Purnell, according to Ocean Pines Chamber Executive Director Liz Kain Bolen.

Commissioner Bunting faces no opposition, but wants to meet and talk with constituents, who include some Ocean Pines residents. Church is facing challenger Michael Maykrantz, who is not expected to attend, in District 3. Mitrecic will replace retiring Commissioner Louise Gulyas in District 7. Bertino and Wilson are vying to be elected to take the seat of Commissioner Judy Boggs, who is not running for re-election in District 5, the Ocean Pines district. Purnell faces challenger Lorraine Purnell-Ayres to take the District 2 seat of Commissioner James Purnell, who is retiring.

A breakfast networking meeting for chamber members and prospective members will be held at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, in the Asateague Room at the Ocean Pines Community Center. Atlantic General Hospital CEO/President Michael Franklin will be the guest speaker.

There is no fee to attend the chamber's breakfast meeting, but attendees are asked to RSVP by Sept. 22.

For more information about the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce, call 410-641-5306 or visit ocean-pineschamber.org.

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Atlantic Hotel to host bridal expo

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

BERLIN— Following a rainout in May, the town’s signature wedding expo returns this month.

The Atlantic Hotel hosts Say “I Do” in Berlin on Friday, Sept. 26 from 5-8 p.m.

The one-stop bridal show features information on wedding products and services including wedding fashions, gifts and registry, beauty services, catering, bakeries, reception venues, photography, videography and wedding ceremony sites.

Guests can meet with representatives from the Atlantic Hotel, St. Martin’s Church, the Waystead Inn and the Rackliffe Manor about booking a venue. Dozens of additional vendors will offer samples and presentations.

“It’s everything involved with a wedding,” said Kathy Macaboy-Walsh, organizer of Say I Do and owner of the bridal boutique Bustle. “We’re trying to keep most of the vendors Berlin-based, but we have expanded a little – we have a couple people from Salisbury and a couple people from Ocean City. We’re trying to keep it really local.”

Macaboy-Walsh expects more than 100 brides to attend. The hotel will offer appetizers and an orange crush bar, with vendors supplying extra goodies and giveaways.

“Berlin is such an awesome area to get married in,” Macaboy-Walsh said. “There’s such a wonderful variety of vendors offering wedding-related things that people don’t realize. It’s a very pretty, historic town and it’s a just a great place to have a wedding.”

Say “I Do” in Berlin is free to attend. To register visit www.berlinweddingevents.com.

Vendors needed for OP flea market

OCEAN PINES—Vendors are needed for the Ocean Pines annual Fall Indoor/Outdoor Flea Market, to be held, Saturday, Sept. 27, from 8 a.m. to noon, to sell items including gently used clothing, household items and collectibles.

Indoor spaces will be inside the Community Center gymnasium and include an 8-foot table and a chair. Outdoor spaces will be the parking spaces in front of the Administration Building (bring your own table).

Spaces for Ocean Pines residents are \$15 for indoor and \$10 for outdoor. Spaces for nonresidents are \$20 for indoor and \$10 for outdoor. The Ocean Pines Farmers Market will also be open in the park from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Register for the flea market by either using the registration form in the fall activity guide or by visiting the Recreation and Parks Department in the Ocean Pines Community Center or visit www.oceanpines.org for a form.



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The Atlantic Hotel hosts wedding expo Say “I Do” in Berlin on Friday, Sept. 26, from 5-8 p.m. Organizers expect more than 100 brides to browse through the dozens of items, services and venues on display during the event.

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Fireplace Supply Company warmed up for coming winter

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

BERLIN— With winter just around the corner and some experts predicting a repeat of last year’s frigid temperatures, the town’s newest business is poised for a breakout year.

Fireplace Supply Company, Inc., located on 10452 Old Ocean City Boulevard near Save A Lot, offers dozens of gas, wood and pellet fireplaces providing ambience as well as in-home heating.

Owners Glen and Carla Rantz opened the store on Labor Day.

“We’ve been in business since 1999,” said Glen. “We kind of evolved – when we first opened we were just doing construction. From ’99 through 2006 of course it was great over here on the beach and we really didn’t need a store.”

After opening a small office space in Pocomoke, the couple saw a need for an expanded retail space in Worcester County.

“We’re looking for local people who have gas fireplaces and wood fireplaces that need updating,” Glen said. “It’s a harsh environment on the beach here and most fireplaces only have a shelf life of about 15 or 20 years, so we recognize that there is a need to replace those.

“We’re also looking for new construction builders in general in the lower Delaware and Worcester County area,” Glen continued. “We’re looking to expand into that market. We’re trying to get everybody – we want everybody interested in our products.”

The store specializes in complete fireplaces and stoves rather than individual products like tools and accessories. Glen said the showroom is “just a taste of what we have.”

“If you don’t see what you want in here chances are you can order it,” he said. “We’re a dealer for a lot of different brands and we’re trying to have something to appeal to everybody. We have zero-clearance fireplaces designed for new constructions and things and then we have inserts, gas logs, and we have stoves of gas, wood and pellets. It’s a small store, but you’ll find a lot of products that cover a broad area.”

Glen prefers to take a wholesale ap-



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Located on 10452 Old Ocean City Boulevard near Save A Lot, Fireplace Supply Company, Inc. offers dozens of gas, wood and pellet fireplaces providing ambience as well as in-home heating.

proach to his products. Carla, on the other hand, prefers gas units.

“It’s the most convenient,” she said. “All you have to do is flick a switch and you’ve got heat. They’re definitely more efficient than they used to be and we carry higher-end brands, so what we carry is definitely efficient.”

“You have several types of buyers,” Glen said. “You have the buyer that’s looking for ambience and wants a unit that puts out a little bit of heat but they don’t want the mess – they want the comfort and the ease. That’s somebody that falls into a gas fireplace category. You set the temperature and hit a button on your remote control and it’s beautiful.”

Other customers looking to avoid high heating bills due to out-of-date heat pumps could benefit from a pellet or woodstove.

“If a buyer strictly wants to save on their heating bills they’ll definitely want to go to a pellet or heating stove,” he said. “They want to see the savings at the end of the year. It’s a proven fact that if you’re comparing gas or oil to wood or pellets it generally runs about 50 percent cheaper to use that fuel rather than the other, so your appliance costs typically will pay for itself – if we have a season like last year – in one or two seasons.”



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Owners Glen and Carla Rantz opened Fireplace Supply Company, Inc on Labor Day.

Glen said the Farmer’s Almanac is predicting another harsh winter.

“Quite frankly it’s been one of the coldest summers I can remember – up until last week – in many, many years,” he said.

If their endeavors continue to be successful, the store could expand into carrying other outdoor items.

“We sell outdoor items, but we don’t

have any room to show outdoor furniture and fireplaces,” Carla said. “Hopefully we’ll be able to get another spot.”

“That’s our five-year plan – maybe to have another store right beside us here,” said Glen. “There’s not really a place around here like that, so there’s kind of a need for it.”

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Engine compartment vapor results in boat's explosion

By Nancy Powell

Staff Writer/Ocean City Today

OCEAN PINES - The cause of the fire that led to the explosion of a boat in Ocean Pines and injured passengers onboard Aug. 31 was determined to be accidental and blamed on a vapor explosion in the engine compartment.

The Worcester County Fire Marshal's Office made that determination following an investigation into the boat fire and explosion at 43 Boatswain Drive.

Boat owner Neal Edwards of Springfield, Va., was preparing to take his wife, daughter and two friends visiting from California for a boat ride. He opened all of the hatches and started blowers to vent gasoline that might have accumulated. He estimated the blowers were on for 10 to 14 minutes.

They were on while he went to the house to get a cooler and to notify his passengers it was time to board the 22-foot run-about boat. When his wife, Bonnie, their daughter, Shannon, and friends Dawn Van Deursen and Larry McPherson were aboard, Edwards started the boat's engine, put it in reverse and then put it in forward to pull away from the dock. An explosion then

rocked the boat.

The people aboard either jumped out, crawled out or were thrown from the boat and then helped to the Edwards' yard by neighbors.

Van Deursen and McPherson were flown to the Bay View Burn Center at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore to be treated for burns to their legs and arms. As of Tuesday, Van Deursen remained in the burn center, but McPherson was no longer there, according to a nurse at Bayview.

Neal and Bonnie Edwards were treated at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury and released that evening. Shannon Edwards, who was seated farthest from the explosion, was treated at the scene.

The boat was a total loss.



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Church officials of Buckingham Presbyterian Church lay their hands on schoolchildren during the annual Blessing of the Backpacks event at the Berlin church on Sunday. At center is Willa Novelli.

NANCY POWELL/OCEAN CITY TODAY

'Taste of the Arts' set for Oct. 12 at Community Ctr.

OCEAN PINES—The Worcester County Arts Council in partnership with the Worcester County Library Foundation invites the community to attend the second annual "Taste of the Arts" be held on Sunday, Oct. 12, from 1-4 p.m. in the Ocean Pines Community Center Assateague Room.

This event is a fundraiser to benefit the promotion and awareness of the arts in Worcester County.

This event will include art exhibits and sale, live music entertainment by Apple & Britt and light refreshments.

A "Taste of the Arts" will offer a unique, creative and culinary arts experience where everyone gets an opportunity to enjoy featured works created by talented artists and artisans, available for purchase, sample treats prepared by JJ&K Catering and delight in the sounds of music, all while supporting art experiences in the community.

Tickets are limited and cost \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Ticket price includes a complimentary glass of wine.

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Betsey Bernier makes plant-based glycerin soap using local seaweed, recently at the Worcester County Development Center in Newark.

WCDC facility improves services to help area clients

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer
NEWARK— A massive new facility has helped the Worcester County Development Center more than double its ability to help area clients with developmental disabilities.

Formed in 1971, the nonprofit assists adults in Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset counties.

Program Administrator Jack Ferry said WCDC started like many other grass roots organizations – in basements and garages.

“The parents saw that after school was out there was nothing for their children to do, and so they got together and it started with recreational activities and things like that,” he said. “Pretty much across the country any of these organizations that are 40, 50, 60 years old – that’s how they started.”

The original building burned down in 2007. Rebuilt in 2011, the new 34,000 square foot facility serves 65 clients on a daily basis, along with several dozen more that work in the community.

“It was a blessing in disguise because the old building was a 70-year-old school house,” said Ferry. “We’re growing. We have referrals coming in

on a daily basis, so now we can provide more opportunities for more people. We’re able to do a lot more than we were in the old facility.”

Money from the county, state, grants and big mortgage, according to Ferry, paid for the facility. Additional funding comes from the Friends of WCDC auxiliary and other nonprofits including the United Way.

Today the center focuses on jobs and job training. WCDC places low-functioning clients in “day-hab” areas that focus on sensory stimulation and recreational activities. Higher functioning clients – the vast majority at the center – perform a range of tasks for dozens of different local businesses.

WCDC processes more than 1,000 pounds of laundry each day for coastal rentals and hotels in Rehoboth Beach and Ocean City, grows plants in an on-site greenhouse, cooks and provides off-site catering, performs lawn care, and repackages and assembles items for Bel-Art Products, Inc. in Pocomoke.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE MERGER OF EXELON CORPORATION AND
PEPCO HOLDINGS, INC. BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION OF MARYLAND

CASE NO. 9361 ■ ISSUED: AUGUST 19, 2014

On August 19, 2014, pursuant to § 6-105 of the Public Utilities Article, *Annotated Code of Maryland* (“PUA”), Exelon Corporation (“Exelon”), Pepco Holdings, Inc. (“PHI”), Potomac Electric Power Company (“Pepco”), and Delmarva Power & Light Company (“Delmarva Power”) (collectively, “Applicants”) filed, with the Public Service Commission (“Commission”), an application requesting authorization for Exelon to acquire the power to exercise substantial influence over the policies and actions of Pepco and Delmarva Power (“Application”). The Applicants also filed supporting testimony and exhibits.

According to the Application, under an Amended and Restated Agreement and Plan of Merger dated July 18, 2014, Exelon and PHI have agreed to combine (the “Merger”), whereby Pepco and Delmarva Power, public service companies operating in Maryland, will become part of the family of Exelon distribution utilities. Pepco and Delmarva Power, electric companies operating in the State, are wholly-owned subsidiaries of PHI. Consequently, the Commission’s approval is required under § 6-105 of the PUA because the Merger will result in Exelon acquiring the power to exercise substantial influence over the policies and actions of Pepco and Delmarva Power, and Exelon will become an affiliate of Pepco and Delmarva Power upon consummation of the Merger.

A pre-hearing conference in this matter is hereby set for Friday, September 19, 2014, in the Commission’s 16th Floor Hearing Room, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, beginning at 10:00 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 with Wednesday, September 17, 2014.

IT IS, THEREFORE, this 19th day of August in the year Two Thousand Fourteen, by the Public Service Commission of Maryland,

ORDERED: (1) That pursuant to § 6-105(g) of the Public Utilities, *Annotated Code of Maryland*, a proceeding is hereby initiated by the Commission for examination and investigation of the Application and for the issuance of an Order concerning the transaction after hearings in this matter have been conducted by the Commission;

(2) That an original and 17 paper copies, and an electronic copy, of any petition to intervene in this matter shall be filed with the Commission by Wednesday, September 17, 2014;

(3) That the Applicants are hereby directed to cause a display advertisement to be published in newspapers in general circulation throughout the service areas of Pepco and Delmarva Power at least two times prior to September 17, 2014, that includes a description of the matter on which the prehearing conference is being held and the time, date, place and purpose of the prehearing conference scheduled for September 19, 2014.

The notice shall also advise persons who seek to intervene in this proceeding that an original and 17 copies, plus one electronic file copy, of the petition to intervene, shall be submitted to David J. Collins, Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of Maryland, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, by Wednesday, September 17, 2014;

(4) That the Applicants are directed to place on each entity’s home website 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 person 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;

(5) That the Applicants are directed to utilize social media or other means of communication at its disposal to further notify its customers of the prehearing conference, as appropriate; and

(6) That the Applicants shall file a proof of publication on or before the date of the prehearing conference.

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



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Dr. Michnick relocated to Ocean City 20 years ago and is an active member of the community and Temple Bat Yam. He's held all positions at the Rotary Club. Professionally, he is a member of the American Dental Association and the Eastern Shore Dental Society. Dr. Michnick has also attended the prestigious Las Vegas Institute for Advanced Dental Studies. Dr. Michnick enjoys spending his time off with his wife Deanne and their two children.



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Do You Immunize?

By Suzanne Marcalus,
Coastal Drug Institutional Pharmacy

If you get your flu shot annually without hesitation, you undoubtedly understand the value of protecting yourself against the ravages of seasonal influenza. But did you know that by protecting yourself, you may also be protecting those around you who are vulnerable to influenza because of age, active disease, or a weak immune system?

If you are among the flu-shot reluctant, this may be the year to change, especially if you have people in your life who are flu vulnerable. Science and reformulated injectable vaccines have quelled the notion that individuals can get the flu from their flu shots. All influenza vaccines for injection are formulated with inactivated (killed) virus particles. The CDC has a great website for learning more about influenza vaccines, the viruses they protect against, and the ones they don't (which explains how patients immunized against the seasonal flu can contract other types of flu-like infections) (www.CDC.gov).

With immunization services now an intricate part of pharmacy practice, the public flu vaccination process has become more personalized, with provision of private screening areas, convenient walk-in times, and opportunities to request specific immunizing pharmacists. These pharmacists are often just the coach you need to start your journey to seasonal flu immunization.

Okay, you've thought it over; you're getting your flu shot. You've selected the place, time, and immunizing pharmacist. What next? Expect to answer some health screening questions (be forthright), provide any insurance information, understand the fee schedule if applicable, and give consent after you review the vaccination information provided.

Most people will receive the regular flu shot, which is administered into the upper outside arm muscle. Wear a loose short-sleeved or sleeveless shirt/top. The immunizer needs clear access to the area just below your shoulder joint, which will be examined briefly and cleansed.

Some individuals feel a brief stinging sensation from the vaccine itself; others do not. The pharmacist will ask you to remain seated for a short time after vaccination.

Adults 18-64 years may be offered the intradermal flu shot. With this option, vaccine is injected within the skin layer using a micro needle and mini pressure burst.

Adults 65+ years may be offered the high-dose flu shot, which contains an additional amount of antigen (compared with the regular flu shot) for purposes of eliciting a stronger immune response. This is particularly important in seniors, as declining immune responses are part of the aging process.

With any flu vaccination, immunity is not instant and may take up to 2 weeks to develop. Mild soreness at the injection site and other minor effects are possible and should be discussed.



Built in 2011, the massive Worcester County Development Center in Newark serves 65 clients on a daily basis, as well as several dozen others who work in the community.

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WCDC expands services for clients with special needs

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ber – we look at their interests, their attitudes, their abilities,” Ferry said. “We show them the different areas and they’ll try them and see which one they like.

“Once we do that then we set up an individual plan for them and set goals for them to achieve,” Ferry continued. “Our three step plan is – say in food service – they first come in and learn the basics of food services and sanitation and preparation and all that other stuff by serving the staff and the clients lunch every day – all the clients get a free lunch. The second step, once they achieve that proficiency, is then they work in our catering program. They still work under our supervision, but they’re serving people in the community. The third step then would be working at the Atlantic Hotel or Fager’s Island or something like that.”

Ferry estimated WCDC placed around 20 clients in outside jobs since the building expanded. Some workers, including those contracted by Bel-Art, are paid piece rates based on the complexity of the job with the Department of Labor providing formulas and oversight.

“Everybody in here except for the people in the day-hab area where we’re doing sensory stimulation is getting paid,” Ferry said. “They’re either paid for doing real work or getting on-the-job training.”

One of the newest endeavors at WCDC is Inner Ocean Soap, a plant-based glycerin soap produced using local seaweed.

“We’re real excited about this,” Ferry said. “We had been looking into doing it for a number of years and we couldn’t find either staff or volunteers with the knowledge to help us get going. Then our business development guy, Ryan McManus, found this business being sold on Craig’s List. We were able to buy the process, some of our people went down for a week and got the training on how to do the process, and they brought it back and taught the clients how to do it.”

Bungalow Love and Sisters in Berlin, Robinson’s Jewelry and Clock in Salisbury, Bungalow Seven in West Ocean City, and Chanceford Hall Bed, Breakfast and Corner Store and Sassy Girl in Snow Hill carry the soap.

Other clients, like Ocean City resident Betty Sturgis, do reception work. Sturgis, who has Cerebral Palsy, has been working with WCDC since 1977.

“I’ve been here ever since,” she said. “I like it here more now because the building is a lot bigger and it’s a lot better. There are a lot more things to do.”

Sturgis said Friday is the best day of the week.

“Everybody gets very excited because that’s when we get paid,” she said. “We get our paycheck and go home and enjoy our two days off be-



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Inner Ocean Soap, sold at shops in Berlin, Ocean Pines, Ocean City and Salisbury, is produced by workers at the Worcester County Development Center in Newark.

Developmentally disabled benefit from WCDC growth

fore we come back on Monday.”

Ferry said the number of people in Worcester County with developmental disabilities is on the rise.

“It’s a lot more than you’d think,” he said. “It’s going up, and I think a lot of it is just that the detection of it is greater than it ever was.”

Ferry hopes to expand several WCDC programs in the near future, growing fresh lavender for the soap or microgreens for local restaurants in the greenhouse, as well as delving into landscaping. He also hopes to develop more satellite sites.

“We would ultimately like to go more out into the community,” he said. “With our soap I’d like to see us get to a point where we’re able to purchase a building out in the community where we would hire people from to work alongside our clients – not as staff people, but more as an integrated workforce. Same thing with the laundry – that’s getting pretty close to the point where we’re going to have to go out into the community, purchase a building, outfit it, and then we could have clients and people from the community working side-by-side.”

While the nonprofit is enjoying a period of growth and expansion, Ferry said there is a danger that government officials may step in. The Department of Justice is cracking down on facilities like WCDC, labeling them “sheltered workshops.”

“They feel that they hinder the progress of clients rather than help them by keeping them in places like this, and they’re closing them down,” he said. “They would rather just have them doing activities than working, and in my mind that’s a step backwards.”

“Our goal is to get them all out of here,” Ferry continued. “I’d love to be able to close the doors because they’re all working alongside us in the community. That’s not going to happen for a lot of our people, so there is a need for places like this and there is a need for clients who can come in and can do productive work. It’s real work.”

Companies like Bel-Art, Ferry said,

are not contracting WCDC merely out of the kindness of their hearts.

“They’re doing it because we do a good job for them at a good price,” he said. “Same thing with the linen – our guys can do a good job and that’s why they’re getting the work. They can work under our supervision, but out in the community independently they’re not going to be able to do that. So there is a real need for places like this.”

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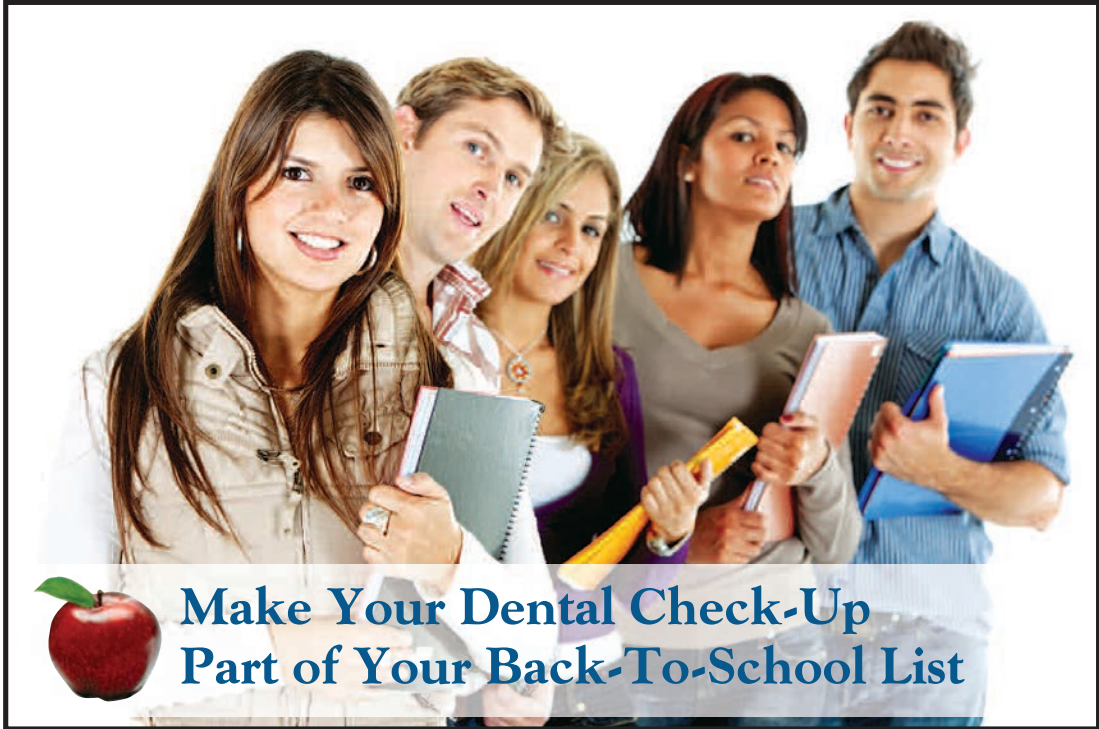
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BERLIN—Atlantic General Hospital and Peninsula Regional Medical Center are collaborating with the Ocean Pines Association and its Communications Advisory Committee to offer a Free Health Fair to the community. The event will be held Saturday, Oct. 4, from 8 a.m. to noon, in the Ocean Pines Community Center at 235 Ocean Parkway. Atlantic General Hospital will be providing various health-related screenings including: hearing, foot checks for neuropathy, carotid, and bone density. Other information specialists will be there from the Endoscopy Center, Mental Health Services, Health Literacy, Orthopedics, Advance Directives, Palliative Care, Patient Portal, Hospital Quality and Patient Safety. PRMC providers will be on site performing blood pressure checks, pulse oximetry, body composition screenings and heel dexta screenings. On board the PRMC Wagner Wellness Van will be physicians conducting skin cancer screenings. There will be infor-

mation available on ortho/joint replacement, healthy spines, ALS, Osteoporosis. Stroke, cardiac rehab, Home scripts, Lifeline, wound care, and an interactive lab exhibit. Information on other health and personal safety topics will also be available, including the Affordable Care Act/Lower Shore Health Insurance Assistance Program updates. There will also be community health related vendors from the area providing additional screenings and education. This year AGH will be offering free flu shots for participants over the age of 13 during the event. The event is open to everyone; all are welcome to attend, even those who are visiting the area. The free health fair will also include hot dog sales by the Kiwanis of Ocean City-Ocean Pines and the Ocean Pines Farmers Market will be open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call Dawn Denton at the Community Education office at Atlantic General at 410-641-9268, Rhonda Lasher at Community Relations at Peninsula Regional Medical Center at 410-543-7766 or for vending space call the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052.



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Coastal Hospice to present area informational sessions

BERLIN - Coastal Hospice depends on a dedicated staff of volunteers to fulfill its mission of promoting dignity and quality of life for patients and families who face life-limiting conditions.

The nonprofit organization will hold two one-hour informational sessions in September to present the volunteer opportunities available at Coastal Hospice. They will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 23 from 10-11 a.m. at the Coastal Hospice at the Ocean offices at 10441 Racetrack Road in Berlin; and on Wednesday, Sept. 24 from 10-11 a.m. at the Coastal Hospice Volunteer Services office at PhilMore Commons on Phillip Morris Drive and US 50 in Salisbury.

There are several ways volunteers help at Coastal Hospice. Volunteers visit patients and their families to offer a listening ear, read, run errands, prepare meals or hold a hand. They assist with office duties, provide community education, attend health fairs and help with fundraising activities. Volunteers also work at the Coastal Hospice Thrift Shop in Berlin, assisting customers, creating displays, operating the cash register and sorting and pricing donations.

"Our volunteers say the experience of helping Coastal Hospice enriches their own lives," said Judy Hunt-Harris, manager of volunteers. "Many volunteers simply want to make a difference in our community."

Volunteers serve in one of the four Lower Shore counties Coastal Hospice serves—Wicomico, Worcester, Dorchester and Somerset—and can generally set their own schedule.

Walk-ins to both sessions are welcome, or anyone interested may call Hunt-Harris for more information at 410-543-2590.

Founded in 1980, Coastal Hospice is a nonprofit health care organization that cares for individuals facing life-limiting conditions, but who want to remain as active and engaged as possible. Coastal Hospice cares for patients in their home, nursing home, assisted living facility or at Coastal Hospice at the Lake.



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Please send all letters to editor, notices, calendar events and community announcements to editor@baysidegazette.com by 5 p.m. Monday.

Good decision to update Berlin area utility poles

Besides the constant chill of last winter, snow on the ground and doing everything possible to stay warm, many remember how Delmarva Power employees were out there every day after well into the dark of night replacing Ocean City's wooden utility poles with new, galvanized steel replacements along Coastal Highway.

The 90-foot-poles can withstand winds up to 120 m.ph., according to Delmarva power.

So Berlin and West Ocean City, this winter is your turn. The utility company will be replacing all of its 65 wooden poles between the Worcester Substation on Old Ocean City Boulevard and Route 50 and the West Ocean City substation on Golf Course Road with the 80-90-foot poles.

While we drive by many times the workers installing and then wiring the poles, we should all be prepared for one small block of inconvenience. That could be on December 9 when Delmarva Power will need to shut down power for a four to six-hour window of interruption. We can also expect that he power shutdown will occur during the early morning hours when most are sleeping, between midnight and five a.m.

The power interruption will impact more than 2,400 Berlin customers and more than 11,000 Delmarva Power customers.

Like the Ocean City poles, those to be installed in and around Berlin will also be able to withstand winds up to 120 mph. Also, as it was said at Monday evening's Town Council meeting, most of the existing electrical poles and infrastructure were put in place over 50 years ago.

This is going to be a big project, but we think that for the minor inconvenience of one scheduled power outage, the short and long-term benefit will be welcome to Berlin, especially as the town begins to grow both as a residential and a commercial destination.

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Les Munro at 102 still going strong

His 75-year-old son still has to get him on cellphone

By Phil Jacobs
Editor

Okay, so what does one ask a 102-year-old man who has been written about before especially when he reached the centennial mark two years ago?



But there is something different, special about Leslie J. Munro. I think that special trait is that there's not a whole lot difference between Les and most other people.

He lives in Ocean Pines in a beautifully decorated house with a tree-shaded back yard. When he needs to, he hops into his Buick and drives to the grocery store, the doctor's office and especially to Atlantic United Methodist Church.

Here I am interviewing him again when in June, 2012, we wrote a cover piece about his life, starting from his youth in Winnipeg, Manitoba to his family's moves through the

U.S. to suburban Washington, D.C.

He was the son of a stone mason, and Les had an amazing opportunity to be part of a crew that washed all 555 feet, five inches of the Washington Monument.

Les would go on to be become a career life insurance salesman for the Lincoln Aca-cia Mutual Company. He retired from that company in 1976. Now when most of us retire, we're thinking that we're going to be around a good 25 years or so. Well Les has been in retirement for about 38 years. He should get a gold watch for the number of years he's not been working.

So getting back to being 102. Les did say he felt defined by his age, but that might have something to do with people always asking him the same questions, like "what is it like to be 102?" Or "do you have a special diet?"

"I don't know what the answer is to that question about why I've lived so long," he said. "If I knew the answer, I'd bottle it up and sell it."

And as far as the food is concerned, Les said he pretty much eats whatever it is we all eat, but he does make sure to have a salad.

Faith.

I'm certainly no expert. But during my short time with Les, I knew I was with a man with a tremendous connection to God.

"I thank him for getting me through the night when I wake up in the morning," he said.

When he was newly married and living in Washington, D.C., young men were being sent to fight WWII in Europe and the Pacific. Because he had a child and was a little older than most recruits, he was assigned the important task of air raid warden. It was especially vital in Washington, D.C. that when the air raid drills or sirens themselves would blare, he'd go to houses and apartments and make sure windows were covered with black out materials. He could fine people if they didn't comply.

He also grew in the D.C. area quite a sports fan, rooting then for the Washington Redskins when they played at the old Griffith Stadium. He is still a Redskins fan and he loves to watch the Washington Nationals and Baltimore Orioles Major League Baseball teams on television. Many of us do. He was also looking forward during this interview at watching the U.S. Open Tennis championship.

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LETTERS

OP Board should check gaming revenue accuracy

Editor,
I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to all members of the

(Ocean Pines) Board (of Directors) for your service to our community.
I'm sure you all have agendas for continuing to make Ocean Pines a great place to live, but I would like to offer a few ideas for your considera-

tion, particularly in the area of increasing our revenues.
You are probably aware of the legislation extending gambling in the Maryland casinos to include table games. The legislation distributes 80 percent the table game revenue to the Casino Operators and 20 percent to the State Education Fund. However, a little known provision in the legislation changes the distribution in 2017 to 15 percent to the State Education Fund and five percent to local jurisdictions. That can all change with a stroke of the pen between now and 2017.

other than an association members or guest of a member, even inadvertently, at the very least we would be subjected to fines and it would jeopardize our current liquor license as well.
Ocean Pines being Ocean Downs' close neighbor puts us in a unique position to jointly promote our facilities. The owner of Ocean Downs also owns Delaware Park and a nearby golf course. Delaware Park offers casino, golf, restaurant and hotel packages. Ocean Downs only has a casino and Ocean Pines has the rest, golf, restaurants, swimming, tennis, and even rentals. We should be partnering with Ocean Downs for our mutual benefit. This is an opportunity for new revenue and we should expedite that before other facilities and/or municipalities beat us to it.

With energy, faith Munro loves church, watching sports

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"Tennis was my sport," he said.
When he said that, I was wondering what we didn't have in common besides the 42 years he's lived longer than I have.
Les and his wife came to Ocean Pines in 1974. It was, he said, all woods with streets cut through. He remembers looking with Kathryn for their land on Sloop Lane. Speaking of Kathryn, he took care of her faithfully until she died in 2006. The couple was married for 67 years.
And yes, there is a child, Paul. He's only 75 years old, and he lives in Indian Head, Md. He bought his father a cellphone for Christmas, and Les still isn't sure how to work it.
These kids today.
Les also doesn't have a computer in the house
"I think we overly communicate," he said. "I don't have a computer, because they scare me. People can find out things about other people that should be private. I don't want that."
He is a Masonic past master of Lodge Potomac 5 D.C. This is a lodge that has in its possession an actual gavel used by President George Washington. The group gave Les a beautiful gavel with an ivory carved head for his services as a Mason.
What bothers him about the contemporary world?
"What I deplore the most is that in the past when we spoke of our forefathers, they were essentially religious

men," he said. "They always had a bible on the table. I have no faith in our Congress and Senate. They are all in it for themselves and damn us."
Getting back to God, Les does attend a weekly Bible study, and he is at church every Sunday.
But he admits he worries that he's losing his energy. Just then his landline telephone rang, and before it hit the second ring, Les was up immediately and across one room and into the living room to answer it. "Losing his energy?"
So one more time, I had to ask him again where he gets his life's energy from.
"The grace of God is as good an answer as I can give anyone," he said. "I went for my semi-annual checkup. Everything is good."
"But he concluded, I never thought about living this long."
Bible study is coming up in a few days, so he said he'll be ready for that. And he loves choral religious music which explains his years of singing in the church choir.
Forgot to add on the food front that he said "I do eat sensibly, and I always do my own cooking here...not too much beef."
Amazing.
I was almost tempted to challenge him to a set of tennis.
But....beaten by a 102-year-old wouldn't feel so good.
It's not 102 and counting with Les. "It's 102 and what's on the schedule?"

So I ask the Board to monitor the issue to ensure Ocean Pines continues to get their fair share of the revenue and to ensure the revenue continues to be distributed directly to us and is not distributed through the county as was originally proposed for slots revenue distribution.
When the Ocean Club next door to our Beach Club closed it resulted in a void in available alcoholic beverage service for the beach goers in the area. By not modifying our Beach Club liquor license to an unlimited license to take advantage of that void and to enable us to serve alcoholic beverages not only to OPA members and their guests, but all adult beach goers, I believe our Association has allowed tens of thousands of dollars to slip through our fingers.
Now is the time to modify our liquor license to increase Beach Club revenue because currently there is no nearby competition on our side of the street that can object to our license application. That situation can change at any time. For example, our next-door neighboring condo has restaurant space for sale or lease. That restaurant will surely have a license to serve alcoholic beverages. I also believe that we should endeavor to protect our interests. If the licensing authority was to discover that one of our employees served alcoholic beverages to someone

For the past two or three years OPA has requested a recreation grant from the county. That's something we richly deserve with all of the facilities we make available to the general public. I hope the Board will continue to pursue a recreation grants in the next budget period, and going forward as well.
Some would say that the fees the general public contributes to our amenities subsidizes our Association, while others would say that the Associations assessments are subsidizing our amenities for the general public. Either way you want to look at it, I think it is only fair that the general public's fees should represent our actual cost of their participation in each specific amenity. It appears to me that the general public now pays a very nominal fee, slightly higher than our Association member's fees. With that in mind, I suggest we study our amenities and develop an allocation of the actual individual's operating cost for all of our amenities. That would also be valuable information to have for controlling costs and developing all fees.
Norman Katz
Ocean Pines



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Assateague Island filly now to be called ‘Ms. Macky’

Justin McIntyre wins raffle; naming chance

ASSATEAGUE - It's official. N2BHS-AL has a proper name—"Ms. Macky."

Assateague Island Alliance (AIA), the friends group of Assateague Island National Seashore presented a raffle to "Name that Foal," a pinto filly born in December of 2013.

Justin McIntyre of Ocean City, held the winning ticket and was given the rare opportunity to choose a proper name for this wild Assateague Horse.

The raffle ticket was drawn by a random patron at Macky's Bayside Bar & Grill on Sept. 1 and the new name, "Ms. Macky," is not a coincidence.

McIntyre, a bartender at the 54th Street establishment, chose the name in honor of Pam Stansell, owner of restaurant with her husband, Macky, and longtime volunteer for Assateague Island National Seashore and Assateague Island Alliance. She is also a Pony Patrol volunteer, educating visitors of the rules and regulations in place to keep both the horses and visitors safe. "Ms. Macky" is the newest addition to the Foster Horse Program and will soon be available for "adoption." AIA would like



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A pinto filly born N2BHSAL in December of 2013, has a new name—"Ms. Macky." An AIA raffle winner gets chance to name her.

to extend sincere gratitude to all who participated in the raffle and for supporting the wild horses of Assateague Island National Seashore and the natural resources on which they depend. The next opportunity to name a wild horse will be in the "Name that Foal" eBay auction which will be held this December. All proceeds generated

through AIA programs directly benefit Assateague Island National Seashore.

Assateague Island Alliance (AIA), a 501(c)3 organization, was created to benefit Assateague Island National Seashore by supporting interpretive, educational and scientific programs

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Assateague Island Alliance presented a raffle to "Name that Foal." Justin McIntyre held the winning ticket and was given the opportunity to choose a proper name for a wild Assateague Horse. He is pictured with AIA representatives from left, Carolyn Cummins, Pam Stansell Ashlie Kozlowski.

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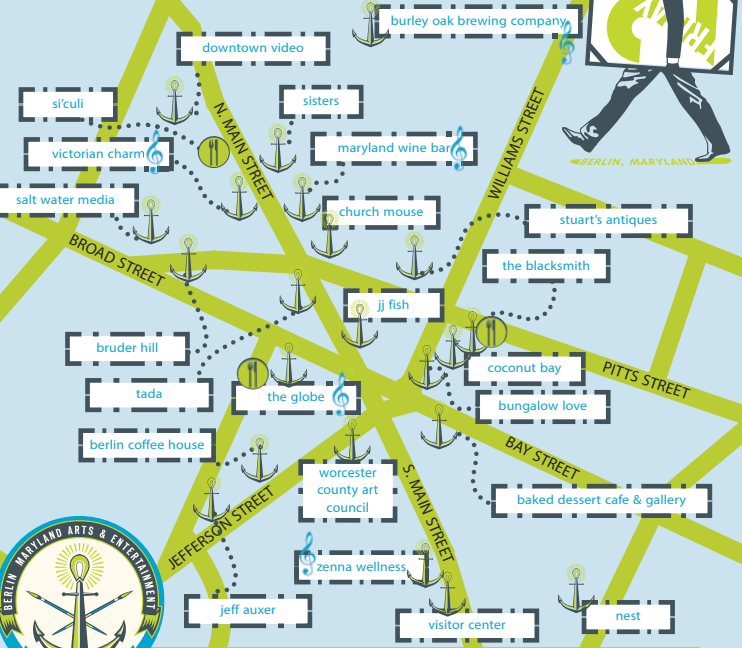
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burley oak brewing company: nick denny (photographer)

church mouse: The Church Mouse will be donating to the Berlin Fire Company. We like to donate to them in September in remembrance of 9/11. Sparky (mascot) will be in Front of the Mouse to promote fire safety.

downtown video: painted gourds

jeff auxer: open studio for glass blowing

jj fish: tom frey (woodturner)

maryland wine bar: ed sparks (music)

nest: susan russell (painter)

salt water media: william neidhardt (author & book signing)

si'culi: \$5 sangria & bloody mary's

sisters: jim adcock (painter); spare change (music)

the blacksmith: natalee dehart (photographer); food/beverage specials on the deck

the globe: berlin photography collective from various artists with an opening reception from 5-9pm in the balcony Art Gallery including light refreshments; the night hawks 8pm (music); \$10 blue plate specials 5-10

victorian charm: buck mann (author) featuring a book signing with local author, Bunk Mann, and his book "Vanishing Ocean City". Pre-sale orders can be made in advance by calling Victorian Charm

worcester county art council: david simpson (painter)

zenna wellness: zanna la (funky acrylic artist),

young fiddlers group "perpetual motion" 7pm (music), sea shell sweets

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clifford brett (sculptor) • wendy hoffman (hand painted signs)

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Summer's final 2nd Friday, town-wide open house

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer
BERLIN— The final 2nd Friday of the summer brings dozens of downtown shops and restaurants together for a town-wide open house on Sept. 12 from 5-8 p.m.

Many stores, galleries and restaurants in Berlin are offering new art displays, live entertainment and extended hours.

The Berlin Fire Company is the September outreach organization for the Church Mouse on 101 North Main Street. Mascot “Sparky” will greet guests in front of the shop to encourage fire safety and “I Support Berlin Fire Department” t-shirts will be available for sale. Call 410-641-4385 or visit www.stpaulsberlin.org.

Victorian Charm, on 100 North Main Street, features a book signing with “Vanishing Ocean City” author Bunk Mann. Copies of his 220-page coffee table book will be for sale for \$49.95. Call 410-641-2998 or visit www.victoriancharm.biz.

Eclectic group Peggy and Friends perform at Berlin Coffee House on 17 Jefferson Street. Call 410-629-1073.

Baked Desserts Cafe on 4 C Bay Street welcomes Princess Anne painter and illustrator Sarah Grangier. California Zinfandel “Predator” and all-natural nibbles will be available for sampling. Call 410-641-1800 or visit www.bakeddessertcafe.com.

Oil painter Susan Russell will be at Nest on 11 South Main Street, Suite B. Call 410-629-1030 or visit www.nest-berlin.com.

Bungalow Love on 12 Williams

Street will host Snow Hill artist Dawn Tarr. Tarr will face, arm or leg paint “mini-masterpieces” for \$5. Call 410-641-2781 or visit www.bungalowlove.net.

Photographer Nick Denny will be at Burley Oak Brewing Company on 10016 Old Ocean City Boulevard. Call 443-513-4647 or visit www.burleyoak.com.

Maryland Wine Bar, on 103 North Main Street, features live music by Ed Sparks from 8-10 p.m. Call 410-629-1022 or visit www.themdwinebar.com.

Blacksmith, on 104 Pitts Street, will display black and white photographs by Natalee DeHart. Call 410-973-2102 or visit www.facebook.com/Blacksmithrestaurantberlin.

The Globe on 12 Broad Street will display a collection of Berlin photography from various artists. The Night Hawks will perform, and \$10 blue-plate specials run 5-8 p.m. Call 410-641-0784 or visit www.globetheater.com.

Downtown Video on 114 North Main Street will have hand-painted gourds. Call 410-641-1074.

Wood turner Tom Frey will display his one-of-a-kind bowls, vases, miniature birdhouses and ornaments sourced from local woods at j.j.Fish Studio and Fine Craft Gallery on 14 North Main Street. Call 410-641-4805 or visit www.jjfishstudio.com.

The Worcester County Arts Council’s September exhibit features work by Ocean City-based oil painter David Simpson. The gallery, located on 6 Jefferson Street, will hold an opening reception with refreshments from 5-8 p.m. Call 410-641-0809 or visit www.worcestercountyartscouncil.org.

Si’culi Rustic Italian Kitchen on 104 North Main Street offers \$5 sangria and bloody marys. Call 410-629-0550 or visit www.siculiberlin.com.

Spare Change performs at Sister’s on 113 North Main Street. Painter Jim Adcock will display work. Call 443-513-4158 or visit www.sistersgift-store.com.

Jeffrey Auxer Designs on 19 Jefferson Street will host an open house from 6-8 p.m. Call 443-513-4210 or visit www.jeffreyauxer.com.

Acrylic artist Aanna La comes to Zenna Wellness Studio on 10 South Main Street. Call 443-373-7069 or visit www.zennawellnessyoga.com.

On Main Street, mother-daughter duo Diane and Jean will sell their handcrafted gel candle creations in glass aquarium bowls with blown glass fish and sea creatures. Author William Neidhardt will sign books at the Salt-water Media Table. Metal sculptor Clifford Brett, food truck Sea Shell Sweets and sign artist Wendy Hoffman will also set up on Main Street.

For more information follow Berlin MD Arts & Entertainment on Facebook.

Freeman Stage to offer arts, jazz festivities



Cynthia Holiday

SELBYVILLE, DE. - The Freeman Stage at Bayside is gearing up to host its 7th annual Arts and Jazz Festival beginning Saturday, Sept. 13 at 10 a.m.

The festival, which showcases live jazz performances and the work of local artists, is a favorite of area residents.

“This event is a wonderful celebration of art and artistic expression,” said Patti Grimes, executive director of the Joshua M. Freeman Foundation. “We will have an array of art vendors including painters, photographers, jewelry makers and potters displaying their creative work, with jazz artists performing throughout the day and evening.”

This year’s festival will feature three jazz performers on stage: The Joe Baione Sextet at noon, Cynthia Holiday at 2 p.m., and KJ Denhert at 4 p.m. As well, there will be more than 20 visual artists on the green who will be displaying and selling their works. Some of these artists include painter John Donato, photographer Pam Aquilani, folk artist N. Taylor Collins, painter Janie Folz and jeweler Shelby

Foxwell.

This event, supported by Delaware By Hand, is free for all, but patrons are asked to bring chairs. Food and beverages, including beer and wine, will be available for sale at The Stage Café.

The Freeman Stage, located in the Bayside community at the intersection of routes 54 and 20 in Selbyville, is a program of the Joshua M. Freeman Foundation, who partners to present memorable performances and provide inspired arts education for all.

This program is made possible, in part, by a grant from the Delaware Division of the Arts, a state agency dedicated to nurturing and supporting the arts in Delaware, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts. Grant support is also provided by the Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation, National Endowment for the Arts, the Carl M. Freeman Foundation, the Sussex County Council, and Delaware.

For more information on this season’s events, or to find out how to volunteer at The Freeman Stage, call 302-436-3015 or visit www.freemanstage.org.

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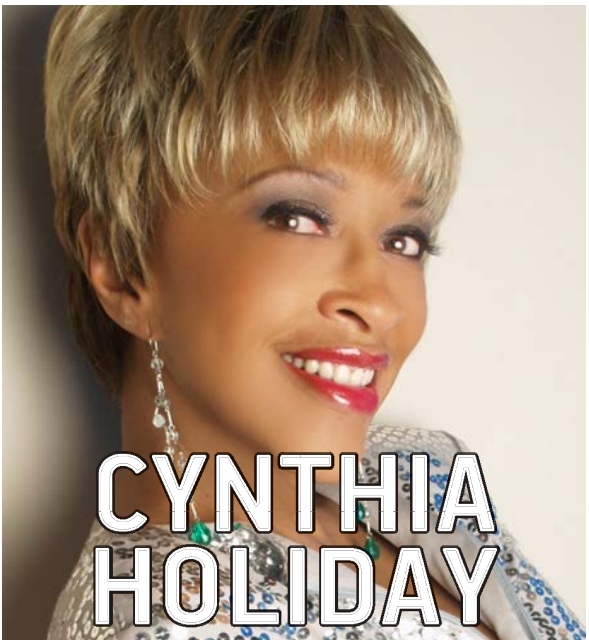
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CUISINE

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

How about some Hasselback potatoes?

Well that hasn't happened for quite some time. I'm sitting in class showing the students a movie and I get an email reminding me that I have missed my deadline, and the first thing that I think is "what deadline?"



By Paul Suplee,
CEC PCIII

I get like this during the first few weeks of the semester. These are crazy times in which the classes are built, rebuilt and tweaked; new students coming in, older students getting settled in their final semester and faculty asking when the lunches will start again.

To top it off, the program is going through its three-year inspection by our accrediting body so that's an added stressor to the day. So again, "what deadline?"

Well, Paul, it's not like you have a plethora of editors asking for you to meet a deadline; and that is when it hits me. I forgot it. Again. And right when I was on a roll.

Luckily, I've made a career out of writing ostensibly entertaining dribble in a pinch so I set to the task of bearing my soul and topping it off with a food that somehow relates to the tirade. So how do I feel? Am I worried about health at this particular moment? Could I use drink? What sounds good for dinner?

I look outside, contemplating my middle-aged fate on a cool and rainy day, and it hits me. I can't think of any food that brings comfort to my very core in such a predicament as the mighty potato.

Just this afternoon, in American Regional Cuisine, we started with New England. The non-traditional Thanksgiving dinner was accompanied by clam chowder (with potatoes), mashed potatoes,



sweet potatoes, maple-glazed turnips and carrots (I know the latter two are not potatoes, but they are roots as well). While the Hasselback potatoes were not part of the day's splendor, my mind immediately went to them for two reasons.

First, I have never written about them before. Second, they are delicious. I could even throw in a third reason; that they look as fantastic as they taste when they accompany a roasted meat or grilled steak. The butter and bacon fat meld with the fluffy potato, all encased by a crispy skin. I'm not sure about you, but it doesn't get much better than that.

I'm sure my trainer won't appreciate it, but I don't have a trainer, so I don't care. Even if I had a trainer, I would have this as a cheat. They would be worth the extra calories.

A great little trick that I learned last year when making these is to cut them using chopsticks. Well, you don't necessarily cut them with chopsticks, but they come in handy to ensure that you don't

cut all the way through the spud. Just place a chopstick on each side of the potato so that when you cut through, your blade will be perpendicular to the chopsticks. Despite the minimal taper on the sticks, you will still have a good, uniform cut on your potatoes.

With a little poaching, then roasting, and then a quick coating in butter and bacon, it's hard to argue that this is not a nugget of joy. I might make these again when I get home tonight. Despite what the 'experts' say, I will stick to a good, hearty potato every now and then.

And for every nutritionist or sports dietitian out there telling you to shy away from the carbs in these bad boys, you will find as many on the other side of the fence. Rest assured, they will act as harmoniously as our two illustrious parties in the Senate, albeit not on our tax dollar. I suggest you figure out what's right for you and earn it.

For me, it just means I will have to run an extra 10 minutes or do some more pushups. For you? I can't make that call.

But if it came down to having to do a little work to earn these Hasselback Potatoes, I'd go the extra mile for them.

And I swear I'll be on time next week. Maybe, if I remember.

Hasselback Potatoes

Serves four (two potatoes per guest)
8 red potatoes, equally sized
1 stick unsalted butter
2 strips bacon
2 sprigs fresh thyme
Fresh parsley, chopped, as needed
1/4 c. panko bread crumbs
2 tbsp. shredded Parmesan
Preheat oven to 425.

Cut slices in potatoes about 1/4" apart, using chopsticks on each side of potato on board. The chopsticks will keep your knife from cutting through.

Bring a small pot of salted water or stock (I prefer stock but you might find it superfluous) to a boil.

Add the potatoes and return the water to a simmer. Cook for about five minutes, or until they just start to turn tender.

Remove the potatoes and place on a baking sheet evenly spaced.

Cut the bacon into small pieces and cook until crispy. Drain the grease into a saucepan.

Add the butter and herbs and melt. Open the potatoes by placing a little bacon in between the slices.

Slather the top with the melted butter mixture and top this with the bread crumbs and parmesan.

Cook in the oven for eight minutes, or until the potatoes are cooked through and the topping becomes golden.

Remove and serve immediately with herbed sour cream.

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

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Joining Anthony DiAntonio, Worcester Prep's assistant headmaster and director of college counseling on the first day of school are seniors Emmi Shockley and Cecily Sass, right.

Area collaborative effort soon to ‘Take on the Trash’

OCEAN CITY - Join the Maryland Coastal Bays Program, the Town of Ocean City, the Ocean City Surf Club and Delmarva Power in celebrating Ocean Conservancy's annual International Coastal Cleanup, Saturday, Sept. 20, and take the pledge of "Take on the Trash."

Throughout the country, people will be taking the time to celebrate this annual day by picking up trash.

Last year, 648,015 people picked up more than 12 million pounds of trash (12,384,427) in more than 92 participating countries for Coast Day.

Everyone and anyone is welcomed and encouraged to join in paying it forward by picking up trash.

The event starts at 10 a.m. at Ocean City Town Hall on Third Street where volunteers will receive trash bags, latex gloves,

trash tally sheet and a commemorative T-shirt. The event will run until noon.

Tally cards can be dropped back off at Town Hall or mailed to the Ocean Conservancy.

Thanks to Delmarva Power's involvement in engaging environmental, governmental and business organizations in this region, volunteers in more than 50 locations throughout Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey will participate in this event. The annual cleanup in this area started in Delaware 27 years ago.

In 1994, the local cleanup effort expanded to include Maryland and Virginia. Eventually, New Jersey was added to the mix.

To participate in the Ocean City Cleanup, show up or register ahead of time by contacting Sandi Smith at sandis@mdcoastalbays.org or call 410-213-2297 ext. 107.

Results from this cleanup will be included on the Ocean Conservancy Web site.

OP Rec, Parks to offer movement, music for toddlers

OCEAN PINES—The Ocean Pines Recreation & Parks Department has scheduled several programs for preschoolers this fall designed to keep participants active and engaged while having fun.

Toddler Time, for children ages 18 months to 3 years and their caregivers, offers socialization through playtime, music and movement. Children will play with balls, hula hoops, tunnels, games and slides. This program, held at the Ocean Pines Community Center, is offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10-11 a.m. for 12 classes beginning Sept. 16.

Music & Movement allows children ages 1-4 to experience the joys of music with an award-winning children's musician. This interactive program includes sing-alongs, hand and body motions, hand-held rhythm instruments and dancing. The program, held at the Ocean Pines Community Center, is offered on Wednesdays from 6-6:45 p.m. for six sessions beginning Sept. 17. The cost is \$30 for Ocean Pines residents and \$35 for non-residents.

Happy Cleats, Ocean Pines' popular preschool soccer program, gives children ages 2-3 the opportunity to learn soccer fundamentals in a non-competitive environment. The 2-year-old class is offered on Tuesdays beginning Sept. 16; the 3-year-old class is offered on Thursdays beginning Sept. 18. Both are held at Somerset Park in Ocean Pines from 5-5:30 p.m. for six classes. The cost is \$35 for Ocean Pines residents and \$45 for non-residents.

These programs are open to the public and registration is required. For more information or to register, call 410-641-7052.

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THURS. Sept. 11

OC BIKEFEST — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway and the Ocean City Inlet parking lot. Featuring national entertainment and bands, stunt shows, bike builders, vendors and food and beverages. Cost is \$35 for an adult event pass, \$25 for an adult day pass and \$15 for a child event pass. Event passes include all the headlining bands, stunt teams, and exhibitors at the Inlet all weekend, along with local bar discounts, free use of the Ocean City bus system and much more. The Day pass lets you choose which day you would like to attend the headlining bands, stunt teams, and exhibitors at the Inlet. OC BikeFest Commemorative Chip available for \$1 per Chip. Info: www.ocbikefest.com or chase@ocbikefest.com.

9/11 PARADE OF BROTHERS — Along the Boardwalk from 27th Street to N. Division Street, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Motorcycle ride and memorial service to commemorate Sept. 11, 2001. Info: 800-626-2326.

OCEAN PINES GARDEN CLUB MEETING — Ocean Pines Community Center, As-sateague Room, 235 Ocean Parkway, 10 a.m. Guest speaker on Mythical Herbs. Info: Gail Jankowski, 410-208-3470. Interested visitors welcome to all meetings.

OC AARP 1917 GENERAL MEETING — MAC Senior Center, 41st Street, 9:30 a.m. Speaker will be Rebecca Powell, Director of Outreach and Social Media, NASA Wallops Flight Facility. All persons age 50 and older are welcome. Info: aarp1917.org or 410-352-5748.

BEACH SINGLES — Every Thursday, Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour at the Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel, 10100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 4 p.m. Info: Arlene, 302-436-9577.

BINGO — American Legion Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., in Ocean City, every Thursday, year round. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., games start at 7 p.m. Food available. Open to the public. Info: 410-289-3166.

CHAIR AEROBICS — St. Peter’s Lutheran Church Community Life Center, 10301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 1-2 p.m. Free will offering appreciated. Sponsored by St. Peter’s Senior Adult Ministry. Info: 410-524-7474.

CELIAC SUPPORT GROUP — Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 7-8 p.m. Support and information for those affected by Celiac Disease. Info: Betty Bellarin, 410-603-0210.

IPAD CHICKS - INTERMEDIATE — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. to noon. Drop in to the intermedi-

ate session of the iPad Chicks. Men welcome. Info: 410-208-4014.

WRITING WITH RUTH — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 1-3 p.m. Local writers meet monthly to share independent work (poems/essays/memoirs/prose, etc.) and receive encouraging feedback. All writers welcome. Info: 410-524-1818.

STORY TIME — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Children, ages 2-5 years, will enjoy stories, songs, finger plays and crafts about cows. Info: 410-208-4014.

FRI. Sept. 12

OC BIKEFEST — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway and the Ocean City Inlet parking lot. Featuring national entertainment and bands, stunt shows, bike builders, vendors and food and beverages. Cost is \$35 for an adult event pass, \$25 for an adult day pass and \$15 for a child event pass. Event passes include all the headlining bands, stunt teams, and exhibitors at the Inlet all weekend, along with local bar discounts, free use of the Ocean City bus system and much more. The Day pass lets you choose which day you would like to attend the headlining bands, stunt teams, and exhibitors at the Inlet. OC BikeFest Commemorative Chip available for \$1 per Chip. Info: www.ocbikefest.com or chase@ocbikefest.com.

POCOMOKE RIVER STATE PARK HISTORY WEEKEND — Pocomoke River State Park, 3461 Worcester Highway, Snow Hill. Featuring “Living History/Roving Naturalist,” 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the park entrance and “(Guided) Trail of Change Night Hike,” 7-8 p.m., meet at marina parking lot. Info: Matthew Wirth, matthew.wirth@maryland.gov or 410-632-2566.

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

CRAB CAKE PLATTER — Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin, 4-7 p.m. Crab cake sandwich, two sides and a drink costs \$10. Carry outs and bake sale table available. Info: 410-641-1137.

BOOK OF THE MONTH — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2-3:30 p.m. Featuring “The Distance Between Us” by Reyna Grande. Info: 410-208-4014.

SCIENCE & NATURE — Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 3:30 p.m. Hands-on activities for budding scientists, 8 years of age and older. Register: 410-957-0878.

MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY POETRY COURSE — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 1-3 p.m. This is a 10-month course. Participants will need to register for “ModPo” through Coursera.org and create their own login name and password. Lessons will be sent directly to your email address. Course discussion sessions will be held monthly at the Ocean City Library, 1-3 p.m., on the third Friday of each month beginning Sept. 19. No prior knowledge of poetry or poetics required. Info: 410-524-1818

SAT. Sept. 13

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POCOMOKE RIVER STATE PARK HISTORY WEEKEND — Pocomoke River State Park, 3461 Worcester Highway, Snow Hill. Activities include: “Scales N Tales,” “Dugout Canoe Burning Demonstration,” “History Reenactments,” “Education Displays,” “Living History,” “Movies & Crafts in the Camp Store,” and “(Guided) Evening Paddle.” Info: Matthew Wirth, matthew.wirth@maryland.gov or 410-632-2566.

CARDBOARD BOAT RACE — Kids and families of all ages are invited to build a creative cardboard boat together and compete for prizes. Cost is \$25. Benefiting The Ocean Pines Special Needs Recreation Programs. Register: 410-641-7052.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST — VFW, Post 8296, 104 66th St., bayside in Ocean City, 8-11 a.m. A \$5 donation for all-you-can-eat pancakes or 2-2-2, two eggs, two pancakes and two bacon slices, includes coffee and juice. Bloody Marys cost \$3. Info: 410-524-8196.

FARMERS MARKET — White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Locally grown vegetables and fruits, eggs, honey, kettle corn, flowers, artisan breads, seafood, meats and more. New vendors welcome. Info: 410-641-7717, Ext. 3006.

2ND ANNUAL BISHOPVILLE CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL — Wilson United

Methodist Church, 10722 Bishopville Road, Bishopville (side lot), 1-7 p.m. Admission is free. Food, desserts and drinks available for purchase. Info: 410-352-3626.

‘VIP SOCIAL’ FUNDRAISER — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 5 p.m. Cost is \$10 and includes a Pork BBQ dinner. Also featuring live entertainment and door prizes. RSVP tickets: Anna Foults, 410-641-7667 or Barbara Mazzei, 410-208-0430.

YARD SALE — Willards Fire Hall, 35356 Regnault St., Willards, 7 a.m. Breakfast sandwiches and lunch served. Oyster sandwiches, baked goods and homemade ice cream. Table rentals: 410-726-1583 or 410-835-2285. Benefits Willards Ladies Auxiliary.

Sun. Sept. 14

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FREE PERFORMANCE OF ‘MACBETH’ — Pemberton Hall, Salisbury, 7:30 p.m. Brown Box Theatre Project’s fourth annual Free Shakespeare at the Beach to present free outdoor performances of “MacBeth.” Info: www.brownboxtheatre.org/macbeth.html.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS #169 — Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Group is a 12-step program for anyone struggling with a compulsive eating problem. No initial meeting charge. Meeting contribution is \$1 weekly. Info: www.OARegion7.org or Bett, 410-202-9078.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 2, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, noon to 1 p.m. Group shares experience, strength and hope to help others. Info: Rob, 443-783-3529.

CALENDAR

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SUNDAY NIGHT SERENITY AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP MEETING — Woodlands in Ocean Pines, Independent Living Apartment Building, 1135 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 7:30 p.m.

SHARING SUNDAY — South Fire Station, Ocean Parkway (South Gate), Ocean Pines, 1-3 p.m. The Democratic Women’s Club will collect non-perishable food, toiletries and paper products to be shared with a local food ministry. Info: 410-641-8553.

FREE CONCERT ON THE LAWN — Calvin B. Taylor House Museum, 208 N. Main St., Berlin, 6 p.m. Featuring the Salisbury Community Band. Take a chair and a picnic. Info: 410-641-1019 or www.taylorhousemuseum.org.

BUFFET BREAKFAST — Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway (rear of St. Luke’s Church) in Ocean City, every second and fourth Sunday of each month, 8:30-11:30 a.m. With coffee and juice. Cost is \$9 for adults and \$4 for children 8 and younger. Info: 410-524-7994.

Mon. Sept. 15

DELMARVA SWEET ADELINE CHORUS MEETS WEEKLY — The Delmarva Chorus, Sweet Adeline’s, under the direction of Carol Ludwig, meets each Monday from 7-9 p.m., at the Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, White Horse Park. Women interested in learning the craft of a cappella singing welcome. Info: 410-641-6876.

HISTORIC MUSEUM OPEN — Historic St. Martin’s Church Museum, 11413 Worcester Highway, Showell, 1-4 p.m., Mondays through October. Info: 410-251-2849.

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN’S CLUB OF WORCESTER COUNTY MEETING — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, third Monday of each month. Coffee at 9:30 a.m., meeting at 10 a.m. Judy Davis, candidate for State Delegate for District 38C, will be the speaker. All women are welcome. Info: 814-322-2119.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30-4 p.m. The group meets twice a month to discuss both classic and modern reading selections. Contact: Jeanette Milby, 410-631-5126.

ONE MARYLAND ONE BOOK PROGRAM — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Roberto Martinez, a Mexican immigrant, tells the story of his migration from Mexico, his culture and his family at home. Info: 410-208-4014.

HYPERTENSION CLINICS — Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place at Coastal Drugs, 10231 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, 10 a.m. to noon. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Info: Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268.

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

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

Tues. Sept. 16

‘ASK A MASTER GARDENER’ — The University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service offers free clinics at the Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, on Tuesdays from 1-4 p.m., May through September. Master Gardeners will be available to answer gardening questions. Samples may be brought for testing in a plastic bag marked with name and phone number. All services are free.

AMERICA’S BOATING COURSE — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m., first class begins at 7 p.m. The course covers basic boat handling, navigation, Federal and State regulations, rules of the road, aids to navigation required equipment and more. Students successfully completing this course may be eligible for six months free membership in the Ocean City Power Squadron. There is a nominal charge for course materials. Register: 410-726-1509, 410-641-6535 or 410-641-8940. Info: www.ocpower-squadron.org.

WORCESTER COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN MEETING — Board of Education, 6270 Worcester Highway, Newark, 5-6:30 p.m. Open to the public and women of all ages are invited to attend. The group seeks volunteers for short-term assignments such as grant writing, fundraising and event planning. Info: L. Eloise Henry-Gordy, 410-641-2556.

GRAND OPENING — Republican Campaign Headquarters, 11310 Manklin Creek Road, Ocean Pines, 5-7 p.m. Light refreshments. Meet and greet your candidates and elected officials. Info: Joan Gentile, 443-465-2400 or joanierags@verizon.net.

STORY TIME — Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 10:30 a.m. Children, ages 2-5 years, will hear marvelous stories and make fun crafts. Info: 410-641-0650.

THE INFLUENCE OF THE ACCORDIAN IN MEXICAN MUSIC — Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 2 p.m. Join Frank Nanna and Carol Wolek for a musical presentation about Mexican culture. Info: 410-641-0650.

TAI CHI — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 4-5 p.m. Learn the

basic Tai Chi moves in this 6-week class. Register at the library or by calling 410-524-1818.

CHRONIC PAIN SELF-MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP — The Parke at Ocean Pines, Md. 1-3:30 p.m. Workshop will give participants tools to help meet the challenge of living with chronic pain. Pre-registration is required by calling Laura Small at 410-629-6820.

YOGA — James G. Barrett Medical Office Building, rotunda, 10231 Old Ocean City Boulevard, Berlin, 5:30-6:45 p.m. All levels welcome. Cost is \$72 for eight sessions or \$10 drop-in fee for first time. Info: Georgette Rhoads, 410-641-9734 or grhoads@atlanticgeneral.org.

Wed. Sept. 17

BINGO — Every Wednesday at Ocean City Elks Lodge 2645, 138th Street and Sinepuxent Avenue, rear of the Fenwick Inn. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., games start 6:30 p.m. Food is available. Open to the public. No one allowed in the hall under 18 years of age during bingo. Info: 410-250-2645.

DELMARVA HAND DANCING CLUB — Meets every Wednesday at Peaky’s Rooftop Restaurant & Bar, located in the Fenwick Inn, 13801 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. Beginner and intermediate lessons, 5:30-6:30 p.m., followed by dancing 6:30-9 p.m. Jitterbug, swing, cha-cha to the sounds of the ’50s, ’60s and Carolina beach music. Discounted food and drink prices. Info: 302-200-DANCE (3262).

KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OCEAN PINES/OCEAN CITY — Meets every Wednesday at the Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 7:45 a.m. Except the third Wednesday of the month when it takes place at Halls Restaurant, 5909 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 7:45 a.m., June through September. Info: d.landis@mchsi.com or 410-641-7330.

O.C. BOARDWALK LABYRINTH OPEN — St. Paul’s by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, inside Dewees Hall, 302 N. Baltimore Ave., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m., Wednesdays through Sept. 24. Replica of the 12th century original is available for walking with candlelight and sacred music; wheelchair accessible. Info: 410-289-3453 or 443-880-7608.

BAYSIDE BEGINNINGS AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP MEETING — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 7:30 p.m.

OCEAN CITY/BERLIN ROTARY CLUB MEETING — Captain’s Table Restaurant in the Courtyard by Marriott, 2 15th St, Ocean City, 6 p.m. Info: 410-641-1700 or kbates@taylorbank.com.

WORCESTER COUNTY COMMISSIONER CANDIDATE PUBLIC FORUM — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 5:30-

8:30 p.m. All candidates running for Commissioner seats in Worcester County have been invited to answer questions posed from the Ocean Pines Chamber Legislative Committee and the public. Info: 410-641-5306.

STEPHEN’S MINISTRY DINNER FUNDRAISER — Community Church’s Family Life Center, 11227 Race Track Road, Berlin, 6:30 p.m. Menu includes Carrabba’s Italian Grill’s ceasar salad, chicken marsala, penne pomodoro, soft drink and dessert. Cost is \$16 for adults and \$10 for children 6-10 and includes taxes and tip. Tickets can be purchased at the church or by calling Larry Walton, 443-831-1791.

‘FIRST STEPS IN STARTING YOUR OWN BUSINESS’ WORKSHOP — One Stop Job Market, 31901 Tri-County Way, Rm#025, Salisbury, 5:30-7 p.m. Offered every third Wednesday of each month. Take home: Business Start-Up Checklist, Business Plan Template, Legal Structures For Your Business, Trade Name Application and Application for EIN number. All free. Pre-registration is required: Lisa Twilley, 410-546-1900, ltwilley@marylandcapital.org or www.marylandcapital.org.

PINESTEEPERS WELCOME NEW DANCERS — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 7 p.m. The Pinesteppers Square Dance Club will welcome new dancers with an Introduction to Modern Western Square Dancing. Info: Arlene, 302-436-4033 or Louise, 410-430-0284.

OCEAN PINES BOAT CLUB MEMBER MEETING — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Assateague Room. Social at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:15 p.m. Speaker. Guests welcome.

GREEN CLEANING — Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 2 p.m. Learn easy recipes for general cleaners, window cleaners, carpet deodorizing, air freshening. Info: 410-641-0650.

GET PUBLISHED! — Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 7 p.m. Jean Marx of Timeflys Books offers publishing advice and assistance, including interviewing, printing, “e” publishing and creating DVDs. Info: 410-641-0650.

PLAY TIME — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Parents and children, ages infant to 5 years, explore educational toys together. Info: 410-524-1818.

HYPERTENSION CLINICS — Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place at Walgreens, Selbyville, Del., 1-3 p.m. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Info: Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268.

SUICIDE GRIEVERS’ SUPPORT GROUP — Worcester County Health Department, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 6 p.m., the third Wednesday of each month. Info: www.choosetolivemaryland.org. or 410-629-0164.

NOW PLAYING

BJ'S ON THE WATER
75th Street and the bay
Ocean City
410-524-7575
Sept. 12: Full Circle, 9 p.m.
Sept. 13: Chest Pains, 9 p.m.
Sept. 17: Thin Ice, 4 p.m.
Sept. 18: DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m.

BOURBON STREET ON THE BEACH
116th Street, behind Fountain Head Towers Condominium
Ocean City
443-664-2896
Sept. 12: Hybrid Ice Bob, 7-10 p.m.
Sept. 13: Too Much Stuff, 8-11 p.m.

CAPTAIN'S TABLE
15th St. & Baltimore Ave.
Ocean City
410-289-7192
www.captainstableoc.com
Every Friday-Tuesday: Phil Perdue
Every Thursday: Phil Perdue

CASINO AT OCEAN DOWNS
10218 Racetrack Road
Berlin
410-641-0600
Sept. 12: New Dawn Duo, 5:30-9:30 p.m.
Sept. 13: Suzette Prichett, 4:30-8:30 p.m.; Everett Spells, 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
Sept. 12: John LaMere, 4-8 p.m.
Sept. 13: Joe Smooth & John Remy, noon to 4 p.m.; Over Time, 5-9 p.m.

Sept. 14: Lauren Glick & The Mood Swingers, 3-7 p.m.
Sept. 17: The Chest Pains, 5-9 p.m.
Sept. 18: Kevin Poole & Joe Mama, 4-8 p.m.

DUFFY'S TAVERN
130th Street in the Montego Bay Shopping Center
410-250-1449
Every Sunday: Singing Fun Day w/Bob Hughes, 4-7 p.m.
Sept. 12: The Bullets, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

FAGER'S ISLAND
60th Street and the bay
Ocean City
410-524-5500
Sept. 12: Kevin Poole, DJ Muve, Drymill Road
Sept. 13: Opposite Directions, DJ Groove, Animal House
Sept. 14: Everett Spells
Sept. 15: DJ Greg, DJ RobCee, Low Cut Connie
Sept. 18: Bryan Clark

GALAXY 66
66th Street, bayside
Ocean City
410-723-6762
Sept. 12: Philly George Project, 8 p.m. to midnight
The Skye Bar
Sept. 12: Test Kitchen, 4-8 p.m.
Sept. 13: Aaron Howell, 4-8 p.m.

HARBORSIDE BAR & GRILL
12841 S. Harbor Road
West Ocean City
410-213-1846
Sept. 12: Ladies Night w/DJ Bill T
Sept. 13: Simple Truth, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m.
Sept. 14: Opposite Directions, 2-6 p.m.; DJ

Billy T/DJ BK, 9 p.m.
Sept. 15: Blake Haley, 4-8 p.m.; DJ Billy T, 8 p.m.
Sept. 16: Hot Sauce Sandwich/Funk Shue, 9:30 p.m.
Sept. 17: DJ Billy T, 7 p.m.
Sept. 18: Opposite Directions, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

HARPOON HANNA'S
Route 54 and the bay
Fenwick Island, Del.
800-227-0525
302-539-3095
Sept. 12: Dave Hawkins, 5-10 p.m.
Sept. 13: Dave Sherman, 6-10 p.m.; DJ RobCee, 10 p.m.
Sept. 14: Kevin Poole, 5-9 p.m.
Sept. 15: Dave Hawkins, 5-9 p.m.
Sept. 17: Bobby Burns, 2-5 p.m.
Sept. 18: Aaron Howell, 5-9 p.m.

HOOTERS
Rt. 50 & Keyser Point Rd.
West Ocean City
410-213-1841
Sept. 12-14: Loud Love

JOHNNY'S PIZZA & PUB
56th Street, bayside
Ocean City
410-524-7499
Sept. 13: Rob Fahey, 9 p.m.

MARYLAND WINE BAR
103 N. Main St.
Berlin
410-629-1022
Sept. 12: Live Acoustic Music, 7 p.m.

OCEAN CLUB NIGHTCLUB
In the Horizons Restaurant
In the Clarion Fontainebleau Hotel
101st Street and the ocean

Ocean City
410-524-3535
Every Thursday-Sunday: DJ Dusty, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Sept. 12-13: Power Play, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Sept. 15-20: Power Play, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.

PURPLE MOOSE
108 S. Boardwalk
Ocean City
410-289-6953
Sept. 12: CK The DJ/VJ, 2 p.m.; Surreal, 10 p.m.
Sept. 13: VJ/DJ Jammin Jeff, 2 p.m.; Surreal, 10 p.m.
Sept. 14: Great Train Robbery, 10 p.m.

SEACRETS
49th Street and the bay
Ocean City
410-524-4900
Sept. 12: Jim Long Band, 5-9 p.m.; Element K, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Live Wire - An AC/DC Tribute, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Sept. 13: Jim Long Band, 5-9 p.m.; Element K, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Steal The Sky, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Sept. 14: Power Play w/Jim Long, 5-9 p.m.
Sept. 18: Jim Long Band, 5-9 p.m.

THE COVE AT OCEAN PINES YACHT CLUB
1 Mumford's Landing Road
Ocean Pines
410-641-7501
Sept. 13: Kevin Poole, 6-10 p.m.
Sept. 14: Tony Baltimore

WHISKER'S BAR & GRILL
11070 Cathell Road, Suite 17
Pines Plaza, Ocean Pines
443-365-2576
Sept. 12: Karaoke w/Donnie Berkey, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

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PUZZLES

ALL-ENCOMPASSING

BY TRACY GRAY AND JEFF CHEN / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

ACROSS

1 Loaded, in Lyon

6 Hosiery hue

11 Eagles, Falcons and Cardinals

16 Last place

17 “No lie!”

18 Move out

20 Some politicians’ trips

21 Cub Scout leader

22 Salt away

24 Shrinks’ org.

25 What discoveries may yield

27 “Right you ____!”

28 Abbr. not found on most smartphones

29 JFK alternative in N.Y.C.

30 Nasty storm, e.g.

33 Film director who said, “I think an artist has always to be out of step with his time”

36 “____ be praised”

37 Paradoxical figure?

38 Fraternity member or muscle, briefly

39 Mary who introduced the miniskirt

40 Outs, in a way

42 “Law & Order” spinoff, informally

43 “Yes”

Online subscriptions: Today’s puzzle and more than 4,000 past puzzles, nytimes.com/crosswords (\$39.95 a year).

44 Ornery sorts

45 Didn’t take it lying down, say

47 ____ child (playful side)

48 Ayatollah predecessor

49 Indiana Jones menace

52 Lathered (up)

54 Game with falling popularity?

56 Native Oklahoman

59 Hit from behind

61 “Eh, any one is fine”

63 Fan of pop’s One Direction, maybe

64 Veered off course

65 Many Winslow Homer works

70 Some holiday greenery

74 The dark side

75 Kidnapping, e.g.

77 Island in Pacific W.W. II fighting

78 “The cautious seldom ____”.

Confucius

79 Stone of “The Help”

80 Atomic clock part

81 Flog

83 Hightails it

86 Figure on Argentina’s flag

87 Charge

89 Period of inactivity

93 Last Oldsmobile

94 Took after

95 Org. that implemented the Food Stamp Act

97 Former Mrs. Trump

98 Southern farm concern

100 “No need to worry”

102 “Die Meistersinger” soprano

103 Brio

104 ____ lamp

106 On

107 Wyo. neighbor

108 Kind of scan

110 HBO comedy/drama

112 Way to storm off

114 Begins, as work

115 Marketing news magazine

116 Rattle off, say

117 Dutch Golden Age painter

118 Actress Brandt of “Breaking Bad”

119 Them, with “the”

DOWN

1 He walked away with Blaine in “Casablanca”

2 Type

3 Kicks everyone out, say

4 Yoga variety

5 Synthetic

6 ____ Maria

7 Get several views

8 Big name in auto racing

9 Trendy food regimen

10 Long span

11 Expensive Super Bowl purchase

12 Polished off

13 Cousin of a zucchini

14 Boca Del ____, Fla.

15 Certain bar orders, informally

16 Rounded roof

19 West Coast city where Nike had its start

20 Aladdin’s adversary

23 Times gone by

26 “____ Mine,” 1984 Steve Perry hit

28 Winter Olympics site after St. Moritz

31 Bonny miss

32 Like lottery winners, typically

34 Gerrymandered, e.g.

35 Verdant

41 Bright light

44 In vogue

46 X or Y supplier

48 Mister, in Mumbai

49 Creative, in a way

50 Karate instructor

51 Joyous song

53 Small flycatcher

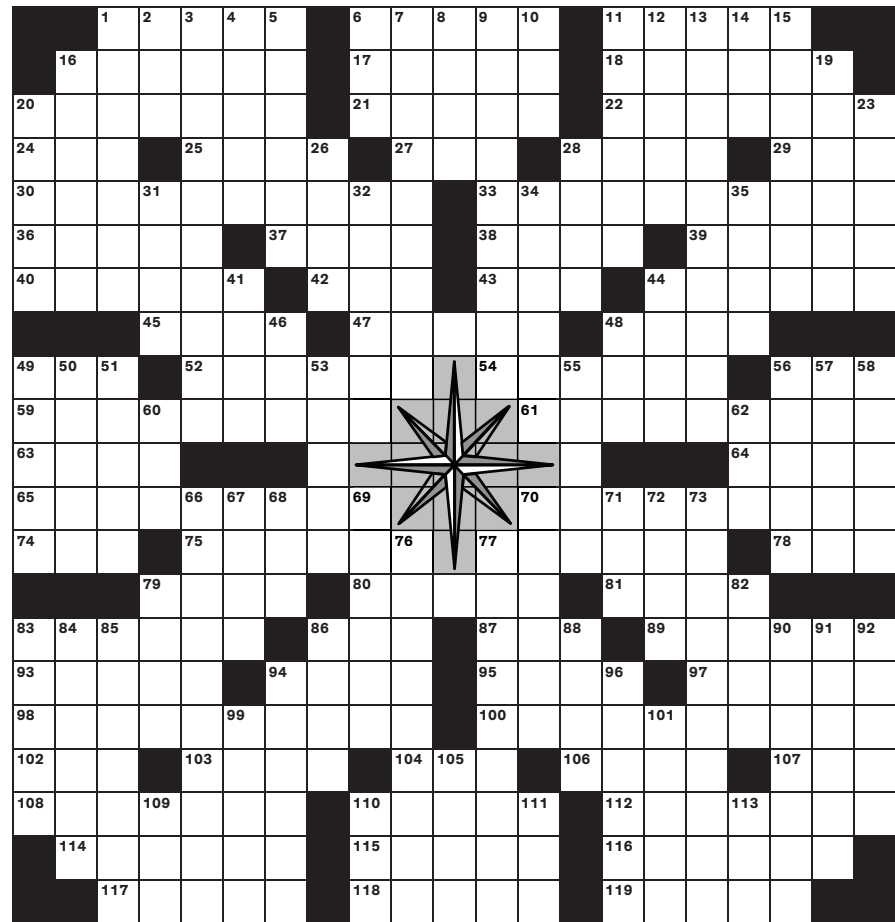
55 “____ Satanic Majesties Request” (Rolling Stones album)

56 Eggy?

57 Stretching muscle

58 Court cry

60 E.R. figures



- 62 Inspect

66 Dodo’s lack

67 Weaponry

68 Bussing on a bus, briefly?

69 Barber who wrote “Adagio for Strings”

70 To a greater extent

71 Sketch show, briefly

72 Caddy’s choices
- 73 1960s sci-fi series

76 Blowout win

77 Discombobulates

79 N.B.A. Hall-of-Famer Monroe

82 “____ Nagila”

83 Light ____

84 Garlic segments

85 Empathizes

86 P.R. firm’s job
- 88 Principal Seymour’s girlfriend on “The Simpsons”

90 Fullness

91 Not going anywhere?

92 Stick on the grill?

94 Where Excalibur was forged

96 Threads

99 Delight
- 101 Philosopher Kierkegaard

105 Noted Dadaist

109 ____ Technical Institute

110 Yammer

111 Britain’s ____ News

113 “Monty Python and the Holy Grail” enchanter



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		1	8			2		
	4	3			2			
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2			3		5			1
4				9			8	
			9			1	2	
		7			6	4		
		2		1				

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5	3	1	9	8	2	6	4	7
4	2	9	5	7	6	3	1	8
7	8	6	4	3	1	5	9	2
8	4	5	6	1	3	7	2	9
6	9	7	2	5	4	8	3	1
3	1	2	7	9	8	4	5	6
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