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Boston-based Brown Box Theatre perform William Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew" at White Horse Park in Ocean Pines on Sept. 9.

Brown Box to wrap two-week run

Schools have become big part of Boston company's annual Shakespeare shows

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Sept. 17, 2015) Boston-based Brown Box Theatre is closing its two-week countywide run of William Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew" with a performance on Saturday at Northside Park in Ocean City.

Along the way, the Boston-based theater company made several stops at local schools, performing the play at Bennett High School in Salisbury, as well as Worcester Preparatory School and Stephen Decatur High School in Berlin.

Brown Box will also bring "The Taming of the Shrew" to the Salisbury School on Friday.

Berlin native Kyler Taustin, founder of Brown Box, said the company has made the school system a part of its Eastern Shore stopover during each of the last five years.

"We've been working really hard to try and be an integral part of the curriculum, especially for the schools that don't have their own drama department," he said. "Last year, the graduating class at Bennett had seen a Shakespeare play every fall of their high school experience. It was a very exciting thing that they'd had four full years with us, and they graduated having seen four live Shakespeare productions throughout their high school career."

Taustin, who attended the Salisbury School through eighth grade, remembers traveling to Stephen Decatur, where his class would see high school theater productions directed by former drama teacher Gwen Lehman.

Coming home with Brown Box, the experience came full-circle, as Lehman helped bring the company into the Berlin school.

"The only access I had to theater during my elementary school time here on Delmarva was going to see children's theater performed by high school students," he said. "So it was really exciting then to be able to work with Gwen at Stephen Decatur to kind of supplement that with a professional theater company."

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Feasibility sessions bring Berlin's 'Tyson' park plan into focus

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Sept. 17, 2015) Plans for the former Tyson's Chicken plant in Berlin came more into focus last week, as the town staff met with the design firm EDSA during a pair of feasibility sessions.

During the first meeting, held on Sept. 9 in Town Hall, Berlin Mayor Gee Williams said the firm gave an overview of its objectives, and then spent the greater part of the meeting soliciting opinions and comments from town staff.

All the department heads, Town Administrator Laura Allen and two councilmembers – Lisa Hall from District 2 and Dean Burrell from District 4 – attended the meeting, along with Williams.

Associate principals Keith Weaver and Ryan Clifton, as well as associate Benjamin Boyd, led the discussion on behalf of EDSA.

Williams said EDSA was keen to make sure Berlin did not duplicate any services or attractions that were, "already in our backyard."

"They wanted to make every effort to make sure that there are multipurpose uses for the property, and that it wouldn't be exclusive to recreational needs, but that would be a high priority," he said. "They were also expecting a balance between residents and guests."

For residents, Williams said the town wanted to provide low-cost or free services, while trying to generate revenue through tourism to offset the purchase of the property, as well as its maintenance.

Williams added that no financial projections were mentioned during the sessions. Because of the flood of ideas and possibilities concerning the property, it would be developed in phases over a period of many years.

"No one is expecting, including the mayor and council, everything to be done all at one time," he said. "Basically, their objective is coming up with a multiple-phase plan that will get as much initial use as is physically feasible and financially feasible, so we can put the property to work for the citizens of Berlin and our guests."

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‘Shrew’ included stops at Decatur, Worcester Prep

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Response from students, Taustin said, has been overwhelming.

“Across the board we work so hard to make Shakespeare accessible to everyone, whether or not they’ve seen it before or not,” he said. “For these students who maybe have read Shakespeare, but have never seen Shakespeare performed the way it was meant to, it’s really exciting to watch them respond to the comedy both physical, and even the comedy within the language. They seem to really get it.”

While Taustin said he by no means wishes to take away the literary value of reading Shakespeare in the classroom, there is nothing like seeing the work performed live on a stage.

Still, there are plenty of challenges in combating preconceived notions of what Shakespeare looks and sounds like.

“It’s something that some people see as a little stuffy or highfalutin and what we are trying as a company to do is make Shakespeare something that’s accessible to everyone,” Taustin said.

“What people eventually realize is that Shakespeare is maybe some of the dirtiest comedy. He knows how to cater to both the queen of England and the groundlings.

“He has to serve a very vast, diverse audience, and I think to this day his words still can do that both for the Shakespeare scholar and to those who are seeing it for the first time,” he continued.

“It’s surprising to educators and the public alike that Shakespeare can be that funny, that Shakespeare can be that accessible, and that it doesn’t need to be this stuffy thing that you learned in school and hated every minute of.”

This year, Brown Box has already performed for the public in Ocean City once, as well as Berlin, Ocean Pines, Pocomoke, Snow Hill and Salisbury.

“We have had some of the best crowds of our five years,” Taustin said. “We’ve been getting wonderful response from both students and the public. It’s been very exciting to watch this show grow and our following grow, and we are so thrilled to see the enthusiasm that we’ve received from all of the communities we’ve visited so far.”

In downtown Berlin alone, Taustin said more than 300 people came out to watch the performance.

“It’s just a wonderful sign that what we’re doing is enjoyed and appreciated by this community, and it just fuels us to want to keep coming back to continue providing theater to the Delmarva community,” he said.

“The Taming of the Shrew” starts at 7 p.m. on Saturday in Ocean City. Admission is free and open to the public.

A final performance of the play will be held on Sunday in Salisbury at Pemberton Hall.

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Indoor aquatics likely at former Tyson plant

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available and as one phase is finished out, then we can go into the next phase," Williams added. "They didn't give us and we didn't give them a time limit, but we're talking about a period of several years between the time this starts and the final phase – and by several years, that can be quite a wide spectrum."

Williams said the design of the new facility – or facilities – would, "look like it belongs in Berlin," and that all involved hoped to transform the former industrial property, "from a blight to a

treasure."

"It's not going to be something that looks like it belongs in Miami Beach, or some area that has a totally different culture," he said. "It will be compatible with the heritage of the community. That doesn't mean it can't be innovative, but it's not going to be out of place."

At the meeting, town staff members emphasized high-demand, high usage concepts, as well as "green" concepts that have, "as close to a zero carbon footprint as possible," according to Williams. This could include the possi-

bility of generating solar power onsite.

Also important, Williams said, was that the thinking embrace a wide-ranging demographic and that that each phase of development "bring a memorable experience."

"This property, at any stage of development, needs to constantly have a 'wow' factor," he said. "We're not doing this just to do the same old thing the same old way. That's not what's created the opportunities for 21st-century Berlin."

One of the most popular early ideas was creating a year-round indoor/out-

door swimming complex.

"That's something that almost every other community in Worcester County has – except us," Williams said. "We think it's time. We're not just going to sit around and hope – we're going to do something about that."

Williams said Burrell made the point that a large contingency of life-long Berlin residents – children and adults – live near water, but never learned to swim.

"Many have never had the opportunity to learn, and that's just no longer acceptable," Williams said.

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Bicycle and walking trails were discussed as early – and inexpensive – modifications to the property, as well as an amphitheater that could be used for special events and functions presented by nonprofit groups and schools.

The idea of an ice skating rink was floated, as were skateboarding and BMX parks.

Other ideas presenting during the first day included several opportunities to push the multimodal way of thinking – a popular theme with Williams – including connecting the property to downtown Berlin and surrounding areas using an excursion train line, as well as trolleys, mini-trains, trams and even golf carts.

During the second day, Friday, Sept. 11, several of those ideas came to life as EDSA presented five concept drawings.

A large swimming facility was a re-occurring theme in each of the renderings, as were train depots, walking, hiking and biking trails, indoor and outdoor meeting facilities and wildlife habitats. An amphitheater that used the natural waterways on the property as a backdrop was also a popular motif.

Clifton said the firm developed the drawings after talking to town staff, as well as conducting follow-up interviews with people in the town.

Boyd admitted nothing from the



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Town of Berlin staff and members of design firm EDSA discuss a mockup of the former Tyson's Chicken plant.

concepts was solidly established.

"What we're trying to convey is a general character, a general feel for the site, and then showing some different options on certain things you can do," he said. "We really tried to explore the breadth of what was possible, physically with the place."

Following the meeting, Boyd said he expected the full feasibility report would be delivered to the town – and made public – within two-to-three weeks.

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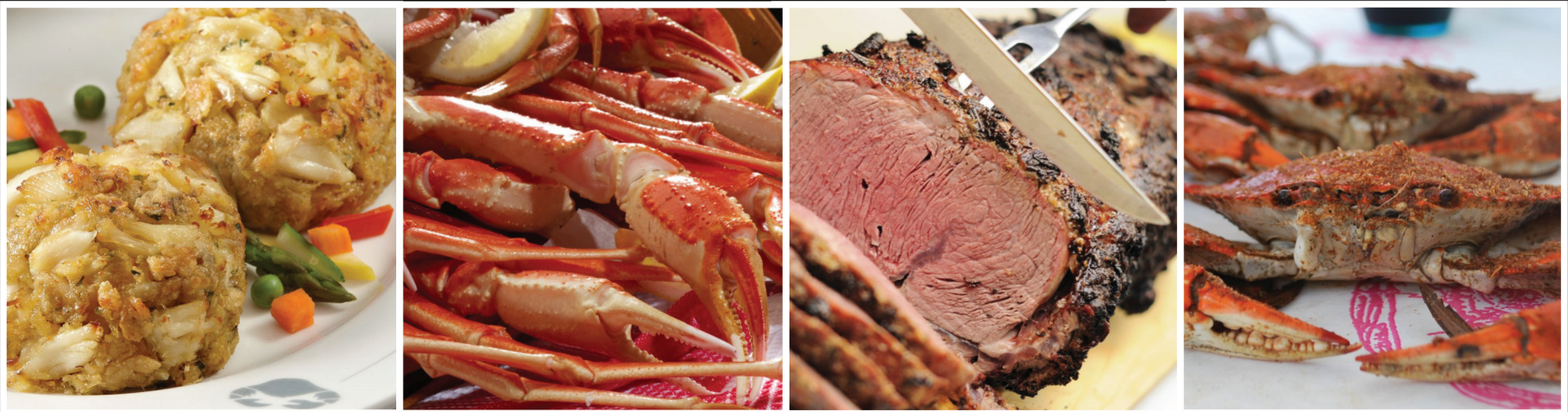
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EZ's Little Free Library gets green light from council

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Sept. 17, 2015) After seeing a similar setup at Ben's Red Swings, the playground near the zoo in Salisbury, 7-year-old Berlin native Emily Zollinger had a dream: to open a Little Free Library in town, targeting underprivileged children who might not have as much access to books as she does.

On Monday, the Berlin Town Council voted to allow Zollinger and her parents, Brian and Rose, to build their own Little Free Library at Dr. William Henry Park on Flower Street.

The mailbox-sized structures were the brainchild of Wisconsin native Todd Bol, who built a small model of a one-room schoolhouse as a tribute to his late mother in 2009. Bol placed the model on his lawn, filled it with books and hung a sign that simply read "free."

Six years later, the boxes have become a national phenomenon, as they invite people to use the honor system and "take a book/leave a book." Several Little Free Libraries are already set up around Berlin.

On Monday, Emily told the mayor and council, "I think I should build a Little Free Library in Henry Park ... be-



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Seven-year-old Ellie Zollinger, with her mother, Rose, lobby the Berlin Mayor and Council on Monday to create a Little Free Library at Henry Park.

cause the kids there don't have as much access to the library."

Emily envisioned two rows of books, one for toddlers (the bottom shelf) and a second shelf for older children. She said she would use her own books to start the project and would build and paint the box with the help of her father and Steve Engel, a family friend.

"We talked to her about it a lot to make sure she really wanted to do it, and sort of said the commitment, in our mind, would be until she graduated high school," Rose said, adding that Emily would check on the box several

times a week at first, then once a week.

District 1 Councilmember Troy Purnell called the Little Free Library "a great idea," and made a motion to approve the measure. The council unanimously agreed.

"We're very grateful, we're very proud and we're very excited to see how this project comes forward," Mayor Gee Williams said.

Williams invited the family to attend the memorial dedication at Henry Park on Oct. 24 at 11 a.m. The Little Free Library will likely be up and running in the park within the next 30 days.

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Berlin Planning Commission approves new text amendment

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Sept. 17, 2015) A new apartment complex in Berlin is inching closer to reality, following a 4-2 vote by the planning commission last Wednesday to permit larger multi-unit buildings in town.

The issue was brought up after Ocean's East, which would be located on Seahawk Road, submitted a site plan earlier this year that would have violated existing town code.

Currently, Berlin restricts townhouse and apartment complexes to 12-units wide.

Planning Director Dave Engelhart said the new language would not actually increase the allowance, but would grant the planning commission the power to allow exceptions when certain conditions are met, including town welfare, convenience and better planning and zoning practices.

Barb Stack and Ron Cascio were the two dissenting votes.

"Barb didn't like changing [the code] because she felt it was only for the one development and didn't want to see us 'become Ocean City' with 75-units wide buildings, which is not the case," Engelhart said. "They still have to decide on a case-by-case basis."

Engelhart added that Cascio objected to the wording of the amendment.

"At the end of the text amendment, it says they can allow 'any' number," he said. "He didn't like that, because he thought it left it undetermined."

"The planning commission still has the final decision," Engelhart added. "Town code still says, 'it shall be 12' unless it can be shown or proved it's better for Berlin planning. That's a tall order. In each case, you have to say why it's better."

That's what happened with the Ocean's East complex, according to Engelhart.

"Instead of just plopping five buildings down, it's three buildings, and it allows for a lot more open space in the middle," he said. "That allows for more pedestrian space, a community pool, all of that. It makes it a much better layout."

With the vote, the recommendation to adopt the amendment went to the mayor and council on Monday, where it received a first reading. A public hearing and a formal vote are required before the measure is passed, likely taking place during the next regular meeting.

Engelhart said he did not expect much opposition.

"It just gives the planning commission more flexibility," he said. "Before if you wanted more than 12 - if you wanted 13 units wide - you had to go to the board of appeals. Why take another step if you don't have to?"

Girl Scout honors grandmother, cuts ribbon on pergola

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Sept. 17, 2015) After more than two years of work, the Berlin Nursing Home unveiled its new Compassion Cove patio and pergola on Friday, thanks largely to the dedication of 16-year-old Ambassador-level Girl Scout Lauren Paulsen.

A Scout since kindergarten, Paulsen raised more than \$10,000 for the project, which she dedicated to her late grandmother, who resided in the home's Alzheimer's and dementia care unit.

"My grandma loved to be outside in the warmth and fresh air," Paulsen said during a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday. "She would always get stuck in the grass in her wheelchair and the shade under the gazebo really wasn't enough for more than two people at a time."

"Many of the other residents like to come out here too, so I decided to build a larger area for wheelchairs with shade and I added the benches for those who could walk," she said.

During her yearlong push to raise funds, Paulsen approached several businesses in the area and wrote letters to friends and family. The nurse-

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Scout Paulsen raised more than \$10K for addition

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ing home added \$3,000 in matching funds for the project.

Paulsen said the Moore Companies helped wheelbarrow in and out dozens of loads of bricks, gravel, sod and dirt for the project. When all the materials were in place, several of her friends and her mother, her Scout leader for more than a decade, took a week to finish putting the patio and pergola together, using a kit.

"It's been a very rewarding experience," she said. "I truly hope the space is enjoyed for many years to come, and I wish my grandma were here [to see it]."

During the ceremony, more than 20 nursing home residents comfortably sat on their new patio, along with several staff members and representatives from some of the sponsoring companies.

"Without all your generous donations I wouldn't have been able to do this project," Paulsen said. "Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I would especially like to thank the Berlin Nursing Home for their generous donation and partnering with me on this worthwhile project."

Administrator Bob Lanza said he was impressed when Paulsen ap-



Sixteen-year-old Girl Scout Lauren Paulsen cuts the ribbon on a new patio and pergola she raised money for — and help build — during a ceremony at the Berlin Nursing Home on Friday.

JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

proached the center about the addition, a project that helped her obtain the Scout's coveted Gold Award.

"The more I learned about [the

award], the more I liked about it," he said. "A Girl Scout ... has to identify a need in the community, research opportunities of how to address that need and, most importantly, inspire others in the community and make sure that need is being addressed — not just in the short term, but [for] something that can be around for a significant amount of time."

The result, he said, was a completely revitalized area that will benefit the residents for years to come.

Activities Director Heather Cormack said the new space adds a new dimension to the nursing home.

"I know it's been a long time, but we've finally finished and it's great,"

she said. "We have a new area to use and it's always nice to have an addition. Thank you from the staff and the residents. We will definitely use it all the time, especially for some of our cookouts."

"I know if your grandmother was still here, she would be out here every day looking at the sun," Cormack added.

Also during the ceremony, resident Manny DeAntonio presented Paulsen with a certificate of appreciation.

"I think it turned out great," Paulsen said of the finished product. "I'm super excited for everyone and I hope they enjoy it."

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Perilla bringing master class in bluegrass to fest.

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Sept. 17, 2015) Bob Perilla, frontman of the headlining act at this year's Berlin Fiddler's Convention, wants to give you a little history lesson in bluegrass.

The Maryland native, who has played in more than a dozen countries across the world during the last two decades with his group Big Hill-billy Bluegrass, said band members have shifted from the rowdiness of youth to become sort of elder statesmen and global ambassadors of the genre.

In Berlin, on Friday, Perilla said he's planning a sort of master class on several key bluegrass figures.

"I think one of the things that we will try to do, hopefully with some success, is try and present a variety of repertoire from the classic bluegrass bands of the past, including the Stanley Brothers, Bill Monroe and Flat and Scruggs," he said. "People will get a good dollop of that done competently and in a conscious attempt to honor the musical tradition of our forebears."

This time last year the band was in Oman, spreading the gospel of bluegrass on the Arabian Peninsula on behalf of the U.S. State Department. Preliminary plans are already under way for the group to travel next to Russia.

"The Soviet Union broke up in '91 or so, and I had been to most of the new republics that had emerged, but never actually to Russia herself," Perilla said. "I feel that would be sort of dotting the 'i's' and crossing the 't's' to be able to take a little bit of music there."

Perilla said he still considers himself a songwriter, but when he travels to other counties that notion generally goes out the window.

"Your duty is not so much, 'Hey, let me promote my new song. I just wrote this in the garage last weekend. You're going to love it,'" he said. "If we're playing in Azerbaijan – and

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‘Big Hillbilly’ set to headline Berlin Fiddler’s on Friday

we’ve played in Azerbaijan – and they’re only going to hear one bluegrass band in their whole life they don’t want to hear some that I think may be good because I made it up. They want and deserve to hear the classic repertoire of the great go-liaths of the music and we try to deliver that.”

That’s not to say, according to Perilla, that the band is a human jukebox, slavishly imitating the greats.

“We do try to present the proper spirit of the music as they created it, and I think that’s one of our strong points to be able to do that,” he said. “Some very good bands – and I mean excellent bands – are not as able to do that as well as I think Big Hillbilly Bluegrass is right now. And I like that about us.

“Is it the sort of thing that’s going to propel us to the next top-20 bluegrass chart? No, it is not that sort of thing. But is it the sort of thing that, I think, honors the genre and honors the audience by presenting the very best foot forward of the music stylistically. I think we’re able to do that,”



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Bob Perilla’s Big Hillbilly Bluegrass will headline this year’s Fiddler’s Convention, Friday, in downtown Berlin.

he added.

The current lineup of the band features Norman Wright, formerly of the Country Gentlemen and the Bluegrass Cardinals, on mandolin and vocals, as well as Kevin Church, son of bluegrass great Porter Church, on banjo.

“He learned to play banjo beauti-

fully and very naturally, literally at his father’s knee,” Perilla said. “He’s played with some of the greats in the industry. Alison Kraus actually tried to hire him at one point – he was crazy to turn her down, but he did.”

Fellow Maryland native Jon Glik will join the band in Berlin, on fiddle, and relative newcomer Mary Naden

rounds out the group on bass.

“I think this is about the very first honest-to-goodness really good band that she’s ever played with, and we love the way she plays,” Perilla said. “We love the timing she provides and she’s a portion of the dynamic of the dynamic of why we get along so well.

“The best thing about this band is we really make each other happy when we play,” Perilla continued. “I’ve been doing this for a long time, and that is not invariably true that band members make each other happy all the time, but we have a nice dynamic that goes on in this regard.”

Along with playing a large sampling of classic bluegrass songs in Berlin, Perilla said he also hopes to take requests from the audience.

“I like to do that,” he said. “I think if people take the time to tell you what it is that they’d like to hear – if they have that much interest in the band that they might actually make a request – then it’s a good idea to play one or two requests and do them well if you can possibly do them. We’re pretty good about that, and we’re generally able to do them when people ask.

“We really do like to please the audience,” Perilla added. “We’re shameless in that regard.”

Such Fools, winners of last year’s full-band competition, will kick off the 23rd annual Fiddler’s Convention on Friday at 7 p.m. at the north end of Main Street. Bob Perilla’s Big Hillbilly Bluegrass will immediately follow at approximately 8:15 p.m.

The competition portion of the convention will start on Saturday, running from noon to 5 p.m. with adult and youth divisions and an awards ceremony at the south end of Main Street. Vendors, children’s activities and a beer garden coincide with the competition.

Sunday concludes the festival with a Gospel Bluegrass Jam on the lawn of the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum from noon to 3 p.m.

For more information, visit www.berlinchamber.org/fiddlers-convention or www.bighillbillybluegrass.com.



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'Revolution' comes to Ocean Pines; early results unknown

New group seeks to recruit and train future candidates for OPA board of directors

By Josh Davis

Staff Writer

(Sept. 17, 2015) What started as an informal meeting about Pickleball threatened to turn into an antiestablishment movement when nearly two-dozen people, including two OPA board members, gathered at Taylor's restaurant in Ocean Pines last Thursday.

By the end of the nearly 90-minute summit, the overall message of the group, which the attendees dubbed the "Ocean Pines Revolution," was clear: they're mad as hell and they hope they can find like minded people who don't want to take it any more.

Led by Holden Becker, the group had planned the gathering to discuss the possibility of a petition calling for a referendum to stay construction of the Manklin Meadows Racquet Center.

The group backed away from that goal, after gathering information and hearing from a representative on the racquet sports advisory committee, but still had plenty to say about the current state of community politics.

Becker, a large man with a loud voice, addressed the crowd first. At a table to his right, his wife took notes on a laptop, while Tammy Foulz, the co-founder of the group, wrote down key points on a yellow legal pad.

"This started out as a tongue-in-cheek pickleball revolution," Becker said. "We were joking around about finding out about ... the process with which the board can go through on construction projects under a certain amount of money without asking us."

The board voted 5-2 to approve the site plan for the Manklin Meadows complex, believed to cost approximately \$250,000, in November of last year. At the time, the plan included four platform tennis courts, eight pickleball courts, a rebuilding of the existing playground and making improvements to the parking lot.

Group members originally objected to what they saw as an unnecessary addition at a high cost, suggesting that the limited number of pickleball players did not warrant the construction. They also believed the playground would have been moved to another location altogether.

"They did no background study for it — no feasibility studies, no market study to find out if it would be a profitable situation," Becker said on Thursday. "That led to questions about what was going to happen to ... moving what I consider and what my nieces consider the best playground in the Pines."

During the meeting, John McNult, chairman of the racquet sports advisory committee, refuted several of OPR's claims, including the notion

that the playground would be relocated.

"The playground is being moved," he said. "It's probably being moved maybe 20 yards to the right. It's not going to the north end of town."

Still, Becker said concerns about the complex remained and invoked the former Concerned Citizens of Ocean Pines group, an opposition organization that once played a role in community politics.

"Then the question became, are we sure we want this board and this GM to do this after what happened with the yacht club? he asked.

Becker said he spoke with an attorney who specializes in HOAs, who claimed it was possible to sue the community and force a feasibility study before construction of Manklin Meadows began. That said, he admitted it might not be worth it to spend \$30-\$40,000 on a study for a \$250,000 project.

"We want to watchdog this and we want to hound the board and we want a penny-by-penny on this one," he said. "If we can't start getting some real answers, we will have to put a petition out and start with a referendum. And I could pretty much guarantee that this referendum would get a fair amount of signatures that would limit the board itself on how much it could spend without asking us.

"I don't want to do that yet," Becker continued. "It's a big, big fight. It's an uphill fight, and I don't think any of us is quite ready for that fight."

With the notion of community oversight of the board of directors on the table, Board Member Jack Collins said every public meeting is video recorded and encouraged both residents and nonresidents to watch.

"I welcome you to look into those videotapes and realize what's going on within your community," he said. "That is a good source of information. That's basic, raw data."

One of the problems, according to Becker, was the irregular schedule of board meetings. He called on the board to return to a regular schedule, as had been done in the past, and suggested meetings be held on the second Saturday of each month.

Collins noted that the board held roughly half its meetings on Saturdays during the last two years and that attendance was still sparse.

"The board is very, very interested and concerned about participation from the community," Collins said. "It's critically important that folks participate from the community. Anything we can do to open up that process to allow the folks to participate ... the board, in general, is open to that.

"If you can tell us how to become more available to you folks, we'll do it," Collins added.

By the end of the meeting, the talk
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Directors Collins, Herrick attend first 'Revolution' meeting

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"Our primary, ultimate goal is to develop a larger group to try to get active and to try to make some positive changes," Becker said. "Our ultimate goal at the top is to create at least three candidates for this [next] election.

"It may be that we only get one or two candidates that agree with what we like to consider a more basic, community-based governing style," Becker continued. "Those people are going to have to hold on and fight while he hold on to fight to get them more people into the board."

Following the meeting, Collins said he was still "processing" everything.

Tom Herrick, who was also in attendance, struck a similar tone.

"Obviously they have their opinions and their ideas," he said. "For me, I welcome everybody's point of view. Everyone's point of view is important, so I was very curious to see what they had to say.

"Like everyone else, they have concerns and they're looking into them, and it gives me something to think about too," Herrick continued. "It makes me investigate some of their claims – to look into it and see if it's true, if it's not true, if there's validity to it, and if it has any substance."

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BERLIN BRIEFS

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Sept. 17, 2015) The Berlin Mayor and Town Council discussed the following actions during their Monday meeting.

Great Scout

The council honored 15-year-old Boy Scout Cole Norman, who helped paint numbers on the sidewalk in front of nearly 2,000 homes in Berlin.

Mayor Gee Williams presented Norman with a plaque, saying Norman approached the council more than a year ago to pitch the project, and that it offered increased “safety and convenience” for residents.

“We’d never had that before,” Williams said of the sidewalk numbers. “This was a pleasant surprise for many people.”

Norman said the project included 1,800 houses over the course of a year. His mother, father, family, friends, fellow Scouts and the Girl Scouts assisted him.

Williams said he hoped the legacy of the project would keep the town “looking good,” and that students at Stephen Decatur High School could continue the project in exchange for earning service hours.

Event approvals

The council approved Just Walk Berlin for Nov. 14.

The expanded annual event hopes to use the new Tripoli Street sidewalk to bring participants into town, from the starting point at Stephen Decatur Park, as well as recruit dog owners and “moms and dads with strollers.”

Organizer Mary Bohlen, the town’s administrative services director, said the event would also include health screenings.

“We really want to see a community turnout for this event this year,” she said, adding if the event continues to be successful a second Just Walk Berlin may be scheduled in spring.

Registration starts at 9 a.m.

This year’s tree lighting and Holiday Arts Night was set for Nov. 27 in downtown Berlin.

New in 2015, the mayor will speak from the balcony of the Atlantic Hotel during the tree-lighting ceremony.

“Due to the large crowd, it was difficult to see him or hear him [last year],” said Ivy Wells, the town’s economic and community development director. “It’s a really nice photo op [and] a beautiful setting.”

Wells said costumed characters



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Fifteen-year-old Boy Scout Cole Norman receives a commendation from Berlin Mayor Gee Williams during a meeting on Monday. Norman, with the help from a few friends, painted street numbers in front of more than 1,800 houses in the town.

would be walking around Berlin during the event.

This year’s Christmas parade was set for Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. The theme is “Toyland in Berlin.”

A maximum of 80-83 floats will be allowed, including military groups, bands, fire departments and school groups.

The Casino at Ocean Downs in Ocean Pines and Hooper’s Crab House in Ocean City will provide free shuttles. The rain date is Dec. 10.

Williams said the town has a long

tradition of starting the parade at 7 p.m. and ending by or before 9 p.m.

“That means a lot to many families, particularly those with younger children,” he said.

CodeRED

Berlin renewed its contract with emergency notification system provided CodeRED, as the council voted unanimously to spend \$3,352.50.

The system first went into place last October and the renewal period runs through Oct. 26, 2016.

Williams said he’s only had one complaint about the system during its first year in place.

Contract modification

The town modified its on-call services contract with EA Engineering, Science, and Technology Inc., increasing the annual amount by \$57,500.

The annual contract now totals \$267,500.

Town Administrator Laura Allen said the company performs stormwater reviews on behalf of the town and assists with grant applications.

Roughly \$5,000 of the increase would be covered by revenue, according to Allen, while a representative from EA Engineering said “close to 50” percent of the overall increase would be offset in some way.

Big Truck Day returns to Pines

(Sept. 17, 2015) Children and adults will get the chance to explore an assortment of work vehicles at Big Truck Day on Saturday, Sept. 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park in Ocean Pines.

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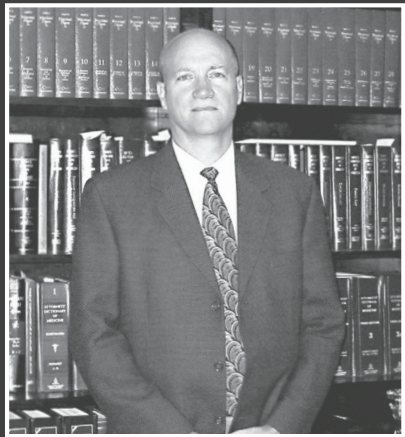
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Alison Menke, last year's Paint Berlin Best in Show winner, paints on Main Street.

Best in Show winner Menke
hopes for Paint Berlin repeat

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Menke already has one plein air event, in Chincoteague, under her belt this month. Despite a torrential downpour that washed out one day, she finished nine paintings in one week.

"It was pretty crazy, but I was able to get those paintings in, which is pretty exhausting," she said. "But you've got to take advantage of being in these small towns and painting them."

Menke said she plans to mostly stay downtown during this year's Paint Berlin.

"I try to think, when I'm in a certain location, what makes that location special?" she said. "I find Main Street really very attractive and warm and inviting, so I really want to try to capture that in the morning and evening, and then as well I'd like to get out and do some fields. I live in the city, and it's just nice to capture the things I don't see day-to-day."

For newcomers to the competition, or plein air events in general, Menke said packing an umbrella is always a great idea.

"You never know when a rainstorm might hit, or when you might need that shade out in the sun," she said. "Stay positive, stay loose, and keep painting. Usually the last painting you do – or the most spontaneous painting – tends to be your best."

For more information, on Menke visit www.alisonmenke.com.

The sponsor of the event, the Worcester County Arts Council, will hold a "wet paint sale" of the artists' works at the gallery building at 6 Jefferson Street on Saturday from 1-4 p.m.

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Shop owners come together for Berlin business after hours

Chamber's first such meet since Volk stepped down

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Sept. 17, 2015) Representatives from more than a dozen businesses in Berlin came out to the Chamber of Commerce's first business after hours since former Executive Director Jim Volk stepped down in April.

The informal outdoor meeting outside the Broad Street offices of Salt Water Media, Sprout Creatives and Oh My Hair last Thursday, produced a convivial atmosphere.

Salt Water owner Stephanie Fowler credited new chamber Executive Director Larnet St. Amant with the strong turnout.

"Larnet is such an asset to our business community and we are just thrilled that she is pulling events like this together," she said. "We are happy to be a part of this lovely community we have here in Berlin and we're happy to have everybody come out to support each other."

Vincent Gisriel III, from Sprout Creatives, said he had never attended a business after hours before.

"I think this is actually the first one here for this building and we bought an office here a year and a half ago," he said. "They asked us to do this and help put it on, and we were like, 'great!'"

"We're all about local," Gisriel continued. "We want to be the company you come to for websites if you're in Berlin. It's not really about the money – it's about helping the community."

Jon Conley, owner of Uncle Jon's Soap on 12 Williams Street, said it was good for the business community to come together.

"In a small town like this, we all really need each other," he said. "It's good to make sure you know who your neighbors are and this helps build some of the camaraderie."

"It's nice to get everybody together," he added. "It's like a big family."

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Business owners from more than a dozen different shops in Berlin attend a business after hours meeting last Thursday.

New adminstration at Berlin Chamber host biz after hours

Mouse Thrift Shop on 101 North Main Street, admitted it had been a while since the chamber held such a gathering.

"I think having them helps the merchants meet other merchants and talk about what's going on and about their business. Then, when you're in your own shop and someone comes in looking for such and such, you can share that information," she said. "This is also a great thing, just to be social and not have the stress of business and work."

Ken Briggs, owner of Inca Ruins on 12 Pitts Street, is another business owner who has been in Berlin for more than a year, but never attended a business after hours.

"This is our first one," he said. "We never knew about these until we joined the chamber about two months ago."

"I think it's a good idea," Briggs continued. "It benefits everyone by finding out what other people do and what other people have."

Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells, also in attendance, said part of her job was thinking of the businesses as her children.

"I look after them like they're my own kids," she said. "We're all so busy, and business after hours gives me a chance and gives everyone a chance to socialize and get to know each other better. When you know someone, you care about them and you care about their business, and it increases the cooperative atmosphere across the board."

St. Amant said she was pleased with the turnout.

"So far so good, and hopefully it just gets better and better," she said. "We're just trying to promote what we can, and we're excited."

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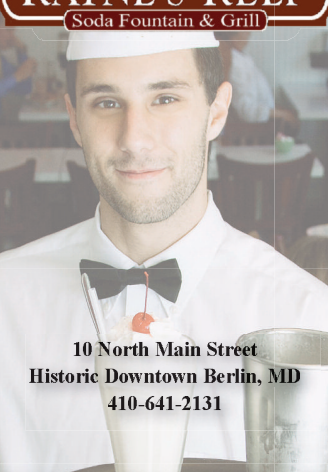
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‘Tyson’ park will take time

A more appropriate name for “Debbie Downer,” as Abigail B. Ferretti referred to herself last week during discussions of the conversion of the former Tyson poultry processing plant in Berlin into a recreation complex, would be “Debbie Realist.”

As idea after idea flowed during the brainstorming session concerning what might be feasible to do with the property over the long term, it was the Washington, D.C. economic consultant’s job to remind the participants that many of those suggestions will require not just a fair amount of money, but a great deal of it.

Moreover, a large portion of that financing will have to come from sources other than local government and, as Ferretti said, getting it will be a major challenge.

Although the town is in fine financial shape, officials want to keep it that way, which is why they also are preaching that many things might be possible, but they will not be possible right away.

The transformation of this now dreary parcel into one of the town’s star attractions will take years. It is, in other words, a long-term investment that will not deliver big dividends immediately, but will, over the course of time, become enormously valuable.

Dreaming big and envisioning a facility that will draw thousands of visitors and residents from all the communities in northern Worcester County, is vital to the development of the project’s concept.

These ideas, however, must then be rated according to their financial practicality, their public appeal and a host of other factors before they can be incorporated into a multi-phase master plan.

An incredible amount of work lies ahead and most of the seemingly blue-sky proposals that arose out of last week’s talks really can be done – over time.

That’s why, as this process moves along in a series of stages, one of the most important components of this redevelopment will be patience on the part of the public.

These are big steps and town government and its advisors just want to make sure they get it right.

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LETTERS

Disappointed by Pickleball piece

Editor,

My name is John McNult. I serve as chairman on the Ocean Pines Association Racquet Sports Advisory Committee. Ocean Pines Advisory Committees are in place to advise the Ocean Pines Board of Directors on specific topics.

Reference: the article under the headline banner “Several Pines residents move to stall Manklin construction” appearing in the Sept. 10, 2015 issue.

I would like to offer you a few comments regarding the project. The article implies the existing playground will be moved to some unknown location. The fact is, the playground remains essentially where it is. Yes, the equipment will be relocated in the same general area to make room for pickleball courts. The new pickleball courts will be a new amenity facility available to all Ocean Pines residents. I view the new courts as an added feature to the playground.

I envision parents and their children being able to play together, enjoying a healthy outdoor activity that is easily learned and enjoyable at all levels of play. I un-

derstand pickleball is part of the physical education curriculum at certain elementary schools, so the new courts will provide a new opportunity for Ocean Pines youth to participate in a sport outside of the school curriculum. On that same note, recently reported by Julie Woulfe in her Ocean Pines pickleball newsletter, “Bringing Pickleball to the Youth of Ocean Pines! Five of our members (Neil Goettsman, John Hanberry, Paul Beckerman, Tom Flanagan and Pat Gibbons) recently came together to put on a two-hour pickleball clinic to about 16 Ocean Pines kids, ages 11-13 years old. Neil says they hope to do more of these clinics in the future.”

Support for the new facilities, which includes platform tennis court expansion and pickleball courts, comes primarily from Ocean Pines residents. There are over 250 registered members playing platform tennis and pickleball, as well as over 125 registered members playing tennis on a regular basis. There is a relatively small contingent of Delaware residents registered as associate members, numbering in the 25-30 range, playing pickleball, platform tennis, and/or

tennis. Incidentally, a new pickleball facility has recently opened in Frankford, Del. with 16 pickleball courts. We will probably lose a few associate members, but it will not have a major impact on the operational budget.

Regarding the financial aspects. The roughly \$250,000 project includes not only pickleball courts, but two new platform tennis courts, as well as needed repairs to the playground equipment, improved parking for playground and community garden users, a safer environment for playground users, by adding fencing along the roadway to prevent children from running between parked cars along the roadway and to discourage parking along the roadway. Yes, it is a lot money, but money well spent to improve Ocean Pines amenity package.

In addition, historically, there has been an even balance between income and expenses for the racquet sports amenities. In other words, once the facility is built, there is not an annual financial burden to the association members. User fees cover the operational expenses. Also, bear in mind,

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that non Ocean Pines residents pay a premium price for memberships, and there is a schedule of daily use fees for the casual or new user.

Granted, there was not a formal feasibility study conducted, but there was a significant planning effort that included numerous racquet sports players with skills in many planning disciplines, and Ocean Pines Association staff. The significant volunteer effort on the Manklin master plan spanned over three years. Multiple iterations of the master plan were developed, and the final master plan submitted to the county and state for necessary approvals is a good example of a cooperative effort between volunteers and Ocean Pines Association staff in developing a master plan for a specific area of the community.

The effort to expand and improve the racquet sports facilities in Ocean Pines is not anyone's "pet project."

There are currently over 350 active racquet sports members enjoying the amenity. The completed Manklin recreation project will be a valuable asset to the entire community, providing another healthy sports outlet for users of all ages, and improving what is now the best playground in Ocean Pines.

I must conclude by saying I am disappointed the reporter/writer of the article made little effort to get both sides of a story before publishing.

John McNult, OPA Racquet Sports Advisory Committee, chairman

Pet Appreciation Week comes to Berlin beginning Sept. 16

(Sept. 17, 2015) The Tractor Supply Co. store in Berlin will host activities for families and their pets, including pet adoptions, Saturday, Sept. 19 as part of Pet Appreciation Week.

Held Sept. 16 - 20, Pet Appreciation Week, or P.A.W., is Tractor Supply's annual event to celebrate pet owners and their furry friends.

"There's a vast number of healthy dogs and cats just waiting to be adopted, and Pet Appreciation Week is our chance to help these pets find homes," said Charles Kutlik, manager of the Berlin Tractor Supply store. "By partnering with our great local nonprofits, we're able to match families with great pets and help those families start pet ownership on the right foot - or paw."

As part of the main event on Saturday, Tractor Supply will feature pet adoptions, demonstrations on pet nu-

trition, drawings for \$200 worth of gift cards, and giveaways, including a tennis ball and pet food mats while supplies last.

All Pet Appreciation Week events are open to the public - and pets - and will take place at Tractor Supply at 10452 Old Ocean City Blvd in Berlin.

In addition to finding good homes for dogs and cats, Saturday's adoption events will also raise awareness of the importance of spaying and neutering pets and provide information on proper pet care and nutrition.

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Berlin boutique brings 'heart' of toddler fashion

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Sept. 17, 2015) For Berlin native Emily Vocke, her new shop, Heart of Gold, is the perfect marriage of her background in fashion and her role as a mother to her 15-month-old son, Oliver.

The store officially opened last Friday in Berlin at 116 Broad Street, Suite 3, near the train crossing.

Vocke grew up a literal stone's throw away, on Washington Street, and went to Stephen Decatur High School. She holds a degree in fashion marketing from the Art Institute in Philadelphia.

She started renting the space in July, renovating it with the help of her husband and a few friends, and using several decorations from their own home to give the space a friendly, welcoming – and just a little modern – feel.

"I recently had a son, and we had a huge baby boom among all of our friends in the community, and we kept going to gatherings where everybody was wearing the same thing," Vocke said. "I think clothes and accessories are just a good sense of expression, and when we're all showing up wearing the same thing it's not much fun."

Vocke said she put a lot of her own sense of style into the shop, although she admits she's refocused her sartorial priorities since becoming a mother.



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Berlin native Emily Vocke brings her fashion background – and well as the influence of her 15-month-old son – to inform her new Berlin shop Heart of Gold.

"My fashion has definitely focused more toward kids rather than myself," she said. "I think once you become a parent you don't buy clothes for yourself anymore – it's really just all focused on your kid. It's been quite a while since I've personally gone shopping, but then I take all of my money and spend it on Oliver. That's where your money starts to go when you're a parent."

Vocke found several of the items at Heart of Gold at trade shows, including the

tot-sized Johnny Cash T-shirts and other assorted rock 'n' roll-inspired goodies.

"I have a boy, and I was looking for something just a little edgy," she said. "I prefer edgy and fun as opposed to the cutesy, classic, cheesy baby stuff."

Roughly half the items at the store are local and handmade. Her mother makes the hand-stamped jewelry that sits in a display case by the cash register, while other articles of clothing, toys and bedding were created by her friend, Claire

Wagner.

Both can do custom work through Heart of Gold, ranging from her mother's personalized necklaces and other jewelry, to Wagner's made-to-order quilts using the material of the customer's choice.

Vocke said early response to the shop has been strong.

"Friday was awesome," she said. "It was literally a last-minute decision just

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The Bel Air-based law firm Shaffer, McLauchlin & Stover, LLC has expanded its practice to the Eastern Shore and on Wednesday, Sept. 23, it will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of its new office located at 9921 Stephen Decatur Highway, Suite C, in Berlin. Pictured are Shaffer, McLauchlin & Stover partners, from left, Bradley R. Stover, Gina D. Shaffer and Eric E. McLauchlin.

Bel Air-based law firm set to open local location in Berlin

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The new Eastern Shore location has been a goal of the firm since its inception in 2011.

"When you examine demographic data of households in Harford County, there is a trend for many older area residents to retire in the greater Ocean City area," according to Gina Shaffer, a partner in the firm. "Our new office gives those clients access to our firm's experience in both elder law and real estate law."

Law partner Eric McLauchlin also notes that many of the firm's business clients from the Bel Air region own vacation or investment properties on the Eastern Shore.

"I own a home in Fenwick Island and Eric hails from the Eastern Shore, so we are also both very familiar with the area, Shaffer added."

McLauchlin is looking forward to returning to spend more time closer to his alma mater, Salisbury University. As a Salisbury graduate, he served for many years on the Alumni Board of Directors and was its president from 2005 to 2007.

Shaffer plans to begin by splitting her time between the two offices, working out of Bel Air Monday through Wednesday and in the Berlin office on Thursday and Friday.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony will

take place at 4 p.m. on Sept. 23 at the new office, with a reception to follow at 5 p.m. at Sunset Grille, located on Sunset Avenue in West Ocean City. Light refreshments will be provided and a cash bar will be available.

All are invited to attend the ceremony and reception; anyone planning on attending is asked to RSVP to Kim Perkins at 410-420-7992 or kim@smslawoffice.com by Monday, Sept. 21.

For additional information about Shaffer, McLauchlin & Stover, LLC, visit www.smslawoffice.com.

Heart of Gold has solid opening

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to kind of open for a few hours and Saturday was great too."

Like most new businesses in Berlin, Vocke said an eventual move to Main Street would be tempting, although for now she seems happy in her location, just a few blocks away from downtown.

"I love my location here," she said. "It's really cute and it's a great space. If some-

thing opens up down the road on Main Street and that's a possibility and I get a good response, maybe I can get bigger. I'd love to be able to offer 'mommy and me' art classes and fun stuff like that. If I had the space maybe I could do something like that.

Heart of Gold is open Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5-ish p.m. For more information, call 443-513-4811 or visit www.facebook.com/heartofgoldberlin.



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2ND FRIDAY ART STROLL



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Bishopville artist Isabel Morris features her work at Random Juxtaposition during the 2nd Friday art stroll last week.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
The Country Grass perform at the intersection of Commerce and Main streets during Berlin's 2nd Friday art stroll.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Mike Wiley, left, presents a check to Berlin Fire Company Chief David Fitzgerald, with Fire Prevention Chairperson Nancy Holland, during 2nd Friday.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Tig Tignor performs at the Worcester County Arts Council building during Berlin's 2nd Friday art stroll.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Don Grafer poses with one of his abstract expressionist pieces at the Worcester County Arts Council gallery during Berlin's 2nd Friday art stroll.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Nellie DeHart, left, and Bungalow Love owner Heather Layton work the counter during Berlin's 2nd Friday art stroll.

SNAPSHOTS



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

OPEN FOR ‘BIZZNESS’
Beez Kneez Boutique owner Lori Wagman, center, with the help of Berlin Mayor Gee Williams, cuts the ribbon on her new shop on Sept. 11.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

COMMUNITY OUTREACH
The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore (CFES) presented a \$1,980 Field of Interest Grant to Lower Shore Support Services to provide community outreach and marketing support. Pictured are Tom Wilson, Lower Shore Support Services director and Erica Joseph, CFES president. Lower Shore Supports Services assists area nonprofit organizations by providing affordable vital internal office supports, such as financial management services, donor and database management, and policy and procedure documentation.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT
The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore (CFES) awarded a \$5,000 Community Needs Grant to Women Supporting Women (WSW) to support a breast cancer survivor nutritional and lifestyle program entitled “Cooking for the New Me.” Pictured, from left, are Sue Revelle, executive director, mentoring coordinator, WSW; Cindy Feist, director of Fund Development, WSW; Emily Rantz, director of Community Relations, WSW; and Erica Joseph, president, CFES. Women Supporting Women was established to provide awareness, education, and support to all those who are affected by breast cancer.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

NEW SCHOOL YEAR
James Walker settles into his third grade class with Rebecca Fetters at Seaside Christian Academy.



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FRESHMAN WALK
Stephen Decatur High School National Honor Society members Hailey Williams and Katie Withers are all smiles while giving tours during Freshman Seahawk Day. Stephen Decatur opened its doors prior to the start of school to all 380-plus incoming freshmen so that they would be prepared on Sept. 8.

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OPEN HOUSES

Sept 17 - Sept 24 Weekly

DAY/TIME	ADDRESS	BR/BA	STYLE	PRICE	AGENCY/AGENT
Daily	Assateague Point, Berlin	1BR/2BR/3BR	Mobile	From \$100,000	Tony Matrona/Resort Homes
Daily 10-5	Gateway Grand – 48th Street	3 & 4BR, 3BA	Condo	Inquire	Condominium Realty
Daily 11-3	Villas, OC Inlet Isle	3BR/4BR	Condo	From \$740,000	Condominium Realty
Daily 10-4	1111 Edgewater Ave	3BR/2.5BA	Condo	From \$595,000	Condominium Realty
Daily 10-6	Seaside Village, West Ocean City	3BR/2BA/3.5BA	Townhome	From \$277,690	Lennar Homes
Fri. Sat & Sun 10-5pm	Sunset Island, Ocean City	–	Condos, Towns & SF	From \$345,000	Terry Riley/Vantage Resort Realty
Fri-Mon 11-4 pm	Heron Harbour Sales Office, 120th St., Bayside	1BR/2/BR/3BR/4/BR+	Condo, Towns & SF	–	Nanette Pavier/Holiday Real Estate
Saturday 10-1	505 Edgewater Ave., Ocean City	4BR/3.5BA	Townhome	\$599,900	Darryl Greer/Resort Real Estate
Saturday 2-4	12903 Wight St., Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$365,000	Steven R Cohen/Hileman Real Estate
Saturday 2-5	27 Nottingham Lane, Ocean Pines	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$252,900	Maria Dolbey/Hileman Real Estate
Saturday 1-4	141 Camelot Crl., Ocean Pines	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$169,900	Steve Marriner/Coldwell Banker Residential
Saturday 1-4	9 Moonshell Dr., Ocean Pines	4BR/3BA Waterfront	Single Family	\$569,600	George Rines/Coldwell Banker Residential
Saturday 1-4	16 Admiral Ave., Ocean Pines	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$185,000	Coleen Deptula/Coldwell Banker Residential
Saturday 1-4	861 Yacht Club Dr., Marina Village – OP	3BR/2.5BA Waterfront	TH	\$410,000	Marianne Leizure/Coldwell Banker Residential
Saturday 1-4	19 Pintail Dr., Ocean Pines	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$399,500	George Bowers 410-218-3453
Saturday 1-4	131 Teal Circle, Ocean Pines	3BR/2BA Watefront	Single Family	\$349,000	Melissa Burns 443-366-6389
Saturday 1-4	20 Leigh Dr, Ocean Pines	4BR/2.5BA	Single Family	\$669,500	Jennifer Cropper-Rines/Coldwell Banker Residential
Sat. & Sun. 10-5	12602 Bay Buoy Ct., Ocean City	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$329,900	Harbor Homes
Sun. 12-5 & Mon-Sat 10-5	70th St. Bayside Broadmarsh	3BR/2.5BA	Townhomes	From \$305,960	Condominium Realty
Sun. 12-5 & Mon-Sat 10-5	11769 Maid at Arms Way	4BR/4.5BA	Single Family	From \$489,900	Evergreene Homes
Sunday 12-3	704 Bradley Rd., Ocean City	2BR/2.5BA	Townhome	\$249,900	Ann Holtz/Shamrock Realty Group
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Assateague Seashore celebrates 50 years

Guests get free admission during three-day weekend, Sept. 19-21, in Md. district

(Sept. 17, 2015) This year marks the 50th anniversary of Assateague Island National Seashore and everyone is invited to the party.

Guests can enjoy an entrance fee free three-day weekend in the Maryland district, Sept. 19-21. There will be programs and activities for children and families to enjoy in both the Maryland and Virginia districts of Assateague Island National Seashore.

On Saturday in the Maryland district, join the annual Coastal Clean-up at 8:30 a.m. and then stay for the 50th anniversary celebration from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come out to North Ocean Beach day-use area in the national seashore for 1960's beach music with DJ Sky Brady, sand sculptor George Zaiser, birthday cake, cupcakes and drinks, 1960's-era games for children and families to play and be sure to sign the birthday card.

Sunday in the Maryland district offers a full day of programs including an aquarium talk, clamming and crabbing programs and a very special guest speaker, Eastern Shore local historian, Tom Wimbrow at 2:30 p.m. in the Environmental Education Center.

The Virginia district offers two fun-filled days of programs and activities on anniversary weekend.

On Saturday, start the day off surf fishing or kayaking, stop in at the Toms Cove Visitor Center for a fascinating "Ocean Pharmacy" program, become an Assateague detective while searching for clues to solve beach mysteries and be sure to hang out for a special beach campfire with a "1960's flavor" complete with s'mores at 6 p.m.

On Sunday, participate in a morning bird walk or marine exploration, kayak the cove or stop by the visitor center throughout the day for a variety of critter and plant programs. Kayak trips are \$20 per person and require reservations, all other programs are free. Entrance fees are in effect in the Virginia district. Visit www.nps.gov/asis for the full weekend schedule.

Assateague Island was identified in a 1934 survey by the National Park Service and Department of the Interior as one of 12 areas along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts suitable for a national seashore recreation area. Consequently, numerous bills supporting establishment of the national seashore were introduced annually to Congress but with no action taken.

In 1943, the Fish and Wildlife Service, another federal bureau interested in Assateague, and the Department of the Interior established the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge on the Virginia end of the island. In the intervening years, most of the Maryland portion of Assateague was purchased for private development.

Residential construction, road and infrastructure development were well underway, including a failed attempt to build a bridge to the island. Interestingly, on multiple occasions the state proposed creation of a state park on Assateague without result. Then, in 1956, the developer adeptly donated 540 acres to Maryland in exchange for creation of a new state park and construction of a bridge.

March 6, 1962, a powerful storm hit Assateague, over-washed the island and destroyed most of the development's roads and structures. This infamous "Ash Wednesday" storm provided an unexpected opportunity for the Department of the Interior to acquire the remaining portion of Assateague Island as a national seashore.

Assateague Island National Seashore was officially established

Sept. 21, 1965 by President Lyndon B. Johnson. Most of the Maryland district is managed by the National Park Service as Assateague Island National Seashore. The state manages two miles of the Maryland district as Assateague State Park.

The Virginia district is managed by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service as Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge. The National Park Service operates the Toms Cove Visitor Center and a recreational beach within the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge.

Assateague Island is one of the largest and last surviving Mid-Atlantic barrier islands containing intact coastal habitats where the full range of natural processes occur with little or no human interference. The 32,000 acres of marine and estuarine waters within the seashore are a pro-

tected vestige of the high quality aquatic ecosystems that once occurred throughout the Mid-Atlantic coastal region of the United States.

The seashore's habitats support a broad array of aquatic and terrestrial species, many of which are rare, uniquely adapted to life at the edge of the sea, and dependent upon natural ecosystem processes undisturbed by humans. Amidst the highly developed Mid-Atlantic region, the seashore's coastal resources provide unique opportunities for nature-based recreation, education, solitude and inspiration.

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Sept. 20: Phobia Trio, 4-7 p.m.; Just Jay, 7-10 p.m.
Sept. 23: Open mic and jam, 8 p.m. to midnight
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Sept. 19: John Remy & Joe Smooth, noon to 4 p.m.; Kevin Poole & the Gang, 5-9 p.m.
Sept. 20: Ginger Duo, noon to 3 p.m.; Copper Sky, 4-8 p.m.
Sept. 21: Bob Wilkinson & Joe Smooth, 4-8 p.m.
Sept. 22: Monkee Paw, 4-8 p.m.
Sept. 23: Chris Button & Joe Mama, 4-8 p.m.
Sept. 24: Kevin Poole & Joe Mama, 4-8 p.m.

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Sept. 20: Everett Spells, brunch
Sept. 21: DJ Gregg, 5:30 p.m.; DJ RobCee, 9:30 p.m.
Sept. 24: Bryan Clark, 6 p.m.

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Sept. 20: Opposite Directions, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Billy T, 7 p.m.
Sept. 21: Blake Haley, 4 p.m.; DJ Billy T, 8 p.m.
Sept. 22: Funk Shue, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Sept. 23: Nate Clendenen, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
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Sept. 20: Naked Nation, 4-9 p.m.

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Sept. 18: Jim Long Band, 5-9 p.m.; Element K, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; The Amish Outlaws, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.
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Sept. 20: Power Play w/Jim Long, 5-9 p.m.
Sept. 24: Full Circle Duo, 5-9 p.m.

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Sept. 18: Aaron Howell, 4-8 p.m.
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Arts and Jazz Festival this Saturday

(Sept. 17, 2015) The Freeman Stage at Bayside is gearing up to host its 8th annual Arts and Jazz Festival beginning Saturday, Sept. 19 at 10 a.m.

"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, Catherine Russell at 2 p.m. and the Cyrus Chestnut Trio 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 glass artist Stacey Naughton, photographer Pam Aquilani, visionary folk artist Nina Spencer, painter Amanda Sokolski and jeweler Shelby Foxwell. This event is free for all, but patrons are asked to bring their own 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, Del. 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 the state of 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.

Pines Chamber announces awards

(Sept. 17, 2015) The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and staff announced the 2015 award recipients that will be recognized during the 16th annual awards and installation banquet being held on Oct. 15 at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club.

The award recipients are: 2015 Ocean Pines Business of the Year Ayers Creek Adventures, 2015 Ocean Pines Citizens of the Year Bob and Kelli Beck of DeNovo's Trattoria, and 2015 Ocean Pines Nonprofit Organization of the Year, sponsored by the Community Founda-

tion of the Eastern Shore, Diakonia, Inc. These local award winners will be honored for their accomplishments and contributions to the community during the Harvest Ball annual banquet.

The awards ceremony will be held in conjunction with the installation of the 2015/2016 board members and officers: Incoming President: Amy Unger of Atlantic General Hospital, Outgoing President: Anna Giles of Merrill Lynch; Vice President: Will Cathell of Williams, Moore, Shockley & Harrison, LLP; Treasurer: Celeste Miller of Farmer's

Bank of Willards; Secretary: Lee Ann Gunning of Wor-Wic Community College; and Board Directors: Heather Shaner of M&T Bank, Ocean Pines, Michael Mathers of Law Firm of Michael B. Mathers, P.A. along with two new board members, Teresa Travatello of the Ocean Pines Association and Patty Dundore of American Granite and Tile, Inc.

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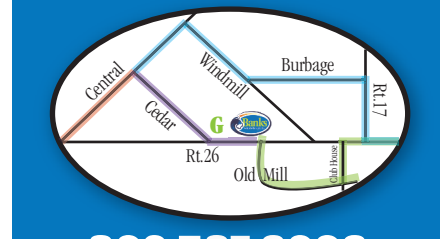
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OP Police ‘Salute’ Patrolman Minton for suicide save

(Sept. 17, 2015) Ocean Pines Patrolman First Class James D. Minton was recently presented the Maryland State Police’s “Superintendent’s Salute” for his actions on Oct. 26, 2014.

It was reported troopers of the Maryland State Police Berlin “V” Barrack were dispatched to an Ocean Pines residence for a suicidal subject. Upon arriving, Minton met Trooper Andrew Broadwater and attempted to contact the suicidal subject at the residence. After no response, both Broadwater and Minton made entrance to the residence only to find the victim hanging from an attic rafter.

Minton and Broadwater released the subject and administered CPR until the victim began to breathe. Minton and Broadwater continued with life-saving efforts, along with other arriving troopers, until emergency medical services arrived and assumed medical care. The swift actions taken by Minton and Broadwater saved the victim’s life.

The certificate was signed by current Superintendent of the Maryland State Police, Colonel William M. Pallozzi. It was presented to Minton at the Maryland State Police, Berlin “V”



Ocean Pines Patrolman First Class James D. Minton, center, was recently presented the Maryland State Police’s “Superintendent’s Salute” for his actions on Oct. 26, 2014. He is pictured with Ocean Pines Chief of Police David Massey, left, and Maryland State Police Assistant Barrack Commander - Berlin - First Sergeant Christopher Davala.

Barrack by Assistant Barrack Commander, First Sergeant Christopher Davala.

Minton was accompanied by his family and Ocean Pines Chief of Po-

lice David Massey.

Minton is commended for his outstanding contributions to the citizens of Maryland and the Maryland State Police.

Ocean Pines agent Jerry Richards joins Shamrock Realty

(Sept. 17, 2015) Ocean Pines Realtor Jerry Richards recently announced that he is now a member of the Shamrock Realty Group.



Jerry Richards

He will continue to serve his clients from his office at 11049 Racetrack Road on Route 589 with residential real estate services. In addition to being a Realtor, he is a Certified Residential Specialist (CRS), a designation achieved by less than 2 percent of all real estate agents.

Richards has been selling real estate in Ocean Pines for 46 years and has more than 900 satisfied customers. He has received numerous awards including the Realtor of the Year from the Coastal Association of Realtors. He and his wife, Gloria, have lived as full-time residents of Ocean Pines since 1970.

He is proud to be part of the Shamrock Realty Group. It has been a successful brokerage located on Route 50 for the past 10 years and will add a team of good agents to compliment the team of previous Re/Max Crossroads agents remaining in the Ocean Pines office.

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Lobster roll worth high price you'll pay

At this point in our long journey, you should know that I am one for disjointed stories; stories that jump from one plot line to the next with little explanation and barely more entertainment factor than a medical journal. Not to say that all medical readings are boring and mundane ... no, wait, they pretty



By Paul Suplee,
CEC PCIII

much are.

While they can be fascinating, I am no doctor, which might make one question why I would bother reading a medical journal in the first place. Well, if I'm sitting in a lobby or doctor's office and there happens to be a medical magazine or journal lying around, I will typically pick it up and start reading. And I usually do not understand a word of it.

But back to the disjointed plotline, I figured I would tell you about lobsters. They are one of my favorite foods, and they are one of the most boring foods oftentimes in restaurants. More often than not, they are served steamed or boiled with drawn butter. Yawn. So, basically you are giving me a lobster with a bowl of oil, having removed the milk solids and proteins from the butter.

Personally, I think you should melt salted butter, or heavily salted unsalted butter and then melt it, and give me that. Or you could make a nice batch of brown butter, as I have written before for serving with steamed clams or in this case, lobster.

A fantastic trick, and one I might write about in more detail in the future is grilled lobster. This is a delicacy that I started cooking when I was 16, many, many, many years ago. It was at a big place in Annapolis called Key West Shipping Company, located on the second floor of the shops at the base of Main Street (Buddy's Crabs has been there for years now).

They called me "The Executioner," because somebody had to cut the lobsters in half while they were alive, and the older cooks had a hard time doing it. I never enjoyed doing it, but I wanted to learn how to cook so I did it with great aplomb. In all honesty, given the choice of getting thrown in boiling water or getting split in half instantly, the latter is a quicker demise and in an ironic way, more "humane." So, I was called upon



regularly to complete the task.

I am getting carried away with the grilled lobster, and will save the rest for another day, but I also made lobster rolls, which are one of my all-time favorites. It is also one of the most disjointed items out there. In many recipes, it still shocks me to see Old Bay (here I go again) as a mainstay seasoning in the lobster salad that makes this ubiquitous New England sandwich so popular.

Why Old Bay? Haven't these peo-

ple ever heard of JO's or Potlatch? Now, this time I am writing this a little tongue-in-cheek because you know of my disdain for Maryland's own great seafood seasoning. But, I do love Old Bay in shrimp salad. That is the one place that the spice really stands out for me.

But why would all of these New England recipes call for it? Don't they have their own spice blend? Can't they just leave us alone? Apparently not. I guess McCormick got it right. In fact it's hard to read an article writ-

ten in France about Maryland that doesn't list the blend somewhere along the way. I guess I will just have to learn to live with it.

Making the lobster rolls is quick and easy, but it is not cheap. You will have to source the lobster meat, which is expensive. The best way to do this is to talk to the seafood counter at a good store and ask them to order you some. If you want to pick your own, be ready to get a 25% yield, so if you want to make this recipe and need two pounds, you will need to buy 8 pounds of whole lobster. That is pricey.

But it's worth it. As a rare treat, lobster rolls go a long way, and they resonate with summer and fall seasons. Either way, they'll make any story time worthwhile.

Old Bay and Lobster rolls

Lobster Roll

Makes 8 rolls

- 2# Lobster meat, cooked
- 1 c. mayonnaise
- 1 tsp. Dijon mustard
- 2 sticks celery, finely minced with leaves
- 2 Tbsp. thinly sliced scallions
- 1 Tbsp. Minced fresh tarragon
- Salt & Pepper to taste
- Zest of 1 lemon
- 1 tsp. Seafood seasoning of your choice

Juice of 1/2 - 1 lemon, depending on size

Baby Arugula, as needed

Soft, top-cut dog rolls*

1. Ensure that all shells are removed from lobster meat
2. If the lobster meat was frozen, squeeze some of the water out, but not all
3. Combine remaining ingredients to make your lobster salad dressing
4. Toss the meat in the dressing and allow to sit, refrigerated for at least two hours so the flavors can marry
5. Toast the rolls on a buttered pan or griddle until it has just a light toast to it
6. When ready to serve, place some baby arugula in the bottom of the rolls and top off with some lobster salad

*Pepperidge Farm top-cut hot dog rolls are about the best that you're going to find

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

CALENDAR

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

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

THURS. Sept. 17

OC BIKEFEST — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Ocean City Inlet, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. National entertainment and bands, stunt shows, bike builders, vendors, food and beverages. Admission costs for the Inlet only are \$40 event adult. A pass costs \$30 a day for adults, \$15 for ages 6-15 and free to those 5 and younger. Info: 262-642-7158, www.ocbikefest.com or chase@ocbikefest.com.

STORY TIME ‘SUNFLOWERS’ — Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. For 2 to 5 year old children. Info: 410-632-3495.

STORY TIME ‘SHARING’ — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. For 2 to 5 year old children. Info: 410-208-4014.

SWEDISH MASSAGE — Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 2 p.m. Witness a full-body massage and have your questions answered about draping, oils, strokes, pressure and more. Info: 410-957-0878.

CONFIDENCE TO CARE — Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 2-3 p.m. For those struggling to care for an older adult with Alzheimer’s disease or another dementia. RSVP for this free workshop: Home Instead, 410-641-0901.

7TH ANNUAL PATRIOT DAY FASHION SHOW LUNCHEON — Ocean Pines Yacht Club, Banquet Room, 1 Mumford’s Landing Road. Doors open at 10:30 a.m., program begins at 11:30 a.m. This year is in honor of POW/MIA Day “You are not forgotten.” Fashions are by Chico’s of Salisbury. Cost is \$33. Reservations: Sandy Fennell, 410-202-8688 or sandyfen57@yahoo.com. Sponsored by the Republican Women of Worcester County.

TOWN HALL MEETING — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. to noon. Maryland’s Insurance Commissioner, Al Redmer, Jr., to hold town hall meeting to gather information and opinions about the State’s property and casualty insurance climate. He will also discuss potential legislative proposals from industry for the upcoming legislative session. RSVP: Nick Cavey, nick.cavey@maryland.gov.

WORCESTER COUNTY TEA PARTY MEETING — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., meeting begins at 7 p.m. Two young filmmakers, Thomas Locastro and Matthew Locastro, Co-Founders, Locastro Design, LLC, will introduce their latest expose on “Civil Asset Forfeiture.” Could it happen to you? Free and open to the public. Info: WCTPPatriots@gmail.com,

www.worcestercountyteaparty.com or 443-614-7214.

BEACH SINGLES — Every Thursday, Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour at Harpoon Hanna’s, 39064 Harpoon Road, Fenwick Island, Del., 4 p.m. Info: Arlene, 302-436-9577; Kate, 410-524-0649; or Dianne, 302-541-4642.

BINGO — American Legion Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., in Ocean City, every Thursday, year round. Doors open at 5 p.m., games start at 6:30 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.

FRI. Sept. 18

OC BIKEFEST — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Ocean City Inlet, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. National entertainment and bands, stunt shows, bike builders, vendors, food and beverages. Admission costs for the Inlet only are \$40 event adult. A pass costs \$30 a day for adults, \$15 for ages 6-15 and free to those 5 and younger. Info: 262-642-7158, www.ocbikefest.com or chase@ocbikefest.com.

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

BERLIN BOOK OF THE MONTH — Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 1 p.m. “The Husband’s Secret” by Liane Moriarty. Copies of books are available in advance at the library. Info: 410-641-0650.

WOMEN TALKING ABOUT WOMEN — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. True Stories of Princesses in History. Reading selections based on women, their accomplishments, attitudes, challenges, etc. Selections are available at the library in advance. Info: 410-208-4014.

STORY TIME ‘COLORS’ — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. For 2 to 5 year old children. Info: 410-208-4014.

SAT. Sept. 19

OC BIKEFEST — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Ocean City Inlet, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. National entertainment and bands,

stunt shows, bike builders, vendors, food and beverages. Admission costs for the Inlet only are \$40 event adult. A pass costs \$30 a day for adults, \$15 for ages 6-15 and free to those 5 and younger. Info: 262-642-7158, www.ocbikefest.com or chase@ocbikefest.com.

‘THE CAT DAYS OF FALL’ — Walmart, 11416 Ocean Gateway, Berlin, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be cats available for adoption, baked goods for purchase and raffle tickets. Adoption fees are \$75 and include spay/neuter, immunizations, microchip and fecal exam. Free to any person over the age of 65 who adopts a cat over the age of 8. Info: www.worcestercountymanusociety.org or 410-213-0146.

BUILD IT! — Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 10 a.m. to noon. Build-it-yourself activities for children ages 18 months to 3 years. Info: 410-957-0878.

STAR CHARITIES - V.I.P. SOCIAL — Deer Run Golf Club, 8804 Logtown Road, Berlin, 5 p.m. Barbecue and chicken, cash bar and music of Johnny Cash by David Stone. Tickets cost \$25 and benefit Wounded Soldier’s in Maryland. Tickets: Anna Foultz, 410-641-7667 and Barbara Mazzei, 410-208-0430.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLESSING OF THE MOTORCYCLES — Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway (behind St. Luke’s Church), Ocean City, noon. Info: 410-524-7994.

‘DANCING UNDER THE STARS’ — Germantown School Community Heritage Center, 10223 Trappe Road, Berlin, 7 p.m. Featuring oldies but goodies by DJ Super Grit II, hors d’oeuvres and free set-ups. BYOB. Tickets cost \$20. Info: 410-641-0638.

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET AND LUNCH TO FOLLOW — Willards Volunteer Fire Company, 7370 Main St., 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Breakfast buffet, held 7-10:30 a.m., includes scrambled eggs, fried potatoes, sausage, ham, scrapple and pancakes. Cost is \$9 for adults and free to children 12 and younger. Lunch, held 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., includes oyster fritters, crab cakes, hamburgers and cheeseburgers. Bake table items available.

8TH ANNUAL ARTS & JAZZ FESTIVAL — Freeman Stage at Bayside, 31750 Lake View Drive, Selbyville, Del., 10 a.m. Showcasing live jazz performances and the work of local artists. Jazz performers include The Joe Baione Sextet at noon, Catherine Russell at 2 p.m. and the Cyrus Chestnut Trio at 4 p.m. An array of art vendors including painters, photographers, jewelry makers and potters. Admission is free. Food and beverages, including beer and wine, will be available. Take your own seating. Info: 302-

436-3015 or www.freemanstage.org.

PET ADOPTIONS FOR PET APPRECIATION WEEK — Berlin Tractor Supply Company, 10452 Old Ocean City Boulevard, Berlin, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Annual event to celebrate pet owners and their furry friends. Featuring pet adoptions, demonstrations on pet nutrition, drawings for \$200 worth of gift cards and giveaways. Activities include Animal Training, Dog Wash and Pet Adoption. Info: 410-641-0310, [Facebook.com/TractorSupplyCo](https://www.facebook.com/TractorSupplyCo) or TractorSupply.com.

MODEL TRAIN DISPLAYS — Delaware Seaside Railroad Club, Clayton Crossing, 32422 Royal Blvd., Dagsboro, Del., Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., year round. See five layouts. Info: Bill Ziegler, wjziegler1@verizon.net or 302-537-0964.

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. 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 korn, flowers, artisan breads, seafood, meats and more. New vendors welcome. Info: 410-641-7717, Ext. 3006.

SUN. Sept. 20

OC BIKEFEST — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Ocean City Inlet, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. National entertainment and bands, stunt shows, bike builders, vendors, food and beverages. Admission costs for the Inlet only are \$40 event adult. A pass costs \$30 a day for adults, \$15 for ages 6-15 and free to those 5 and younger. Info: 262-642-7158, www.ocbikefest.com or chase@ocbikefest.com.

GOSPEL CONCERT — St. Matthews By-The-Sea United Methodist Church, 1000 Coastal Highway, Fenwick Island, Del., 7 p.m. Featuring “The Island Boys.” Free-will offering will be taken for the singers. Info: Rita Williams, 302-436-1562.

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. Open to the community and to AGH patients. Info: Rob, 443-783-3529.

SHARING SUNDAY — The Democratic Women’s Club will collect non-perishable food, toiletries and paper products at the South Fire Station, on Ocean Parkway (South Gate), Ocean Pines.

CALENDAR

Info: 410-641-8553.

BELLS ACROSS AMERICA — In celebration of Constitution Week, General Levin Winder DAR Chapter is inviting all venues with a bell — this includes all churches, fire houses, city governments and even individuals — to ring bells at 10 a.m.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST SPECIAL — Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway (behind St. Luke’s Church), Ocean City, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Menu includes scrambled eggs, western omelet, bacon, sausage, home fries, chipped beef, toast, French toast, pancakes, blueberry pancakes, orange juice and coffee. Cost is \$9 for adults and \$4 for children 7 and younger. Info: 410-524-7994.

OUTDOOR CASUAL WORSHIP SERVICE — Front lawn of Bethany United Methodist Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, 8:30 a.m., Sundays, through Sept. 27. Take a lawn chair or blanket. Held indoors during inclement weather. Info: 410-641-2186 or Bethany21811@gmail.com.

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: Bett, 410-202-9078.

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.

MON. Sept. 21

LAP TIME — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Children, ages 1 and younger, will be introduced to songs, games and finger plays. Info: 410-208-4014.

COMPARATIVE RELIGION — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. A 5-week series to examine the history and tenets of the world’s major religions including Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Info: 410-208-4014.

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. Info: Dana Rosenfeld, 410-652-8639.

KEEPING YOUR PET HEALTHY — Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 2 p.m. Topics will include diet, exercise, dental care, first aid, simple remedies and knowing when to call the vet. Info: 410-632-3495.

BARIATRIC SURGERY INFORMATION NIGHT — Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 2, 9733 Healthway

Drive, Berlin, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Atlantic General Bariatric Center provides pre- and post-surgery consultations, nutrition education and support group meetings. Register: 410-629-6470.

HEALTHY LIVING WITH HYPERTENSION — YMCA, 1900 Worcester Highway, Pocomoke City, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free, interactive program that teaches people with high blood pressure how to better manage the condition. Pre-registration required: Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268.

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.

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN’S CLUB OF WORCESTER COUNTY MEETING — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway. Coffee at 9:30 a.m., meeting at 10 a.m. Brigitte Southworth, from Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services, will be speaking about CASA for Children. All women are welcome. Info: 814-322-2119.

DELMARVA CHORUS GUEST NIGHT — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 7-9 p.m. Info: 410-641-6876.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CLUB — Bethany United Methodist Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, Mondays, 6:30-8 p.m. Those 50 and older are welcome to enjoy games, activities, prayer, socialization and friendships. Light refreshments served. Info: Bethany21811@gmail.com or 410-641-2186.

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

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

TUES. Sept. 22

E-READER CLASS — Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 2 P.M. Learn how to download books from the public library to your E-reader. Attendees must know their e-mail address and password. Sign up: 410-957-0878.

A NOSTALGIC WALK THROUGH OLD OCEAN CITY — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2 p.m. Featuring speaker Mabel Rogers, an Ocean City native and historian. Info: www.OCMuseum.org or

410-289-4991.

TAI CHI — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 4 p.m. A 6-week course with instructor Kim Reed. Info: 410-208-4014.

EARLY STEM STORIES & ACTIVITIES — Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 10:30 a.m. Stories, activities and crafts that introduce children, ages 3 and older, to science, technology, engineering and math. Info: 410-957-0878.

STORY TIME — Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 10:30 a.m. For 2 to 5 year old children. Info: 410-641-0650.

ATLANTIC COAST CHAPTER OF THE MARYLAND SALTWATER SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION MEETING — Lion’s Club, 12534 Airport Road, West Ocean City. Doors open at 7 p.m., meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Wes Politt, from the Morning Star, will speak on various jigging techniques and equipment. Visitors and guests welcome.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING - Berlin group 331, Worcester County Health Center, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 5:30-7 p.m. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly. Info: jeanduck47@gmail.com.

ON YOUR OWN, BUT NOT ALONE - WOC Fitness, 12319 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City, 5 p.m. Weight loss support group with discussions about nutrition, exercise, health and weight loss. Cost is \$5 per meeting. Info: dillon128@aol.com.

WED. Sept. 23

STORY TIME — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. For 2 to 5 year old children. Info: 410-524-1818.

THE WWIUNES — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Enjoy the music that was popular when the rowing team from Washington University won the 1936 Olympics. This program complements the themes of this year’s OMOB selection, “The Boys in The Boat” by Daniel James Brown. Info: 410-208-4014.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP — Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 7-8 p.m. The group gathers the fourth Wednesday of each month. Pre-registration is not necessary. Info: Pastoral Care Services, 410-641-9725 or gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org.

CANCER THRIVING AND SURVIVING WORKSHOP — Selbyville Public Library, 11 S. Main St., Selbyville, Del., 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For those in treatment of cancer, individuals in recovery and caregivers to attend together. The workshop is free and meets six weeks, Sept. 23-Oct. 28. Register: Gail Mansell, 410-641-

9725 or gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org.

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O.C. BOARDWALK LABYRINTH OPEN — St. Paul’s by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, inside DeWees Hall, 302 N. Baltimore Ave., 7-9 p.m., every Wednesday, Aug. 5-Sept. 23. Replica of the 12th century original is available for walking with candlelight and sacred music. Wheelchair accessible. Free parking available beside the hall. Info: 410-289-3453 or 443-880-7608.

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 DANCE 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. All are welcome. 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. Doors open at 7 a.m., meeting begins at 8 a.m. Info: 410-641-7330.

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.

ON YOUR OWN, BUT NOT ALONE - WOC Fitness, 12319 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City, noon. Weight loss support group with discussions about nutrition, exercise, health and weight loss. Cost is \$5 per meeting. Info: dillon128@aol.com.

ONGOING EVENTS

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