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While dozens of guests showed up in 1920s attire for the flapper-themed Berlin library fundraiser at the Atlantic Hotel on Friday, this vintage auto stole the show. Throughout the evening, guests posed for pictures with the car, parked on Jefferson Street next to the Atlantic.

Berlin Fiddlers Convention brings three days of music

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Sept. 22, 2016) The 24th annual Berlin Fiddlers Convention returns this weekend with free live music by four local and regional bands, as well as competitions in multiple levels and categories.

Berlin Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Larnet St. Amant said Fiddlers would stick with its “tried and true” formula and will keep to much the same schedule of events as during previous years.

“It’s always been a really great event for us,” she said. “Friday night ends up being a nice, family vibe, and then Saturday we switch the stage [to] near the Atlantic Hotel end of town for the competition.”

Last year’s band competition winners, local father-son duo Blind Wind, will co-headline the live entertainment lineup downtown starting at 7 p.m. on Friday at the north end of Main Street.

Also performing Friday night is Grammy nominee Audie Blacklock, who will deliver a solo set and join Baltimore-based roots group Charm City Junction.

Blind Wind and Charm City Junction again will perform on Saturday morning, starting at 10 a.m. at the south end of Main Street, downtown.

The competition portion of the event will follow at about noon, with categories that include adult and child guitar, mandolin, banjo, fiddle and full-band. Registration will begin at 10 a.m.

Also on Saturday, Charm City Junction bandleader Patrick McAvinue will hold a fiddle master class from 10-10:45 a.m. The fee is \$10, and registration will begin at 10 a.m.

Berlin Brewery Burley Oak will provide a beer garden on Friday and Saturday. Food vendors will include personal pizzas by Siculi Italian Kitchen and sandwiches from On What Grounds, along with several food trucks.

The local group Country Grass will close out Fiddlers on Sunday with a gospel jam on the lawn of the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum from noon to 3 p.m.

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OPA Country club: repair or replace?

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Sept. 22, 2016) Plenty of ground was covered during what Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors President Tom Herrick described on Monday as the “resurrection of the working sessions” it had discarded several years ago.

More informal than regular meetings, the sessions were designed to develop ideas and invite public opinion.

During the five-hour meeting in the community center – during which no votes were permitted – the directors discussed 11 topics, including what to do with the much-maligned country club. That subject took up the largest share of time, although no consensus on a solution was reached.

What the directors did agree on, however, was that maintenance of the building had long been ignored and many of the problems there – including pervasive mold, a deteriorated HVAC system and a leaky roof –

would likely lead to expensive fixes.

Interim General Manager Brett Hill summed up the results of a recent engineering report that suggested the building was “plagued” with problems.

“The core issues surround a roof that desperately needs to be replaced, HVAC systems that weren’t properly mounted on the roof that have forced the replacement of that sooner and are also nonfunctioning, and [other issues] that occurred inside the building from the problems on the outside,” he said. “The consensus from the report is ... we have a lot of maintenance issues there.

“We do not need a replacement, but we do need to invest a lot of money in the building to fix it,” he added.

Facilities Manager Jerry Aveta said recommendations in the report included complete replacement of the electrical, plumbing and HVAC systems.

“The roof needs to be severely maintained or replaced,” he said. “There’s water infiltration. There’s water management issues. The finishes in the in-

terior need to be at least addressed [or] updated. There’s a lot of issues.”

The HVAC system alone, he said, would cost “in the neighborhood of \$150,000.”

“It’s just good money after a bad thing,” he said. “And where do you start and where do you stop?”

Aveta said a mold mitigation specialist would look at the building this week, and that Hill had directed that to be the priority – for now.

“We’ll get the mold out, we’ll repair that damage, and then Brett asked me to come up with sort of a laundry list of what’s next,” he said. “We’re working on that laundry list with estimates ... everything is in [such] a state of emergency repair that we need to do something. The issue is quantifying how much of a something do we want to spend, because everything needs a lot of work.”

He said the report recommended coming up with a list of requirements

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Pocomoke City Volunteer Firefighters help a stranded motorist near Linden Avenue and First Street Monday afternoon. Flooding was so severe downtown that the evening's City Council meeting was rescheduled for Oct. 3.

Pocomoke hardest hit by downpour

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

(Sept. 22, 2016) By late Monday afternoon, floodwaters had crossed Route 113's southbound lanes north of Pocomoke City in at least two places, Route 756 was about to be shut down, and both Market Street and Clarke Avenue were closed in places because of rising water from a coastal storm.

By Tuesday morning, City Manager/City Attorney Ernie Crofoot said things had become calmer, the flash flooding had started to subside and cleanup efforts were underway.

"The combination of the volume of rain, the short time factor and the fact that stormwater mitigation swales and other measures can only hold so much water led to the flooding," Crofoot said.

The wastewater treatment plant was "the least of his concerns" on Monday, he said, though the town did

need to switch holding lagoons to accommodate all the runoff. Crofoot said several manhole covers in town were dislodged and overflowed during the squall.

Reports of a lightning strike at Pocomoke's Hartley Hall were confirmed by Gary Crowley, administrator. The strike did not hit the center itself, but nearby, causing minor issues but not interrupting services to residents. Though the flooding was severe near Hartley Hall, the facility did not take on water, Crowley said.

"The heavy rain was a result of many ingredients coming together over Maryland's lower Eastern Shore on Monday," Ava Marie, morning meteorologist at WBAL, said. "There was a low pressure system spinning off the coast of North Carolina, left over from what was once Tropical Storm Julia. That low carried moisture into Maryland's atmosphere, giving the setup for heavy rain."

A cold front approaching from the west helped center the storm over the lower shore, she said.

"Energy swinging by in the upper atmosphere further concentrated the rain into heavy bands that trained over the same areas for several hours. Pocomoke City experienced rainfall rates of one to three inches per hour for several hours and the radar estimates up to seven inches of rain fell in just 12 hours on Monday," Marie said.

Crofoot said local estimates were in the 10-inch range.

"While it caused flooding in the short term, this helped make a huge dent in the drought that was forming in the region," Marie said. "National Weather Service Climate Data from nearby Wallops Island, shows that the region has seen below average rainfall since the beginning of August. Had the ground not been so dry, the area likely would have experienced greater flooding."

SH public hearing on comprehensive rezoning, Tuesday

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

(Sept. 22, 2016) Snow Hill is poised to adopt a new comprehensive zoning ordinance, determining how land within town limits can and will be used for the next several years, barring citizen requests and modifications.

The hearing is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 27 at the train station.

"For the most part, all areas of the town remain in their previous zoning classification and most property owners will be permitted to use their property as provided in the existing zoning code," Town Manager Kelly Pruitt said in a prepared statement.

"Exceptions include properties in the Riverfront Development District, which have either been incorporated into the B-1 Downtown Shopping District or the R-2 Medium-Density Residential District."

This change on the riverfront, Pruitt said, will permit the Town Council to consider a broader range of both infill and redevelopment options.

The major changes, Pruitt said, are the elimination of the Riverfront Development District, the addition of a new district concerning businesses with direct access to Route 113, and emerging businesses such as tattoo and massage parlors as well as medical marijuana dispensaries and microbreweries have been incorporated into the new ordinance.


Standards, she continued, for things like yard sales, accessory uses and variances inside and outside of the critical area have been loosened, as well as provisions for temporary uses and for solar and wind energy have been added.

"Overall the changes in the zoning ordinance are expected to make administration of the ordinance simpler and less time-consuming by reducing the time and expense in processing development applications," Pruitt said in the statement.

It will achieve these goals, she continued, by increasing investment in targeted areas and increasing flexibility within the Planning Commission, which should, as a consequence, decrease the number of applications to the Board of Zoning Appeals seeking exceptions or other modifications.

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Berlin, nine others, up for ‘American Main St.’ award

(Sept. 22, 2016) Berlin Main Street has been selected as a semifinalist for the 2017 “Great American Main Street” award.

The Great American Main Street award is the highest recognition given out by the National Main Street Center.

“Each year, Main Street America celebrated exceptional Main Street organizations for their work in creating more economically, socially and culturally vibrant commercial districts,” Patrice Frey, the center’s president and CEO, said. “This year’s winners are truly at the forefront of commercial district revitalization. They are a testament to the power of the main street approach, and the great potential of downtown districts in cities and towns across the country.”

Together, this year’s semifinalists have generated almost \$1 billion in public and private reinvestment while creating 5,679 new jobs, opening 1,085 new businesses, rehabbing 1,359 buildings and clocking more than 133,000 volunteer hours.

“We are all most appreciative of this nationwide designation. It is made possible through the ongoing efforts of Berlin citizens and our downtown businesses who work together to support a growing economy while preserving our small town charm,” Berlin Mayor Gee Williams said. “Being named one of only 10 semifinalists for the 2016 Great American Main Street award is another confirmation that the Town of Berlin continues to be a leader in creating a unique and attractive community for our citizens and guests.”

Winners will be announced this May at the Main Street Now Conference in Pittsburgh.

“We are very proud of this achievement,” Ivy Wells, director of economic and community development for the Town of Berlin and Berlin Main Street, said. “In 2015 we clocked nearly 2,400 volunteer hours and welcomed 11 new businesses. We also earned a number of accolades, including being listed as one of Southern Living Magazine’s 2016 “South’s Best Small Towns” and one of Esquire’s “Top 50 Coolest Small Towns in America.” So far 2016 has us even stronger than ever.”

The 2017 Finalists are: Berlin, Maryland; Cedar Rapids, Louisiana; Chillicothe, Missouri; Columbus, Georgia; Covington, Kentucky; Goldsboro, North Carolina; Los Alamos, New Mexico; New Orleans, Louisiana; Wausau, Wisconsin; and West Chester, Pennsylvania.

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Engineering study reveals mold, roof and HVAC issues

■ OPA continued

for the building and then determining whether renovating or replacing the whole structure would be the better solution.

Hill noted that Director of Golf John Malinowski and his team were “suffering through it every day.”

Malinowski, who was in the audience with Landscapes Unlimited Regional Manager Scott Nissley, said the issues with the building were affecting everything. LU is the management company that runs the golf operation for Ocean Pines.

Nissley said use of the building was essential to live up to the business model developed for golf, but that the operation did not necessarily need a building of that size – if OPA was considering a replacement.

“The building is larger than what it needs to be,” he said. “You wouldn’t design a building like that ... in today’s golf [industry].”

Director Dave Stevens said a task force established in 2010 recommended just that – a smaller, more efficient building that held banquet space for golf functions, but did not compete with the banquets hosted at the yacht club.

Replacement could prove a “tough sell” to the association according to Assistant Treasurer Gene Ringsdorf, who underscored declining membership at the course and the fact that the amenity had not turned a profit since about 2002. If Ocean Pines were to replace the building, it would first have to call a referendum of its more than 8,400 homeowners.

One director, Slobodan Trendic, went as far as suggesting having an outside company, such as Landscapes, “take over the whole amenity.”

“They will spend \$2 million to build an 8,000-square-foot clubhouse, just hypothetically speaking,” he said, drawing noticeable laughs from several members of the audience – and a few directors.

“That’s a real long shot in today’s market,” Nissley said.

With most directors perceiving only two viable options – renovate or replace – Hill went on the record saying he was “100 percent against the teardown and rebuild scenario.”

“I’m about maintaining our assets and fixing them,” he said. “My personal position is that we set the path and it’s not [the association] fixing everything tomorrow, but we go through the path of bringing that building back because I personally believe that it is salvageable.”

He added that Ocean Pines has “not had a successful track record of budgeting new and completing new” capital projects that stayed within budget. He said the association would likely have to spend “over a quarter-million dollars in the next quarter to get the building habitable and functional.”

“We already are struggling. We want John and LU to give us better numbers and we’re not giving them anything to work with. I don’t think there’s a question that we have to make the investment. We have to give them a functional building,” Hill said.

Director Cheryl Jacobs argued “It’s really not responsible for us to start throwing hundreds of thousands of dollars at this building to make it habitable.”

“To call it a country club is a joke,” she said. Jacobs was one of several directors who took to wearing heavy coats and scarves during budget deliberations in the club last winter because of the failing HVAC systems there.

While the golf course itself was in great shape, she said the building was “awful.”

“We really need to make a decision about how we want to proceed overall with this building,” Jacobs said. “We don’t have enough information to know what it would cost to do a complete renovation. When they start tearing this building apart it’s going to be a Pandora’s Box, I’m sure.”

That, she offered, could cost millions of dollars.

“You might be right,” Stevens said, adding that it could also take three or four years to complete.

Music festival will include Sunday afternoon gospel jam

■ FIDDLERS continued

Steve Frene, co-owner of Victorian Charm, helped organize the event and will help run the show on Sunday. During the warmer months, he and the other members of the Country Grass have played outside his Main Street shop on Friday nights, often drawing sizeable crowds.

A gospel jam, he said, is a long tradition in bluegrass music.

“The people in the hills who came up with bluegrass didn’t have big pipe organs or pianos or things like that, so they had bluegrass instruments accompany

them with their church music,” he said.

“Later, traditional bluegrass players would always include a gospel number or two near the end of the performance, or at the final day of the festival. It’s kind of interwoven there with mainstream bluegrass and mountain music, and a little bit of the old hymns done acoustic style, with banjo, mandolin and guitar.”

Frene, who had a hand in organizing Fiddlers, said he always dreamed of adding a third day that featured an eclectic mix of performers.

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Berlin Fiddlers also shows spirit of collaboration

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“It’s an invitation to all of the competitors and spectators, even if they didn’t play, they are welcome to come and join in, whether it’s playing with those that are performing or coming up and doing a song on their own,” he said. “Country Grass hosts it, so we always have a guitar, a bass and a mandolin, so if it’s just one person who wants to sing a song or one instrumentalist, we kind of facilitate it.” Other full bands have expressed interest in playing the jam this year, he said, including Blue Crab Crossing and Charlie Paparella.

“We kind of start at noon with the gospel thing, but we run out of gospel material after about an hour or two, depending on how many participants we have,” Frene said. “At some point we will just segue into regular, traditional bluegrass and an open jam.” “We’ll be playing all the favorite bluegrass songs that we know and other people know, and it’s just kind of a cool way to get up and celebrate a great festival and have some fun with other musicians,” he added. This year, the three-day event was moved back to coincide with Sunfest in Ocean City.

“We’re trying to pull people from



Last year’s Berlin Fiddlers Convention “band” competition winner, Blind Wind, play on the steps of the Atlantic Hotel during the 2015 convention. By winning, the father-son duo earned a headlining slot during this year’s Fiddler’s Convention, this weekend.

Sunfest because all of the merchants in town requested that and we feel like that makes sense,” St. Amant said. “We’re excited and the weather looks great, and we’ve got lots of great new vendors, from pottery to art and plenty of handmade stuff. It’s going to be fun.” Nate Clendenen, who helped organize and will emcee the event, said attendees should “expect great fiddle music throughout the weekend.”

“My highlight is always the convention on Saturday – seeing folks of all ages come together and perform

this music, being a part of this artistic tradition, it’s timeless ... and genuinely American,” he said. “It’s going to be a ton a fun. I can’t wait.” Throughout the weekend, St. Amant said she hoped the event would give those who are new to the town a taste of the unit, togetherness and collaboration that routinely happens in Berlin. “We all work together in this town and we want everyone come here and have a good experience. But also, we want them to leave wanting to come

back and bring other people,” she said. “Take advantage of what we have to offer. Go to a restaurant, see it all, but then know that you can come back and it’s going to be here again.” “We’re all still going to be here,” St. Amant continued. “It’s always like this. We all want you to come back and we all have a good time and we all support each other, and we’re all pretty happy.” For more information, visit www.BerlinFiddlers.com or www.facebook.com/BerlinFiddlersConvention.

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Final Fourth Friday in 2016 tomorrow in Pocomoke City

Local EMS, hospitals and county health department to put focus on wellness

By **Brian Gilliland**
Associate Editor

(Sept. 22, 2016) Health and safety are the theme for this year's final fourth Friday to be held tomorrow in downtown Pocomoke City from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

"Local health vendors and first responders will be present to hand out information, perform screenings and allow children to explore local first responder vehicles," Karah Lacey, economic development coordinator for the town, said. "A one-mile fun walk around Downtown Pocomoke will take place at 6 p.m."

Preregistration for the walk is encouraged, and can be completed by calling (410) 632-0056.

"We partnering with the town of Pocomoke to hold this fun walk to promote the benefits of physical activity such as walking and encourage all visitors of the event to find fun ways to incorporate activity into their daily lives," Kat Gunby, director of prevention services at the health department, said. "This is part of ongoing efforts of the health department to partner with communities to increase wellness and reduce or prevent chronic disease among all residents."

The Healthy Happenings program at Atlantic General Hospital will be offering weight and body mass index screenings at the event as well.

Women Supporting Women and the YMCA will also be providing information or services.

"We also have a U.S. Army recruiter coming and of course local Pocomoke firemen, police officers with K-9 units and Pocomoke EMS will be available to give kids tours of the ambulance," Lacey said.

As for the capstone event, Lacey said Fourth Friday would return next spring, along with some new ideas.

"Next year we hope to only grow even more. We still will keep the same outline, but look more into having a theme each month, and incorporate local talent and vendors into those specific themes," she said. "One idea is a 'Dog Days of Summer' theme. We hope to recruit local groomers, shelters and veterinary offices to participate as well as encourage people to bring their dogs to this family friendly event."

But one aspect of the celebration may not make the cut.

"We want to re-brand the name 4th Friday Art Stroll to 4th Friday Street Festival because it's so much more than art. It's a block party. Whether you come for the art, food, music or just an evening out, we want you to enjoy your time spent in Downtown Pocomoke," Lacey said.

Snow Hill hosts free fishing tournament for youth, Sat.

By **Brian Gilliland**
Associate Editor

(Sept. 22, 2016) For the third year, the town of Snow Hill is arranging a free fishing tournament for children aged 14 and under on the banks of the Pocomoke River at Byrd Park this Saturday beginning at 9:30 a.m.

The participants will be divided into three age groups: 7 and under, 8-10 and 11-14. Awards will be presented for the first catch in each age group, and trophies will be awarded for both the largest and smallest catches.

Everyone in the tournament will get a goody bag, and no fishing licenses are required.

Door prizes of fishing gear will be awarded, and pre-registered participants are eligible for a special prize, according to Trish Goodsell, assistant to the town manager of Snow Hill.

Preregistration ends today, Thurs-

day, and forms are available through the town's website, www.snowhillmd.com, but must be returned to town hall before the tournament in order to be eligible for the special prize.

Because there will be a limited amount of tackle available for the event, those with their own fishing supplies and bait are encouraged to bring them, Goodsell said.

The participants will also get a lunch, she said, of hot dogs and chips.


Representatives of the Snow Hill Police Department will be on hand to help bait hooks, cast, or provide fishing advice as the case may be.

"It's just a free community event that allows police to interact with children in a fun way," Goodsell said.

Adults are asked to refrain from participating themselves, or to do so in an area away from the tournament, Goodsell said.


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By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Sept. 22, 2016) Berlin Mayor Gee Williams, 67, is comfortable standing on his record and his eight-years in office, as he seeks reelection in the Oct. 4 municipal election.

After a career as a journalist and newspaper publisher, Williams made the transition to Berlin Councilman in 2003. He became acting mayor in 2008 when Mayor Thomas Cardinale passed away in office, and was voted into office later in 2008 and again in 2012.

During the "Williams era," Berlin has turned its image as a Victorian era postcard into a calling card for a successful hospitality and tourism industry centered on its downtown sector.

He said the key difference between himself and his opponent in the election, District 2 Councilwoman Lisa Hall, is whether "preserving that small-town charm means not changing anything, anymore."

For instance, Hall has said she would like to limit new development in Berlin to its roughly 300 infill-lots.

"Some of them, basically, not been developed in over 150 years,"

Williams said. "The town tried that. People forget that it took [his wife] Betsy and I 24 years to get annexed in town – and we lived about 16 feet beyond the border. That's ludicrous."

That does not mean, Williams said, that he's willing to annex anything and everything into the town.

"It's all about making the right choices at the right time to have a vibrant community that is sustainable," he said. "Nobody wants to destroy the downtown or the neighborhoods that are in existence. They are all unique and for the first time in my lifetime I think everybody understands that every neighborhood in this town is important to its success – and that's a phenomenal leap from the 20th century."

"The issue then is, do we continue to allow commercial and residential growth? Of course we do, but it's how much and where and what kind," Williams added. "If this town had not adopted a policy of being open to growth that's appropriate to our culture and our community, we'd still be where we were 30 years ago, which was a desperate, desperate place."

Williams said "a few contrarians" See WILLIAMS Page 10

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Williams: ‘I’ve never seen anything like this’ campaign

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are spreading the false notion that he intends to open the floodgates for new development in Berlin.

“In the old days, we called them ‘closed gaters,’” he said. “They wanted to come down to Berlin or the lower shore and they wanted to close the gate behind them. They wanted it to be welcoming for them – they wanted all the advantages of living here – but they wanted to be the last ones through the gate. That is extremely harmful. I saw the result when that attitude was the most commonly shared by the community, and it almost killed us.”

He touted his membership in Smart Growth America, a national coalition that “works with communities to fight sprawl and save money” and that believes “smart growth solutions support thriving businesses and jobs.”

One of its principals – and his – is that economic opportunity and environmental responsibility are “two sides of the same coin.”

“You need both of those things if you want to have a community where you can sustain a quality of life for generations – that’s what we’re doing,” he said, adding that he supported a “growth boundary” that looked beyond the next four years

and through the remainder of the 21st century.

If you become too restrictive, Williams said, “You basically force out the people who built the community,” which is largely the working class.

“This community, for anybody who is 50 years old or over, there is no fear whatever that it’s going to change in some dramatic way and that the boogey man is coming,” he said. “That’s what my harshest critics, including my opponent, think – that all growth is just the boogey man in another form, and that is wrong.”

Williams admitted the campaign itself has not been what he expected up to this point, calling it, at times, “bizarre.”

“I’ve never seen anything like this. But I am running a traditional campaign and I’m staying very positive,” he said. “The general mood everywhere – not just here – is, I think, people are anxious. There’s a lot of anxiety, there’s a lot of uncertainty and there is very understandable fear. That being said, all the things that are contributing to that are not our situation in Berlin.

“From my perspective, the greatest challenge that I have faced as mayor – particularly during this re-



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Berlin Mayor Gee Williams discusses the issues of the Oct. 4 election from his office in town hall. The two-term incumbent will face Councilwoman Lisa Hall in the race for mayor.

cent term – is trying to keep up with the rising expectations of our citizens,” Williams added. “Wow, what a nice problem to have!”

With an eye towards the future, Williams talked about developing a business culture that focused on keeping the next generation of

workers in Berlin.

“It’s a paradox – we have one of the best public school systems in the state of Maryland, which is considered one of the best in country – and we always have invested well in our school systems. But we get these kids educated, we get them pre-



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Mayor says election hinges on ‘generations’ of work

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pared to succeed in modern American society, and then we wave goodbye,” he said. “What a shame.”

“I think we have an obligation to at least offer some of them, after they get their education and maybe some experience in their field, to have the opportunity – a realistic one – of coming back to the community of their birth and to be the professional that they have learned to be,” he said. “That’s one of the areas that have just not been talked about and it’s time to begin the discussion.”

“That’s why I very much believe that closing the gate right now means telling all those young people that you see at our playgrounds and when I visit our schools, ‘it’s very nice to see you, but I know I won’t see you most of your life.’ We have to find a balance,” Williams continued.

While he said the smartest decision of his life was marrying Betsy, Williams said his second-smartest decision was coming back to his hometown after earning a degree from the University of Maryland in 1971. That is an opportunity he hopes Berlin can offer the generation of kids that is growing up there now.

“People that come here and they fall in love, and it’s not with the

buildings – the buildings are the backdrop,” Williams said. “It’s the lifestyle, the people, the attitude, the welcoming and the acceptance.”

“Our responsibility is what kind of community do we leave behind for those who follow us – that, to me, is what this election is about,” he continued. “Anybody who tries to imply that the boogeyman is at the door is just total foolishness.”

If Williams happens to lose the election, he admitted he would “certainly be disappointed” and said he would likely use the ample additional free time to continue working with the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, where he is currently the marketing director.

“Certainly I’ll be disappointed, but I don’t think it would be a rejection of me – I think it would be a rejection of what this community has been working to accomplish for two-to-three generations,” he said. “It would be, not a change in direction, but it would be a change from going forward to going in reverse. That’s what I think this means.”

“Of course, I wouldn’t leave Berlin, but I would basically let them do their thing and I would go get involved and hopefully help people in some other way,” he added.



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Unique nature of Pines may make for tricky mgmt. search

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Sept. 22, 2016) Many of the more than 8,400 property owners in Ocean Pines see the community as a special place. It's close to the beach, has plenty of amenities and boasts one of the lowest crime rates in the entire state.

The Ocean Pines Association is also different from many other homeowners' associations in that it operates as if it were a municipality.

That's something could make finding a new general manager more difficult, a point interim general manager and member of the board of directors Brett Hill said repeatedly during a work session on Monday.

"I would say, in the last two-to-three weeks that I've been involved here, it's become very apparent to me that I think, before we can decide on a direction, that we have to define what we're looking for," he said. "My synopsis of the entire situation is that we're a community that, for over 40 years, has grown."

He said responses to a request for proposals to fill the general manager position have carried a common theme.

"Well, you call yourself an HOA, but you're really a municipality," he said. "We function as a legal entity as an HOA, but there are not many com-

parable examples nationwide that have a police department, that run the amenities, that run a full rec and park program. We function in so many ways and offer so many government-type services under the guise of an HOA. Saying we need an HOA manager – we've kind of gotten beyond that.

"We've evolved into something that's much bigger," he continued. "In many areas we've built very strong teams to support individual areas, but we haven't really built an organization that supports everything as a whole."

Before Ocean Pines decided on either filling the role or finding a company to take over the general manager duties, Hill suggested the association "go back and revisit what the role is and what the responsibilities are."

"I think until we have that full picture, that we're kind of foolish to say we know exactly what we're looking for [and] we can solve the problem quickly – I'm not seeing that," he said. "Once we have our own identity created, then we can figure out who fills the role in managing that identity."

Director Dave Stevens agreed, although he pushed for the association to at least consider outsourcing the job.

"We're looking at it from our perspective," he said. "We should just continue to drink our own bathwater if we

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Interim GM Hill presses for more time to evaluate

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don't go out and see what others offer. "If you don't look, you're not going to learn anything," he added, referring to what he called "larger property management" companies.

"What I'm suggesting is ...we expand our view of the world to find out what's out there, as opposed let's hire another general manager for Ocean Pines," he said. "Is there a map or not, or in fact are we so unique that nobody out there does anything like that?"

Director Pat Supik called hiring a new general manager a "huge decision," and said there was something of a time factor involved.

"There's got to be a time limit on you," she said, referring to Hill, who



The OPA Board of Directors discusses a laundry list worth of items during a working session at the community center on Monday, including what to do with the ailing country club. Members of the audience were invited to join during the five-hour discussion period.

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"The sooner the better," Hill said, adding, "I will do what I need to do to help us get through this. At some point you guys are going to have to hire somebody and start paying a salary. That's not for me – you need somebody else in here, but I don't want to rush it and say we need to have it done next month."

Before that could happen, he said more analysis had to be done.

"If we just go to replace what we had ... we're not changing anything and we're just setting someone else up for failure," he said. "We need to create a position for success. We need to identify some goals for the position and figure out what the position is really doing. The job has evolved with the growth of the community."

"Who are we today, what are we expecting of a manager and how can we position that manager to be successful to those expectations," Hill continued. "The job description we have out there right now and what we're asking, from what I'm seeing on a daily basis, is not in line."

Asked by Stevens if that meant seeking professional help to fill the position, Hill said again that he

needed more time. He also threw cold water onto a proposal from Director Slobodan Trendic, who wanted to form a task force to explore the issue.

"If we go and form a committee, I don't know what you're even going to ask a management company," he said. "You're going to tell a management [to] give us ideas for managing an HOA, but I can't tell you that we fit in that box."

"I need at least another two or three weeks before I can tell you," Hill continued. "I just think we might be premature on this."

Asked by Board President Tom Herrick to table the issue until the next working session, next month, Stevens balked.

"I can't ever understand anything that's premature about getting information," Stevens said. "I'm afraid we're going to get down to the end of this thing and we're not even going to have explored the idea of having a management company. That's my concern, and I think that's irresponsible."

"I don't think anyone would let it get to that point," Hill said. "I'm just cautioning running out too quickly."

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The Women's Club of Ocean Pines announces the new officers for 2016-2018. Pictured, from left, are Irene Daly, treasurer; Joyce Piatti, first vice president; Susann Palamara, president (first chair); Donna Potenza, president (second chair) and Gail Reese, secretary. Kay Hickman (not pictured) is second vice president. The purpose of the club is to promote civic and social activities, including educational and community outreach opportunities, for its members to benefit the community. In 2016, the club awarded \$3,000 in scholarships and donated \$1,800 to community organizations.



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SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATION

Brandywine Living at Fenwick Island hosted its second annual Back to School Supply Drive where residents and staff partnered with The Edward P. Pyle State Service Center to collect supplies for students. The drive helped prepare local elementary school students for academic success for the 2016-17 school year. Residents and members of the community donated over 900 school supplies and other classroom materials. Pictured are Fenwick Island's resident Back to School Drive Committee, from left, Priscilla Kleinstuber, Lila Pennel, Mary Timmons and Irish Kemp.



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PROCLAMATION

On Sept. 6, Worcester County Commissioners present a proclamation recognizing Sept. 19-23 as Economic Development Week in Worcester County to highlight the impact that businesses starting up or expanding have on the local economy. Pictured, in front, from left, are Commissioners Chip Bertino and Jim Bunting, Vince Gisriel of Sprout Creatives, Economic Development Director Merry Mears, and Commissioners Diana Purnell and Merrill Lockfaw; and in back, Commissioner Joe Mitrecic, Ann McGinnis Hillyer of OceanCity.com, and Commissioner Ted Elder.



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SUICIDE PREVENTION

The Worcester County Commissioners joined with representatives from the Worcester County Health Department and Jesse Klump Memorial Fund to recognize September as National Suicide Prevention Month. Pictured, in front, from left, are Caroline Green, Ron Pilling, Kim Klump, Jessica Sexauer, Olivia Holland and Erin Wooten; second row, Commissioners Diana Purnell and Chip Bertino, Monica Martin, Jennifer LaMade and Brittany Lawton; and in back, Commissioner Ted Elder, Steven Taylor, and Commissioners Jim Bunting, Joe Mitrecic, and Merrill Lockfaw.



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KIWANIS SUPPORT DIAKONIA

Diakonia is a vital part of the Worcester County community as it offers temporary assistance to homeless families and individuals, helping them get their lives back on track. During the Aug. 24 weekly meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines Ocean City, a donation of \$500 was made to Diakonia. Pictured are Diakonia Communications Coordinator Anna O'Neill and Kiwanis President Mark Joseph.



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SCHOLARSHIP

Ocean City/Berlin Rotary Club Past President Arlan Kinney, left, President Elect Margaret Mudron, and President Cliff Berg, present a \$2,000 scholarship to Mary Kate Van de Meulebroeck. The Ocean City/Berlin Rotary Club meetings are held Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the Captain's Table Restaurant in the Courtyard by Marriott, 15th Street and the Boardwalk.

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Love Noir "2015" California *90 points Beverage Tasting Institute With generous notes of dark cherry and a smooth, silky finish, this pinot noir pairs well with double cream brie on a baguette or sesame glazed salmon. Take a sip and fall in love with the darker side of pinot. ~~\$9.99~~ **\$7.99** ~Jim and Nick's pick.

Rutherford Ranch Chardonnay "2014" Napa Valley This is a deliciously versatile wine excellent as an aperitif or paired with chicken and grilled fish entrees, creamy vegetable soups and cheeses. With Rich flavors of peach, ripe pear, lemon zest with bright acidity and a creamy mouthfeel. ~~\$14.99~~ **\$11.99**

Ravage Cabernet Sauvignon "2014" California The flavors are dark, rich and audacious. Dark Berries layered with luscious vanilla and mocha to round out the palate. The tannins are soft enough to add balance, while giving structure and depth. ~~\$12.99~~ **\$10.39**

Meiomi Pinot Noir "2014" California *Wine Enthusiast top 100 Ruby-hued with lifted aroma; bright strawberry and jammy fruit mingle with vanilla, mocha and toasty oak. Expressive boysenberry, blackberry and dark cherry are revealed. Supple tannins, a silky texture, and exquisite balance, pairs well with hearty pasta and veal chops. ~~\$21.99~~ **\$17.59**

Decoy Sauvignon Blanc "2015" Sonoma County This vivid and enticing wine offers bright, stone fruit flavors of nectarine and apricot, as well as lovely notes of honeydew, lemongrass and grapefruit. On the palate, refreshing acidity mingles with a subtle sweetness that carries through to a fresh, lively finish. ~~\$17.99~~ **\$14.39**

Monte Antico Toscana "2012" Italy A Tuscan Classic! Deep ruby color with garnet reflections, its elegant bouquet of leather, black cherries, liquorice and plums preludes a medium to full-bodied palate where ripe red fruit, gout de terroir, subtle notes of vanilla and violets harmonize and linger, interlacing with the soft tannins and silky texture. Firm backbone, perfect integration of acidity and fruit, well rounded, medium finish. ~~\$10.99~~ **\$8.79**

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Mer Soliel Chardonnay "2014" California Golden and sun-kissed, this vintage opens up with the fresh, tropical scents of pineapple and citrus blossom, balanced by smooth character of vanilla. White peach comes through on the palate, which has a vibrant acidity balanced by the natural character of fully ripe fruit. Medium to full-bodied, this wine has a finish that is lengthy but never heavy, its mix of oak, butter and fruit characteristics blending seamlessly and leaving a harmonious, lingering impression. ~~\$29.99~~ **\$23.99**

Villa Pozzi Nero d'Avola "2014" Italy An intense, inky red, the Nero d'Avola seductively reveals a perfume of blackberry liqueur, white flowers, vanilla, and a hint of figs delivered in a leather basket. On the palate, this wine is opulent, full-bodied, and viscous, with a great intensity, superb purity, and a layered, seamless personality that would convince most tasters that this is New World personality, and pairs well with hearty stews or roasted lamb and beef. ~~\$9.99~~ **\$7.99**

Berenger Knights Valley Cabernet Sauvignon Blanc "2013"
California *92 points Wine Enthusiast Cellar Selection Bold aromas of ripe black fruit, mocha, dried herbs and licorice. Opulent but structured, this versatile wine has supple blue and black fruit notes accented by dark chocolate, roasted coffee and a silky, lingering finish. Enjoy this with Filet mignon. ~~\$29.99~~ **\$23.99**

Voga Pinot Grigio "2013" Italy Taste On the palate, it shows excellent fruit breadth set in a silky texture with gentle acidic underpinning. Color Pale straw yellow. Aroma Aromas of ripe pear and tree fruit with floral and almond notes. ~~\$9.99~~ **\$7.99**

Margaridas Vihno Verde "2015" Portugal Bright lemon yellow in color with a soft, elegant, balanced palate. The gentle effervescence and criso acidity of a classic Vihno Verde create a refreshing wine which is very lively, easy to drink and perfect for any occasion. ~~\$8.99~~ **\$7.19**

La Posta Pizzella Malbec "2014" Argentina *90 points Robert Parker Beautiful red/purple color with aromas of black cherries, dark fruits, dark chocolate and baker's spice. On the palate, the wine shows dense dark berry and plum flavors along with hints of sandalwood and spice, and even a hint of violets in the finish. Don't be concerned if you find yourself inhaling deeply from your glass. This is a full-bodied and well-structured wine that is incredibly full of life and born to be enjoyed with food and friends. Goes great with many foods, specialty meat, barbecue. ~~\$16.99~~ **\$13.59**

Chateau Tourteran Haut - Medoc "2010" France *90 points Wine Enthusiast A powerful, concentrated wine, a very solid Cabernet-dominated wine. It has dark tannins, the black currant fruit still hiding in the background. Dark and dense, it's destined for good aging, at least over the next six years. ~~\$19.99~~ **\$15.99**

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OPA Briefs

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Sept. 22, 2016) The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors discussed the following items during a work session at the community Center on Monday:

New format

Board President Tom Herrick said the working sessions, the first for the new board, would be done on a trial basis. Comments on work session topics from the homeowners, if recognized by the chair, would be welcomed, Herrick said. "The board will welcome all feedback and consider everything that association members can provide for input," he said. Many items from the agenda were, by consensus, moved to the regular board meeting on Saturday morning. No formal votes were permitted during the working session.

Tennis courts

Although the prior board budgeted about \$140,000 for improvements to four tennis courts at the swim and racquet club, the new board appeared to favor a cheaper, \$2,000 patching of two courts there. Two others, which were said be badly damaged, could be converted to some other use later. Director Dave Stevens said that facility was used by "a very underserved portion of our community," specifically casual tennis players who don't use the Manklin Meadows Racquet Sports Complex.

Maintenance projects

Interim General Manager Brett Hill, who is also a member of the board, said a contract for bulkhead replacement that was signed in 2010 expired in 2013. As such, he said the association did not have to continue using Fisher Marine as a vendor and did not necessarily have to keep to the same schedule of replacement, which he said was more calendar driven than based on actual needs. He recommended the board bid out the job, explore using different materials such as vinyl, which he said had twice the life expectancy of wood, and do an engineering study to determine which properties needed replacements.

Hill also suggested the OPA call for bids for an emergency services contract in the meantime, which could perform repairs in cases of extreme storm damage. The directors also debated a similar approach to road repairs rather than continuing scheduled replacements or maintenance, as planned. Public Works Director Eddie Wells noted that about 90 percent of "cuts" that needed to be replaced were caused by county workers, largely from water and sewer repairs. He said the county had not been billed for the damages. Director Cheryl Jacobs said that could be a "perfect topic to try and get more money out of the county." Hill recommended delaying the existing repair schedule and bringing a contractor in to patch while the board

looked into new bidders, or potentially buying equipment that would allow public works to patch more roads. **Rec and parks requests** Bounds was also there to ask for a new truck-mounted power washer that she said was needed to clean facilities. Continued on Page 18

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ties under her charge, especially several playgrounds that she said “desperately need attention.”

Bids for the power washer were apparently under \$10,000.

She also asked the board to consider a major software upgrade for recreation and parks. Currently, the department uses RecWare, which is no longer supported. Bounds wants to upgrade to RecTrac, which she said Ocean City Recreation and Parks uses.

The cost, however, was last quoted at about \$65,000, and Bounds said that might have increased.

Director Doug Parks suggested that be included in a larger information technologies discussion, which will include the formation of a new task force.

Parks said the association could use its newsletter and regular email blasts to help recruit members of that task force, which he said would need to have specific expertise in IT systems.

Gym floor

Wood and vinyl options for a replacement of the gym floor in the community center were discussed, with the directors favoring a longer lasting, more durable wood replacement that cost about \$72,000.

While that would hold up better for sporting events, according to Recreation and Parks Director Sonya Bounds, it might signal the end of allowing special events like the annual home show to take up residence in the gym. Bounds said the home show often brought in heavier display items, including hot tubs and HVAC systems, which could damage the new floors.

Beach club bathrooms

The directors asked for more information before proceeding with plans to upgrade the bathrooms at the beach club in Ocean City. One bid was received to renovate the existing bathrooms and two bids were received to build standalone structures.

Hill, however, said all three included “large potential for change orders ... greater than \$100,000.”

While he favored having something done there before next summer, Hill recommended an “in-place renova-

tion” that did not change the overall layout of the building and would not require certain mechanical systems, which he said were built in the 1960s or 1970s, to be moved.

Pool resurfacing

Aquatics Director Colby Phillips asked for about \$20,000 to resurface and cover the beach club pool. While that item was not in the budget, Hill said the association would have “a few extra dollars” because about \$1.5 million in capital projects were either delayed or canceled by the new board.

CPI overhaul

The board continues to discuss re-vamping resolutions M-01 and M-04 that pertain to compliance, permit and inspection (CPI) violations. Jacobs began working on those during the previous board session and continues finalizing a proposed overhaul with a group that includes former director Tom Terry, Jim Trummel and Architecture and Review Committee Chairman Glenn Duffy.

Jacobs said that work was “99.9” percent completed, but that she wanted to first run it by the ARC committee and assure that “from a legal perspective we are still protecting homeowner’s due process rights.”

The revised resolutions are intended to help Ocean Pines pursue violations more quickly. Many board members have complained that the process, under current guidelines, can last between six months and a year.

Golf advisory committee

Herrick discussed reestablishing the golf advisory committee, which was disbanded in 2011 when Ocean Pines hired a professional management company to run the course.

He said he wanted to appoint Bob Kessler as chairman of that committee, and have him sit in during monthly meeting with Landscapes Unlimited. In the management agreement with the company, Herrick said “up to three” representatives can attend and help direct those discussions. Herrick said he and Hill would be the other two representatives.

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Ocean Pines to host Junior Tennis Open on Saturday

(Sept. 22, 2016) The Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department and Delmarva Beach Tennis will host the Ocean Pines Junior Tennis Open on Saturday, Sept. 24 at the Manklin Meadows Racquet Sports Complex, at 11443 Manklin Creek Road in Ocean Pines. The event was originally scheduled for July 23.


This nonsanctioned competitive tournament is offered to current high school students. The match format for singles will be eight-game pro sets. Registered players will play at least two matches.

The entry fee is \$20 per person and includes an event t-shirt. Registration forms may be obtained at the Ocean Pines Community Center or the Manklin Meadows Racquet Sports Complex.

In case of inclement weather, the event will be held on Sunday, Sept. 25.

For more information, call the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052.


Information about additional recreational programs, including an online version of the Ocean Pines Activity Guide, is available at OceanPines.org.




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The second annual Susan Pusey memorial color run, held this Saturday, will honor the former Pocomoke High School field hockey coach.

#Puseystrong color run to support local scholarship

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

(Sept. 22, 2016) Kicking off Pocomoke High School homecoming week is the second annual Susan Pusey memorial color run, honoring the field hockey coach that led the Warriors to 16 state championships.

Pusey died from a complication of knee surgery. She underwent the procedure on July 17, 2015 and passed away two days later. Her team would win another state championship that year in her honor.

"We've got a neat little 5K course using all three Pocomoke schools," Dr. Annette Wallace, principal of Pocomoke High School said. "It's a really nice community event to honor a special person that affected a lot of people."

Registration begins Saturday morning at 8 a.m., with the start scheduled for 9 a.m. at the high school. Wallace said the first 100 registrants are guaranteed a T-shirt. Children 10 and under can participate for free, otherwise the fee is \$25.

Participants should probably be aware that at certain intervals, they will become targets for race volunteers armed with a mixture of cornstarch and

colored dye, in a variety of colors. "We tried blue and gold, but the mixture ended up making a pretty ugly color," Wallace said.

The mixture, which creates a full body tie-dye effect, doesn't improve performance — it just kind of looks cool.

"The cleanup is really easy. It mostly just wipes off. Every school has different colors — most people bring a change of clothes but it's not as messy as it sounds," Wallace said.

Following the race and a bit of cleanup, the high school is offering an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast at a cost of \$7, but race participants get a \$2 discount, she said.

The funds, Wallace said, would go towards school projects, but also help finance the scholarship named for Pusey, as well as working toward the \$10,000 goal for an endowment, which would secure the scholarship in perpetuity.

"I think one of my commitments as principal is to honor Susan's legacy — and not just by winning, because it's easy to get caught up in the success and numbers of state titles," Wallace said. "For her it was about something more — being a great person and a great example — and always looking out for others."

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Ride to Sturgis brings hundreds to park, Saturday

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor
(Sept. 22, 2016) While the ultimate justification for Bike Week and its related events is the amount of business its arrival attracts, Snow Hill's first foray into a motorcycle-themed event, the "Ride to Sturgis," last Saturday, brought a lot of people to the name-sake park, but not very many to downtown shops.

"It's definitely coming back next year," Michael Day, town economic development consultant, said. "This was one of those things where the people who came this year will tell all their friends, so we'll have more next year."

Day said he has had several people ask him to be on the committee overseeing and developing the event next year. Moreso than the town, the ride along Route 113 is considered the draw.

"Route 113 is a beautiful drive from Berlin to Snow Hill, down into Pocomoke City and a lot of people go down to Chincoteague," Day said.

Rolling fields, wide open spaces and few billboards and signs line mainland Worcester's major north-south highway.

Day said he guessed about 500 people rode to Sturgis Park, but didn't have an exact count because bikers came, and went, in waves —by design.

The Ride to Sturgis event took place mainly under the pavilion at the park, while vendors and visitors set up in the adjacent parking lots. Harley Vincent and the Panhead Pickers provided music. Bikers were encouraged to visit town, grab something to eat or drink, maybe do a little shopping and rest by the Pocomoke River for as long or as short a visit they wanted.

The event was busier closer to the noon start, but Day said there were always new people arriving as others left right up until the 4 p.m. end.

"Amanda Lee, the tattoo model and our special guest, stayed a lot longer than I thought she would," Day said. "She told me it was because everyone was so nice to her."

But for those outside of Sturgis and the town itself, the event didn't seem to be a big money maker.

Several downtown businesses open during the event had few to no visitors, with at least one exception — the Harvest Moon Tavern. The local bar and grill had a steady stream of motorcycles parked out front and is easily accessible from Sturgis Park in the back, making it a perfect spot to get out of the sun, or grab a quick bite to eat. Harvest Moon was also a stop on one of the weekend's poker runs.

"This time it was all about the ride," Day said. "We just gave them a destination — everybody just wanted to be out riding. I don't know yet if we'll keep that aspect, or focus more on trying to keep people here, but that's an idea for next time."

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Plein air painters converge for 7th annual Paint Berlin

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Sept. 22, 2016) Starting today, expect to see artists from across the East Coast setting up easels along the Victorian streets of downtown Berlin.

The seventh annual Paint Berlin, presented by the Worcester County Arts Council, is expected to draw about 50 artists for two days of painting, followed by a “wet paint” show and sale on Saturday, Sept. 24.

“We couldn’t be more happy with participation this year,” WCAC Executive Director Anna Mullis said. “We’ve got some awesome artists coming from different states as far as New York, Pennsylvania and a lot of people from the western shore.”

That includes several members from the Mid-Atlantic Plein Air Painters Association, she said.

“We are very proud to host them here in Berlin, and we’re just hoping for the best weather and we’re really excited,” she said.

After artists have had two days to paint, the arts council will host an open-to-the-public reception during the final day, Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the arts council building on 6 Jefferson Street. That will include the results of the competition and the “best in show” award.

An exhibition of works created during Paint Berlin will remain on display through October.

Last year Christopher Best, 31, took home the top prize and won \$1,000 for his oil painting “Peach Shack.”

Mullis said the experience of seeing talented artists setting up easels all over town, capturing everything from the Victorian architecture on Main Street to the rural surrounding settings, has always been something the public has enjoyed.

“A lot of people don’t get the experience seeing artists painting outdoors,” she said. “I think it’s really amazing for people to see the art created live in front of their eyes. Because we have such a great group of artists, this event has grown so much over the years. It’s getting better and better.”

She also thanked 2016 Paint Berlin sponsors, the Town of Berlin, Salt Water Media and the Joan W. Jenkins Foundation.

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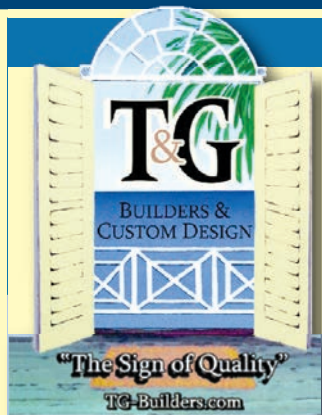
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Opinion

State, money made mess

Anyone who is surprised by this week’s court challenge to the state’s award of medical marijuana growing permits last month has forgotten one of the principles of the legalized pot industry: it’s about the money.

High-minded motives (no pun intended), public opinion, political realities and medical research aside, the essence of the lawsuit filed in Baltimore City Circuit Court Monday by GTI Maryland against the Maryland Medical Marijuana Commission is about who is in line to get the big money and how they got there.

Shore Natural RX, which received preliminary approval from the commission to grow marijuana in Worcester County still has to survive what the state calls a rigorous inspection of its production plans. It must now also deal with the revelation that it apparently got bumped up in the state’s rankings to ensure that this region got its share of this new industry’s revenue.

According to multiple newspaper reports, Shore Natural RX finished well out of the top 15 applicants that were in line for licenses, while GTI Maryland was ranked 12th.

Whether that was fair — and abided by the legal parameters under which the commission was supposed to operate — is what the court is being asked to decide.

Regardless, the entire selection scramble smells like a cheap stick of haze-masking incense. Many of the contending companies’ partnerships and employee rosters were stacked with political donors, former and current office holders, health officials and a surprising number of former law enforcement officers.

Shore Natural RX apparently didn’t have high profile partners or employees and maybe it suffered in the rankings as a result.

For all anyone knows, having a former top law enforcement official or a prominent state business person in a position of authority affected a company’s rankings as much or more than the geographical diversity the commission said it wanted to achieve.

Maryland government made one big mess of this thing. But, of course, money will do that.

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



“I interrupt the program to stop a rumor that’s circulating. Country Grass is not playing instruments made of hemp.”

Letters

Bad decisions

Editor,

Four years back the Worcester school board spent \$50,000 to import a new school super from Portland with the required suitcase of diplomas and titles.

And, for \$200,000 a year, he showed us rednecks how to cope with Obama’s Common Cure continued destruction of American philosophy, or what’s left of it.

How to give the teachers a raise, and laptops to the students so that they could visit Facebook and get comfortable with texting to destroy structured English. To turn our rural schools into social compassion centers for the needy and illegals.

Do we really need this kind of help that ignores our local talent such as the principal of the tech school who ran a great middle school in Pocomoke, and is more than capable of leading Worcester county schools? Was this extraordinary teacher offered the job? Was she passed over because she was a woman?

In a county where our high schools readily pass out diplomas of stated academic ability, half of the graduates can’t write five sentences to a paragraph with a pen or pencil that are comparable to fifth grade private school

writing. Four years at \$200,000 was a waste of our tax dollars. Now, the school board wants to do it again.

Bernie Dietz
Pocomoke

Taylor for ‘super’

Editor,

I am a retired high school teacher of 39 years, 30 of which have been in Worcester County Schools.

I coached and taught at Snow Hill High School for 18 years, and at Stephen Decatur High School for 12 years.

The 12 years at Stephen Decatur High School were under the leadership of Principal Lou Taylor. I strongly recommend that you hire Mr. Taylor for the position of Superintendent of Schools for Worcester County.

Lou Taylor was a superior leader as principal and as a representative for education in Worcester County. He made it clear from the first day of classes each year that our goal was to work hard together to educate and help each student grow and reach the best of his or her potential.

He set a high standard for himself, his administrative staff, and teachers alike to work as a team to produce educated citizens. He worked an unbelievable amount of hours in support of our

school and our community. I believe that Stephen Decatur’s high state and national academic rankings during his tenure prove this.

While I was a staff member at Stephen Decatur, we were evaluated for accreditation by The Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. We scored well on the evaluation. It was mentioned to me by several committee members that the entire committee was extremely impressed by our school.

To my recollection, this is what was said: “One thing that stood out during our evaluation, was how your faculty and staff cares for your students.” They continued that, to their observation, the students could “feel” this and responded to it. To me, this is an example of how Mr. Taylor’s great leadership was manifested in a way that was obvious to all.

Mr. Taylor should be hired as Superintendent of Worcester County Schools. He is an experienced educator, administrator, involved citizen, and community advocate who will not rest until our schools shine as an example of what schools should be doing for our students. To me, there is no other choice.

Robert F. Mitchell, III
Berlin

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Letters

Successful debut

Editor,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Rackliffe House, I would like to thank the many generous individuals and organizations who helped us launch “Rackliffe House Presents: Chamber Music in Berlin.”

Drawing a near-capacity audience from the Town of Berlin and surrounding area, and an overwhelmingly positive response from attendees, we are encouraged to consider this the first in an ongoing series of “Chamber Music in Berlin” concerts.

The three-day event (Aug. 24-26) brought internationally acclaimed musicians Elena Urioste, Nicholas Cannellakis, Benjamin Beilman and Matthew Lipman to Berlin for a public concert, a donors’ event, and a free master class for young violinists at Stephen Decatur Middle School.

We are grateful to Ms. Urioste for sharing her concept of a chamber music series here, for her outreach to the talented musicians who performed, and to the Rackliffe House volunteers who put in countless hours to make the event a success.

With deep appreciation, we would like to thank our event sponsors for their generous support: Kathy and Mark Clark of Monogram Realty; Taylor Bank; Bank of Ocean City; BSC America; Worcester County Tourism; Rebecca and Leighton Moore; Anonymous; Bunting Realty; Ayres, Jenkins, Gordy and Almand, P.A.; the Worcester County Arts Council; Maryland State Arts Council; and the National Endowment for the Arts.

An additional thank you goes out to Berlin Mayor Gee Williams for helping us to welcome the audience and kick off a successful event.

Fantastic talent, dedicated volunteers, the backing of local businesses and the community, and an enthusiastic public response ... altogether it is clear to us how Berlin is the “Coolest Small Town in America.”

Carolyn Cummins
President, Board of Directors
Rackliffe House Trust

Celebrity opinions

Editor,

It is and has been apparent to me over the past 70 years or so that the celebrity world is far different from the everyday, ordinary life 90 percent of us lead each and every day. I make no opinions or comments on their lifestyles and/or their outlook on life in general. I just say it is different, and comparisons should be self-evident.

I wonder, therefore, when our lifestyle and our core beliefs are so different, that we pay so much attention to what these celebrities think, say or do? It’s a different world guys, and what these people think, say or do matters not a whit to us.

That’s what shocks me, when one of these people decides not to stand at the playing of our National Anthem and the whole of America goes berserk! Who the hell cares? All of our news media is quick to defend with, “He has a right to say what he thinks.” Well, of course he does; what I don’t agree with is that I have to care or that it will change my life.

I love my sports, but what I don’t understand is why more of us don’t recognize celebrity and the show business in sports. These athletes fill paid seats to watch them and the game ... is that not what other celebrities do, no matter their specialty? The opinions of these athletes mean naught to me and they shouldn’t to you either; so what’s the big deal when one of them refuses to identify himself with patriotism and love of his country? If they are not intelligent enough to know there is no other place on earth they could achieve what they have here in the U.S. of A, it’s their problem to deal with, not ours.

It changes his life a lot more than it does one of ours, so let him wallow in the mud while we bask in our patriotism and love of our country. So I say to him and others like him, “See ya, and don’t look for me in one of your paid seats.”

Frank Vetare
Berlin

‘Pup of the Pines’ contest to raise money for dog park

(Sept. 22, 2016) Enter furry friends into the second annual “Pup of the Pines” photo contest, sponsored by the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department. The contest runs until Oct.15.

The winner of the contest will be named the “2017 Pup of the Pines” and will receive a free 2017 Ocean Pines Dog Park registration. The pup will also be the official face of the dog park and will be featured in the Ocean Pines Activity Guide and other postings throughout the year.

The top eight entries will be on display at the Ocean Pines Halloween celebration on Saturday, Oct. 29 from 1-4

p.m. in White Horse Park. Attendees at the event will be able to vote for their favorite. The winner will be announced at the Hometown Christmas Tree Lighting on Saturday, Nov. 26.

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

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Clubs Committee examines role under new OPA leadership

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Sept. 22, 2016) Along with changes in leadership at the Ocean Pines Association board of directors and general manager levels come new policies at many of the amenities, along with new expectations for those who help guide them.

Last Thursday, the clubs committee met at the yacht club to discuss some of those new expectations. Present was yacht club manager Jerry Lewis, chef Rob Sosonovich and new committee liaison Dave Stevens.

Another director, Cheryl Jacobs, was also present during the meeting.

What did not change, however, was the makeup of the committee itself, which continued with Les Purcell as chairman and Gary Miller as secretary.

Stevens, in his first meeting as the new liaison, said he read over the meeting minutes from the past two years and was "mildly impressed."

"One of the things that we're anxious to find out is what your and the board's expectations are for the yacht club in this coming year, and what you see our committee being able to do to help achieve whatever those goals are," Miller said.

Stevens said interim General

Manager Brett Hill had spent more than 30 percent of his time during the last several weeks focused on yacht club activities, but that he was still gathering information.

Hill, in a memo to the board members, apparently warned about being "Monday morning quarterbacks" in judging many of the amenities, according to Stevens.

Jacobs said the success of the club was "so high on my priority list," adding that she pushed for new awnings there, as well as handing out comment cards to guests.

"I think there are additional things that are in the budget that we should work towards making happen, all for the betterment of the yacht club's success," she said. "Whatever I can continue to do be assured I will do that."

Miller asked whether the new board was considering closing the club during the winter, when it had traditionally lost money.

Stevens said that would be "pure speculation," but added that option could not be taken off the table entirely. He said there were obvious questions about why the association was looking into fixing up a "\$5 million, two-year-old building."

"Food, menu, service – those are why people don't come here, not be-



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Members of the Ocean Pines Association Clubs Committee, including new liaison Dave Stevens, left, discuss the direction of the yacht club under new OPA leadership during a meeting, last Thursday, at the yacht club.

cause the sun's in their eyes," Stevens said. "Inconsistent service, inconsistent food – we've all experienced that."

Members of the committee discussed bringing in consultants, as well as a professional decorator because, according to Purcell, "people talk about how boring the dining room was."

Miller also worried whether Lewis and Sosonovich would be given the chance to turn the club around.

"I think I can pretty well guarantee that Jerry and Rob will be given a chance," Stevens said, adding that, rather than drastically changing the layout, the focus on the club would be to "basically work as well as we can [with what we have]."

According to Purcell, the majority of ire directed at the club was from the "old timers" who fondly remember the old yacht club.

"The old club is not here any-

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Concerns linger at Ocean Pines yacht club

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more,” he said. “This is what we’ve got – let’s make the best of it.”

“When this place is really crowded, I make it a point to talk to people, especially people I don’t know, and most of them really like it here,” Purcell continued. “It’s the people that are used to the old building that are the ones that do all the bitching. It’s too bad, really – you see how this place fills up when Tranzfusion is playing outside. Most of them are not old timers – most of them are young people and they love it here.”

Committee member Audrey Wahl agreed, saying the old club was “cozy and familiar to old timers,” but that the new building better suited the changing demographic.

“It’s a benefit as to our community to have all these younger people coming in,” she said. “The newer people have a very positive [view]. They think this is a wonderful place – a beautiful place – and it really is.”

Still, Stevens said the “food isn’t always good” and that service continued to be an issue.

“There are times when it’s obvious that there’s a total lack of training and the people literally don’t know what to do,” he said.

Addressing food concerns, Lewis said the new chef signaled a clear change in direction and said he was pursuing “different train of thought.”

“I realized that 70 percent that come to this yacht club are not looking for highfalutin’,” he said. “They are looking for something a little less snooty, a little more casual ... by menu items themselves as where as pricing. This is where Rob comes from.”

He repeatedly praised Sosonovich, who he called an “incredible person” and said his adaptability and ease with the staff was superior to the previous lead in the kitchen.

Sosonovich, for his part, said the club was working on a larger, “friendlier” menu that was more affordable, and twice the size of the previous two-page list.

“We’re listening to everybody’s voices and trying to accommodate a little bit of everything,” he said. “We’re trying to get the community we lost over the years and bring them back, and be a more family friendly [and] hangout restaurant – you can be all of them at once and that’s what we’re going for.”

To the delight of Jacobs, Lewis said the popular cheesesteak egg rolls would stay on the new menu. The club will also feature “date night” and NFL specials, once a month “char night” and wine club dinners, as well as a fall concert series in the upstairs banquet hall.

Weekend specials, dinner specials and daytime dining specials will also be offered, Lewis said. The club is currently observing offseason hours, open Thursday evening for dinner, as well as Friday, Saturday and Sunday for lunch and dinner.

On staffing, Lewis said the club had lost all of its college and seasonal workers and was struggling to maintain a core staff. As of last Thursday, he said the wait staff was down to just four employees.

The club is hiring, and Lewis said inquiries could be addressed to him by calling 410-641-7501.

“We’ll keep our fingers crossed with the new menu,” Jacobs said. “I think that’s going to be a big plus.”

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Sunfest returns for 42nd year in Ocean City

By Kara Hallissey
Staff Writer

(Sept. 22, 2016) One of Ocean City’s favorite events kicks off today, Thursday, with area residents and visitors saying goodbye to summer and welcoming in fall with four days of arts and crafts, live musical entertainment, food and family activities during the 42nd annual Sunfest celebration.

The festival takes place in the inlet parking lot under large tents with 300 vendors and food booths filled with treasures and tasty treats all weekend long, Sept. 22-25.

Sunfest drew more than 200,000 visitors to the downtown Ocean City area last year and about the same attendance is expected this weekend.

“We are really happy when attendance numbers surpass 200,000 people,” said Frank Miller, special events director for the Town of Ocean City. “It has been around 42 years and has proven itself. Sunfest has always been the keystone event for Ocean City’s summer season.”

The festival starts at 9:30 a.m. Thursday with a parade down the Boardwalk from 13th Street to the inlet featuring Stephen Decatur High School’s marching band, cheerleaders and choir. At the conclusion of the parade, Sunfest will open with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

“It is a fun event for people of all ages – families with children, grandchildren or just a couple enjoying a date night,”

said Jessica Waters, communications manager for the Town of Ocean City. “No matter what time of day you can make it, there is always something fun going on. The event is one-of-a-kind and something that everyone should try at least once.”

Live musical acts from classic rock to bluegrass will entertain guests all weekend, including a special performance by Kick It Out “A Tribute to Heart” to close out Sunfest at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 25.

“There is a great mix of entertainers during four days of live music,” Miller said. “We bring in local bands and others from out of state. It is an opportunity to listen to bands they have never heard or they want to start following.”

Three ticketed performances start at 8 p.m. each night.

Chubby Checker and the Wildcats will perform Thursday night. Tickets cost

\$20-\$30. On Friday, country music fans will flock to the inlet stage to catch newcomer Chris Janson perform. Tickets cost \$25-\$49. On Saturday, rock ‘n’ rollers Eddie Money along with Sir Rod take the Sunfest stage. Ticket prices range from \$30-\$60.

“We start out with the ‘60s, go to modern country and slide back to the ‘80s with Eddie Money,” Miller said. “Forty-two years of great music, food and arts and crafts to peruse and buy.”

Tickets for the headlining acts are on sale at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center box office on 40th Street. Box office hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Guests can purchase tickets by calling Ticketmaster at 800-551-7328 or by visiting www.ticketmaster.com. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the festival grounds until they are sold out.

In addition to live music, hundreds of

local, regional, commercial and national vendors will be at Sunfest selling a smorgasbord of items from jewelry and paintings to ceramics and crab dishes. There will be 182 arts and crafts booths set up.

“Sunfest combines three things that almost everyone loves – great food, outstanding entertainment and the ability to shop unique arts and crafts while taking in the smells and sounds of the ocean,” Waters said.

“No matter how many times you have visited Sunfest, there is always something new to see. Whether it’s a new vendor, a new band or a new Eastern Shore treat to try,” she continued. “The event feels different then the year before, but also maintains the traditional feeling that people love about the festival.”

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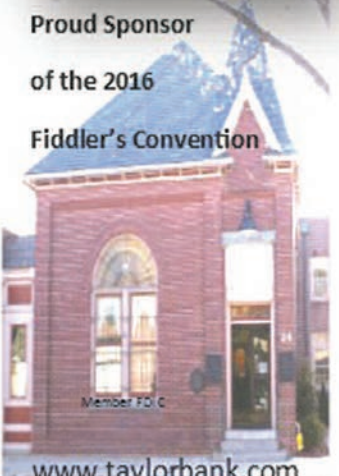
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OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS
HARBORSIDE BAR & GRILL: Wednesday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

OC event full of ‘family traditions’

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new vender, a new band or a new Eastern Shore treat to try,” she continued. “The event feels different then the year before, but also maintains the traditional feeling that people love about the festival.”

Guests can watch 10 artists create wares in the demonstration tent and purchase them on the spot.

For children, there will be hayrides on the beach, inflatables, a magician strolling the grounds from 12-4 p.m. on Saturday, and Lollipop the Clown will make her rounds on Sunday during the same time.

“Sunfest is grounded in a lot of great Ocean City family traditions,” Miller said. “We were named the No. 1 arts and crafts festival in the United States again by Sunshine Artist Magazine, which is based on vendor’s

sales numbers and feedback.”

Also this weekend, Park Place Jewelers will host its seventh annual Sunfest Treasure Hunt on the beach Saturday at 4 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m. For a \$15 donation to the Believe in Tomorrow Children’s House by the Sea, the first 100 to sign up each day get the chance to dig in the sand for prizes from gift certificates to local restaurants and retailers, diamonds, gemstones and additional jewelry.

Register for the treasure hunt at either of Park Place’s locations, on the Boardwalk at Second Street or in the White Marlin Mall on Route 50 in West Ocean City. Participants must be at least 18 years old.

Treasure hunters should meet in front of the Boardwalk store 30 minutes before the dig for a briefing on

the rules. Participants can wear gloves, but may not use shovels and buckets. The hunt takes place rain or shine.

Sunfest hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Sept. 22-24, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 25.

“It’s in a great location,” Miller said. “You can’t beat an event that is held between the Boardwalk and beach.”

Because parking is limited, visitors should consider taking the resort bus to the festival grounds.

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Visit <http://ococean.com/sunfest> for the full schedule of Sunfest entertainment or call 800-626-2326 for more information.



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Snapshots



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

LIBRARY FUNDRAISER

Carol Rose shows off her 1920s inspired costume during a fundraiser for the new Berlin library at the Atlantic Hotel on Friday evening.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Sandy and Howard Sribnick enjoy the 1920-themed fundraiser at the Atlantic Hotel on Friday, where funds were raised to benefit the new Berlin branch of the Worcester County Library.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Sara Johnson and Mark Kauffman dress up for the flapper-themed Berlin Library fundraiser at the Atlantic Hotel on Friday.



BRIAN GILLILAND/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

RIDE TO STURGIS

Josh and Hallie Miller, plus family, man the Maverick's Attic tent during last Saturday's Ride to Sturgis tie-in event in Snow Hill. The event drew hundreds to town, and will return next year.



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DEMOLITION DERBY

Charity Smith, the only female driver during Pocomoke's annual demolition derby and a first-time participant, took second place during the small vehicles heat last Saturday.



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Assateague Coastal Trust has coordinated a coastal cleanup at Assateague Island for more than 15 years. This year, the coastal cleanup and National Public Lands Day come together in 2016, the centennial year of the National Park Service, for a perfect trifecta in the great outdoors.

Saturday, Sept. 24, is National Public Lands Day and an entrance fee free day. Volunteers should check in by 9 a.m. at North Ocean Beach Parking area in the Maryland District. The cleanup will end when the dumpster is full or around noon, whichever comes first.

Coastal cleanup staff will assign volunteers to a beach or a bayside cleanup location and will provide tally sheets to track all the trash col-

lected. Some volunteers will be transported to cleanup sites in park vehicles. Keep in mind, pets or small children requiring car seats or booster seats may not be transported in park vehicles. We remind all volunteers to bring work gloves, sunscreen, insect repellent and water.

Small work crews will be organized the morning of the event to clean up the bayside on the north end of the island. If interested in doing some dirty, hard work, wear sturdy closed-toed shoes and clothes that you don't mind getting wet and muddy.

Owners of private 4-wheel drive vehicles with an OSV pass are encouraged to remove trash in the OSV area, however vehicles without a pass are not permitted to drive on the beach.

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Cuisine

Play with your food: making ‘ants on a log’

I was trying to doze off, having had a very long day. Things usually happen in threes, as they say, and the third event was merely a warm-up for the fourth and fifth mighty dealings that weighed heavily on my shoulders. But, hey, it’s all part of this adulting thing, something that I try to avoid like the plague.



By Paul Suplee,
CEC PCIII

I had only been sitting in my recliner (my God, I’m starting to sound like my father) for a few minutes when the food gods smiled on me to usher me off to sleep. Having neglected to eat a decent lunch or dinner, I had just partaken in a late-night nosh of thick schmears of mayonnaise and spicy mustard on salami rollups. They hit the spot, and it was time to get some rest for the onslaught that was sure to be in my life the next day.

But just as I was about to meet the Sandman, a thought occurred to me and I started to nod my head in that “Yeah, that would be a great combo” type of way. You see, similar to the great Anton Ego from “Ratatouille,” I too relate the foods I eat to my many memories of the past; family, friends, exciting and never-to-be-repeated trips, the dangerous days of youth and so on.

And I have no idea where the idea came from, but I knew that the next day I would make my own ants on a log combination that would satisfy, and it did. Wait, did you say that you don’t know what ants on a log are?

It is only one of the greatest snacks known to mankind, or more to the point, child-kind. Celery, sloppily chopped by mom was then slathered in peanut butter and sprinkled with raisins. They were easy, mostly nutritious, and I still find myself eating a few when I’m bored. Why not? It’s a perfect combination.

But, I knew that making ants on a log would be a trite and boring exercise to say the least, so I rummaged through my brain and pantry to see what I could come up with.

Sure enough, the next morning I remembered that I was in possession of a great many habanero peppers, and I wanted to use them in a way other than their intended purpose; to burn greatly on more than one occasion.

I’ve always been a big fan of chili jellies and jams, so I figured that would be an easy fit. Now I was down



to only a couple other items: the celery and the peanut butter. Owing a Vitamix blender that has held steadfast for these last six years, I threw in some roasted, salted peanuts and made some ridiculously simple yet remarkable peanut butter.

Now on to the celery. Most people agree with me that it’s not terribly satisfying to chew on, between the omnipresent bitterness and the fibers. The simple task of peeling takes care of both of those problems, and you are left with a triumvirate or ingredients that will please ... with a little kick at the end.

Tonight as I go to sleep, I will rest knowing that I played with my food today, and I suggest that you do the same. After all:

“The idea is to die young as late as possible.” -Ashly Montagu

Fire Ants on a Log

enough for a fairly large group of people!

- 8 stalks of celery
- 2 cups Sweet & Salty peanut butter (recipe follows)
- 1/2 cup Habanero Jam (recipe follows)

Peel your celery! There is a world of difference in the end product, as the fibrous exterior is removed as is a great deal of the bitterness

Drizzle the celery logs with your peanut butter and dress with some of the pepper jam

I know this is ridiculously simple, but sometimes it’s just a great thing to play with your food

Sweet & Salty Peanut Butter

- makes about 2 cups
- 2 cups Roasted, salted peanuts
- Oil, as needed
- 3-4 Tbsp. Granulated sugar

I can only attest to this working in a Vitamix, but so many residential blenders are powerful that I recommend looking up your model to see if it works

Place the peanuts and sugar in the blender, and starting on slow, work your way up in speed, tamping the peanuts down as you go

Add only enough oil (You probably don’t need any) to make the peanut butter the consistency that you want

Adjust for taste and you’re set!

Habanero Jam

- Makes about 1 quart
- 15 Habanero peppers, minced and seeded
- 1 Red bell pepper, minced and seeded
- 2 medium Carrots, peeled and finely shredded
- 6 cups Granulated sugar
- 3/4 cup Cider vinegar
- 3/4 cup Good quality champagne vinegar
- Pectin, as needed (follow instructions)

Heat the sugar and water until the sugar is completely dissolved

Add the vegetables and cook for about five or six minutes at a low boil

Add the pectin (again, look to the particular manufacturer for instructions and quantities) and boil for a full minute, skimming any foam off the top

Without canning, this will keep for around two weeks in the refrigerator. If you can, it will last well throughout the cold season

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

Calendar

THU, SEP. 22

SUNFEST KITE FESTIVAL

The Kite Loft, 511 Boardwalk, Ocean City, MD, All Day Thousands of spectators gather on the Ocean City beach between 3rd and 6th streets. See master kite flyers from around the world showcase their aerial displays of art. Kite-making workshops and kite battles. Jay Knerr, 410-289-7855, <http://www.kiteloft.com>

12TH ANNUAL SAND CASTLE HOME TOUR
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CHRONIC PAIN SELF-MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP
Pocomoke Senior Center, 400 Walnut St., Suite B, Pocomoke City, MD, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Interactive, six-week program. Topics include pain management techniques, medication management, communication with healthcare providers and others, action planning and many more. Free and open to the community. Register: Nancy, 410-957-0391 or Dawn, ddenton@atlanticgeneral.org, 410-641-9268

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COASTAL HOSPICE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 11 a.m. Free and open to anyone who has lost a loved one, not just Coastal Hospice families. 410-251-8163

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

NAACP SEPTEMBER MEETING
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 6 p.m. Tom Kane, Emergency Management Planner for Worcester County Emergency Services, will discuss the process, “Preparedness, Respond and Recovery” as it pertains to our County residents. Executive board officers for next year will also be nominated at this meeting. 443-944-6701

BINGO
American Legion Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD, 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., games start at 6:30 p.m. Food and non-alcoholic drinks available. Open to the public. 410-289-3166, <http://www.alpost166.org>

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FALL HOUSE SELLERS SEMINAR
Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 4:30 to 7 p.m. Dr. Amit Poddar, department head and director of Management and Marketing at Salisbury University, will share key marketing principles that homeowners listing their property during the fall can use to ensure they receive the best possible price. The seminar is free. Advance registration is required., Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, 410-641-7052

OCEAN CITY DANCE
Ocean City Recreation and Parks Community Center, 200 125th Street, Ocean City, MD, 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Open to singles and couples. Swing, ballroom, Latin, salsa, disco and country dancing to the

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music of DJ Mike T. John Brillantes will teach the El Paso line dance 6:30-7:30 p.m. Admission is \$14 per person. Mike Tasevoli, 302-539-3429, <http://www.DancingAtTheBeach.com>

RIBBON CUTTING PARTY — Bomshell Boutique and Beach Bronzed, 12216 Ocean Gateway, Suite 900, Ocean City, MD, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Ribbon cutting at 4:30 p.m. 410-213-7120 or 410-213-7138

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

SAT, SEP. 24

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YARD SALE
Church of the Holy Spirit, 10001 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, MD, 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. 410-723-1973

TRI-COUNTY BIRD CLUB FIELD TRIP
Assateague Island National Seashore, 7206 National Seashore Ln, Berlin, MD. Meet at the Ward Museum parking lot in Salisbury at 7:30 a.m. or Assateague Visitors Center parking lot at 8:15 a.m. Bring drinks and snacks. Mike Walsh, 410-422-0428

STUFF A PATROL CAR
Walmart, 11416 Ocean Gateway, Berlin, MD, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Maryland State Police and Maryland Department of Transportation will collect donations for the Maryland Food Bank. Elena Russo, 410-653-4236

FARMERS MARKET
White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 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, 410-641-7717, Ext. 3006

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
VFW, Post 8296, 104 66th St., Ocean City, MD, 8 to 11 a.m. A \$6 donation for all-you-can-eat pancakes or 2-2-2, two eggs, two pancakes and two bacon slices., 410-524-8196

AIRPORT DRIVE-IN BREAKFAST
Ocean City Airport, Terminal Building, 12724 Airport Rd, Berlin, MD, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Coffee, eggs, bacon, sausage, scrapple and potatoes. Suggested donation is \$7. All donations directed to the Huey Veterans Memorial Display and

Park, Coleman Bunting, 410-726-7207

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IDENTITY THEFT SEMINAR
Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 to 11 a.m. Robert Mullen will share how thieves obtain personal information and how to reduce your risk. The seminar is free. Advance registration is required., Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, 410-641-7052

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TREASURE HUNT AT THE BEACH
Park Place Jewelers, 209 N Atlantic Ave, Ocean City, MD, 4 to 5 p.m. Dig in the sand for buried treasure at the beach in front of Park Place Jewelers on Third Street. Prizes include jewelry, diamonds, gemstones and gift certificates to area restaurants and retailers. Must register at either Park Place Jewelers location starting on Sept. 21. Must be at least 18 years of age to participate. Free entry with \$15 donation to Believe in Tomorrow Children’s Foundation., 410-289-6500, <http://www.parkplacejewelers.com>

INDIAN SUMMER TRAIN AND TOY SHOW
Roxana Fire Company, 35943 Zion Church Road, Frankford, DE, (Rt. 20 between Millsboro and Fenwick Island) 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Delaware Seaside Railroad Club will present operating layouts, door prizes and refreshments. Admission is \$5. <http://DelawareSeasideRailroadClub.com>
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Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway,
Ocean City, MD, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Cost
is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 8
and younger., 410-524-7930

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Bethany United Methodist Church,
8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin,
MD, 3 p.m. Open to people and pets of
all faith. Megan Cooke, 443-614-3870

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

Park Place Jewelers, 209 N Atlantic Ave,
Ocean City, MD, 1 to 2 p.m. Dig in the
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Somerset Street Plaza, Somerset Street,
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Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 2:30 to 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., Bett, 410-202-9078

St. Matthews By-The-Sea UMC, 1000 Coastal Highway, Fenwick Island, DE, 7 p.m. Featuring "Joyful Noise." Free and open to the public. A love offering will be taken for the artists. Info: Rita Williams, 302-436-1562 or, St. Matthews Church office, 302-537-1402

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

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

Ocean Pines Community Center, 239
Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 7 to 9
p.m. The Delmarva Chorus, Sweet Ade-
line's, meets each Monday. Women in-
terested in learning the craft of a
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Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 2 p.m. The Ocean City Museum Society marked the 50th anniversary of the 1962 hurricane by recording the experiences of locals who lived through it. Nancy Howard, 443-235-4405, neffiehoward@comcast.net

Lions Club, 12534 Airport Road, Ocean City, MD, 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. Guest speakers include Coast Guard members and John Sipple, who will talk about catching a 790 lb. blue marlin.

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 1 to 4 p.m. The University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service is offering master gardeners to help with gardening questions. Take your bagged samples by to find solutions to your plant problems., 410-208-4014

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

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Ocean Pines Community Center, 235
Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 8 a.m.
Meets every Wednesday. Doors open at 7
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7330, <http://www.kiwanisofopoc.org>

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Saturday 10-2	50 High Sheriff Trail, Ocean Pines	4BR/2.5BA	Single Family	\$244,923	Craig Hyatt/Berkshire Hathaway PenFed
Saturday 11-2	11 Skipper Ct, Ocean Pines	4BR/2BA	Single Family	\$269,900	Edie Brennan/Shamrock Realty
Saturday 11-2	14 Windjammer Rd, Ocean Pines	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$369,900	Taryn Walterhoefer/Shamrock Realty
Saturday 12-3	88 Robin Hood Trail, Ocean Pines	4BR/3BA	Single Family	\$332,500	Pam Wadler/Shamrock Realty
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