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HOOTENANNY!

Hundreds of spectators watch Friday evening as Blind Wind kicks off the 2016 Berlin Fiddlers Convention. The father-son duo was the "band" category winner during the 2015 competition portion of the annual event.

Busy agenda no problem for new Ocean Pines BOD

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Sept. 29, 2016) The Ocean Pines Association Board breezed through a meeting on Saturday that saw 11 votes on capital purchases, committee appointments, new business items and compliance, permit and inspections violations.

Ten of those votes were unanimous, and only one "no" vote were rendered during the roughly 80-minute meeting that included more than 20 minutes of public comments.

The new board recently reinstated separate work sessions designed to help set the agenda, gather additional public feedback and to help streamline the regular meetings. A work session last Monday, Sept. 19 lasted just under five hours.

By contrast, meetings held by the prior board averaged about two hours.

The first capital item on the agenda was resurfacing the beach club pool, which interim General Manager Brett Hill said he would be allowed to approve if OPA received three competitive quotes and the winning the bid was less than \$15,000. He brought the item to the full board because it was not in the current capital budget. No formal bids were discussed.

That was approved unanimously, along with "about \$10,000" for a beach club pool cover, which also was not in the budget.

Other unanimous votes included \$78,752 plus a 5 percent contingency awarded to Signature Sports Flooring to replace the gym floor in the community center, \$7,499 plus a 5 percent contingency awarded to Northern Tool & Equipment for a power washer for recreation and parks, and \$75,000 set aside for mold remediation at the country club.

An unbudgeted \$50,000 was set-aside for vendors, along with \$25,000 in public works labor to address the mold problem. At least a portion of the \$50,000 will include remediation to be done by Servpro, and Hill said work on the club would begin immediately.

"I believe that repairs to this golf club [have] been put off for too long and I'm

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Hall, police accounts differ greatly

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Sept. 29, 2016) Although Berlin mayoral hopeful and District 2 Councilwoman Lisa Hall admitted this week that she was charged in April with possession of flunitrazepam in South Carolina, police records say that was not the case.

Hall, according to law enforcement officials in Charleston County, was charged with marijuana possession on April 29. Prescription medications, illegal or otherwise, were not involved.

Information on that arrest sent to local media this week was apparently misunderstood, leading some to conclude erroneously that Hall had been charged with possession of the flunitrazepam, also known as Rohypnol, and which cannot be purchased legally in this country.

The error resulted from an apparent misinterpretation of the standardized charging documents, which list multiple drug classifications as well as flunitrazepam.

On Monday, however, Hall responded to the misguided specula-



Lisa Hall

tion and said, "I was in South Carolina and I got stopped and I had a plastic bag ... this was back in April and I paid the ticket and never went back there. I don't know why they waited until now to bring it up."

She added that the pills belonged to her late husband and that she was unaware of their presence.

However, there were no pills and no traffic stop, according to the incident report supplied by Charleston County Police Public Information Officer Charles Francis. Instead, Hall and a female companion were arrested on April 29 at a Marriott Hotel in Charleston on relatively minor marijuana charges.

Francis explained that marijuana was included in the "Sch. I, II, III or flunitrazepam" charges listed in documents that originated at the Charleston County Clerk of Court and

were circulated locally.

According to the incident report, a night security guard called police for suspected narcotic activity after he followed up on a complaint about in-room smoking from other guests and detected what he believed was marijuana smoke coming from another unit.

On their arrival, police found Hall and her friend outside their room and questioned them. Police said Hall's companion "admitted that she and her friend were indeed smoking 'weed' in the room." A search of the friend's possessions produced about an ounce of marijuana and paraphernalia, while Hall was found to have about a quarter-ounce of marijuana and paraphernalia.

Both were taken into custody and charged with possession with intent to distribute. Bond was set at \$5,000 each.

A court administrator at the City of Charleston Municipal Court said Hall is scheduled to appear for a hearing on Oct. 19 on the marijuana charge.

Attempts to contact Hall on Wednesday were unsuccessful.



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UP IN SMOKE

Participants cross the finish line in a blast of colored cornstarch during the annual Susan Pusey Memorial Color Run, last Saturday at Pocomoke High School.

Shots fired as robbery suspects flee

Accomack Sheriff vehicle disabled; PNC offers \$10K reward for Pocomoke crime

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

(Sept. 29, 2016) PNC Bank is offering a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of three men who robbed the Pocomoke City branch on Monday.

The robbers were described as African-American, and one, whose image was captured on bank security cameras, was wearing women's clothing, including a tan skirt, black-haired wig and dark scarf.

A second perpetrator is described as wearing a red baseball cap, a dark shirt and jeans, while the third was described as having long dreadlocks, a lime green floppy hat, a gray zip-



Robbery suspect

pered sweat-shirt and dark pants.

According to a police press release, the robbers threatened to "blow up" the bank with an explosive device, but did

not display a weapon during the incident.

The trio fled the scene heading south into Virginia in an unidentified vehicle, according to police.

In Virginia, a sheriff's deputy apparently located the vehicle and attempted to initiate a traffic stop, but the driver allegedly fired several shots

from a handgun at the deputy, striking his cruiser several times, and disabling it.

The robbers remain at large.

Police said they have no evidence of a connection to another bank robbery also on Monday at First Shore Federal Bank off Mt. Hermon Road in Salisbury. In that case, police are seeking a white male, approximately six feet tall and weighing about 180 pounds between the ages of 30-35 who escaped custody with an undisclosed amount of cash in that incident.

Lt. Ed Shreier of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office said the suspects in both robberies were different people.

Anyone with information on the Pocomoke incident is asked to call the Worcester County Bureau of Investigation at 410-632-1111.

Delmarva Paddling Weekend debuts in Snow Hill this Fri.

By Brian Gilliland

Associate Editor

(Sept. 29, 2016) Beginning tomorrow and lasting throughout the weekend, the Delmarva Paddling Weekend will show off Snow Hill and Laurel, Delaware as the newest up-and-coming spots for ecotourism on the lower shore.

A complete schedule and individual trip descriptions, along with the ability to make reservations are available online at www.delmarvapaddling.com.

"The inspiration for how to set up the weekend came from two places, the Delmarva Birding Weekend and Delmarva Bike Week," Jim Rapp of Conservation Community Consulting, the firm managing the event for the towns, said.

From the birding weekend, the structure of individual trips with certain objective ordered a la carte emerged. From Bike Week, regional events, in this case the towns of Snow Hill and Laurel, Delaware, with crossover between the towns and audiences, plus the markedly different surrounding environment, had been copied.

"We've got two waterfront home bases trying to do similar things," Rapp said of smaller lower shore towns trying to capitalize on local waterways to increase ecotourism. "All trips are guided by interpreters and naturalists."

For example, the first trip leaving Snow Hill at 9 a.m. on Friday morning is called "The Nature of Nassawango Creek," which begins and ends at the Pocomoke River Canoe Company.

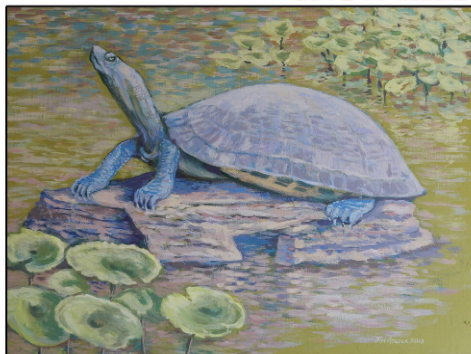
The trip will be led by a local expert — Rapp himself on some occasions — who will paddle along the creek with participants as they hunt for warblers, owls, turtles and beavers.

For those more interested in learning how and where to travel on the local waterway, there are also instructional courses scattered throughout each day's agenda.

"We have several trips that are perfect for new paddlers or people who are new to the area. There are also people who don't know where to go, or don't want to go into unfamiliar territory," Rapp said.

The trepidation is understandable to
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Berlin municipal election slated for Oct. 4

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Sept. 29) Voters in Berlin will have two choices for mayor during the municipal election on Tuesday, Oct. 4.

Two-term incumbent Mayor Gee Williams will face District 2 Councilwoman Lisa Hall, who gave up her seat to run for mayor. Hall has been on the council since 2008.

The deadline for write-in candi-

dates was Tuesday, Sept. 27. According to Administrative Services Director Mary Bohlen, no additional candidates filed, meaning write-in votes will not be counted in this election.

District 2 voters will have two options to fill the seat vacated by Hall. Jack Orris, a 35-year-old office manager who holds a degree in political science, is running against 26-year-old former firefighter Zackery Tyndall,

who recently earned a degree in management and finance from Salisbury University.

Neither has run for office in Berlin before.

The election for District 3 was canceled because only one candidate, incumbent Elroy Brittingham, filed before the Sept. 2 deadline. Brittingham has served on the council since 1996.

The municipal election will run from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Residents living in Districts 1 and 2 will vote at Buckingham Presbyterian Church on 20 South Main Street. Residents in Districts 3 and 4 will vote at the multipurpose building on 130 Flower Street.

For more information about the election, contact the Town of Berlin at 410-641-2770.

Flower Street repairs coming 'within month'

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Sept. 29, 2016) Berlin officials believe they are closer to a solution regarding road repairs on Flower Street necessitated by development at Cannery Village.

Apparently, it took more than a week for Town Administrator Laura Allen to reach Osprey Properties, the company behind Cannery.

The issue was raised by several councilmembers during a Sept. 12 Town Council meeting, when the council voted unanimously to add "haste" to insistence that the developer address the issues.

During that meeting, Councilman Elroy Brittingham said the entrance to Cannery was playing havoc with roads in the area, including a portion of Flower Street that the town has had to patch several times because of potholes.

Councilman Dean Burrell, added the problem had been ongoing "for, really, a long time" and that poor conditions were causing damage to vehicles that traveled on the busy road.

During a phone interview last Thursday, Allen said she had only just been able to reach Osprey Vice President Andrew Hanson by phone.

"He told me MDE [Maryland Department of Environment] has given him clearance for the back stormwater pond, and that he's very close to asking for his final inspection," she said. "This is important because there's a couple things we need them to address, including the patch of Flower Street, and so we're at the point where we think the project is going to be ... tidied up and wrapped up, probably within the next few weeks."

Allen said it would work better to

have the contractor, who will do the final paving of Cannery Roads, also patch the affected portion of Flower Street.

"That should make it seamless and all one nice project," she said. "Our plan is to work with Andrew to get the project 'finaled' with an eye towards having the final paving done by the contractor and doing the final paving in the development and handling the repair of Flower Street as part of that."

"If that doesn't happen within a reasonable timeframe, then we have talked to Andrew about a fallback position, whereby the developer will be paying for a different contractor selected by the town to come out and mill and overlay the portion of Flower

Street that we want them to repair," Allen added.

Asked to define "reasonable timeframe," Allen said she "reserved the right to define that within the scope of [her] purview."

"I've been asked to get it taken care of with all immediate haste. I can commit to having it taken care of within the next month," she said.

There would likely be no cost to the town, Allen said.

"If we do the backup plan, there would be a little bit of staff time attached to getting that organized, but I think that's going to be very minimal, and nothing we wouldn't do for any other developer for any other project," Allen said.

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Only one ‘no’ vote rendered during active OPA meeting

■ OCEAN PINES BOARD continued glad to see that we’re moving in the right direction, and at least there’s a start,” Board President Tom Herrick said.

The directors voted unanimously to find 141 Teal Circle in violation of having two boatlifts without a permit, an issue that dates back to Aug. 2011. That item will be forwarded to an attorney for legal action.

All of the directors voted in favor of a first reading of a resolution to reactivate the golf advisory committee, dormant since 2011, and to form a separate working group to address technology issues.

Also unanimous was a motion to suspend the bulkhead program for fiscal year 2017, as well as a motion to give blanket approval to eight committee nominations: Steveline Parks to racquet sports (first term), Les Purcell to clubs (third term, chairman), Steve Tuttle, Steven Habeger and Mark Heintz to elections (first term), Jeff Knepper and James Trummel to by-laws and resolutions (first term) and Suzanne Auwarter to aquatics (fourth term).

Included in that approval was naming former board member Marty Clarke as chairman of the by-laws and resolutions committee, and Herrick appointing himself, Hill and Bob Kessler as liaisons to Landscapes Unlimited, the company that manages the Ocean Pines golf course.

Only one item, suspending the road-

repaving program for fiscal year 2017, received a “no” vote. Director Cheryl Jacobs said she opposed the motion “as written.”

The motion stated that the program was to be suspended “in order for an engineered scope of work to be created, bid, evaluated, and awarded.” It also called for a transfer of capital funds from reserved to public works to “cover the cost of repairs on roads not being replaced this year.”

Jacobs, who participated in the meeting by telephone, had asked if Ocean Pines would bill the county for any repairs, because a “majority of the cuts ... were due to the county,” she said.

During the work session, part of the discussion suggested that county workers, mainly those related to water and sewer repairs, accounted for a majority of damages done to OPA roads.

Because many of the repairs had been done over multiple years using multiple contractors, Hill said the association had “a limited ability to go back to the county right now.”

Vice President Dave Stevens said it would be useful to consult with the county about “where we are and what we’re doing” regarding road repairs, which Hill said he would do.

The next Ocean Pines Association Board work session is Monday, Oct. 17 at 9 a.m. in the community center. The next regular meeting is Saturday, Oct. 22 at 10 a.m. in the community center.

First crab feast fundraiser hits Berlin streets, Saturday

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Sept. 29, 2016) The first official Berlin Crab Feast will bring an all-you-can eat seafood celebration to the downtown area Saturday, from noon to 5 p.m.

“DJ Big Al Reno,” also known as Tom Sholtis, will emcee the event, which is sponsored by Berlin Main Street, the Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Area Council (LESHC) and Hooper’s Crab House. Funk-Shué will provide live entertainment.

The event will raise money for Berlin’s upcoming Christmas festivities and town decorations, according to Berlin Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells.

“Tom had the idea when we were looking for fundraisers, because we really want to spruce up the town for Christmas,” Wells said. “He said, ‘How about we do a big crab feast downtown?’ I loved the idea and we pushed forward with it.

“It’s the Eastern Shore. What better way to spend the afternoon than to sit with your friends and family and eat crabs and drink beer?” Wells added.

Tickets are \$30 in advance for adults and \$25 for children 12 and under, and

include all-you-can-eat crabs and corn, provided by Hooper’s. Tickets are \$38 if purchased on the day of the event.

“We work very well with Hooper’s,” Wells said. “They’ve always partnered with us and donated their buses for our events.”

Burley Oak Brewing Company and Fin City Brewing Co. will provide beer at an additional cost, with some of those proceeds benefiting LESHC.

“Hopefully, some people that haven’t been to Berlin before will want to come because of the crab feast and get introduced to the town,” Wells said. “Plus, if you’re a local, it’s a great day to be eating crabs without having to clean up the mess – and it’s for two great causes.”

Advance tickets can be purchased at the Berlin Visitor’s Center at 14 South Main Street between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday. Make checks payable to the Berlin Chamber of Commerce.

To download a registration form, visit www.BerlinMainStreet.com. Seating is limited, and tickets cannot be purchased online.

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Grim picture painted in engineering study

OPA country club report finds mold, failing systems, but says structure sound

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Sept. 29, 2016) While an updated engineering study of the Ocean Pines Association Country Club did not offer a specific recommendation whether the building should be renovated or replaced, it did paint a grim picture of a structure that is full of mold and is failing because of years of neglect.

Ocean Pines Association interim General Manager Brett Hill emailed a copy of a 72-page report last week. The study, conducted by Allen & Shariff Engineering and the Becker Morgan Group, is dated Sept. 13.

Ocean Pines originally commissioned Becker Morgan to do the study in August 2011. The review was to include an analysis of "the building envelope, structural systems, and the mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems of the existing" building, according to the report.

The company was brought back in August 2016 to provide an update of the report that included changes in the building since 2011. The update also included a mold study done by

Hardy Environmental Services in June 2011 and Jan. 2016.

According to the report, the country club was built in 1974 and had a "major addition" in 1985.

Two site visits were done in 2011. "Recent visits" that informed the updated report "took place with OPA public works staff, Design team staff, [former] General Manager Bob Thompson and Landscapes Unlimited, LLC Director of Golf/Head Golf Pro John Malinowski, PGA."

According to an executive summary, the commercial kitchen and banquet space saw "greatly declined usage" since 2011, partly because those activities "have shifted over to the larger and newer Yacht Club building."

"The second floor mezzanine offices are no longer in use except as office storage. The kitchen equipment in the second floor kitchen is largely obsolete and/or non-functional limiting larger event/banquet style activities," the report stated.

The report also said, "Mold spores and air quality continue to be a concern in several areas of the building ... This issue should be addressed as soon as possible as some of the issues noted in a prior report by Hardy Environmental (dated 6/11) may still be contributing factors."

A visual inspection concluded

that the roof was "near the end of its life cycle," noting leaking "at interior walls in several locations."

"Water intrusion" was detailed "at the south wall between the women's lounge and club storage area." Moreover, glazing at windows is failing and caulking "at all exterior penetrations and transition between materials is old and failing."

The report said most of the structure was "found to be in compliance with current building codes and could be viable for use if a renovation was desired," although it also noted, "areas of wood floor trusses do not meet live load criteria and would need to be further evaluated if they are desired for use in a remodeled building."

Both the mechanical and plumbing systems were recommended to be replaced, the former "in their entirety" and the latter required "significant replacement of piping systems." The report added, "Due to the high demo efforts and working around existing building elements a significant renovation/ replacement of the plumbing systems will cost more than new installation on a new building."

Inspection of the electrical systems also revealed a "high number of open electrical junction boxes and broken conduits" that needed to be

addressed. "Due to the overall age and condition of the electrical systems, it is our recommendation that the electrical systems be replaced in their entirety. This is often more cost effective than attempting to field locate and replace deficient systems," the report stated.

The golf cart storage building was "showing structural damage from deferred maintenance," and the report recommended repairs "in order to maintain the structural integrity of the building."

Becker Morgan wrote that the main building did not "maximize efficiency and use of the building and site" and said, "a life cycle cost assessment should be completed to study new building vs. renovation options."

The firm said the findings were similar to the 2011 report and that "the updated 2016 report and analysis of existing building systems comes to the same basic conclusion as five years ago."

Becker Morgan suggested Ocean Pines develop a detailed outline of the current and future uses of the clubhouse and storage building to be used to consider options.

Also noted in the report, new construction should include consideration of a smaller and more efficient building.

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Paddling organizers already eyeing growing event next yr.

■ DELMARVA PADDLING continued
Rapp, who has a long history of exploring the places of the lower shore not defined by sun, surf and sand.
“For Snow Hill, almost all of the trips are very good for beginner-to-moderate skill levels. The starter trips are going slow and looking around,” he said.
To facilitate communication and to keep the tours together, Rapp said the size of the tours would be limited to about 12.
“It gets tricky for the guide if we go over a dozen, and we’re really pushing for preregistration, but we’re also pretty connected to the website and can add people pretty much right away,” he said. “Some trips will fill up, and some will

sell out.”
Those with no interest in paddling whatsoever could still attend Saturday night’s rally and steamed crab feast at the River House Inn, which is a short walk from the Pocomoke River Canoe Company.
For \$20 per person, Rapp said, guests can enjoy crabs, barbecued chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, corn on the cob, salads and soft drinks. Coolers with ice will be provided to those who would like to bring alcoholic beverages.
“We’re already committed to doing this next year,” Rapp said. “It’s not going to draw Bike Week numbers yet, but we hope for every one person we do get out, next year they bring a friend.”

Annual Celtic Fest returns to Furnace Town this weekend

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor
(Sept. 29, 2016) The Chesapeake Celtic Fest, one of Furnace Town’s premier events, kicks off this weekend giving locals a chance to indulge in a part of lower shore heritage that could have easily been forgotten.
“I started the event because we needed an idea of how to attract tourists here,” founder Jeanne du Nord said. “But it turned out to be more perfect for Furnace Town because the people tending the furnace were all Welsh and Irish.”
The festival, rapidly closing in on its 30th year in operation, starts Saturday at noon with an opening parade. Following the parade are a number of events and exhibits — some scheduled, some discovered by just walking around the grounds.
Du Nord said special attention was being paid this year to bees and beekeeping, because the Celts were some of the first Europeans to cultivate bees and harvest honey.
Local troupe Ocean City Pipes and Drums are performing, as well as several other groups, including the return of Big Blow and the Bushwackers.
“They performed at the first Celtic Festival, and were very popular at the time,” du Nord said. “But they all went off with their families until last year when they regrouped and returned.”
Joe Duffey, who performed with Michael Flatley in “Lord of the Dance” on Broadway will perform and conduct dance workshops.
Besides music and dancing, the festival will once again play host to Mid-Atlantic Scottish Athletics, whose signature event is the Caber Toss. Cabers are simple, honest tree trunks measuring anywhere from 18 to 21 feet long, and weighing as much as 150 pounds.
Novices who would like to get in on the action can sign up for lessons, and compete in their own event. There is also a junior league using smaller Cabers, along with other historic games

for children.
The Society for Creative Anachronism will also be giving demonstrations of arts, crafts and what is was like to fight in armor during the festival.
As Furnace Town is a living history museum, so is the Celtic Festival a living history event. Different areas feature different performers and the shows and demonstrations follow a schedule, but other exhibits and performances can be found just by walking the grounds.
“We celebrate, gather and even mourn together,” du Nord said.
She personally officiates a Celtic mass on Sunday, and performs weddings as well as vow renewals. But with such a long history, the occasional tragedy strikes the Celtic Fest family.
“The idea is to carry on the tradition by going on to the next generation,” she said. “For all the drinking, carousing and fun we also have deep spiritual moments.”
Sunday morning at 11, the festival offers “Flowers of the Forest” intended to memorialize loved ones no longer able to attend the festival.
“A mother who lost her son in Afghanistan, but couldn’t get bagpipes at his funeral had them with us instead,” she said. “He had been coming to the festival since he was 3 years old. He was at peace in the forest.”
Four-legged family members can also be included, Du Nord said.
All of these performances and shows aren’t the only draws.
“We do have some really terrific booze,” du Nord said. “We have a whiskey tasting and plenty of beer and wine, too.”
General admission tickets are \$15. Children 4-18 are \$5, and children under 3 are free. Current and retired military passes are \$5.
Additionally, Furnace Town and Nature Conservancy member passes are \$7, with ID. Child member passes are \$3.
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Since purchasing the former industrial site in February, most of the improvements at Berlin Falls park have been related to safety and security.

Town continues Berlin Falls park usage discussion

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Sept. 29, 2016) Town Administrator Laura Allen sat in during a town parks commission meeting earlier this month to give a briefing on potential directions for the new Berlin Falls Park on Old Ocean City Boulevard.

Parks Commission Chairman Mike Wiley said he visited the site after Jeep Week to check on the condition of the area that was used during the event – a muddy celebration that included hundreds of jeeps driving over a temporary obstacle course built on the property.

The company behind Jeep Jam, Ocean City 4X4 LLC, paid the town \$4,000 to lease the park for four days.

“I say hats off to Chris Cropper and his group, because they really cleaned it up nice,” Wiley said. “They gave me a ride around to inspect it and ... they completely restored it. They did an excellent job.”

Asked whether that event would return next year, Allen said that depended on what kinds of developments were pursued at the park. She said the town had gotten feedback from the public during planning meetings last year, and that town staff also had discussions on various uses.

“We have a lot of interests that are competing in nature,” she said. “For example, I’m not sure that the park can really support Jeep Jam and nature activities. I think there’s some potential conflicts there.”

She said the town had been working with Jim Rapp and Conservation Community Consulting LLC, among others, while gathering ideas.

“He’s helping us identify what would be complimentary uses,” Allen said. “In the wide variety of suggestions people have made, what are the complimentary uses versus the conflicting uses? Part of why I’m here is I want to talk to the parks commission about just getting it on your radar screen in the coming months to talk about that.”

“I think we’re already at the point with the park where we can start drilling down on uses and what are compatible versus



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Applications for Berlin park position still being reviewed

what are in conflict. Ultimately, that will answer the question as to whether or not we can continue with the Jeep Jam,” Allen added. “We’re having some professionals look at it [and] I’m not sure how conducive that is to passive uses.”

Committee member Patricia Dufendach agreed there could be potential conflicts.

“It’s a choice. How do jeeps runs around with nesting birds and rare butterflies? It’s great if you can collect all those butterflies from the grills as they’re driving through,” she said with a laugh.

She added that there were also potential safety concerns with allowing vehicles to drive near the many ponds on the property.

Allen said the town was still working on restoring the quality of the ponds, which were once part of a Tyson’s Chicken processing plant. The Maryland Department of Environment inspected the property and Allen said the town did stop its work briefly as it waited to hear the department. She said its response was “was basically just follow the requirements of your permit.”

Two phases of environmental assessments have been completed and Allen said the town was “dealing with what we think are some potential environmental concerns with the ponds, which is mainly us being responsible.”

With the tentative name “Berlin Falls” being adopted, more of an emphasis was put on using the ponds in some fashion than was initially anticipated. As a result, the town is doing more in that area to insure the safety of the public.

“When that shifted, it became incumbent on us, I believe, to dig a little more deeply into the whole ponds [concept], and that’s what we’re doing right now,” Allen said.

If their health can be restored, activities such as kayaking and paddle boarding could take place there, Allen said.

Berlin also is working with volunteer scientists from the Thriving Earth Exchange, a Washington, D.C.-based collective that, with assistance from the American Geophysical Union, has access to more than 62,000 scientists who study the Earth and space.

Allen said the next step with Berlin Falls, likely coming toward the end of this year or early next year, would be a “discussion about what ultimately would we like to see there.”

“One of the things we were talking about in a staff meeting recently was ... some policies that talk about structure and use and what’s appropriate. I think that’s where we kind of need to go next,” she said.

The town is also reviewing applications for a consulting position related to the park.

“The way we structured the position was as a contractual [one]. I think we had \$40,000 in the budget,” Allen said. “The person wouldn’t be in the building working full time, but would be assigned specific tasks to accomplish, or goals to accomplish. They would be almost like a consultant, but a contractual employee.”

She said the main role of the position would be to “develop the park.”

“This conversation we’re talking about in terms of what’s the ultimate combination of uses – this person would be driving that,” Allen said. “If the decision was made to do a skateboard park, this person would be driving the development of a skateboard park. There’s been an interest expressed in having a train station – they would be driving the process around a train station.”

Allen said it has been difficult for her and other town staff to tackle their already large workloads and help develop the park at the same time.

The town finalized a \$3 million deal to purchase the property in February, and the majority of the improvements there so far have been related to safety and cleanup of the grounds.

“What I asked the council to do was get some help so we can move that park development process along more quickly. Right now it’s just getting a fraction of my time,” Allen said.

“It’s going to be wonderful to see what can happen at Berlin Falls – but it’s going to take money,” Dufendach said. “Rehabilitation for the passive uses – the bird watching and the native plants, [those uses] are so complimentary. And it just makes it a beautiful place to walk, which is, of course, good for our health.”



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Smith stands tall during Pocomoke demolition derby

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

(Sept. 29, 2016) After watching from the sidelines for about eight years, Charity Smith decided to give Pocomoke's annual demolition derby a go for herself.

"I just decided this was something I was going to do, and it was something I was going to try," she said.

There was something about the cars.

"The car is the reason I wanted to do it. One fell into my lap for \$200 in August. A 1989 Oldsmobile," she said.

Smith's husband, Shawn, was not only supportive of his wife's destructive tendencies, he performed most of the modification work on the Oldsmobile himself, saving the couple a bundle in the process.

"We spent like \$75 on parts, that's it," Smith explained.

And the work was not insubstantial — in all it took about three weeks to get her car ready to be demolished.

"He had to weld the doors shut, weld the trunk shut, and the interior needed to be removed in case of fire," she explained.

Concerns about fire are taken very seriously at the demolition derby. A



BRIAN GILLILAND/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Charity Smith participates in Pocomoke's annual demolition derby, Sept. 17. She was the only female competitor during the event.

hole is cut in the hood, windows are removed, plus the fuel tank and battery are relocated inside the cab — and the volume of gasoline is intentionally limited — all to reduce the risk of fire.

Though it might take a little more effort to get it running for the next

event. During her debut performance at the derby, the radiator was her downfall. She took a direct hit to the front of the car early, and while she recovered, she was still plagued by stalls during the competition.

"It kept getting too hot and shut off," she explained.

But she, and the car, made it to the end.

According to the rules, drivers have 60 seconds to make contact with other cars during the derby or they're disqualified. Smith's car was the last to go before a winner was crowned.

She quickly became a fan favorite during her first and only heat of the derby, and went on to place second in her division, beating out four other cars with more experienced drivers.

"It was exciting," she said. "I wasn't nervous, I was just ready to hit the next driver."

She competed in the light cars division, which went first in the demolition derby. For safety reasons the smaller cars were grouped together before the larger vehicles took center

stage. After those initial heats were completed, a feature derby was held that mixed up all the still-operable vehicles in a free-for-all. But, since she was a first-year driver, Smith could not participate in that event this year due to safety concerns. The feature was only open to more experienced drivers.

Which was OK with her, since she plans on returning to this, and only this, event next year.

"I like this local one. It's good family event," she said.

Several other drivers also compete in the demolition derby at the Delaware State Fair. "All the drivers helped work on the cars — it was a good environment. They were competitive, but not in a mean-spirited way. They weren't aggressive about it," Smith said.

And she intends to run the same car next year.

"We towed it there and back, and it's still drivable. So I'll be back with this car," she said. "I wouldn't change a thing. The best part was getting second place, I just didn't want to be the first one out."

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Mayor Charlie Dorman, left, swears in Snow Hill's police chief, James Pilchard, in 2015. Pilchard has accepted a position within the Worcester County State's Attorney's Office as an investigator, and is expected to begin his new role within the next few weeks. Lt. Tom Davis will be sworn in as acting chief in the interim.

Police chief James Pilchard resigns

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

(Sept. 29, 2016) Sworn in last May, James Pilchard has resigned as Snow Hill Police Chief in favor of becoming an investigator with the Worcester County State's Attorney's office.

His start date with the county has not yet been formalized, Pilchard said, but he delivered his notice last Tuesday.

"There may be some training re-

quired, so my start date might be earlier or later based upon State's Attorney Beau Oglesby's needs," he said.

Town manager Kelly Pruitt said Lt. Tom Davis will be sworn in as acting chief, and the town will advertise the vacancy.

"We hope to hire a new chief within the next two months," she said.

Pilchard retired from the Salisbury Barrack of the State Police after 22

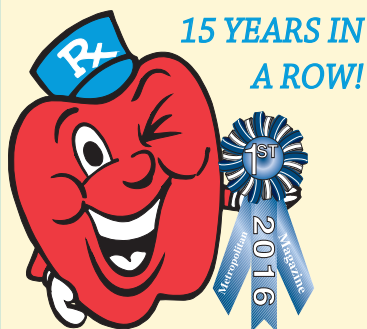
years in order to become the town's police chief.

"Snow Hill is where I grew up. It's my hometown and it gave me an amazing opportunity. It was a great chance to lead the men and women of the Snow Hill Police Department," he said.

Pilchard said he needed something else to expand his experience base when the opportunity with Worcester County arose.

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Child advocacy group hopes to raise profile

Cricket Center in Berlin will host two events in October, at The Hobbit and Seacrets

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Sept. 29, 2016) News of an animal cruelty case involving more than 300 dogs in Wicomico County earlier this year sent shockwaves across the community.

Something that has received far less attention, according to Cricket Center Foundation member Patty Falck, are the more than 90 children who were sexually or physically abused in Worcester County, last year.

“We must be willing to talk about this epidemic in order to make a difference,” Falck said. “Studies show that this particular crime is one of the most under-reported. This means there are many more children in Worcester County who have been keeping silent about their abuse.”

Last year the Cricket Center in Berlin logged 92 new cases of child sexual abuse, provided nearly 500 hours of trauma therapy, and identified 37 sex offenders that led to more

than 150 years of jail time.

The average age of the victims was 7.

Hoping to spread awareness and raise money for the center, Worcester County’s child advocacy hub, two events will be held in Ocean City next month.

The Cricket Center Foundation will host the first at the Hobbit Wednesday, Oct. 5 at 6 p.m. The event will feature hors d’oeuvres and a live and silent auction with Doug Marshall. A cash bar will also be provided.

Auction items will be “high end,” including fine art, jewelry, Ravens tickets and trips.

About a week later, the eighth annual “Jamaican a Difference” event will be held at Seacrets on Friday, Oct. 14 from 6-10 p.m. That event includes a two-hour open bar from 6-8 p.m. and is described as being a “more relaxed, toes-in-the-sand” affair.

When Worlds Collide will provide live entertainment, and a silent auction will raise additional funds for the center.

Tickets for both events are \$65.

Cricket Center Executive Director Wendy Myers said money raised

during the events would go toward “direct services for kids in Worcester County who are abused.”

“We are the only child advocacy center in the county and we exist to prevent further victimization to children that are abused,” Myers said. “We are fully accredited by the National Children’s Alliance, and we are one of two child advocacy centers on the Eastern Shore of Maryland who are accredited.”

A 501(c)(3) nonprofit, the Cricket Center is largely supported by grants, including funds from the federal Victims of Crime Act and the Maryland Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention.

Worcester County, Berlin and Ocean City also supply grants to the center. The remainder of funds comes from donations and fundraisers.

“Those funds are critical,” Myers said. “Federal funds and state funds are certainly diminishing, and over recent years we’ve seen decreases in a lot of the grant funding that we depend on. Of course, the need gets greater each year and costs go up.”

“We provide all of our services for free – we never charge insurance, and we never charge or bill a family for any services we provide,” she added. “That includes medical

intervention and trauma-based therapy.”

The Cricket Center’s other major event, the annual Walk for Kids on the Boardwalk in Ocean City, is held in April. Myers said that event is largely an awareness drive.

Myers said several partnering agencies also provide services to the Cricket Center. The Worcester County Department of Social Services Child Protective Unit and a member of the Worcester County Sheriff’s office are housed within the agency.

Additional partners include Atlantic General Hospital, which provides medical intervention through the Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFES) program, the Life Crisis Center, which provides mental health therapy and family advocates, and the Worcester County State’s Attorney’s Office and local law enforcement.

“We all partner together to provide these services, and we certainly also depend on our community for support – not just in the way of financial support, but also prevention. It’s really important that we talk about this issue,” Myers said.

For more information, or to donate to the center, visit www.thecricketcenter.com. For tickets, email wendy.myers@maryland.gov.

Women’s education raffle to include gas cards, checks

(Sept. 29, 2016) In support of raising funds for the Worcester County Commission for Women initiative called “Empowering Women Scholarship,” the Friends of the Women’s Commission, a 501(c)(3) organization, are selling a limited number of raffle tickets at \$25 each for a chance to win cash and gas cards.

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Island Creamery coming to Berlin

Ocean Pines to hold free finance seminars in Oct.

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Sept. 29, 2016) Popular Chincoteague, Virginia ice cream shop Island Creamery is coming to downtown Berlin and will take up residence in the former Cupcakes in Bloom building on Main Street.

The shop is known for its use of local and natural ingredients, including a “premium butterfat mix from Lancaster County cows,” and offers flavors like Bourbon Caramel Crunch and Wallops Rocket Fuel, which is “chocolate ice cream with cinnamon and a chili pepper boost.”

Owner Kelly Conklin said the shop has been operating in Chincoteague for 42 seasons and that he “really had no master plan to expand.” But, when an opportunity arose in Berlin, he jumped at the chance.

“I have children who want to be involved and we just knew we were going to need to grow at some point if that was going to happen,” he said. “My wife and my daughter and I have been coming to Berlin every Decem-

ber for the Christmas season, because it’s so quaint and neat, and we always enjoyed ourselves.”

Conklin said his family enjoyed antiquing in the town, as well as grabbing treats from Cupcakes in Bloom. He is also a big fan of the peach dumplings – the official dessert of Berlin – at Baked Dessert Café.

“We just always enjoyed that and thought if we ever could do something else that would be a nice place,” he said. “We like small towns and quaint places, and it was just serendipity that somebody pointed out a Facebook post that Cupcakes in Bloom [was available].”

After contacting the former owner and the landlord of the building, on 120 North Main Street, Conklin said, “things just progressed and we decided to do it.”

He did not have a firm date to open, saying, “we’d rather do it sooner than later, but I want to do it right.” Conklin expects to have a hearing with the historic district commission in November.

“It may be in December, or it may be early next year. I’d just rather do it right,” he said, adding that the shop itself would probably not require extensive renovations, but that he would like to clean up the alleyway, which currently “looks a little rough.”

Because of space limitations in the narrow building, the new location will not offer indoor seating like its Chincoteague counterpart, although Conklin promised a full compliment of flavors would be offered.

“Our current plan is just to have a dipping can that’s right down the middle, perpendicular to Main Street, so people who walk in can see the flavors, see the signage and pay toward the back of the building and exit the side door into the alleyway,” he said.

Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells posted the news on Facebook last Friday.

During a council meeting on Monday night, she said that post had reached almost 100,000 people, including 130 comments and more than 1,100 “likes.” She noted the building was had been home to a Dairy Queen, many years ago.

Last year, Trip Advisor named the Island Creamery one of the 10 “Top Ice Cream Shops in the U.S.” Food & Wine and BuzzFeed also listed the shop on “best of” lists this year.

(Sept. 29, 2016) The Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department will hold three financial seminars in October. The free seminars will be held at the Ocean Pines Community Center, located at 235 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines.

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State Farm Agent Greg Reddell will discuss estate planning and long-term care on Wednesday, Oct. 12 from 3:30-5 p.m. and 5:30-7 p.m. He will cover retirement realities and how to remove risks that can derail plans.

Identity theft will be the topic of a seminar on Friday, Oct. 14 from 6-7 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 22 from 10-11 a.m. Robert Mullen will share how thieves obtain personal information and how to reduce the risk.

Although there is no cost to attend these seminars, spaces are limited and advance registration is required. For more information or to register, call the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052.

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Ocean Pines Board meet with BNF

Directors, committee begin process of crafting budget for next fiscal year, 2018

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Sept. 29, 2016) While the new board of directors continues to try to find its way in Ocean Pines, the leadership and interim General Manager Brett Hill must also find time to wade through the lengthy process of assembling next year's budget.

That was the topic of discussion on Sept. 21, when the directors met with the budget and finance committee to review a series of recommendations from that advisory group.

Hill said the new board would like to make some sweeping changes in the way Ocean Pines creates and presents its budget, but he also acknowledged that could prove difficult as the association juggles other responsibilities, including finding a new general manager position.

Committee recommendations included studying full-time equivalent expenses against government statistics, hiring specialists in information technology and human resources, and addressing road depreciation, which the committee report said was "unpredictable" because the only current funding source is casino revenues.

Some of the recommendations, such as presenting the budget against prior year numbers and its effect on assessments, were already being done according to Board Vice President Dave Stevens.

Others, such as consolidating vendor contracts across different departments and amenities, were being pursued, although at one point Hill joked that Ocean Pines couldn't even decide on a common cola.

"There are six goods and beverage line items spread out across the budget, and, from my brief exposure into our operations, I've seen we are dysfunctional to the point of we can't decide on Coke or Pepsi," he said. "That is a large hole that needs to be filled and that's part of looking at what the load is on our current operational staff."

Committee members and directors hit a snag on the suggestion that the budget be presented "rolling, multiyear formats," an approach Stevens did not endorse. Perhaps most contentious during the more than two-hour talk was the recommendation that reserve accounts not be diminished in the next fiscal year budget.

Committee Member John Trumpower cautioned that a reduction in reserves could lead to special assessments when large spending projects, such as replacing entire buildings, came up.

"You cannot have a special assessment - OPA cannot have a special assessment," he said. "If you start getting rid of reserves, you could have a big problem down the road."

Stevens admitted that had happened in the past, but he took issue with the Design Management Associations (DMA) study on Ocean Pines reserves, saying many of its numbers were either outdated or incorrect.

Committee Chairman John Viola had suggested the board set a percentage of reserve funding based on the study.

"We weren't even using the proper numbers," Stevens said. "To use the DMA numbers properly, to understand, you had to do an analysis on what they meant in each of the individual areas ... without doing that, the numbers that they show you there just aren't useful."

While Viola argued that the association should look at the bigger picture and not "dive into minutiae, Hill disagreed.

"We are looking at a study that's based entirely on paper," he said. "On paper, especially with the age of our assets, we have a lot of assets that are beyond their useful life, so we have skewed numbers on paper. By the reserve study, the ceiling tiles should all be replaced in the administrative building. There's \$900,000 worth of work that, by the reserve study, we should be doing."

"The ceiling tiles are fine - they're not falling in," Hill continued. "There is hundreds of thousands of dollars in these buildings that - by when we installed it 20, 30, 40 years ago - we have met the lifespan and, on paper, [they] should be replaced."

Overall, Hill said homeowners in Ocean Pines should expect to see major changes in the next budget.

"I'm going through, right now, our complete organizational chart and assessing what I have in each department," he said. "I suspect that the budget next year is going to look very different from next year because there are certain elements in our organization that, should we shift them, is going to reflect in the presentation of the budget."

A timeline included in the committee report stated that a first draft of the fiscal year 2018 budget was to be presented to the committee by the general manager by Dec. 21.

Budget and finance set aside two days, Jan. 11 and 12, for review of the budget, followed by final recommendations from the committee to the board on Jan. 16.

The general manager is scheduled to present the budget to the board for review on Jan. 25, and the final budget must be approved by Feb. 28.

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Stacey Weisner, president and CEO of the Delmarva Discovery Center in Pocomoke, shows off the new "touch tank," which is under construction. The exhibit, featuring live animals, will also be wheelchair accessible.

Pocomoktoberfest coming Saturday to town's fairgrounds

By Brian Gilliland

Associate Editor

(Sept. 29, 2016) Because of weather problems in the past, this year's Pocomoke-toberfest is moving to the fairgrounds, where both indoor and outdoor venues are available, so the important chamber fundraiser can be ready for anything Mother Nature decides to throw at it.

"One year it was too hot, and another it was like there was a monsoon," Michelle Hickman, chamber director, said.

Should it rain or offer uninterrupted sun on Oct. 1, the fairgrounds' shelter will come in handy, but if a perfect fall day is offered, the grounds will be open and ready for a laid-back good time.

The new location also offers another fringe benefit: the fairgrounds will be catering the event, offering its signature cheesesteaks as well as most of the regular menu items usually offered there.

Two days — tonight and tomorrow — remain to purchase advance tickets at a discounted rate of \$15 through the chamber of commerce office on Market Street or online via Eventbrite.com. Only people aged 21 and over may attend the event, Hickman said.

The admission price includes a beer mug or wine glass for sampling.

On the day of the event ticket prices at the door jump to \$25. Designated driver tickets are also available for \$5.

"We'll have samples from six different beer companies, along with the regular brands too," Hickman said.

Brewers include Parsonsburg's Tall Tales, Salisbury's EVO, Milton, Delaware's Dogfish Head, Cambridge's RaR, Delmar's 3rd Wave and Boston's Sam Adams. The Worcester County Department of Liquor Control will be providing the wine samples.

"The admission price includes eight beer tastings, and the county liquor control department is handling the wine sampling," she said.

Apart from the liquid entertainment, there will also be vendors, yard games like cornhole and bands.

"From noon to 2 p.m. Union Road will be performing, followed by Britt and Neil until 5 p.m. After that, Heroes 4 Sale will perform until 8 p.m.," Hickman said.

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Berlin Briefs

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Sept. 29, 2016) The Berlin Mayor and Council discussed the following items during a public meeting at Town Hall on Monday.

Presentations

Mayor Gee Williams read separate proclamations establishing Oct. 2-8 as National 4-H Week and the month of October as Craft Beer Month.

Accepting for 4-H were members of the Berlin Hoot Owls 4-H club and Kathy Becker, an administrative assistant with the University of Maryland Extensions office and a "proud 4-H grandma."

Williams said statistics showed 4-H members were more charitable and involved in their communities.

"They don't just let things sit around and complain – they do things about it," he said. "You're never too young, and you're never too old, to lead by example."

Ann Hillyer, CEO of ShoreCraftBeer.com, accepted the latter proclamation.

"I started ShoreCraftBeer a couple years ago to make the shore a craft beer destination," she said. "Many of

the businesses in Berlin, all over Ocean City and all over the shore rely heavily on this new, burgeoning craft beer industry."

She said she hoped 2017 would be the year the Eastern Shore became one of the "top 10 craft beer destinations in the country."

Habitat update

The council unanimously approved a resolution to support a \$222,422 request for financial assistance by Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County to the Department of Housing and Community Development.

The nonprofit is seeking funds related to a project on 21 Jefferson Street in Berlin, the site of a planned three-story building that would include storefronts on the ground floor and apartments overhead.

Habitat Executive Director Andrea Bowland said work could start there as early as October.

Visitor's center renovation

The council unanimously accepted a \$26,500 bid by Harper & Sons Inc. to renovate the front of the Berlin Visitor's Center on Main Street.

Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells, whose office is in the building, said the front window has been cracked for several years and that the heat and air conditioning was "literally going right out the window."

The other bid received was for \$29,665, by K.B. Coldiron Inc.

Special events

Two special event requests received unanimous approval: the second annual "Afternoon on the Lawn," a benefit for the Berlin Heritage Foundation that will be held on Sunday, June 4 from 3-6 p.m., and the first "Get Ramped" event at Berlin Falls, Oct. 23 from 2-5 p.m.

Tres Denk from the Eastern Shore chapter of the International Mountain Biking Association, in the application for "Get Ramped," wrote that the event would join local nonprofits "to provide mountain bike instruction, helmet safety, and ramps for skateboarding and biking."

Stormwater/sidewalk up

Public Works and Water Resources Director Jane Kreiter said the wet-

lands project behind the multipurpose building was "nearly complete," and all that was left was a little "beautification" of the site. The stormwater improvements there are expected to help reduce flooding in that area.

Kreiter said one of the next stormwater projects on the town's list, on West Street, was sent out to bid. The bid opening date is Oct. 4.

She also said improvements to the Branch Street sidewalks were proceeding, and that the town had "every intention of starting this week."

Bikeways grant

Planning Director Dave Engelhart said Berlin was still in the running for a \$20,000 grant through the Maryland Department of Transportation Bikeways program. The council approved an application for the grant in May.

Engelhart said he hoped the town would hear from the state by Friday. If the grant is approved, additional funds could be available for construction. Engelhart said in May that initial funds would be used to secure licensing for an easement, as well as help pay for a feasibility study and address stormwater concerns.

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Berlin Fiddlers Convention



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Father-son duo, Frankie and Cole Moran of Blind Wind, play an event-opening set Friday evening on Main Street, kicking off the 2016 Berlin Fiddlers Convention.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Charm City Junction plays to a packed Friday evening crowd during the opening night of the 2016 Berlin Fiddlers Convention.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Young musicians line up to play the youth portion of the 2016 Berlin Fiddlers Convention competition, Saturday.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
The Last Minute Men warm up just prior to performing during the competition portion of the 2016 Berlin Fiddlers Convention. Formed almost literally at the last minute, the quartet won the “band” category of the competition and will kick off next year’s event in downtown Berlin.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
A huge crowd lines Main Street Berlin on Saturday during the competition portion of the 2016 Fiddlers Convention.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Cascading Carlos demonstrates his fire-juggling ability on Main Street Saturday, during the 2016 Berlin Fiddlers Convention.

Ocean Pines Association Briefs

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor
(Sept. 29, 2016) The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors discussed the following items during a public meeting in the community center on Sept. 24.

Agenda changes

Two changes to the agenda were made at the start of the meeting. Interim General Manager Brett Hill asked to move the legal counsel listed in the appointments section of the agenda to a closed session, citing a section of the Maryland Homeowners Association Act that allows discussions regarding contractual negotiations to be done during closed session.

Board President Tom Herrick added one more item, naming former board member Marty Clarke as chairman of

the bylaws and resolutions committee, to the remaining list of appointments.

Advisory committees

Herrick encouraged homeowners in Ocean Pines to sign up for the various advisory committees.

"We're looking for new people for, probably, seven or eight of these committees, particularly the marine committee, which has been inactive for more than a year," he said.

Treasurer's report

During the last four months ending Aug. 31, the association had a net operating revenue of about \$3.5 million, Treasurer Pat Supik said. That was in part because Ocean Pines collected all of the assessments upfront and they are then spent during the year,

she said. More than 95 percent of assessments were collected during that period.

She said revenues were \$169,000 less than budget because amenities were "under budget by \$185,000." Wages and benefits were also less than budget, by \$154,000, causing expenses to also come in less than budget by \$149,000.

Supik said the reserve balance was about \$8 million.

General manager's report

Hill, who joked that he was in about his 29th day in the role, said, "we actually have, I think, accomplished a lot in about a month here."

He said the association eliminated an odor problem at the yacht club and that a new menu there would likely be rolled out in October, along with a fall entertainment schedule.

At the country club, mold remediation and a beautification process has started. The latter will include 80, eight-foot tall bushes planted near the cart barn and maintenance shed.

An engineering report came back on the beach club, and public works has already started "critical repairs," including the installation of new railings along the upstairs deck.

Conversion of tennis courts for use as pickleball is scheduled for November, and repairs to platform tennis courts will take place in October.

New bathrooms at White Horse Park are scheduled to be completed Dec. 1, and repairs to two major bridges should start next month and finish by Dec. 31.

Additionally, the softball field at Huntington Park should be converted for use by soccer and lacrosse teams next month.

Free racquet sports clinics coming to Pines

(Sept. 29, 2016) A free Pickleball Paddle Demonstration & Clinic will be held for all interested players on Friday, Oct. 7 at 3:30 p.m. in the gym at the Ocean Pines Community Center.

It will be led by Vaughn Baker, who had a long career as a tennis instructor and racquet specialist, and is

now a retired pickleball enthusiast and paddle specialist.

He will be explaining how paddles are made and the different materials used, and will have a variety of paddles on hand for people to experiment with.

This Paddle Demonstration & Clinic will be helpful to both experi-

enced and beginner pickleball players.

In addition, every Friday (through Dec. 16) in the gym at the Community Center, there is a free Introductory Pickleball Clinic for new players, from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Registration for the clinic is required, by calling the front desk of the

Community Center by the day before, at 410-641-7052.

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Opinion

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On election endorsements

Endorsing Berlin Mayor Gee Williams for reelection is an easy call, given the burst of vitality the town has experienced during his tenure.

Although the town had begun moving in the right direction before he took office in 2008, it was during the past eight years that Berlin completed one of the most stunning economic turnarounds of any town on the Eastern Shore.

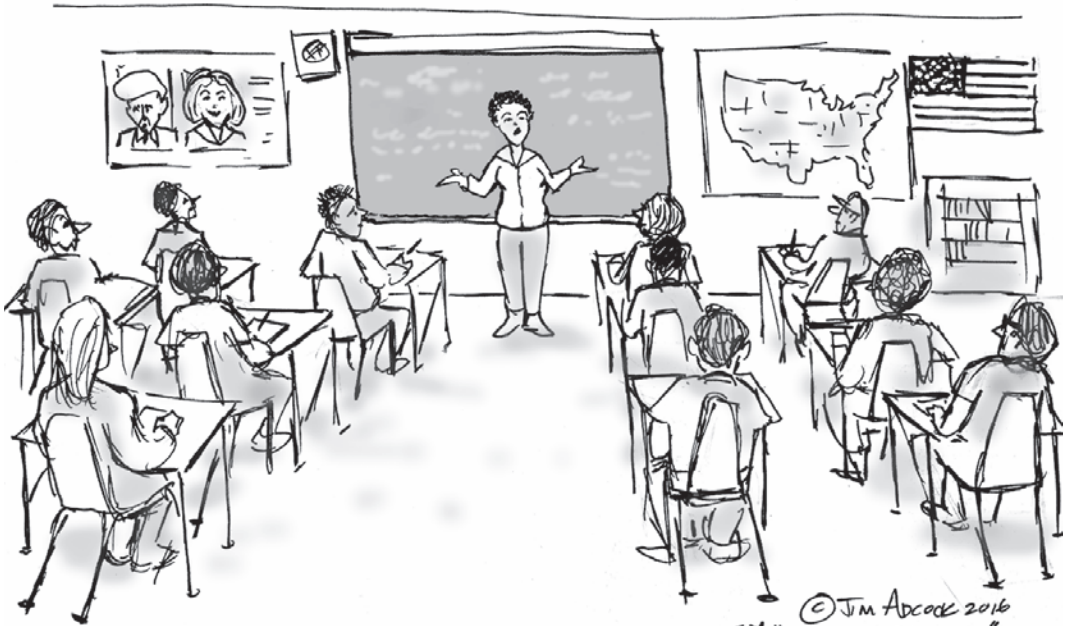
Years ago, Berlin had lapsed into a town that travelers passed by on the way to the beach, now it's a destination. A great deal of that is the result of William's creative energy and his ability to convince others to embrace his vision of a socially and economically vibrant community that offers something for everyone.

Although some might argue that the town has progressed enough, there is no such thing as a successful community that simply maintains what it has. It either goes forward or backward, but never stays the same.

We like going forward, wisely, and endorse Williams to continue that course.

Endorsements in the one council race are more difficult in that neither of the candidates for the District 2 seat — Zack Tyndall or Jack Orris — have a track record in public office, but do demonstrate a desire to help the town grow.

Although we believe either candidate would be a welcome addition to the Town Council, we give the nod to Jack Orris, who has demonstrated a deep interest in improving the community along with the development of Berlin Falls park.



“Today class, we’re going to have a debate similar to the Presidential Debate we saw this week on TV. Who would like to interrupt first?”

Letters

‘No’ to second Bay Bridge

Editor,

Response to: letter by Rob Etgen, Eastern Shore Land Conservancy

I agree with much of what you have said regarding traffic and public transportation.

We retired to the Eastern Shore about 10 years ago from New York and didn't give much thought to the lack of public transportation. We were young enough to drive wherever we had to go. Now, we are finding it more difficult. Three hours drive to the nearest major airport; two hours to the Amtrak station in Wilmington; and not to mention, tolls and traffic and parking expense. For a flight from the airports, an overnight hotel reservation is sometimes necessary. A second Bay Bridge would not offer what we need.

We would like to maintain our flexibility to get to our desired destination, and agree that we are long overdue for a more modern approach to transportation planning, one that emphasizes mass transit and other forward thinking measures that make the most of the infrastructure we have and

decrease auto dependence and decrease congestion on the roads.

Carole Eagle
Berlin

Letter of thanks

Editor,

During the pre-season this August, our football team received some serious news. Our longtime coach, Bob Knox, was going to step away from the game because his 2-year-old grandson, Eli, had become ill.

Eli has been diagnosed with a rare, yet aggressive brain cancer called Atypical/Rhabdoid Tumor (AT/RT). Only 1 percent to 2 percent of all brain tumors are of this diagnosis. Eli has already had one surgery to remove a tumor, but unfortunately there is another tumor on which they are unable to operate and he will begin chemotherapy treatments to help shrink it.

Coach Knox has been the head football coach at Decatur for over 30 years and has had an impact on many young men who have come through our school. Upon hearing the news, both our school and our community went into action to assist

the Knox family in any way possible.

A GoFundMe account was set up to assist the family in the rapidly accumulating medical expenses. To date, the account has raised over \$12,000! We are blessed and thankful to live in such a generous community.

As the football season has begun, our team has played hard. Led by assistant coaches Stan Griffin, Fred Billings and Joe Andrews, we continue to battle week after week with our Bayside Conference opponents. We have been overwhelmed by the compassion of the schools that we have played as they hear of the battle little Eli is undertaking.

Two weeks ago when our team traveled to Easton High, their P.A. person announced the situation to the crowd during pre-game and collected \$500 from the home crowd in the bleachers. This past week when we hosted Kent Island High School, their coaching staff delivered \$1,300 that they had collected from their school community!

It is impressive how, regardless of the competitive nature that exists between

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Chantal Birch Ashton operates a healing arts business based from her home in Berlin.

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Diverse healing center in Berlin

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Sept. 29, 2016) Tucked in a small, round building in a peaceful section of woods near her home on 8341 Libertytown Road in Berlin, Chantal Birch

Ashton operates a healing arts business that combines aspects of Reiki, yoga, and her background in herbal studies. Ashton’s training includes a degree in that field from American College of

Health Sciences and two years of additional study with well-known herbalist Rosemary Gladstar. She also holds E-RYT 200 credentials with the Yoga Alliance, meaning See REIKI Page 24

Letters

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our schools, that when there is a need for support, we all come together to help!
I can’t thank enough all of the people who have donated to help Eli in his treatments, but also to our Bayside Conference opponents in particular, I’d like to say thank you!
To Principal Kirk Howie and Easton High, and to Principal John Schrecongost and Kent Island High, your school communities are amazing. The generosity they have shown toward a little boy that they don’t know is beyond words. I know Coach Knox and his family are more than appreciative.

Thomas Zimmer
Principal
Stephen Decatur High School

Star Charities thanks DJ Rupe

Editor,
Star Charities wishes to publicly thank DJ Rupe for donating his music and time for our VIP event held Friday, Sept. 16.
We also want to apologize for spelling his name incorrectly on our advertising brochures and in the local newspapers. We all appreciate your dedication to our fundraiser, which will benefit our veterans.
Barbara Peletier
Star Charities volunteer

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Reiki and ‘energy work’ part of Chantal Birch Ashton practice

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she is an experienced yoga instructor with more than 1,000 hours of teaching experience and one year of training exclusively in yoga therapy with integrative yoga therapy.

“I’ve been adding little things and I’ve been at it for a while – one thing will lead me to another,” she said. “Now it’s to the point where I kind of weave all those things together under the guise of health coaching – a lot can fall under that, depending on where people are on their journey.”

A certified Reiki master, she teaches the subject and holds regular sessions. Reiki is a Japanese treatment that involves laying hands on a the subject and transferring energy from one or more persons to the treatment recipient.

“My past students will come and we’ll do a Reiki share, which is really nice. It’s a good way for us all to get together and share this healing practice,” she said. “One person will lie on a

‘I kind of weave ... things together under the guise of health coaching – a lot can fall under that’
Chantal Birch Ashton

come for meditation we sit in the circle. In a circle everyone is equal. It’s kind of a balancing thing, which I think is really apt.”

She also offers Equine Facilitated Learning (EFL) sessions on others parts of the expansive property.

“Usually, when I work with the horses, it’s someone coming out specifically for that,” she said. “Most of the time they’re curious and they just want to check you out and see what it’s like. We’ll start out talking a little bit and do a little bit of yoga, that kind of gets them more in their body and letting go of their everyday stuff, and then we’ll go out and work with the horses.”

“The horse is free most of the time and the person is in there interacting with the horse without a halter, and nothing is forced or coerced,” Ashton

continued. “Then we come out and we’ll explore what happened in there.”

The property, which includes a stable of five horses, is called “Solas Ais-

ling.” Ashton said that name was chosen to “connect the property to [her] ancestral roots and the healing work that I offer there.”

“Solas, meaning radiant or bright, and Aisling (pronounced Ash-ling) means healing vision, in particular a vision of healing for the earth/land in Irish, so the property as well as the healing arts work I do there offer healing and reflect that vision,” she said.

Ashton said she feels like she is “finally at a point where everything is coming together” in terms of all the unique aspects of her work weaving together.

“My passion, really, is the energy work and the drumming and all of that. I think that’s really cool, and we do that in the women’s circle. Last weekend we had a group of about 12 women, and each month it’s been growing since we started in May,” she said.

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Berlin Parks Commission Briefs

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Sept. 29, 2016) The Berlin Parks Commission discussed the following items during a meeting at town hall on Sept. 13:

Fall Just Walk

The commission had preliminary discussions of the next Just Walk event, scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 12 and starting at 9 a.m.

Likely to be included are health screenings by staff at Atlantic General Hospital and “small raffles,” according to commission liaison Mary Bohlen, the administrative services director with the town.

Bohlen said the fall Just Walk would follow the same route as its spring counterpart, starting at Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services.

Berlin Youth Club

Programs of the Berlin Youth Club have wrapped for the year, according to coordinator Amanda Chaffee. Participation was high throughout all of the events, generally drawing about two-dozen children, she said.

Recent trips included two that were sponsored by the Berlin Police Department: Jolly Roger Amusement Park in Ocean City and Stratosphere Trampoline Park in Delmar, Maryland.

Chaffee said participants also helped around town, including a gardening project

at the multipurpose building on Flower Street on “the hottest day of the summer.”

“Overall, the kids had a really good summer,” she said.

Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services, which organizes the youth club, recently held an annual awards banquet at the Francis Schott Key Family Resort. Honorees were Annemarie and Jim Dickerson, Robin Tomaselli and Suzy Taylor.

Movie Nights

This year’s Summer Movie Nights series, a collaboration with the Berlin Arts & Entertainment Committee, was considered a success. Committee Chairman Mike Wiley said the event seemed to be growing in popularity, but that it was probably “right at the right amount” as a six-movie series, spread out over the summer at three different locations in Berlin.

“Runaway Bride” and “Tuck Everlast-

ing,” which both filmed in Berlin, have been staples of the annual event. The committee also discussed making “The Wizard of Oz” part of the returning staple of films.

Screening locations were Stephen Decatur Park, Dr. William Henry Park and downtown, on Jefferson Street.

On the subject of allowing outside vendors to sell snacks or refreshments, the committee expressed a preference to keep the event free.

“People appreciate people not trying to reach into their pocket,” committee member Patricia Dufendach said. “In the park, during the movie, I would have problems with distractions.”

Park restrooms

The town is apparently still discussing vendor and location options related to installing permanent bathrooms at Henry Park. Bohlen said potential spots would likely not displace existing playground

equipment, but that town needs to determine where the water and sewer lines are.

Grant money will pay for the new restrooms, which the committee said would be prefabricated, in part because those structures are easier to clean.

Planting projects

A grant application with the Maryland Association of Forest Conservancy District Boards and Maryland Urban and Community Forest Committee was discussed. Bohlen said the maximum grant, which would be used for town planting projects, was \$1,500.

She added that the commission also had money in the town budget that could be used for plantings.

Bohlen said the committee would likely learn whether it received the grant within 30-60 days. Committee members hope to have plants “in hand” in time for the next Clean-Up Berlin Day, next year.

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PAINT BERLIN

Ann Schaefer, right, captures a portion of Main Street on canvas during the annual Paint Berlin, last Thursday. Also pictured is Alison Menke, left.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

RIBBON WINNER

Silver Spring resident Alison Menke poses with her second-place and artist's choice award-winning painting, "Music in the Street" during a reception for Paint Berlin at the Worcester County Arts Council on Saturday. The second-place honor was worth \$500.



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BLOCKY START

According to these smiling Kindergarteners, nothing beats playing with legos before class begins. Pictured, from left, are Liam McAllister, Sebastian Sardi, Brax Giardina, Kindergarten teacher Tracey Berry, Collin Hastings, Kindergarten Assistant Carol Ginnavan, Oscar Hershey, Hedgie Swier and Elliott Mason.



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NEW UNIFORMS

Entering high school for the first time, ninth graders model their new uniform skirts. Pictured, from left, are Kyra Marshall, Audrey Stearns, Molly White, Molly Pugh, Liza Moore, Stormy McGuinness, Maddie Shanahan and Ashley Laws.



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KIWANIS HEAR FROM ACT

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City heard from Coastkeeper Kathy Phillips of Assateague Coastal Trust during the Aug. 24 weekly meeting, who explained how the concerns of a local group known as "Preserve Assateague Island," 45-plus years ago, took up the cause to advocate for Assateague Island. Phillips is pictured with Kiwanis Club Speakers & Programs Chair J. Graham Caldwell, left, and club President Mark Joseph.



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NEW PARENT WELCOME

Worcester Preparatory School (WPS) Parents' Association hosted a New Parent Coffee to welcome families who are new to the school on Sept. 8. Pictured, from left, are Julie Derrick, Errin DePalma and Tim and Liz Haley.

Snapshots



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BREAST CANCER FUNDRAISER

Ocean Pines platform tennis, pickleball and tennis held their fifth annual breast cancer fundraiser on Aug. 26. Over \$2,707 was raised with more than 100 people participating and contributing to the cause. Despite the humid 92-degree weather, court play lasted from 9:30-11:40 a.m. and included 34-minute rounds and each participant had their choice of playing one, two or all three racquet sports. The donations went to Breast Cancer Research Foundation which has raised over \$500 million with 91 percent of all donations going to breast cancer research and awareness. The fundraiser co-chairs included Andrea Watkins, June Freeman and Geri Fasulo.



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UNITED WAY BREAKFAST

United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore recently held the 12th annual CEO & Coordinator Breakfast to officially kick off the 2016 United Way “Make a Difference! LIVE UNITED” campaign season. Hosted by Jim Perdue of Perdue Farms, the breakfast brought over 250 local business and community leaders together at The Bistro in the Commons at Salisbury University to hear uplifting speeches and updates about United Way’s community impact efforts on the Lower Shore. Pictured, from left, are Cole Taustin, Beth Reid, Kim Butler and Cathie Thomas.

Jim Perdue of Perdue Farms, left, hosts a United Way CEO & Coordinator Breakfast to celebrate the 2016 United Way campaign locally. Pictured, from left, are Perdue, Principal Salome Thomas-EL, National Education expert and CEO Breakfast keynote speaker, and Kathleen Mommé, executive director of United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore.



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DEMOCRAT PICNIC

Local Democrats gathered for their annual Labor Day picnic at White Horse Park in Ocean Pines sponsored by the Democratic Club of Worcester County.

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Oct. 1: Beach Closing Party BBQ & Brews w/Full Circle, 1-4 p.m.; Jim Long, 5-9 p.m.; Jon Maurer, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; The Rockets, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.

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Santa House operations to be suspended for 2016

(Sept. 29, 2016) Santa House, a non-profit organization which started in the 1990's as part of a Worcester County Sheriff's Office community outreach program, has suspended operations for 2016 due to facility deficiency.

The Santa House has helped over 20,244 children from 8,275 families and given packages to 779 elderly citizens in Worcester County since its inception.

The Santa House has been searching for a 5,000-square-foot location to operate out of since the end of the 2013 Christmas season. This area is used to sort the food, toys and clothing to be dis-

tributed to the families. The items are bagged for the individual families and moved to the distribution centers. The various distribution locations are the Ocean City Police Department, Showell Fire Department, Snow Hill Lions Club and Pocomoke Fair Grounds.

"Without a building it is impossible to operate the Santa House Program. Therefore, we are taking this time to evaluate the program and assess how to serve the citizens and children of Worcester County and keeps our search going for a location," said Dena Holloway, Santa House president.

With a lack of facility space and ambiguity for the organization's future, the Santa House has regrettably closed its doors for the 2016 season.

"We would be remised to not thank Atlantic General Hospital for being our host for 2014 and 2015 Christmas season," Holloway continued. "Without their generosity and thoughtfulness the citizens of Worcester County would not have been able to received help from our program."

Representatives extend deepest thanks to the volunteers, citizens and organizations that have helped with this program over the last three decades. In the absence of the Santa House, citizens seeking assistance this holiday season are encouraged to contact Worcester County Gold, the Salvation Army or their local church.

Partnership to offer sixth annual Health Fair in Ocean Pines

(Sept. 29, 2016) Atlantic General Hospital and Peninsula Regional Medical Center are collaborating with the Ocean Pines Association and its Communications Advisory Committee to offer a free health fair for the community on Saturday, Oct. 1 from 8 a.m. to noon in the Ocean Pines Community Center at 235 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines.

Atlantic General Hospital will be providing various health-related screenings including cholesterol testing for total and HDL (a 12-hour fast is required), hearing, carotid, respiratory and bone density screenings.

Other information specialists will be there from the Sleep Lab, Endoscopy Center, Cancer/Infusion Center, Nutrition and Women's Diagnostic services. Peninsula Regional Medical Center will offer a full complement of screenings. Skin cancer screenings will be performed on PRMC's Wagner Wellness Van outside of the community center. Inside, PRMC will offer blood pressure checks, stroke risk assessment, pulse oximetry, bone density, falls assessment and body mass index screening.

Peninsula Regional will also have information on its comprehensive cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation program, community support groups, Family Lab services, Lifeline medical emergency alert system and the new Delmarva Health Pavilion Ocean Pines.

Information on other health and personal safety topics will also be available, including the Affordable Care Act/Lower Shore Health Insurance Assistance Program updates. There will also be community health-related vendors from the area providing additional screenings and education.

This year AGH will be offering flu shots for participants over the age of 13, from 8 a.m. to noon during the event. The event is open to everyone; all are welcome to attend, even those who are visiting the area. For more information or for vending space, call the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052.



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Cuisine

Squid ink, ‘00’ flour adds gourmet touch

The following column originally ran in the Sept. 24, 2014 edition of the Gazette



By Paul Suplee,
CEC PCIII

There are times when something just strikes my fancy and today marked one of those spells. Walking through the kitchen after straightening out the walk-in, I remembered my days

in Baltimore. I cooked in some good restaurants and one such place was the Polo Grill by Johns Hopkins University.

The chef was very talented and the menu changed daily, a task that I personally would never undertake in an a la carte facility. We learned some great techniques at the Polo Grill and as I reminisced, I realized that I had not made squid ink pasta in years. Recalling that I now had the aforementioned cephalopod-goo on hand, it became a no-brainer. It was time to play.

So, grabbing the “oo” flour and the squid ink, I headed for the nearest stand mixer. The flour is a special, finely ground product that lends itself well to pasta. If you make fresh pasta as much as I do, you will immediately tell the difference as the pasta from oo flour will be tender and have a much smoother appearance.

This flour is just plain cool and it is the secret ingredient for many an Italian chef and pizza shop. You can buy it at a select few specialty markets, but more than likely you will have to buy it online when you buy the squid ink (chances are that the local stores will not carry this). There are plenty of sources available at the click of the finger.

I made the pasta while the students went through the process of creating different flavoring devices; dishes that you would add to other dishes to add immense flavor and little unhealthy factors. Good examples would be vegetable essences, tapenade, guacamole, baba ghanoush et al. Serving the pasta in a small pool of Kate’s celery-tomato essence was the perfect way to compliment the dish.

The fresh and vibrant flavors of the broth paired with the garlic and parmesan on the pasta, while the pasta itself was satisfying and full-flavored. It was an experience that I have waited way too long to re-experience.



And now that I have made this, I will continue to integrate it into our curriculum. Man, I love finding things in the fridge!

Squid Ink Pasta, Celery-Tomato Essence

Serves eight

- 1 pound Squid ink pasta (recipe follows)
- 2 Tbsp. Minced shallots
- 2 cloves fresh garlic, minced
- 2 cups Tomato-Celery essence (recipe follows)
- 1 Tbsp. Diced fresh Italian parsley
- 1 Tbsp. Diced fresh basil
- Parmesan cheese, shredded, as needed
- 1. When the pasta has rested and is ready to go, roll it through a pasta machine until it is nice and thin
- 2. Allow to air dry for about 45 minutes and then run through the Fettuccine setting
- 3. Bring a pot of salted water to a boil and cook the pasta for 2-3 minutes
- 4. In a fry pan, heat some olive oil and cook the garlic and shallots, then add the cooked pasta
- 5. When everything is ready to go, place the pasta in a large bowl and surround with some of the celery essence
- 6. Top with the herbs and parmesan

Squid Ink Pasta

- 3 cups 00 Flour
- 4 Large eggs
- Tbsp. Squid ink
- 1. I could be old fashioned and



- tell you to put the flour on a table, making a well and then slowly incorporating the remaining ingredients
- 2. Or, I can tell you to simply throw everything in a stand mixer with a dough hook and turn it on three until it is well combined and kneaded. I like this way myself. If the dough is too stiff, you can sprinkle a small touch of water to make sure that all of the flour is incorporated
 - 3. Once the machine has run for 8-10 minutes, turn it off and cover the bowl with a kitchen towel
 - 4. Let the dough sit for an hour and then it is ready to roll (see first recipe)

Celery-Tomato Essence

- 2 cups Celery juice
- 1 cup Tomato juice
- 1 sprig Fresh thyme
- 3 ounces Whole unsalted butter
- Salt and Pepper, as needed
- 1. Take your juice and place it with the thyme in a saucepan
- 2. Bring to a simmer and reduce by half
- 3. Pull off the heat and whisk in the butter and season as desired
- 4. Keep warm until ready to serve

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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ADDING ON

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ACROSS

1 Lament after being backstabbed

5 Crack up

10 Test one's metal?

15 Down

18 Classic word game

20 Dollar competitor

21 Contemptible sort

22 "____ linda!" ("How pretty!" in Spanish)

23 One who's dunzo

24 Glossy fabric

25 Dancer's leader

26 The Bulldogs of the S.E.C.

27 Line at the side of a photo

29 Hoopster observing Ramadan?

32 Electric ____

33 Shepherd's-pie bit

35 River through Seoul

36 Bakery buy

37 Nearly dried-up Asian sea

38 Country whose name becomes its language when you drop its last letter

40 Frequent Winter Olympics setting

43 Sign from a third-base coach, say

45 Van Susteren formerly of Fox News

46 Gangster Luciano performing a risqué prank?

49 Ankle-exposing pants

50 "____ been thinking ..."

51 Captains on The Atlantic, briefly?

52 By and large

54 Neighbor of N.Y.

55 Young swan

58 Colleens

60 Uncommon spelling for a common greeting

62 Whole ____

63 I.Q. test name

64 1982 No. 1 hit with the line "Watch out boy, she'll chew you up"

67 Look lecherously

68 Hobo at the wheel?

71 Cunningness

72 Many web advertisements

74 Overly indulge in

75 Movie Hall

76 Bridge words

77 Evil spirits

79 Gently jabbed

80 Enliven, with "up"

82 Build-it-yourself auto

84 Sugar suffix

85 Flatow of NPR's "Science Friday"

86 Drops a line

88 Where to buy certain Christmas decorations?

94 Early PC platform

95 Link with

96 Accident-investigating agcy. for short

98 Long tale

99 ____-pah

100 Subzero, maybe

102 One whose life is in order?

104 Lament

105 Mild form of corporal punishment?

110 Poor

112 Home of the Pampas: Abbr.

113 "Rumor has it ..."

114 Partner of live

116 Actress Swinton

117 Golfer Michelle

118 "Scooby-Doo" girl

119 Commercial cow

120 Brownstone feature

121 The Bosphorus, e.g.: Abbr.

122 Haven

123 Change with the times

124 Moving well

DOWN

1 Ovum

2 "Walden" writer

3 "Wild Thing" rapper

4 How many college textbooks are bought

5 Lot of fun, informally

6 Saint for whom a Minnesota college is named

7 ____ Hari

8 Powerless group?

9 "It's worse than you can imagine"

10 Org.

11 Party handouts

12 Wicked

13 ____ Chigurh, villain in "No Country for Old Men"

14 It takes months to complete

15 Cheering done in a plaza?

16 Baked with breadcrumbs and cheese

17 Bringing up the rear

19 Set off, as a security alarm

28 China display

30 Under the wire, so to speak

31 ____ speed

34 Cockpit datum: Abbr.

39 Merely superficial

41 Olympics events rarely shown in prime time

42 Carried chairs

44 Nephew of Cain

45 King who's a friend of Oprah

47 First name in fashion

48 Word after liquid or fixed

49 Sword-fight sound

53 ____ of Glamis, title in Shakespeare

55 Corp. money pros

56 One holding many positions

57 Big fan of the "Lord of the Flies" author?

59 Mirror buildup, at times

61 Dangerous backyard projectile

63 Pop

64 Erroneously hit "reply all" instead of "reply," say

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65 Late author Wiesel

66 Thatching material

68 Underpinning

69 Text on an iPad, say

70 Collars

73 Really feels the heat

75 See 79-Down

77 Hoped-for result of swiping right on Tinder

78 Hot

79 75-Down around a saint

80 Wardens enforce them

81 Emotionally, if not physically

83 TV spinoff of 2002

87 Narrow arm of the sea

89 Part of the inner ear

90 Channel with "Family Feud" reruns

91 Sound of a pebble hitting water

92 Galápagos Islands' country

93 Setting for many New Yorker cartoons

95 They get wetter as they dry

99 Actor Milo

101 Bottom line

103 Beer ____

106 DVR choice

107 Refrain syllables

108 Pluto flyby org.

109 Entrhall

111 They come straight from the horse's mouth

115 Bottom line

Calendar

THU, SEP. 29

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, dden-ton@atlanticgeneral.org, 410-641-9268

BEACH SINGLES MEN MEET FOR BREAKFAST

The Bayside Skillet, 7701 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. Meet with the ROMEOS for breakfast (Retired Old Men Eating Out). Al, 215-350-7849

COASTAL HOSPICE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

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

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 2 to 3 p.m. Providing physical and emotional support for survivors and caregivers to share personal experiences and challenges. Coping strategies also discussed. Dawn Denton, ddenton@atlanticgeneral.org, 410-641-9268

BEACH SINGLES

Ropewalk, 8203 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 4 to 6 p.m. Every Thursday, Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour. Arlene or Kate, 302-436-9577 or 410-524-0649

OC NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PUBLIC MEETING

Ocean City Town Hall, Community Room, 301 N. Baltimore Ave., Ocean City, MD, 6 p.m. Ocean City Recreation and Parks is holding a public meeting to discuss Sunset Park located on S. Division Street, west of south Philadelphia Avenue and the Downtown Recreation Complex located between Third and Fourth streets, bayside and Robin Park located off of 28th Street and Robin Drive. 410-250-0125

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 at 5:15 p.m. Open to the public. 410-289-3166, <http://www.alpost166.org>

FRI, SEP. 30

21ST ANNUAL 'WINE ON THE BEACH'

Ocean City Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, MD, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Receive a complimentary wine glass and sample tastings from vineyards and

breweries from across the Mid-Atlantic region. Plus, microbrewer beer, Delmarva cuisine, fine arts and crafts and music by "Bird Dog and the Road Kings." Take a beach chair or blanket. No pets, picnic baskets, coolers or outside drinks. Designated Driver Program available. Rain or shine. General admission costs \$35 and includes a commemorative wine glass and sample coupons. For those who don't drink, admission includes commemorative wine glass and unlimited soft drinks from the designated driver location. Admission for children, ages 13-20 years, is \$15. Those 12 and younger are admitted free. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Discount coupons are also available on the website. For advance tickets and hotel information, call 1-800-OC-OCEAN or drop by the visitor's center adjacent to the Convention Center. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, <http://www.winefest.com>

'BREAKFAST' FOR DINNER

Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department, 10709 Bishopville Road, Bishopville, MD, 5 to 7 p.m. All-You-Can-Eat choice of breakfast meats, cream chipped beef, biscuits, pancakes and more. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$8 for children ages 10 and younger. Bake table and carryouts available. 410-352-5757

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO

Columbus Hall (behind St. Luke's Church), 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments for sale. 410-524-7994

THOMAS HORTON TO SPEAK

Delmarva Discovery Center, 2 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 7 p.m. Enjoy a cocktail as you learn all about Delmarva from the famous regional author Thomas Horton. Tickets cost \$10 at the door or in advance by calling 410-957-9933. amy@DelmarvaDiscoveryCenter.org

SAT, OCT. 1

6TH ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Atlantic General Hospital and Peninsula Regional Medical Center will offer various health-related screenings (some requiring a 12-hour fast). Many specialists from a variety of different departments will be on hand with medical information. There will also be community health-related vendors providing screenings and education. AGH will be offering flu shots to those over the age of 13 years. The event is free and open to the public. Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, 410-641-7052

FARMERS MARKET

White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Held every Saturday. Locally grown vegetables and fruits, eggs, honey, kettle corn, flowers, artisan breads, seafood, meats and more. 410-641-7717, Ext. 3006

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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

BERTINO TO HOST TOWN MEETING

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino will provide information on issues and developments occurring within the district and the county as well as answer questions. Ed Tudor, director of Worcester County Development Review and Permitting, will discuss zoning topics. Steve Price, safety coordinator for Worcester County Public Schools, will discuss safety issues confronting county schools.

OC COIN AND CURRENCY SHOW

Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thirty coin and currency dealers will be buying and selling U.S. and World coins and currency. Free admission and free appraisals. Carl Ostiguy, ceocoins@comcast.net, 443-623-7025, <http://www.coinshows.com>

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ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRIED CHICKEN BUFFET

Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church, 36536 Mt. Pleasant Road, Willards, MD, 11 a.m. Menu includes chicken, vegetables, beverages and desserts. Cost is \$13 for adults, \$6.50 for children and free to those 5 years and younger. Bake table and carry-

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outs available. Nelda Dennis, 443-614-9898

CHICKEN AND DUMPLING DINNER
St. Paul United Methodist Church, 405 Flower St., Berlin, MD, 11 a.m. Home-coming Fundraiser will also have baked goods available. (Pre-order baked goods by 5 p.m. on Sept. 29). Eloise Henry-Gordy, 443-235-3214

BERLIN CRAB FEAST FUNDRAISER
Berlin’s Main Street, 2 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 12 to 5 p.m. All-you-can-eat crabs and corn. Beer by Fin City and Bur-ley Oak. Music by Funk Shué. Advance tickets cost is \$30 for adults and \$25 for children 11 years and younger. Cost is \$38 on the day of the event. Proceeds benefit Berlin Main Street and Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Area Council. <http://www.BerlinMainStreet.com>

SUN, OCT. 2

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‘BEAUTY AT THE BEACH’ WELLNESS EVENT
Sunset Grille, 12933 Sunset Ave, West Ocean City, MD, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Featur-ing guest speakers and shopping. Meet and greet local nutritionists, personal trainers, skin care professionals, mas-sage & body therapists, wellness coaches and more. Free gift to the first 50 guests. Contact Christy Trala for more informa-tion and both rentals at 410-251-6977.

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

PICKLEBALL REGIONAL CHALLENGE
Worcester County Recreation Center, 6030 Public Landing Road, Snow Hill, MD, 1 to 5 p.m. Check-in is at 12:30 p.m. There is no entry fee, but participants need to pre-register. All pairing of part-ners will be by random drawing. There will be prizes, awards and raffles throughout the day. Concessions will be open and the local Pro-Lite pickle ball paddle distributor will have paddles for sale. Info: Vicky Sieber-Keefer, 757-824-4345, vsieber@verizon.net or Trudy Porch, 410-632-2144, Ext. 2520, tporch@co.worcester.md.us. <http://www.WorcesterRecandParks.org>

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS
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

MID-ATLANTIC SYMPHONY IN CONCERT
Performing Arts Center in the Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 3 p.m. “The Power of Music” will feature Wagner’s Tannhauser Overture, Tchaikovsky’s Symphony No. 4 and world-renowned organist Felix Hell’s performance of Guilman’t’s Symphony No. 1. Tickets cost \$38. Following the concert, dinner will be served at the Convention Center. Featuring a cash bar, music enter-tainment, a silent auction, baskets and cash raffles. Dinner reservations cost \$75 and are requested no later than Sept. 25. Gale Alford, galenbillalford@gmail.com, 410-208-1590

MON, OCT. 3

CPAP MASK FITTING
Atlantic General Hospital Sleep Disor-ders 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

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS
Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Group is a 12-step program for anyone struggling with a compulsive eating problem. No initial meeting charge. Meeting contri-bution is \$1 weekly. Bett, 410-202-9078

LIVING HEALTHY WITH HYPERTENSION
North Worcester Senior Center, 10129 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, MD, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. A free, one-time interac-tive workshop for those with high blood pressure. Teaches real-life ways to help self-manage hypertension. Blood pres-sure screenings offered. Pre-registration is required. 410-641-9268, <http://www.atlanticgeneral.org/calendar>

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

HYPERTENSION CLINIC
Walgreens, 11310 Manklin Creek Rd., Ocean Pines, MD, 1 to 3 p.m. Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place the first Monday of every month. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING
Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 5 to 6:30 p.m. Berlin group No. 169. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting

weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly. Edna Berkey, 410-251-2083

CHRONIC PAIN SELF-MANAGEMENT
Plantation Lakes Community Center, 29787 Plantation Lakes Blvd., Millsboro, DE, 6 to 8:30 p.m. An interactive, six-week program. Topics include pain manage-ment techniques, medication manage-ment, communication with healthcare providers, action planning and more. Free and open to the community. Dawn, dden-ton@atlanticgeneral.org, 410-641-9268

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP
St. Paul’s United Methodist Church, 405 Flower St., Berlin, MD, 6 to 7 p.m. Open to the public and meets the first Monday of each month. Speakers and education related to diabetes. AGH Diabetes Outpa-tient Education program, 410-641-9703

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

TUE, OCT. 4

HYPERTENSION CLINIC
Rite Aid, 38169 Dupont Blvd., Selbyville, DE, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sponsored by At-lantic General Hospital. Free blood pres-sure screening and health information. Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268

FREE HEALTH SEMINAR
Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Home Instead Care will host a seminar on normal aging of the brain. Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, 410-641-7052, <http://www.OceanPines.org>

HYPERTENSION CLINIC
Walgreens, 34960 Atlantic Ave. #2, Clarksville, DE, 1 to 3 p.m. Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital. Free blood pressure screening and health informa-tion. Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268

FAMILY NIGHTS!
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal High-way, Ocean City, MD, 5:30 p.m. The theme is “Children’s Book Jeopardy.” Free program. 410-524-1818

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

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

WED, OCT. 5

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

FREE LONG TERM CARE WORKSHOP
Atlantic ImmediCare, 9714 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 10 a.m. The Atlantic General Hospital Foundation presents “Protecting You and Your Assets from the Effects of Long Term Care” with Michael Lecompte of MA Lecompte, Inc. Register in advance. Tammy Patrick, tpatrick@at-lanticgeneral.org, 410-641-9690

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STEPPING ON FALLS PREVENTION WORK-SHOP
Snow Hill Senior Center, 4767 Snow Hill Road, Snow Hill, MD, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. A seven-week workshop to help people at risk for falls, to live a safer, more con-fident life. An interactive workshop with exercises led by a physical therapist. Also, visits from professionals such as eye care, pharmacist and community safety expert. Free, but registration is re-quired. Dawn, 410-641-9268

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DELMARVA HAND DANCE CLUB
Elks Lodge, 13708 Sinepuxent Ave., Ocean City, MD, 5:30 to 9 p.m. Jitter-bug, swing, cha-cha to the sounds of the ‘50s, ‘60s and Carolina Beach music. Meets every Wednesday. dance@del-marvahanddancing.com, 302-200-3262, <http://delmarvahanddancing.com>

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Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Learn how to create a per-sonal financial plan. William G. Ryon, III and Daniel W. Rowles from Compass Investment Advisors will explain the five-step process you need to know. Ad-vance registration is required. Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, 410-641-7052

OCEAN CITY/BERLIN ROTARY CLUB
Captain’s Table Restaurant in the Courtyard by Marriott, 2 15th St, Ocean City, MD, 6 p.m. The group meets every Wednesday. cliff0917@aol.com, 410-641-1700

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