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Pines movement for outside mgmt losing traction

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Oct. 20, 2016) Indications were strong on Monday that the Ocean Pines Association would look to replace ousted General Manager Bob Thompson rather than hire a homeowners association management company.

At the more than five-hour board of directors work session, Director Slobodan Trendic proposed creating a work group that would explore hiring a management firm. He said the group also could explore replacing Comptroller Art Carmine, who is retiring.

The consensus from the directors was that replacing the controller was the job of the general manager and Director Brett Hill, who is filling the manager's role on an interim basis, said he had concluded that Ocean Pines would benefit from having a dedicated full-time GM, as opposed to hiring a firm.

Hill has been in the role for about six weeks.

"In my short tenure, I'm looking at the organization [and] the more that I'm seeing, we're dealing with issues well beyond an HOA," he said. "In my professional management opinion, we're beyond an outsourced HOA company being able to fulfill our needs."

Hill said Ocean Pines was fortunate to have a "very dedicated and skilled" staff, and that the association was already outsourcing some areas, including payroll.

"The breadth of many of our roles in the organization are beyond an individual outsource unit," he said. "We are a very, very diverse organization."

He added that he was not impressed with the response from general manager applicants so far, and suggested the association would do well to hire a professional recruiter.

"We have, in all practical terms, failed in recruiting viable candidates on our own," he said. Listings for the job had apparently been posted online and in local newspapers.

"Our GM applicants have varied from bartenders to other HOA man-

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Berlin cop serves town and country

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Oct. 20, 2016) Cpl. Merle Bragg was less than 24 hours away from another lengthy deployment with the U.S. Army National Guard. It would have been a familiar story for the 50-year-old veteran, before the state granted a hardship approval memorandum to

keep him on duty with the Berlin Police Department.

A native of northern Maine, Bragg said the service "kicked [him] around" between different units until he ended up in Maryland 26 years ago. He has been a member of the Berlin Police force for two decades.

For Bragg, entry into the service had been a foregone conclusion since middle school.

"I joined the delayed entry program with the Army between my junior and senior year of high school. I told my dad when I was 12, I wanted to be a soldier," he said. "I was a farmer [and] didn't want to be a farmer. I wanted to do something else."

"In the small towns, you always have the patriotic, loyalty-type duty thing going on, and that was instilled with me," Bragg continued. "I've have members of my family – uncles and grandfathers – that were involved in it. I just decided that was going to be my career path."

After graduating from high school,

Bragg served four years active duty, including Army Airborne school at Fort Benning, Georgia and a tour with the 11th Armored Cavalry.

He also served with the 101st Airborne at Fort Campbell in Kentucky, and then left active service to attend college. Always a soldier, Bragg joined the National Guard in Georgia immediately after his active-duty discharge.

From there, he was transferred to the Maryland Army National Guard, where he remains to this day.

At last count, Bragg said he's been "well up into the higher teens" in the number of countries in which he has been stationed. He has not had any say in where he goes, he said.

"Uncle Sam is usually pretty good at coordinating my travel itinerary. It's never been a question – it's part of the uniform," he said. "They say this is where you're going to go and when you're going to go, and this is how long you're going to be there. And you stand up, give them a salute, 'Yes sir,' and off

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RAY OF LIGHT

The Worcester County Commissioners declared Oct. 19 General Levin Winder Daughters of the American Revolution Day in Worcester County. Levin Winder was the 14th governor of Maryland, and served during the Revolutionary War, finally attaining the rank of lieutenant colonel. His sister, Leah Winder Morris, built Chanceford Hall on West Federal Street in Snow Hill. The DAR chapter celebrated the day with a luncheon at Chanceford Hall, now a bed and breakfast operated by Doug and Fran Wight.

DDC to celebrate decoy culture

By Brian Gilliland

Associate Editor

(Oct. 20, 2016) For the first time in its history, the Delmarva Discovery Center in Pocomoke City will explore the rich history and folklore surrounding Lower Shore hunting traditions and culture this weekend with the inaugural Delmarva Heritage Days event.

Members enjoy free admission to the event that begins on Saturday at 10 a.m. and runs until 4 p.m. and continues Sunday starting at noon and ending at 4 p.m. Non-members can expect single day charges of \$10 per adult, and \$5 per youth. Children 4 years old and younger are free. Two-day passes are also available at \$15 each per adult and \$8 per youth.

"We're trying to promote storytelling — we want to hear the stories," Barbara Tull, founder and board member of the center, said. "We're having seminars both days — we want to capture the stories."

To that end, invited carvers include Don Briddell, of Crisfield whose work is part of the Smithsonian Institution's permanent collection, recipient of the Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art's Living Legend award Rich Smoker, from Marion Station, Maryland, Oliver "Toots" Lawson, also of Crisfield who produces highly sought after decoys and Cameron McIntyre, who lives on the Eastern Shore of Virginia and carves decoys exclusively through the use of hand tools.

Also, on the decoy side, will be appraisals of personal pieces or collections, as well as one-on-one access to some of the best carvers the area has to offer and carving demonstrations.

There will also be stories from the old Assateague Island and Barrier Island Hunt Clubs, and more exploration into the market and outlaw gunners of days past.

"The city folk decided they liked wild ducks, so the market hunters filled that

need by killing ducks and shipping them to market. The outlaw hunters did the same thing, but they broke the law to do so," Tull explained.

These types of hunters regularly employed punt guns, or large, boat-mounted shotguns capable of downing a large number of birds should the hunter be able to maneuver close enough. One boat could be equipped with several punt guns at once.

"We'll also be giving out three heritage awards for perpetuating and sustaining carving traditions," Tull said. "Each awardee will get a bronze statue from Turner Sculpture."

Duck blinds, shooting rigs, duck callers and roundtable discussions will also be offered.

Childrens' activities will be offered, including painting duck silhouettes.

Shucked oysters, oyster sandwiches, hamburgers and hot dogs will be available for purchase.

Pocomoke hears grim report from fiscal year 2016

By Brian Gilliland

Associate Editor

(Oct. 20, 2016) Partner Mike Kleger and Manager Leslie Michalik of Pigg, Krahll and Stern accountants delivered Pocomoke's financial statements and audit report for fiscal 2016, which ended June 30, and noted a deficit in net position of \$639,000 from last year.

Net position is the term, adopted in 2011, that replaces net assets. The shorthand in describing the term is if 100 widgets were purchased for one dollar each, but are now trading for \$9, the net position is worth \$900, or the total current value minus the cost of the initial investment.

"The City's combined net position, after depreciation, at June 30, 2016 was \$10,705,000. Of this total, \$13,400,000 is invested in capital assets or restricted for special revenue leaving an unrestricted deficit in net position of \$2,696,000," the report reads.

Meaning, the town's liabilities outweigh its assets by almost \$2.7 million.

The auditors recommended eliminating the "special revenue" fund in a separate report, also delivered during Monday's regular council meeting, advising that in 2016, only funds from Community Development Block Grants were tracked there. Previously, the fund was used to account for CDBG revolving loans and Section 8 programs.

Revenues increased slightly between 2015 and 2016 according to the report — by about \$28,000 and expenses grew at a slower rate year over year during fiscal 2015 and 2016.

In fiscal 2015, the total deficiency in net position, encompassing both governmental and business-type activities is about \$374,000. In 2016, the number grew to about \$639,000, a difference of about \$293,000 between the years.

On the governmental side of the equation, the town was set to realize a deficit of \$154,000, but transferred \$242,000 to the water/sewer fund to offset a nearly \$500,000 loss on the

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OPA directors appear to lean toward renovating golf club

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Oct. 20, 2016) While a decision on whether to renovate or replace the ailing country club was not made during a special board of directors meeting Monday in Ocean Pines, the message was clear – the community is not likely to support another costly referendum to spend millions on a new building.

Interim OPA General Manager Brett Hill said mold remediation on the building had been successful, and that bids to replace the roof of the country club would be on the agenda during a regular board meeting on Saturday. He estimated that cost at about \$93,000.

While Director Pat Supik said it was obvious most of the directors would favor a rehab of the building, she worried about spending too much money “without knowing the endgame.”

“We’re kind of making decisions on individual pieces in a blind manner,” she said. “Maybe just a little bit longer range or a bigger-picture idea with the country club would be helpful.”

Director Cheryl Jacobs agreed. “I have a concern that we’re, as Pat said, we’re going little by little with a big number, which maybe we shouldn’t be doing if, in fact, the ultimate decision is tear down and consolidate and make it smaller,” she said.

Hill said that staff was working on a report on different options for the building and that it would be ready for a board meeting in December.

Part of that discussion, he said, would be “what do we want the building to be.” Golf management company Landscapes Unlimited had said the building was too big for their needs.

If OPA opted to replace the building, Hill said trailers would likely need to be rented to accommodate continuing golf operations for up to three years, perhaps costing several hundred thousand dollars.

“That’s why we approached just stabilizing,” he said. “We do have a report that showed that building is absolutely solid. There’s no structural issues. The building could stand for another 100 years.”

Director Slobodan Trendic appeared to question the entire golf amenity, saying losses had totaled almost \$5 million dating back to 2010, including depreciation. He said he was not in favor of replacing the building.

“The question we need to ask is about the responsibilities we have to the homeowners,” he said. “Can we continue to carry and subsidize what appears to be a very costly amenity to the community?”

“Historically speaking, the numbers are not very attractive when it comes to golf course operations,”

Trendic continued. “They’re just a burden, a drain of our financial resources and we need to have a long-term solution to address this problem.”

Director Doug Parks noted that a recent engineering report estimated a new, smaller 8,000-square-foot building had an estimated cost of \$1.7 million.

“Looking at that number as kind of a benchmark ... might give us a better idea whether or not it’s feasible,” he said, adding that number should be weighed against estimated costs for an extensive renovation. “I want to really investigate those numbers and say, from a repair perspective after the initial required investment, what’s a number that gets us to operational efficiency?”

Vice President Dave Stevens said it would be his choice to renovate the building because that would likely be more cost-effective overall, but admitted that would likely not be the most “straightforward path.”

“If we’re going to replace it, it’s not going to be our choice – it will not be our choice,” he said, hammering on the desk. “We can go out to referendum ... but it’s going to be everybody’s choice.”

“Maybe we make a really good case for it, we say, ‘Look, we’re saving your money in the long run,’ [but] we have to sell that idea,” Stevens added. “I don’t like my chances at all, therefore I do believe that, at a minimum, we ought to start by focusing on what we have to do to renovate that building, initially to make it operationally useful, and then, not long afterwards, to make it functional – and in a way that will serve the benefit of the entire community.”

When board President Tom Herrick asked for a consensus from the board, Trendic said he did not want to spend money on a new building. Supik and Jacobs both said they needed more information, and Jacobs added she was not as pessimistic about a referendum as some board members were.

Others pointed to the millions recently spent on a new yacht club, opened in 2014, which many in the community were not happy with after the fact.

“We have not had good success at pricing things out,” Stevens said, adding that estimates to replace the yacht club started at about \$2.7 million. Final costs were closer to \$5 million.

“And the yacht club’s still not done,” Hill said, drawing laughter from those at the meeting.

Three public comments also favored renovation.

“The odds of passing a referendum now to spend \$2-to-\$3-to-\$4 million on a new golf club, I think, are slim-and-none,” resident Joe Reynolds said. “If you want to be generous, five percent, maybe.”

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■ CPL BRAGG continued
you go."

He toured Iraq during the "early part of the war," and was part of the military police unit from Salisbury that responded to the Pentagon immediately following the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

"We went to the Pentagon for the initial securing of the scene," he said. "We were the first unit to go down to Guantanamo to open that facility down there. And when we went into Iraq, we maintained the high-value detainee facility. Part of that was because we had been the first ones to do the Guantanamo mission — we knew we could handle the high-value individuals."

What will stick with Bragg the most about the events of the 9/11 terrorist attack was how quickly the country rallied.

"From what I observed, initially after 9/11, was the camaraderie where everyone pulled together," he said. "There was a huge outpouring of patriotism, of loyalty, of 'U.S.A.' — all of that. When I went back, three years later, the sense of security had obviously been tightened. People were obviously paying a lot more attention to what was going on."

"I wouldn't say it made for a bad work environment, but it's something that everybody should pay attention to, even your everyday life" Bragg added. "Pay attention to what's going on around you — don't become an automatic victim. And that goes right in line with the police department. We try to tell the folks constantly — if it doesn't look right, if it doesn't smell right, it probably isn't right. At least have somebody understand and come by and check it out. The military is no different."

Most recently, in 2012, the Salisbury outfit was deployed to Afghanistan, where Bragg said he was "borrowed" from his current unit to serve as the operations sergeant major.

"That was an interesting tour," he said. "The Guard is being asked to do a lot that active-duty units used to do, and for the most part it's showing that we can definitely do that job."

"I've spent more time deployed with the military at the end of my career than I ever did at the beginning of my career," Bragg continued. "Ever since 9/11, the Berlin Police Department has done really well in supporting our military. We have one other officer here in the department who is still actively engaged with the Maryland Guard, and for a small agency, sometimes that makes for some interesting logistical issues."

"The town was really good back in '04," he said. "After I came back from Iraq, I went up and I worked in D.C. for a number of years. The town maintained my job and I came back, obviously out of loyalty to the department."

All of those experiences have helped Bragg be much more aware of his surroundings in his job with the Berlin Po-

lice Department.

"It's something that almost becomes second nature, because you know you're in an environment where you never know what's going to happen, and when you come back you become more lax, but you begin to notice a lot of things that you really didn't pay attention to before," he said.

Bragg was due to leave last Friday morning, after finishing a police shift on Thursday that ended at midnight. He was ordered to go to Camp Fredderd in Reisterstown for records review with the 29th Infantry. He would have reported at 6:30 a.m. that morning.

At about 3 p.m. last Thursday, he learned the trip — at least his part in it — had been canceled. He would have been deployed in the Middle East, where he said he's been in and out "a couple dozen times."

Most orders in the military are written for 400 days, so it was likely that Bragg would have been gone for up to a year.

Asked about how he thought people's perceptions of current military activity differed from reality, Bragg said, "People just need to remember that the culture is completely different [overseas]."

"It's not something that isn't understandable, it's just that we, here, have had it so good for so long," he said. "If I want to walk down to the local grocery store and get an apple, I can walk down to the store and get an apple. You don't always have that same capability over there. It's dependent upon where they live, how they're going to get there, what's available to them, what type of travel means, mode and security are they going to have to do today to get there."

"Sometimes when you sit and compare life here in the United States to somewhere out in the middle of a freakin' desert somewhere, there's just no way to make people understand just how good they really do have it," he said.

Bragg said he has always been a proponent of mandatory service for all U.S. citizens and that everyone should serve a minimum of two years.

"One, it gives them their bearing, because when you're 17, 18 years old do you really know what you want to do? Two, it gives you a little bit of discipline, and three, you actually get to see something other than what your little bubble has been during your childhood years," he said. "My momma won't let me have the newest iPhone. In the big scheme of things, that really doesn't count for anything."

"It's like, you wake up the next morning, 'Momma, am I going to have a roof over my head, are the animals going to die today, and am I going to have anything to eat tonight?' That makes a big difference," Bragg added. "The power goes out for 10 minutes, and — oh my God — you don't know how to read a book anymore."

‘I’m a soldier ... I do as I’m ordered’

One thing Bragg won’t be spared because of the cancellation is what he termed the “proverbial honey do-list” that typically greets him upon his return.

“No matter how well you prep before you go, s..t will break,” he said. “Usually [his wife] is really good about being able to take care of the day-to-day stuff, but it’s the oddball stuff. She’s pretty self-sufficient.

“The first time, when we were doing the initial deployment, I got down to Cuba and she called me and said that something happened to one of the rotors on the front brakes on the pickup truck. She was all upset that she ruined the truck. First off, you haven’t ruined it, and please take it to a mechanic because I’m in Cuba.”

What he misses the most when he’s deployed overseas for an extended period, Bragg said, is “good television.”

“Overseas, if you’re lucky enough to get a signal and have the equipment to be able to watch it, the only thing you’ve got is AFM – the Armed Forces Network,” he said. “Usually things are three or four months behind, except for the news, of course. I miss the ability to sit back in a recliner in your own living room and turn on the TV and watch one of the stupid, brain cell-killing sitcoms that’s on.”

When he returned from his first permanent station, in Germany, Bragg remembers sitting and watching the traffic, just “to watch American cars go by.”

“And believe it or not, American commercials,” he said. “It’s just weird things. Jump on a motorcycle, go a couple hundred miles and get off and have an ice cream, then ride back on the back roads. It’s the sense of being free enough to do what you want to do.”



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Berlin Police Cpl. Merle Bragg wears his other uniform, with the U.S. Army Reserve. Bragg recently learned his latest overseas tour had been canceled because the state granted a hardship, allowing him to stay with the Berlin Police force.

Bragg admitted he was “coming to end of [his] career” after serving his country for more than three decades.

“It’s a young kids’ game,” he said. “But there’s still gotta be a few of us old dinosaurs to stick around to make sure some of the old traditions are still maintained. There’s been quite the change from when I first came in to what it is now. Some of it’s OK, some of it’s not bad, and some of it sucks.

“That’s another idiom of the military: ‘Joe’s got the

right to bitch and complain about something,’” Bragg added. “He’s going to do it no matter what you do.”

As for his most recent order, this time to not deploy, Bragg said he would continue to what he has done for more than three decades – serve his country to the best of his abilities, however it sees fit.

“I’m a soldier,” he said. “I do as I’m ordered. If the military has deemed I am needed more to stay and work emergency services at home, then I stay at home.”

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DNR cautions drivers during annual whitetail deer rut

Breeding spree to end next month; most injuries occur as drivers attempt to avoid

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

(Oct. 20, 2016) Most injuries, and a healthy percentage of the fatalities suffered during car accidents involving whitetail deer come from drivers avoiding, rather than striking the animals as they pursue each other during mating season.

That's, according to Brian Eyler, the deer project leader from Maryland's Department of Natural Resources.

"It's just getting started now — bucks are chasing does, the does are chasing bucks and love is in the air," he said.

In the rare cases there are human fatalities from a crash involving an automobile and an animal. There also are times that motorists suffer severe injuries when the animal ricochets off one car and onto another.

More frequently, however, injuries occur for drivers when they swerve to avoid striking an animal and end up hitting a tree, another vehicle or running off the road instead.

"You're better off bumping a deer than driving into traffic," he said.

And forget the deer whistles on cars, Eyler said.

"We've got pretty good research that shows none of the deer-repelling devices work. They might chase off a deer, but it's just as possible they'll run into the road. The best defense is to be aware, first and foremostt'

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Deer are typically most active at night, at dusk and at dawn, he said.

Typically, and somewhat apocryphally, the whitetails' rut begins after the first full moon in October — called a Hunter's Moon.

"The moon doesn't really have anything to do with it. The moon is just going through its regular cycle and the mating season begins," Eyler said.

The Hunter's Moon was last weekend, but Eyler said, activity will increase until about mid-November until it begins to fall off again. The annual rut is when does are most fertile.

During this time, both sexes engage in the thrill of the chase, even across roads and highways. This year could be particularly dangerous especially in the southern end of Worcester County, where recent flooding has pushed motorists off the more popular routes and onto side streets and back ways to their destinations.

"There is no gender or age discrepancy in which animals are more likely to be struck," he said. "They're struck in proportion to their prevalence in the existing population."

Eyler said State Farm Insurance releases annual projections of deer populations by state. According to those figures, he said, there are nearly 30,000 whitetail deer in Maryland.

"The population is stable, which means we still have a lot of deer. We're looking at ways to bring that number down," he said.

Increases in salary, wages drive net position downward

■ POCOMOKE BUDGET continued business activity side.

The losses on the government side are explained in the report by increased expenses in general government, public safety and urban development/housing. In addition, the PCPD is adding a 17th officer this month, in addition to promoting several officers and issuing a blanket raise to all PCPD officers, the report states. Another expense related to police is the recent switch to the State Law Enforcement Officers Pension System, which has a cost of \$55,000 — but that is expected to be offset by a reduction in overtime.

On the business side, Pocomoke City's position slid another \$243,000 due to increases in salaries and wages; materials and supplies; and utilities.

Finally, as of June 2016 the city's fund balance was about \$170,000 according to the report, which is a decrease from \$229,000 last year. Kleger said neither number was particularly healthy and suggested the town attempt to build the balance up to about \$750,000.

Board appears to favor hiring search firm to replace GM

■ MANAGEMENT SEARCH continued

agers, but they have HOA experience – they haven’t dealt with a police department,” he said, adding that Ocean Pines was more “county-like” than traditional homeowners’ associations.

“We have a population here that’s larger than two of the counties here on Delmarva – that’s a huge number,” he said. “I think we’re beyond [being] able to recruit and we’re beyond what a management company could do for us. We need the right person and we need a better means to find that person.

“While I know we have many talented residents that live in the neighborhood, I think a working group of our residents is not going to do us the best service and define the correct executive recruiter that could place [an] almost municipal-level position and conduct a search that reaches beyond our geographic footprint here to find all of the candidates so we have a good pool to choose from is the direction we need to go. That’s my personal recommendation,” Hill added.

Director Cheryl Jacobs said that was “exactly what [she] wanted to hear,” adding that the initial job description might have been too narrow.

Trendic maintained he still saw a benefit of having the work group, and



Ocean Pines directors discuss management options, appearing to favor hiring a single person rather than an outside firm, during a public meeting in the community center on Monday.

asked if the board had considered how it would vet potential general manager candidates. He said he not seen any applications, “except for maybe one.”

He suggested the board examine what similar associations, specifically Columbia, Montgomery Village and Monticello in Charlottesville, Virginia, had done.

“We have the opportunity to really look at and learn from other associations, because we don’t have other unique challenges – there are other associations that have the same kind of operations that we do,” Trendic said.

He added his disappointment that the association could not easily fill the role internally, calling that a failure.

“Whether this was a planned situation or not, I think as an association we have a lack of senior staff,” Trendic said. “It’s one of the major challenges

that really, in a way, should not have happened had we had the right, perhaps, approach from a board perspective in terms of setting the priorities, how we govern the association, how we mentor the internal talent. Just the fact that we really have not even said that there is one single person inside this association that could fill a void of one of those two positions, to me, is a failure.”

“I would challenge that, because I believe we’re fulfilling those positions just fine – there is not failure to fulfill anything here,” Hill said

Trendic clarified that he believed Hill was doing a “phenomenal job” in the interim role, but said “for us to rely on our own opinions ... might be an oversight.”

Hill suggested the board get formal proposals from three different compa-

nies “so we can understand the costs, the services they offer, their areas of expertise, and then we as a board can use our sound judgment to use the best authority to search for that position.”

When a final list of candidates came in, he said the entire board should run the interview process together.

“If we have an industry expert recruiting the position, then we have everything we need to bring that person to the table,” Hill said.

Jacobs agreed and Director Pat Supik, added, “I would support that.”

Vice President Dave Stevens said the board must remain involved and kept aware of the process “every step of the way.”

“Hopefully the process is as reasonable and visible as it can be,” Stevens said.

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Pines Chamber of Commerce awards recognize members

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Oct. 20, 2016) The 17th annual Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce awards ceremony was held Oct. 13 in conjunction with the Ocean Pines Yacht Club's Harvest Ball.

The honorees this year were: Non-profit of the year, the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines Foundation; Business of the Year, 5 Star Plumbing, Heating & Cooling; and Aaron Eckman, sales manager with the Ocean Pines Independent newspaper.

After cocktails and dinner, each recipient was honored with proclamations from Sen. Jim Mathias, Maryland Delegate Mary Beth Carozza and Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino.

Accepting the honor for the Veterans Memorial Foundation, which was sponsored by the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, was President Marie Gilmore, who deflected praise to her foundation board, after summoning them to stand behind her during her remarks.

"These are the people that truly get things done, they give me more credit than I deserve," she said. "We prom-



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

County Commissioner Chip Bertino embraces Marie Gilmore, Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines Foundation president, after her group was honored as the nonprofit of the year during the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce awards ceremony, last Thursday at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club. Commission President Jim Bunting, left, applauds along with Harold Higgins, county chief administrative officer, and Commissioner Ted Elder, right.

ised Ocean Pines we would take care of it into perpetuity and that's exactly what we intend to do."

Funded with seed money from the Ocean Pines 35th Anniversary Celebration in 2003, the Veterans Memo-

rial, located on the South Gate Pond in Ocean Pines, was dedicated on Memorial Day in 2005. Donations have also been raised through the sale of bricks and pavers honoring the memory of veterans or current members of the U.S. military.

Mathias praised the work of Gilmore and fellow board members including: Mary Adair, Don Clagett, Carolyn Dryzga, Sarge Garlitz, Ken Ingram, John Lemon, Lou Etta McClafflin, Sharyn O'Hare, Carol Rose, Linda Shanahan, Doug Slingerland, James Spicknall, Steven Zangwill and Sherri Lassahn.

"They say never forget, (and) because of you we won't," he said.

In addition to keeping the memorial in good condition, the foundation is committed to teaching Worcester County students about the service of U.S. military members through its Education and Community Outreach Committee.

Carozza opened her remarks by asking veterans to stand for a round of applause before relating her ex-

periences with the foundation's educational efforts.

"When I watch our veterans with our students, you just see these young people starting to understand the sacrifices involved for their own freedom," she said. "When I watch children respond to that, it is really uplifting."

Youthful enthusiasm is sometimes contagious, Carozza said.

"They're so excited after seeing this veterans memorial they'll come back and say 'Ok I'm going to come back and bring my family,'" she said.

Bertino said he was pleased that the Veterans Memorial Foundation was selected as nonprofit of the year.

"For more than a decade, the memorial's mission has resonated within our community," he said.

Bertino said the foundation has risen to the task of building and maintaining a suitable memorial to honor and preserve those who risked their own safety to serve in the military.

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Oktoberfest



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Birds of a feather from Scales and Tales flocked together last Saturday during Berlin's Oktoberfest on Main Street.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

A couple put on their dancing shoes for the Alte Kumpel band during Oktoberfest, Saturday in downtown Berlin.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Brooklyn Baking Baron Tony Lanuza brings a special German chocolate cake to the downtown Oktoberfest celebration in Berlin on Saturday.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Berlin Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Larnet St. Amant, right, and a group of volunteers pour Burley Oak beer during Oktoberfest, Saturday.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Artist Ramon Matheu sells original post-POP Art prints in downtown Berlin during Saturday's Oktoberfest.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Thousands turn out during Berlin's annual Oktoberfest in the downtown area, last Saturday.

Worcester County Veteran's Memorial nonprofit of year

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"I think everyone in this room would agree the memorial does that and so much more," he said.

He also noted the foundation sponsors ceremonies on Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

Bertino, a former board member and foundation president, said the memorial was brought to life through the efforts of numerous parties.

"It started with co-founders Sharyn O'Hare and Roseanne Bridgman, who had a vision and they brought that vision to reality with the help of many people."

Receiving Business of the Year honors was 5 Star Plumbing, Heating and Cooling, which opened shop in Berlin in 2013. Ginger Fleming, Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce executive director, said owners Joe and Vicky Magnolia have been a staple in the community since launching their business.

"Joe and Vicky have been to every single one of my events at the chamber," she said.

Unfortunately the couple broke the streak that evening, as they were unable to attend as they were vacationing in Aruba. Since they were

otherwise occupied, their son, Joey, accepted the award.

"We actually stated to coming to Ocean City in 2008 and we met a lot of successful business owners in this area," he said. "I don't think we would be this successful without the loyalty and support you've shown us over the last three years."

Taking home the Citizen of the Year award was Aaron Eckman, sales manager with the Ocean Pines Independent newspaper.

Fleming praised Eckman for his community involvement.

"He stands 100 percent behind the chamber," she said.

The evening concluded with the installation of the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce 2016-2017 Board members and officers.

Sworn in were Incoming President, Heather Shaner of M & T Bank; Outgoing President, Amy Unger of Inesse Consulting Inc.; Vice President, Michael Mathers of Michael B. Mathers, P.A.; Treasurer, Celeste Miller of Farmers Bank of Willards; Secretary and new board member Teresa Berger of Atlantic General Hospital.

Serving on the board of directors



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Maryland Sen. Jim Mathias offers effusive praise for the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines Foundation, and President Marie Gilmore, for being selected as nonprofit of the year by the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce during its 17th annual awards ceremony last Thursday at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club.

are Teresa Travatello of the Ocean Pines Association and Patty Dundore of American Granite and Tile, along with two additional new board members, Steven Sweigert of PKS Investment Advisors, and Suzy Taylor of

Ayers Creek Adventures.

Also honored were outgoing board members Anna Giles of Merrill Lynch, attorney Will Cathell and Lee Ann Gunning of Diamond Contractors.

Ocean Pines to present Halloween activities

(Oct. 20, 2016) Area residents will find a few tricks and many treats during Halloween activities sponsored by the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department.

Pumpkin artists are invited to Family Fun Night Pumpkin Painting on Friday, Oct. 21 from 6-8 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center. Attendees may bring their own pumpkins or purchase one at the

event for \$6 (limited quantity available). All decorations and paint will be provided. The cost is \$5 for Ocean Pines residents and \$6 for non-residents.

Then on Saturday, Oct. 29 from 1-4 p.m. Ocean Pines will celebrate the holiday in spooky style with its annual Halloween Fall Festival in White Horse Park. Admission is free and open to the public.

Costume contests, carnival games, face painting, pony rides, candy, a haunted hay ride, crafts, refreshments for sale and more will be part of the fun. Admission and games are free; there will be a fee for some attractions.

The event will also include a chance to vote for the contestants in the "Pup of the Pines" dog and puppy photo contest. The winner of the con-

test will be the 2017 face of the Ocean Pines Dog Park and will receive a free dog park registration. The winner will be announced during the Hometown Christmas Tree Lighting on Nov. 26.

Volunteers and candy donations are needed for the Halloween Fall Festival. Contact the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052 for more information.

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Paddling weekend
washed out; event
moved to Saturday

By **Brian Gilliland**
Associate Editor

(Oct. 20, 2016) In an attempt to get back a little of what was lost when torrential rains washed out roads, bridges and the Delmarva Paddling Weekend among other events, the organizers of that event pieced together two paddles leaving from Snow Hill on Saturday.

The first, and earliest paddle begins at 8:30 a.m. from Porter's Crossing back to Snow Hill, and should be back in town by noon.

Starting at the Pocomoke River Canoe Company in Snow Hill, paddlers will be delivered to the forests of Porter's Crossing, just north of Snow Hill. From there the boats will be placed in the water and the journey back home begins.

Jim Rapp, half of Conservation Community Consultants and event organizer, said this leg of the paddle will be limited to about 20 participants, but a couple of people give or take isn't going to ruin anything.

The cost is \$40 for a kayak, \$50 for a tandem kayak or canoe or \$20 if a boat rental is unnecessary. Tandem boaters must provide their own partners for the trip.

The afternoon paddle, scheduled between 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., and again starting and finishing at the canoe company, travels from Snow Hill Road to Nassawango Creek, ending at Red House Road and the Nassawango Creek Preserve. After arrival, the canoe company will ferry the boaters back to Snow Hill.

The pricing structure remains the same, except the afternoon paddle for those bringing their own boats is slightly cheaper at \$15.

The total distance for both trips is about 10 miles, Rapp estimated.

"I really just want to go kayaking," Rapp said. "It's an attempt to get back a little of what we lost in Delmarva Paddling Weekend, and this will probably be it for 2016."

Rapp said he wants to get a head count if possible, so pre-registration is encouraged, but not wholly necessary.

"The Pocomoke River Canoe and Kayak Company has plenty of boats available, so there's no problem there, and it's an opportunity to be social and be on the water before it gets too cold," he said.

Rapp will be participating in both excursions, and offering a little bit of interpretation to the explorers.

"We'll be talking a little bit about the history of the river and the nature we encounter along the way," Rapp said.

He said the sojourn would be used as a stress test of the system he and partner Dave Wilson devised to manage the Delmarva Paddling Weekend.

"This is a smaller version of that," Rapp said. "We're learning all the time, and getting some nice testimonials to help carry it forward to next year, when we hope to have our first paddling weekend."

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Planning commission to tackle standards

Berlin group will again look to craft own design rules; previous effort stalled out

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Oct. 20, 2016) Berlin Planning Director Dave Engelhart called a lack of uniform design standards “the biggest hole we have in our armor” during a planning commission meeting last Wednesday.

The commission had previously attempted to craft such a document, but the effort stalled. Afterwards, the town budgeted to outsource the job and appeared to nail down a firm, when the low bidder dropped out and a satisfactory alternative could not be found.

Last week, Engelhart asked the commission if they would like to try again.

“We’ve discussed it many times and we know we need to do something,” he said. “We can approach it a couple different ways. I’ve talked about this with [Town Administrator] Laura Allen recently again. It doesn’t ever get far from our minds.”

He said members of the commission could form a subcommittee, look at other design standards from similar municipalities, and “come up with something that we can work with and tailor.”

“If not, we still have the ability to put it out to bid and try again,” Engelhart said, adding that standards would help “protect and guide the growth that we’re probably headed for in the future,” especially along the Route 50 corridor.

“That’s good as far as our growth area and our comp plan are concerned because that’s where we said we want it, but we still want to be able to control it,” he said.

Engelhart said he already had a list of links to professionally written, on-line examples of design standards from towns like Stevensville, Grasonville and Easton.

Committee member Ron Casio asked about the previous effort, “why did we fail?”

“The first bidder that we awarded the contract ended up backing out. They had one of the principals leave the firm, so that was one reason,” Engelhart said.

He said \$35,000 had been budgeted for that, and the first bid came just under that. The second bid was more than \$50,000.

“Why are we different than any other of these towns and we don’t

need any professionals?” Casio asked.

“If somebody has written it and we could adopt it and save the taxpayers \$30,000-\$50,000 I think that’s a very good direction,” committee member John Barrett said. “I think three of us could probably go through and find something that we could present to the board that we could vote on and possibly adopt.”

“That was my thought from the beginning,” Engelhart said.

Casio said he had his doubts, and worried specifically about the board becoming “citizen planners.”

“I’m concerned that we don’t have the professional knowledge,” he said. “I wouldn’t fix my own automatic transmission. I’m not going to give myself an appendectomy. I don’t know that we have the ability to come up with a really good plan for the town.”

Commission member Pete Cosby said he did not think it was “rocket science,” while Chairman Chris Denny added, “the town burned down in 1894 and they rebuilt it in 1895.”

“It’s not as easy as you portray it to

be,” Casio said.


Cosby said he was satisfied with his own effort on a previous attempt at crafting standards, and did not see why a subcommittee could not try to replicate at least part of that.

“Let’s finish up the spec examples and finish this thing,” he said. “We’ve got an ordinance, but we don’t have any guidelines – that’s all. Let’s pass some guidelines, get it done and if there’re not good we’ll amend them later. It’s not a big deal.”

Engelhart said he could recirculate the previous work down towards the standards to the commission members, with the understanding that the discussion would continue during the next regular meeting, in November.

“I think that’s a good approach,” Barrett said. “I don’t think we’re that far away from it.”

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Council Briefs

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Oct. 20, 2016) The Berlin Mayor and Council discussed the following items during an Oct. 11 public meeting at Town Hall:

Enterprise zone

The council voted unanimously to re-designate an enterprise zone in Berlin. Managing Director Jeff Fleetwood said the designation would be good for 10 years, and that the most recent businesses added to the enterprise zone were SonRise Church and Twisters. “Sometimes it’s the smallest things

that make the biggest difference,” Mayor Gee Williams said. “Like all of us here, I’m hopeful we’ll bring some new businesses within these preset limits.”

Cannery update

Planning Director Dave Engelhart said Cannery Village had a “punch list walk through” on Oct. 4 of items that needed to be addressed in order to pass a final inspection. Those items are also apparently holding up repaving of Flower Street, where work trucks have damaged the roadway. Engelhart said he was pressing the developer, Osprey Properties, to speed

up the process because he feared Berlin would “run out of asphalt season.” “We don’t want to have to wait until spring,” he said. “We were trying to get an answer [from the developer] this week or next so we could arrange for that fix of Flower Street.”

Rain report

Public Works and Water Resources Director Jane Kreiter said Hurricane Matthew spilled about 1.5 million gallons into Berlin’s wastewater treatment plant. The average daily load is about 400,000. During the prior weekend, Kreiter said rains “showed up virtually out of

nowhere” and led to a small overflow at the plant, about 200 gallons. “It was completely treated wastewater – it was in our effluent tank that we use to hold water while we’re pumping it out to our spray irrigation facility, so it was completely treated and disinfected,” she said. Minor flooding at the power plant on Williams Street during that same weekend led to damage to the oldest generator there. The council unanimously approved a \$60,500 requisition order for repairs. Fleetwood said the town had insurance on the generator with a \$10,000 deductible, meaning the majority of the cost would be recouped.

Planning Commission Briefs

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Oct. 20, 2016) The Berlin Planning Commission discussed the following items during an Oct. 12 meeting at Town Hall:

AGH Cancer Center

A new site plan for the Atlantic General Hospital Cancer Center on Old Ocean City Boulevard was unanimously approved by the commission. Slight modifications were made after the State Highway Administration imposed minor changes, moving the building farther north and reducing the parking lot by about 20 spaces. One of

the two entrances to the center, from Healthway Drive, was also eliminated.

Other items

Planning Director Dave Engelhart said upcoming items the planning committee would have to tackle included a utility plan for the new SonRise Church complex, and that discussions had been held regarding new hotels and motels in Berlin, but there was “nothing concrete.” He said work on the Twisters gym-

nastics and recreation complex on Old Ocean City Boulevard was coming along after several delays, and that the commission would likely soon be discussing approval for items at the new police department near Flower Street and the Oceans East apartment complex, near Stephen Decatur High School. Permitting could start soon for the new Berlin branch of the Worcester County Public Library, and the new mixed use building on Gay Street could see construction starting before the end of the year, Engelhart said. That

building would contain shops on the first floor and apartments overhead. Engelhart said the town would pursue grants to help remediate the ponds at Berlin Falls park, and that a grant application regarding the design of a bike path that’s tied into the park and runs along existing railroad lines was due back soon. As for the proposed excursion train, he said, “Someone’s gotta figure out how to make [the train] profitable. I don’t know what other recent movement there’s been – I don’t think there has been much.”



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Ocean Pines offers special membership to BJ's Wholesale

(Oct. 20, 2016) BJ's Wholesale Club is once again partnering with the Ocean Pines Association to bring a special membership offer, effective Oct. 14-28, to benefit the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines Foundation.

In addition to offering special membership benefits, BJ's will donate \$5 of each membership fee to the foundation. The offer, which is available to new and renewing members, is not available for purchase online or at any BJ's location.

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BJ's membership applications are available at the Ocean Pines Administration Building at 239 Ocean Parkway and online at OceanPines.org.

Applications must be returned with payment by Friday, Oct. 28. They may be dropped off at the administration building or mailed to Ocean Pines Association, Attn: Teresa Travatello, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, Maryland 21811.

For more information, contact Travatello, director of marketing and public relations for the Ocean Pines Association, at 410-641-7717 ext. 3006.



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DEMOCRAT MEETING

Democrats from across the shore gathered Oct. 1 at the Hyatt Chesapeake in Cambridge for the Eastern Shore Democratic Summit IV. The Summit is held each election year as a way to bring together Democratic activists from across the shore and prepare for the last sprint to the election. Summit IV had more than 125 Democrats in attendance. Pictured, from left, are Maryland Sen. Jim Matthias, West Ocean City business owner Sara Hambury, former Salisbury Mayor Jim Ireton, Salisbury University Associate Professor John Wesley Wright, First District congressional candidate Joe Werner, Senate candidate Chris Van Hollen, and educator and community activist Dr. Kirkland Hall.

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Anti-opiate group ‘Warriors’ move in new Berlin office

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Oct. 20, 2016) With their new office now open in Berlin, Heidi McNeeley and the Worcester County Warriors Against Opiate Addiction are hoping to offer a friendly face – and some vital information about treatment – for those who have friends and family suffering from addiction to heroin and other opiates.

McNeeley, her husband Jamie and son Sean were busy setting up the new office, inside the Berlin Visitor’s Center on 14 South Main Street, last Thursday.

For now, the plan is to fill the office with pamphlets, brochures and flyers for local treatment centers and addictions programs, and to meet with people one-on-one as needed.

“I think this space is going to slowly evolve,” McNeeley said. “I think we see it as being, if a mom calls and says, ‘hey I just found out my kid’s in trouble or I need some treatment options,’ we can say, well meet us at the office because we’re going to have all the information here.

“It’s not really a space where people can come in and vent to us, but they can come in and get information



Members of the Worcester County Warriors Against Opiate Addiction move into their new office inside the Berlin Visitor’s Center, last Friday. Pictured, from left, are Jamie McNeeley, Sean Kelley and Heidi McNeeley.

and let us guide you,” she added. “Right now my desk at home is overflowing with all the Warriors stuff, so I think coming in here to do some planning and paperwork will be helpful.”

The office will not be staffed, but McNeeley said she and other volunteers would be readily accessible by appointment. If the office is closed,

information will still be available outside the doors after hours.

“We’ll kind of see how it evolves,” McNeeley said. “This makes us feel legit, and if nothing else it gets our name out there and gives us a presence. It’s pretty cool.”

“And everybody in town has been great,” Jamie said. “More welcoming than you would think.”

The next meeting of the Worcester County Warriors Against Opiate Addiction is Thursday, Oct. 27 at Stephen Decatur High School starting at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/WorcesterCountyWarriors or wocowarriors.org. To make an appointment, call McNeeley at 302-381-0569.

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Pines directors continue to work toward CPI revisions

Regular meeting this Sat. to include first reading of Resolution M-01, violations

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Oct. 20, 2016) After nearly two hours of debate on Monday, the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors agreed that nine new compliance, permit and inspection (CPI) violations would be listed on the agenda of a regular board meeting this Saturday, and that the agenda also would include a first reading of a revised resolution governing how those violations would be addressed.

Part of the reason for the prolonged discussion was that several directors questioned whether the updated version of Resolution M-01 is an improvement and streamlined the process as intended.

Director Cheryl Jacobs, who helped write the proposed changes, said the revised document would bring violations to the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) much earlier. That, theoretically, would speed up board or legal action. She said the update included new provisions for foreclosure properties and repeat offenders as well.

Jacobs said attorney Joe Moore vetted the document.

Board President Tom Herrick, however, argued that the revised language did not include the strict timeline that was present in the earlier draft. Language that allowed for an appeal at ARC was also apparently taken out, although Jacobs argued that it was implied by requiring com-

mittee hearings that invited the homeowner found in violation to attend.

“How many days do you have to correct the violation? I don’t see that and I saw that in the old one, and I’m a guy that likes black and white,” Herrick said.

Interim General Manager Brett Hill said the current process was clearly defined, but that staff was struggling with how aggressively to pursue enforcement.

“I’m really concerned if we don’t have the dates and timelines clearly spelled out, how I can give direction to staff?” Hill said. “I think the legal action further defined in it is good,

[but] quite honestly I’d like to see it go a step further.”

Jacobs said the exact timeline was difficult to determine because homeowners were entitled to certain due process protections and coordinating with regularly scheduled

ARC meetings, which were pushed to the front of the process, logistically could not be uniform. Still, she said she would try to develop a timeline before the regular meeting.

“The strength of the old document was the timeline,” Hill said. “The issue is not with M-01 – it’s with the staff.

“With the way we’re written today ... I can move something to ARC within 30 days,” Hill said. “I have no problem taking that action today, I just need to know that that’s what the board wants me to do.”

The directors agreed to place the first reading on the agenda with the understanding that further changes could be made before a final vote was held.

‘I’m really concerned if we don’t have the dates and timelines clearly spelled out, how I can give direction to staff?’

Interim General Manager
Brett Hill

State Highway repairs begin on Route 12 in Snow Hill

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

(Oct. 20, 2016) The State Highway Administration announced work has begun to repair Snow Hill Road in the area just south of Sermon Road that was washed out during the heavy rainfall that affected the region on Oct. 1.

Detours will remain in effect until the work is completed.

Charlie Gischlar, spokesman for the SHA, said the repairs would take approximately three to four weeks to complete.

The repair is not only of a simple

washout, as several 42-inch drain pipes that date back to when the road was first constructed need to be replaced to conform to current design guidelines before the road can be reopened.

Hurricane Matthew, which threatened but did not strike the shore directly, also affected the effort in two ways. First, repairs were delayed while the storm’s forecasted track directly targeted the shore, and again when the remnants of the hurricane dumped additional water onto the already waterlogged area.



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Owner calls new Snow Hill salon dream come true

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

(Oct. 20, 2016) If Betsy Brittingham were asked in April if she thought she'd be running her own salon in Snow Hill by October, the answer would have been "no."

While it was always her dream to have her own salon, at that point in April, she was just starting two new adventures: starting a job at the town's Courtney Brooke Salon, and returning to work following the birth of her son, J.J.

After Courtney Brooke announced its closure effective Sept. 24, Brittingham's timeline accelerated. She found a spot across the street from where Courtney Brooke was located and got to work.

It helped that this wasn't her first foray into the world of haircuts and color. Brittingham was the former manager of the Great Clips franchise in Salisbury, but was also looking for something a little closer to home when she accepted the job at Courtney Brooke.

"I'm originally from Girdletree and I graduated from Pocomoke High School, and I wanted something a little closer to home than Salisbury," she said. "I'm taking all the knowledge of the business side I got from Great



BRIAN GILLILAND/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Wendy Masse, holding J.J. Brittingham, and Mirror Salon owner Betsy Brittingham, opened the new Snow Hill salon's doors for the first time this past Tuesday. Brittingham previously worked at Courtney Brooke Salon in town, which closed at the end of September.

Clips and putting it with the feeling of home that Courtney Brooke did so well, and I'm making my own thing."

For example, like Great Clips, Mirror Salon will send reminders the day before an appointment is scheduled, and it will also keep track of how many times a customer has visited, and if they've not been in for a bit of

freshening up in a while.

"Some of the business processes are a little more detailed than what I was expecting. A franchise operation like Great Clips gives you all the little details. Right now I'm focusing on decorating the shop to match Snow Hill," Brittingham said.

On the other end of the spectrum,

Mirror will also service walk-in customers, and while not offering bargain basement haircuts, her goal is to keep prices comfortable.

"We're doing hair, we're doing color and we're doing men's cuts too. I want to keep it affordable, but it'll cost more than \$10," she said.

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Grand opening of Mirror Salon will run with First Fri.

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The soft opening of the shop was on Tuesday, with the grand opening coming in about two weeks at the next First Friday. Mirror Salon will be open for regular business from Tuesday until Saturday, but will be closed to haircut traffic during the grand opening.

“We’ll be dressing up and doing a meet and greet. I’m going to be talking with the chamber of commerce to see if we can work something out for that. I think we might be doing a giveaway, or have some kind of prize,” she said.

Besides Brittingham herself, she will have another full-time staff member, Emily LeMay, from Pocomoke City and another part-time employee, Lashette Dennis.

“I definitely didn’t think I’d be doing this now — not with a six month-old. I had planned to stay on at Courtney Brooke for a few years at least before working more directly towards my dream,” she said. “When Courtney decided to leave, I thought that I should be there to pick up the pieces. The town knows me, and the people know me.”

Improvements to close Berlin center, lobby remains open

(Oct. 20, 2016) The Town of Berlin’s Visitor Center will be closed to the public beginning Wednesday, Oct. 19 for renovations and improvements to the front of the building.

Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells applied for and received funds for a façade grant for improvements to the front of the building.

The small lobby inside the door will still be open for visitors to pick up information. The improvements will likely take anywhere from three to four weeks.



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The full staff of the new Mirror Salon, located across the street from the former Courtney Brooke Salon downtown in Snow Hill, from left, are Wendy Masse, holding J.J. Brittingham, owner Betsy Brittingham, Lashette Dennis and Emily LaMay.

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Opinion

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Tried formula still truest

The search for a general manager in Ocean Pines is as much about finding the right person for the position as it is determining what kind of operation the Ocean Pines Association wants to be.

All in all, the approach the community has followed over the years — a general manager and staff overseen by a board of directors — has worked out just fine, give or take the occasional political kerfuffle along the way.

It's also the simplest form of management there is, as compared to those in place in larger planned communities such as Columbia, Maryland and in the south and west, where some homeowners associations are so large that community subdivisions have their own management companies.

Columbia also has multi-tiered management, with the Columbia Association responsible for certain operations and facilities, village associations enforcing covenants and creating master plans, and Howard County government handling essential services such as police, fire and trash collection.

Obviously, something like that wouldn't work here, which leaves the board and association members two choices: keep doing what has been done or turn over much of the community's operational and financial responsibility to a professional management company.

As to the latter option, the big question is what would be gained by doing that? Would it save money? Probably not. Would it improve the quality of life for residents? No. Would it do a better job of providing services than the current system and staff? That's unlikely, since most everyone agrees that a highly capable staff is already in place.

All Ocean Pines needs, as the board has agreed, is the right general manager, someone who has been vetted by a professional executive search company and the directors.

Finding that best manager isn't the easiest thing to do, as the Town of Ocean City discovered a few years ago with its managerial miscue, but it is still the best course to take, especially considering that no strong case has been made how residents would benefit by doing something different.



“Turn off the Election coverage dear, you’re scaring the children.”

Letters

Town support still exemplary

Editor,

The following letter was sent to Berlin Mayor Gee Williams in appreciation for the support the town provided for the recent Cruisers event held on Sept. 8.

Mayor Williams:

Once again we received excellent support from town employees and the town itself during the fall Cruisers event. Despite the weather, a good time was had by all.

We have worked and organized most of these shows, and always are very pleased with the way things click together. This year special thanks to Wendell Purnell and Dave Wheaton for assistance with traffic control devices, Rick Dennis who came very early Saturday to empty and check on the trash cans, later that day to make sure none were overflowing, then planned to come some time afterwards in case any were overfilled over the holiday three-day weekend.

We also received a call from Augie Wienhold on Friday to confirm that we did not need any special electrical needs. We are sure there may be others missed, and as stated above this service is the norm.

A special thanks to Jeff Fleetwood, who volunteered his time on Saturday to be a judge. Town support always seems to extend from the newest employee to the most senior managers.

Tanja Giles, Mike Wiley, Bill Hoshal
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Community Foundation awards

(Oct. 20, 2016) The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore (CFES) awarded a record \$452,000 in scholarships to 320 students in the region this past year. The Community Foundation administers 157 scholarship funds that provide financial assistance for college students throughout the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland.

“During 2016 the Community Foundation reached new records in the amount of scholarships awarded, the total amount of financial assistance for scholarships and the number of scholarship funds administered,” said Eric Joseph, CFES president. “Meeting the rising need for college scholarship assistance and the rising tuition costs is an essential part of the Community Foundation’s mission.”

“Helping young people here on the Lower Shore fulfill their dreams and realize their potential is among the highest goals of the Community Foundation,” added BJ Summers, the Foundation’s director of Development and Donor Services.

Some of the Foundation’s scholarships are available for students in particular high schools, while others target specific college majors and professional careers.

While most Foundation scholarships do not limit students to a particular course of study, there are scholarships available for students wishing to pursue careers in teaching, architecture, engineering or healthcare. A complete listing of Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore scholarships is available by visit-

ing www.cfes.org.

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Ocean Pines Association Briefs

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Oct. 20, 2016) The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors discussed the following items during an Oct. 17 work session in the community center:

Comprehensive plan

In discussing recommendations from the comprehensive planning committee related to a community-wide survey, the directors agreed to set a joint meeting with the committee.

Tentatively, that was set for Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. in the community center.

Golf committee

A second reading for Resolution C-11, reestablishing the dormant golf

advisory committee, will be held during a regular board meeting on Saturday.

Board President Tom Herrick asked the other directors to bring appointments to the meeting, and said he had also identified several homeowners who were willing to serve.

Budget guidance

Director Pat Supik, the liaison to the budget and finance committee as well as former chair of that group, went over a series of budget guidance recommendations from the committee.

The board had discussed those recommendations during a joint meeting with the committee on Sept. 21.

Interim General Manager Brett Hill said several of those recommendations were already being acted upon.

There was some confusion among the directors, who initially did not realize Supik had intended to use the committee guidance to work toward a board-approved budget guidance document for the general manager. Still, the directors agreed to let Supik create a draft document that could be discussed and potentially voted on during a regular board meeting, Saturday.

If the board waited until the next regular meeting, in December, Supik said the budget would be "about finished" before the board had a chance to weigh in.

Delinquent assessments

Two final items on the agenda submitted by Director Slobodan Trendic will not appear on the regular session agenda Saturday.

The first, reviewing delinquent assessments, was deemed unnecessary. Although the association apparently has \$1.2 million in unpaid dues, the collection process could likely not be improved. Herrick said, Ocean Pines collected assessments from all but 2.86 percent of homeowners last year.

"We're dealing with a very small pool of homeowners that have gone unpaid for years," Hill said. "We just go through our process. It's an unfortunate situation, but it's a reality of the housing market and the area we live in with the effects of that housing market."

Hill said outstanding debt was down from last year.

Another item, discussing board priorities, was deferred to a future work session because the meeting had already run for more than five hours.

Wor. Arts Council to judge 'small wonders'

(Oct. 20, 2016) The Worcester County Arts Council invites all interested artists to participate in a juried art show with the theme, "Small Wonders," to be exhibited during the months of November and December at the WCAC Gallery located at 6 Jefferson Street in Berlin.

Work must be delivered to the Arts Council's Gallery in downtown

Berlin between Thursday, Oct. 27 and Friday, Oct. 28 to be accepted.

The exhibition is open to all artists, professional or amateur with work in all media.

The 2D entries cannot exceed 11 inches in any one direction (including the frame). All 3D work cannot exceed 7 inches in any one direction. Work must be original and

completed within the last three years.

Maximum of two entries. The cost is \$10 per entry for WCAC members; \$15 for nonmembers.

Artwork will be juried in and judged for the competition by talented and widely recognized artist, Angela Herbert-Hodges.

Detailed entry guidelines are

available on the Arts Council's website, www.worcestercountycouncil.org.

Monetary prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place during the Second Friday Arts Stroll reception on Nov. 11 from 5-8 p.m. For additional information, call 410-641-0809 or email curator@worcestercountycouncil.org.

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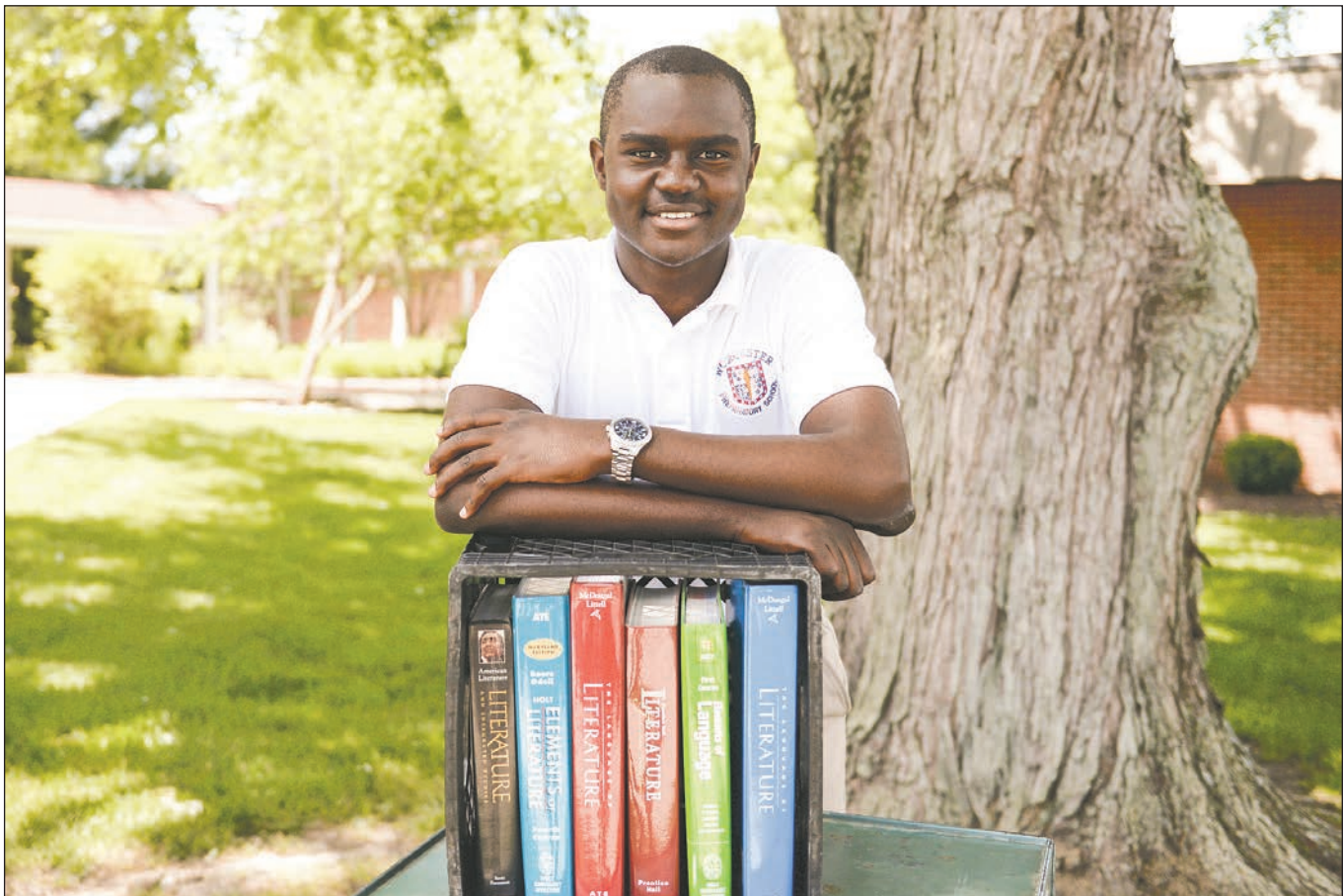
(Oct. 20, 2016) Worcester Prep 10th grader Henry Elangwe, of Salisbury, has not forgotten where he's from or how fortunate he is, thanks to his family.

Born in Douala, Cameroon, Elangwe moved to the states when he was in third grade and enrolled at WPS in ninth grade. This summer, he packed up over 550 books and hundreds of magazines and shipped them to Little Angels Elementary School in Bamako, Mali, as part of his aunt's "Ignite Africa" project.

The Little Angels Elementary School opened in 2014, and is now in the process of building a middle school. The books Elangwe sent will help stock the future school library.

"I feel proud and happy going to a school like Worcester Prep that has so many educational tools to help students learn," he said. "I felt since I had the chance, I was obligated to give other children a chance to feel the same pride and happiness."

Last year, his aunt, Wele Elangwe, developed the project called "Ignite Africa" to help schools in Africa with limited access to books and other educational items. He got involved by collecting new and used books from his fellow WPS



Worcester Prep 10th grader Henry Elangwe collected and shipped 490 pounds of books to an elementary school in Africa, as part of his aunt's "Ignite Africa" project.

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students at the end of last school year, with the help of Head of Upper School Mike Grosso. His WPS bus driver was instrumental in helping transport the books to Elangwe's home while his cousins, Nde Labah and Xavier Muapi, helped him pack

the books to be shipped.

Elangwe is very thankful for everyone, especially his aunt, who helped inspire him along the way.

"I was proud of myself for indirectly making a difference by helping educate the next generation of

children," he said. "I am especially proud of my fellow students, teachers and my Worcester Prep family who greatly supported me on my journey to help others in need from my country. My goal is to continue collecting books every year."



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‘Flames at the Furnace’ to raise funds for heritage

(Oct. 20, 2016) The third annual Flames at the Furnace barbecue fundraiser will take place at historic Furnace Town Living Heritage Village on Saturday, Oct. 22 from 5-8 p.m.

Tickets cost \$30 per person. The event is for guests 21 and older. Dress is casual, and participants will enjoy a southern barbecue with craft and domestic beer and wine served. Auctions, both silent and live, will be held along with a raffle and door prizes. Live music will be provided by Apple & Brit.

Tickets can be purchased at Furnace Town by calling 410-632-2032 or online at www.eventbrite.com.

This annual fundraiser helps Furnace Town preserve the cultural heritage of the region, share rich history for the benefit of future generations, and makes history come to life.

Funding for this event is in part provided by the Worcester County Arts Council, Maryland State Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts, organizations dedicated to cultivating a vibrant cultural community where the arts thrive.

Furnace Town is dedicated to preserving the historic Nassawango Iron Furnace and engaging the public in the culture of shared past. Throughout the year, the museum features artisans in period dress demonstrating crafts and trades that were practiced in Furnace Town and the Lower Eastern Shore during the 19th century. Every year, Furnace Town, located in Snow Hill, hosts about 10,000 visitors, more than 3,000 of which are school children.

Pocomoke Rotary to raise ‘Heroes’ flags

(Oct. 20, 2016) The Pocomoke City Rotary Club is sponsoring the Flags for Heroes program again this year, on Saturday, Nov. 5, just in time for Veterans Day, Nov.11.

Anyone can nominate a hero (living or deceased) for recognition. It may be a soldier, a fireman, emergency personnel, teacher or anyone who is held in high esteem by that individual.

“Last year on Memorial Day many flags adorned the area downtown beside the big flag, and a very nice program honored all the recipients,” Willie Jackson, Pocomoke Rotary president, said. “The club was so proud to be a part of honoring these special people.”

A flag will be flown, supplied by the club, with a \$50 donation. Each participant will receive a certificate in honor of his or her honoree.

The Pocomoke High School ROTC will present colors, and Mayor Bruce Morrison will give the keynote speech, beginning at 11 a.m. Applications may be obtained from any Rotary member.

For more information, contact Carole Krueger at 410-430-2243 or email at cvkrueger@comcast.net.



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KITCHEN KREW

For the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City, October means the last of the three annual Pancake Breakfasts. The most recent breakfast was held on Oct. 8 in the Assateague Room of the Ocean Pines Community Center. Pictured, from left, are Ralph Chinn, Joe Beall, Ed Aurand and Dave Landis, members of the Kitchen Krew.

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BELL OF BALL

Isabella the Chihuahua greets guests at Salt Water Media in Berlin during the 2nd Friday art stroll, Oct. 14.



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SDHS FLASH MOB

Stephen Decatur High School seniors Lexie VanKirk, Claire Porter, Savannah Schultz and Makensie Froman perform during the flashmob dance at the fifth annual Character Kickoff assembly on Sept. 16.



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AGH DONATION

The Auxiliary of Atlantic General Hospital and Health System recently presented President and CEO, Michael Franklin, FACHE, with a check in the amount of \$50,000 toward the Campaign for the Future for their fiscal year 2016 fundraising efforts. Along with this initial donation, the Auxiliary has made an additional pledge to raise \$50,000 each year for the next five years totaling \$300,000. Pictured, from left, are Barbara Lischak, Kathleen Loetz, Franklin, Ann Hamilton, Margie DiNenna and Barbara Loffler.



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STUDENT ARTIST

The Maryland Association of Realtors awarded second place to Rachel Eure of Snow Hill, a student at Salisbury University, in its "Maryland Door Painting Contest." The contest was held in conjunction with the association's annual Conference at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center in Ocean City. Eure, a 2016 Art League of Ocean City scholarship winner, is pictured with Rina Thaler, executive director of the Ocean City Center for the Arts.



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CASA HIGHLIGHTED

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) is one of the programs under the umbrella of Worcester Youth & Family Counseling Services, a nonprofit organization serving the community since 1975. CASA depends on volunteers who advocate for abused and neglected children in the court system. Kiwanis is about "Serving the Children of the World," so hearing about a program that protects children is most important. CASA Director Brigitte Southworth and Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City President Mark Joseph gather for a photo during a recent club meeting.



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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

The Worcester County Commissioners on Oct. 4 join with Fire Marshal Jeff McMahon, front, center, and Deputy Fire Marshal Matt Owens, front, left, to recognize National Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 9-15, and to support the initiatives of the National Fire Prevention Month theme "Don't Wait - Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years."

Lauer named SHHS ‘Teacher Champion,’ foundation liaison

(Oct. 20, 2016) The Worcester County Education Foundation recognizes Pamela Lauer, Snow Hill High School’s Teacher Champion.

Lauer grew up in Philadelphia and graduated from Central High School. She earned a Bachelor in Science from Salisbury University, a Masters in Science (Microbiology Concentration) from Virginia Tech and a Masters of Arts in Teaching (Biology) from Salisbury University.

While attending Salisbury University she substituted in Worcester County. Upon graduation, she taught for three years at Washington High School in Somerset County, and another three years at Parkside High School in Wicomico County.

Lauer is especially pleased to be teaching at Snow Hill High School, because her oldest child just started pre-K at nearby Snow Hill Elementary School.

“Worcester County (has) such a great school system,” Lauer said, adding that she has a strong personal interest in maintaining that excellence now that her own child has entered the system.

As a Teacher Champion, Lauer will act as a liaison between Snow Hill High School and the Worcester



Pamela Lauer

County Education Foundation (WCEF). The mission of the WCEF is to create equal access to a world-class education. By bridging community resources with the needs of the schools, foundation members believe that every child in Worcester County can have access to the learning tools necessary in order to succeed.

Working on the front lines, teachers like Lauer have a unique perspective of current and evolving needs of students, teachers and staff, which allow the WCEF to constantly evaluate, define and quickly respond with financial or other support where it’s most needed. To learn more about the WCEF, visit www.wced.foundation or call 410-632-5076.

Coastal Hospice adds two to provider relations team

Frankie Knight and Caroline Hutchison will join outreach group serving Lower Shore

(Oct. 20, 2016) Coastal Hospice welcomes two new provider relations associates as members of its outreach team.

Provider relations associates go out into the four Lower Shore counties that Coastal Hospice serves to provide physicians and health care facilities with the proper tools to give them a full understanding of hospice and the services the non-profit provides.

Frankie Knight grew up in Ocean City and attended Wor-Wic Community College and Towson University. She has volunteered for the National Alliance of Mental Illness, Susan G. Komen and CASA. After a cancer diagnosis, she started a women’s peer support group at TU.

Knight is dedicated to working in the nonprofit world.

Caroline Hutchison grew up in Salisbury and attended Bridgewater College in Virginia. Previously, she interned at Coastal Hospice in Provider Relations during the fall and spring of 2014/2015. Hutchison’s goal is to extend a helping hand to her neighbors and have a positive impact on her community.

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

The organization serves Wicomico, Worcester, Dorchester and Somerset counties. Information is available at 410-742-8732 or at CoastalHospice.org.



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Cuisine

Spare goose, but don't spoil appetite

This column originally ran in an Oct. 16, 2014 edition of the Bayside Gazette.

It was a scene out of "Rambo IV," or maybe I'm thinking "Terminator." I rolled up to Route 589 just as those geese and ducks – those dreaded monsters – started waddling their way into incoming traffic. What ensued was nothing short of sheer terror. Buildings were ablaze, cars stacked in ditches while innocent bystanders were forced to cover the eyes of their offspring

rid of an animal that has inhabited our wetlands long before any of us were born. Well, there may be a few residents left who predate the *Branta Canadensis*, also known as the Canada goose (not "Canadian," so just stop it), but they are probably few and far between at this point.

We live in their house, not the other way around. The waterfowl at the South Gate was something that truly attracted my wife and me to the Pines 15 years ago, and I was happy to hear many friends respond in kind when I posted on this issue in social media this weekend.

Our kids have always enjoyed waddling along with our feathered friends (and not feeding them bread) and I don't know that I've ever lost control of my vehicle based on the shenanigans of the Crazy Canadas or the Malicious Mallards; but I now know that I must be ever so cautious as I navigate my way through the mire that has apparently become 589.

As I write this, I am inspired. I now have my "why:" I must create The Canada Goose Liberation Front for a Waddle-Free America, if for no other reason than to have the chubby-cheeked goose in my dreams stop telling me to "leave the gun and take the cannoli."

Duck Confit, Cherry Compote

Makes approximately 12 hors d'oeuvres

2 Duck breast lobes, skin on
EV Olive oil OR rendered duck fat, as needed

1 in-sprig fresh rosemary
3 cloves garlic
Zest from 1 lemon (Microplaned)
1 shallot, halved
1 tsp. Black peppercorns
Salt and Pepper, as needed to season

Remove the skin from the duck breast and score with a knife.

Place in a small pan and put on a low-medium heat to begin to render the fat from the skin.



When the skin has rendered as much fat as possible, remove the skin and cut into small lardons or strips.

Bring the oil to medium-high and fry the skin until it becomes duck cracklings. Set aside until service at room temperature.

Put all other ingredients except for the salt and pepper for seasoning in an ovenproof pan just big enough to hold it.

If there is not enough fat (which there won't be) just cover with rendered duck fat or olive oil, or both.

Cover with foil.

Cook at 225 if using a conventional oven and 200 if using a convection oven for 12-14 hours. Your house will smell divine all through the evening.

When the chicken easily shreds, it is done. Remove from the oven and

cool in the refrigerator, at least 12 hours.

When ready to serve, remove from the oil and drain, and try to strain the juices from the bottom of the pan – a gravy separator will work splendidly here.

Serve on individual spoons with fruit compote and greens. These are rich, satisfying and delightful hors d'oeuvres for the fall and winter months, however please don't let them take you over so that you aim for the waterfowl on our precious roads.

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



By Paul Suplee,
CEC PCIII

to prevent them from seeing the carnage forged by these fiery-eyed, feathered foes.

They made their way across the road, nary a scratch on any of them, all the while laughing (In hindsight, I imagine they were honking and quacking) at the ensuing destruction. As I think about this, I shiver as I recall the traffic light falling on a new litter of puppies enjoying an innocent frolic around the pond.

And then I woke up. I realized that I can't imagine the geese being such a problem that we would even consider resorting to killing them to improve traffic conditions. Did I really read that correctly in the paper? The geese are causing New York-style congestion? Are we talking about the same geese and the same intersection? I need to go back to sleep.

I reentered dreamland only to be confronted by a goose dressed as Marlon Brando in "The Godfather," and I'm tied to a chair. I won't delve further into that dream, but suffice it to say, I awoke trembling and in a cold sweat. I wonder if I can sue waterfowl for mental trauma and duress.

Every time those beasts get in front of my car, it costs me at least 45 seconds of my life and I can't get those back. I'm a busy man, and I absolutely refuse to stop for a minute and allow nature to stride in front of my car, taking a brief moment to stop and smell the roses. I won't stand for it. Wait, now I'm dressed as a lawyer?

I wake up again, and I realize that I am not angry at the geese and I never have been. I wonder why I would agree with anyone who wants to kill the geese or spread chemicals around our natural resources to get



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DAR RECOGNIZES BARNES

The General Levin Winder Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recently recognized Ellen Duncan Barnes, left, for 50 years of DAR membership. Barnes was accepted into the DAR on Oct. 15, 1966 and is a charter member of the chapter which was organized in August 1966. Her Patriot is James Smith of Virginia. Chapter Regent Patricia Ayers presented the certificate to Barnes at her home “Shore Acres” in Pocomoke City. The DAR is a women’s service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America’s future through better education. For more information, visit www.dar.org.

Gems’ tea honors county women

(Oct. 20, 2016) The Worcester County Commission for Women, in conjunction with the Friends of the Worcester County Commission for Women, will be celebrating the lives of four extraordinary Worcester County women during a special tea on Sunday, Oct. 30 at the Dunes Manor Hotel on 28th Street in Ocean City.

The event will take place from 2-4 p.m.

The Gems’ Tea honors local

women whose exemplary lives have influenced others to contribute to Worcester County’s history in various ways.

This year, Vicki Nock of Berlin, Barbara Purnell of Berlin, Ann Coates of Snow Hill and Annette Wallace of Pocomoke will be honored. These women will share their life experiences with interviewer Jack Barnes, resulting in a DVD that captures their history.

The Oral History DVD will be pre-

sented to all branches within the Worcester County Library system and may be viewed in the future to serve as an inspiration to other women in the county.

For reservations, checks should be made payable to: FWCCW and mailed to Lou Etta McClafin, 11108 Dale Road, Whaleyville, Maryland 21872 by Monday, Oct. 24. The cost is \$25 per person.

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EMOTION

BY TOM MCCOY / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

ACROSS

1 Full of sound and fury

8 Shampooing, e.g.

16 Hemsworth of "The Hunger Games"

20 Mine craft?

21 Endanger

22 ____-European

23 Goodyear's carefully guarded secrets?

25 Neutral tone

26 Title for Palpatine or Amidala in "Star Wars": Abbr.

27 Lose it

28 Novelist Pierre

29 Polynesian inn locale, maybe

31 Unnerve

33 Revision that satisfies both author and publisher?

35 Offspring

38 Jog the memory of

40 Amer. money

41 U.F.O. pilots

42 "Would you like me to?"

44 Be inclined (to)

45 Increases

48 What a pianist uses for triple-time pieces?

50 "Principia Discordia" figure

51 ____ donna

55 Ready

56 Japanese honorific

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57 Country with the smallest national capital in the European Union (about 9,000 people)

59 Fall times: Abbr.

60 Scalawag

63 Result of a Morton's factory explosion?

67 Eng. or hist.

68 Strange and unsettling

69 "Stay" singer Lisa

70 Skater boys?

74 Absorbs

76 Count in Lemony Snicket books

77 Director's circle?

78 Reaction to a puppy video, say

79 First in command?

81 Nurse

83 ____ Kringle

84 Dating site?

88 Dependent (on)

90 Unleavened cornbread

91 Makeup of many a tribal council

92 "Eww!"

95 El ____

96 Ones making lots of bucks?

98 Sap

99 Privileged time period?

103 Mulligans, e.g.

105 Purveyor

106 Make or break, e.g.

107 Nary ____

108 Team V.I.P.

111 Flock

112 Color used by teams from both San Jose and Jacksonville?

117 Like much of Chile

118 Strict disciplinarian

119 Rehnquist's successor as chief justice

120 Unit of force

121 Self-government

122 Place to rub elbows?

DOWN

1 Follower of John

2 Rhyme for "door" and "more" in the first verse of "The Raven"

3 Gone flat?

4 Giving chicken soup or a foot rub, informally

5 Comics exclamation

6 Get in the loop?

7 Money in 74-Down

8 URL start

9 Reaction to a foot rub

10 Country whose capital is known to natives as Baile Átha Cliath

11 Related in a different way

12 Magna ____

13 Got room service, say

14 Mens ____

15 Like the coda of "Hey Jude," seemingly

16 Feudal superior

17 12 9 11 5 20 8 9 19 3 12 21 5

18 Adept

19 Gun supporters

24 Something not picked up at the beach

30 Make sense

31 "Mr." of "Star Trek"

32 Athlete on Time's list of the 100 most influential people of the 20th century

33 Hamstring

34 Ridge with a gentle slope on one side and a steep slope on the other

35 Ideologies

36 One starting

37 You might wish upon it

39 Chaps

43 "Hey, whatever pays the bills"

45 Is annoying

46 The "palm" and "olive" of Palmolive

47 Orwellian hoi polloi

49 Malicious fictional computer

50 Something to shoot off

52 Kind of challenge

53 N.Y.C. org. that operates 24/7

54 Pose

58 Words before a chivalrous act

61 Try to win

62 "The Price Is Right" ailer

63 Diamond's Lou

64 Orchestra section

65 "... ____ he drove out of sight"

66 Blouse, e.g.

701 / , 2/, 3/, etc.

71 "Da ____ G Show"

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72 Retirement-community restriction

73 Give a heads-up

74 Neighbor of Den.

75 Equals

78 Was humiliated

80 Place to buy handmade goods online

82 Ecological role

84 What Artemis is the goddess of

85 ____ Taylor (apparel store)

86 Pet food brand

87 Nutrition amts.

89 Model for an artist, maybe

90 For free

92 Bleak assessment of a situation

93 Optimistic

94 Temperature unit

96 "God Bless America" composer

97 Term of address with a tilde

100 Partner in crime

101 Turn inside out

102 "Goody!"

104 Ornamentation

107 Part of D.A.: Abbr.

108 Swamp

109 Nov. honorees

110 Covert "Hey!"

113 Torque symbol

114 Like "alumna": Abbr.

115 49-Down, with each letter shifted one place later in the alphabet (coincidence?)

116 Thrive, in prescriptions

CAR announces board of directors during ceremony

(Oct. 20, 2016) The Coastal Association of Realtors (CAR) installed its 2016-2017 Board of Directors during a special ceremony recently at Lighthouse Sound in Bishopville.

Donald Bailey, a Realtor for Coldwell Banker Residential in Salisbury, was installed as president of the association's board.

"It is an honor to serve as president of the Coastal Association of Realtors for the upcoming year," Bailey said. "This year, we will focus heavily on continuing education for our membership, while also working to raise money for my charity of choice – Habitat for Humanity."

Bailey was installed by Dean Cottrill, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, Mid-Atlantic.

The following members were also installed during the ceremony by Shelly Murray, 2016-17 president of the Maryland Association of Realtors:

President Elect: Joel Maher, Coldwell Banker Residential, Salisbury

Vice President: Terrence McGowan, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices PenFed Realty, Ocean City

Secretary: Bernie Flax, EXIT Realty at the Beach, Ocean Pines

Treasurer: Joni Martin-



The Coastal Association of Realtors (CAR) installed its 2016-2017 Board of Directors. Pictured, in back, from left are Director Jeff Powell, Vice President Terrence McGowan, Director Joseph Wilson, Directors Brandon Johnson, Courtney Wright and Grace Masten, and Secretary Bernie Flax; and in front, Treasurer Joni Martin-Williamson, President Elect Joel Maher, Immediate Past President Linda Moran, President Donald Bailey and Director Tony Prochazka.

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Williamson, ERA Martin Associates, Salisbury

Immediate Past President: Linda Moran, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices, PenFed Realty, West Ocean City

Directors: Joseph Wilson, Condominium Realty, Ocean City; Court-

ney Wright, Condominium Realty, Ocean City; Jeff Powell, Powell Real Estate, Salisbury; Tony Prochazka, Vantage Resort Realty, Ocean City; Brandon Johnson, ERA Martin Associates, Salisbury; and Grace Masten, Sea Grace at North Beach Realtors, Ocean City.

"We truly feel we have an exceptional Board of Directors this year and we are grateful to them for their service," said Page Browning, executive vice President of CAR. "We're looking for them to lead our association into an exciting and successful year at CAR."



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Oct. 22: Tear the Roof Off, 7 p.m.

BJ'S ON THE WATER

75th Street and the bay
Ocean City
410-524-7575
www.bjsonthewater.com
Oct. 21: Monkee Paw, 9 p.m.
Oct. 22: Dust N Bones, 9 p.m.
Oct. 26: 2 Guys & A Mama, 5 p.m.
Oct. 27: Bettenroo, 8 p.m.

BOURBON STREET ON THE BEACH

116th Street, behind Fountain Head Towers Condominium
Ocean City
443-664-2896
www.bourbonstreetonthebeach.com
Oct. 21: Ricky & Lennon LaRicci, 7-10 p.m.
Oct. 22: Reform School, 7-10 p.m.
Oct. 23: Just Jay, 6-9 p.m.
Oct. 26: Open Mic 7-11 p.m.
Every Thursday: Dave Sherman & Chris Button, 7-10 p.m.

CAPTAIN'S TABLE

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

CASINO AT OCEAN DOWNS

10218 Racetrack Road
Berlin
410-641-0600
www.oceandowns.com
Oct. 21: Tear the Roof Off, 5:30-9:30 p.m.
Oct. 22: Everett Spells, 4:30-8:30 p.m.; Monkee Paw Duo, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

DUFFY'S TAVERN

130th Street in the Montego Bay Shopping Center
410-250-1449
www.duffysoc.com
Every Friday: Bob Hughes, 5-9 p.m.

FAGER'S ISLAND

60th Street and the bay
Ocean City
410-524-5500
www.fagers.com
Oct. 21: DJ Hook, 9 p.m.; Side Arm, 9:30 p.m.
Oct. 22: DJ Groove, 9 p.m.; Animal House, 9:30 p.m.
Oct. 23: Everett Spells, brunch
Oct. 24: Bryan Clark, 6 p.m.

HARBORSIDE BAR & GRILL

12841 S. Harbor Road
West Ocean City
410-213-1846
www.ocharborside.com
Oct. 21: DJ Billy T, 4 p.m.
Oct. 22: Simple Truth/Side Project, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m.
Oct. 23: Opposite Directions, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Billy T, 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 26: Karaoke w/DJ Jeremy
Oct. 27: Opposite Directions, 9 p.m.

to 1 a.m.

HARPOON HANNA'S

Route 54 and the bay
Fenwick Island, Del.
800-227-0525
302-539-3095
www.harpoonhannasrestaurant.com
Oct. 21: Dave Hawkins, 5-10 p.m.
Oct. 22: Ray Holiday, 6-10 p.m.
Oct. 27: Kevin Poole, 6-10 p.m.

M.R. DUCKS

Talbot Street and the bay
Ocean City
410-289-9125
www.mrducks.com
Oct. 21: DJ Batman, 5 p.m.
Oct. 22: Kevin Poole, 3 p.m.

OCEAN CLUB NIGHTCLUB

In the Horizons Restaurant
In the Clarion Fontainebleau Hotel
101st Street and the ocean
Ocean City
410-524-3535
www.clarionoc.com
Every Wednesday-Sunday: DJ Dusty, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Oct. 21-22: Power Play, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.

PURPLE MOOSE

Boardwalk, between Talbot and Caroline streets
Ocean City
410-289-6953
www.purplemoosesaloon.com
Oct. 21: Fuzzbox Piranha, 9 p.m.
Oct. 22: CK the DJ/VJ, 2 p.m.; Fuzzbox Piranha, 9 p.m.

SEACRETS

49th Street and the bay
Ocean City
410-524-4900
www.seacrets.com
Oct. 21: DJ Tuff, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; The Benderz, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
Oct. 22: Darcy Dawn & Company, 5-9 p.m.; Full Circle Duo, 5-9 p.m. DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; The Lunatics, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; Steal The Sky, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
Oct. 27: Name That Drink Contest & Ocean 98's "Live Lixx" Concert, Shelby Blondell, 6-7 p.m.; Bryan Russo & The Tragic Figures & Ocean 98's "Live Lixx" Concert, 7-8:30 p.m.

SKYE RAW BAR & GRILLE

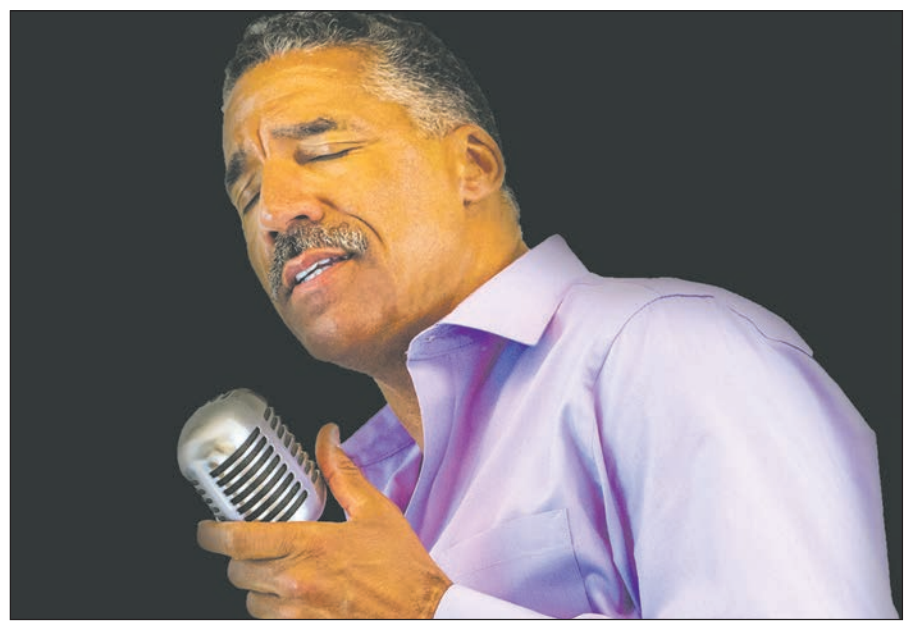
66th Street, bayside
Ocean City
410-723-6762
www.skyebaroc.com
Oct. 21: Angeline Leech, 4-8 p.m.
Oct. 22: Elwood Bishop Trio, 4-8 p.m.

TOUCH OF ITALY

67th Street and Coastal Highway, in the Holiday Inn Oceanfront
Ocean City
302-703-3090
Every Tuesday: Piano Bar w/Bryan Russo, 9 p.m.

WHISKER'S BAR & GRILL

11070 Cathell Road, Suite 17
Pines Plaza, Ocean Pines
443-365-2576
www.whiskersbar.com
Oct. 21: Karaoke w/Donnie Berkey, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.



BRYAN CLARK
Fager's Island: Monday, October 24, 6 p.m.



OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS
Harborside Bar & Grill: Sunday, October 23, 2-6 p.m.

A white ceramic cup filled with black coffee, sitting on a dark wooden surface.

A stack of newspapers, including the "Bayside Gazette" and "OC Today", with a tablet displaying the "OC Today" website on top of them.

A hand holding a white smartphone, displaying the "OC Today" website.

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Calendar

THU, OCT. 20

FALL RESTAURANT WEEK

All Day Participating restaurants will offer special, fixed-price menus. No passes, tickets or coupons needed. Go to the website for list of participating restaurants. <http://www.oceancityrestaurantweek.com>

PINE'EER CRAFT CLUB MEETING

Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 9:45 a.m. Refreshments served at 9:45 a.m., business meeting at 10 a.m. Following the meeting there will be a glass painting demonstration with Claudia Ford Cianci of Art-C. Sharon Puser, 410-208-3032

FLU SHOT CLINIC

Health Fair at Holy Savior Catholic Church, 1705 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Must be 13 years old. If you are allergic to eggs, consult with your health care provider. Donations made during the Flu Clinics will help offset the cost of future Flu Clinics. 410-641-9FLU (9358)

HOLY SAVIOR HEALTH FAIR

Holy Savior, 1705 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Featuring carotid screenings, bone density screening, dreamscape, blood pressure and flu shots as well as other health information. Free and open to the public. Dawn, ddenton@atlanticgeneral.org, 410-641-9268, <http://www.atlanticgeneral.org/calendar>

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

BEACH SINGLES

Harpoon Hanna's, 39064 Harpoon Road, Fenwick Island, DE, 4 to 7 p.m. Every Thursday, Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour. Arlene or Kate, 302-436-9577 or 410-524-0649

FREE FINANCIAL SEMINAR

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

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>

OC NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS MEETING

Northside Park Recreation Complex's Community Room, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD, 7 p.m. Ocean City Recreation and Parks is holding a public meeting to discuss Northside Park located on 125th Street,

bayside. 410-250-0125

FRI, OCT. 21

FALL RESTAURANT WEEK

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FREE INTRODUCTORY PICKLEBALL CLINICS

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, Ocean Pines, MD, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Every Friday through Dec. 16. Free clinic for brand new players. Registration is required by calling 410-641-7052.

FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, 11242 Racetrack Road, Berlin, MD, 3:30 to 7 p.m. Featuring carnival-style kids' games, face painting, hay rides, pumpkin painting and more. There will also be a trunk-or-treat contest. For a \$10 fee, decorate your trunk or truck bed with family friendly themes and hand out candy. Prizes awarded. A variety of food and refreshments available for sale. Pam Houck, Phouck@mbscs.org

3RD ANNUAL ZOMBIE 5K/1 MILE WALK

John Walter Smith Park, 6030 Public Landing Road, Snow Hill, MD, 5 p.m. Open registration begins at 5 p.m., race begins at 6 p.m. Registration fee is \$25 for the 5K and \$20 for the 1-mile walk. Families of 4 can register for the 5K course for \$90 and the 1-mile course for \$70. An additional \$5 for registering day of the event. Prizes awarded to top runners. Participants are invited to dress in costume. Benefiting WCRP youth scholarship fund. Lea Cataggio, lcataggio@co.worcester.md.us, 410-632-2144, Ext. 2509, <http://www.WorcesterRecandParks.org>

FAMILY FUN NIGHT PUMPKIN PAINTING

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 6 to 8 p.m. Attendees may bring their own pumpkins or purchase one for \$6 (limited quantity). All decorations and paint will be provided. Cost is \$5 for Ocean Pines residents and \$6 for non-residents. Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, 410-641-7052

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

SAT, OCT. 22

FALL RESTAURANT WEEK

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MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER 5K WALK/RUN

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

Ocean City Inlet Parking Lot, 806 Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, MD, 7:30 a.m. Check-in at 7:30 a.m. The 5K run begins at 9 a.m. and walk starts approximately 9:15 a.m. Pre-register online at www.makingstideswalk.org/oceancitymd. Advance registration is \$35 for the 5K; the walk is free. Participants will receive a T-shirt. Top finishers and fundraisers receive awards. Jamie Barrett, jamie.barrett@cancer.org, 410-726-3230

DELMARVA HERITAGE DAYS

Delmarva Discovery Center & Museum, 2 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Learn about the art of decoy carving, watch a live carving demonstration and get feedback from an expert on your own decoy. Children can participate in a "Paint a Wooden Duck Silhouette" instruction. Assateague and Barrier Island Hunt Clubs, as well as Market & Outlaw Gunners will be sharing their hunting stories. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Two-day tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children. Members are free. amy@DelmarvaDiscoveryCenter.org, 410-957-9933, <http://www.DelmarvaDiscoveryCenter.org>

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 korn, flowers, artisan breads, seafood, meats and more. 410-641-7717, Ext. 3006

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

FREE FINANCIAL SEMINAR

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 to 11 a.m. Identity theft will be the topic of this seminar. Robert Mullen will share how thieves obtain personal information and how to reduce your risk. Advance registration is required. Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, 410-641-7052

O.C.TOBERFEST BEACH MAZE

Ocean City beach at N. Division Street, Atlantic Avenue at N. Division Street, Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Family fun beach maze featuring wicked witches, pirates of the sand, scary scarecrows, ghouls in the graveyard, creepy clowns, zombies and more. Admission is free. <http://specialeventpro.com/oc-toberfest>

O.C.TOBERFEST BOUNCING ON THE BEACH

Ocean City Beach on the north side of the Amusement Pier, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Two terrific inflatable bounce houses and slides. A 5-in-1 combo and Tropical Wave Slide will be available. Admission is free. <http://www.ococean.com>

O.C.TOBERFEST BIG TOYS ON THE BOARDWALK

Ocean City Boardwalk Amusement Pier, 401

S Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, MD, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The walkway around the amusement pier will be lined with vehicles to touch, climb in, take photos with and enjoy. Including vehicles such as an Ocean City beach tractor, wheel loader, articulating bus, Beach Patrol ATV, Ocean City Police Cruiser, Boat and more. <http://www.ococean.com>

AMERICAN APPLE FESTIVAL

Berlin Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, 9715 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 12 to 3 p.m. Featuring live music by Randy Lee Ashcraft, face painting, kids games, raffles, hot dogs, hamburgers, French fries, apple pies, popcorn, son-cones, Magee Farms Farmer's market and a classic car show with trophies. All proceeds benefit the Resident's Activity Fund and the Alzheimer's Association. Take lawn chairs. Angie Latham or Heather Cormack, 410-629-6116 or 410-629-6123

O.C.TOBERFEST HOWL-O-WEEN PET PARADE

Ocean City Boardwalk at N. Division Street, Atlantic Avenue and N. Division Street, Ocean City, MD, 12 p.m. Event offers lots of prizes and surprises for best-dressed pets, family and friends. While the event is free to participate, donations of pet supplies and monetary donations will be collected to benefit the Worcester County Humane Society. Registration begins at noon, parade starts at 1 p.m. <https://specialeventpro.com/oc-toberfest>

TOWN CATS KITTEN CARNIVAL AND ADOPTION

OC Pet Spa, 9808 Stephen Decatur Highway #1, West Ocean City, MD, 12 to 4 p.m. Bounce house, games, food, prizes, vendors and lots of kittens with special low adoption fees. Take your leashed costumed pets. Rain date is Sunday, same times.

2016 HOMETOWN HEROES MILITARY BANNER PRESENTATION CEREMONY

Ocean City Elks Lodge #2645, 13708 Sinepuxent Road, Ocean City, MD, 2 p.m. Featuring 24 local, living, World War Veterans and 16 Active Duty members of the various branches of our Armed Forces. The public is welcome. Pat Riordan, 443-623-6162, 91454@mchsi.com

6TH ANNUAL DRIVE IN DISGUISE BOARDWALK PARADE

Ocean City Boardwalk at 27th Street, Atlantic Avenue and 27th Street, Ocean City, MD, 3 p.m. Residents and visitors with a vintage Ocean City license plate are invited to ride down the Boardwalk. Anyone wishing to decorate their car will also be invited to participate. Decorated bicycles and riders also welcome. The parade will proceed along the Boardwalk from 27th Street to the inlet parking lot. There is no fee to participate for those with an Ocean City "vintage" plate, a \$25 donation fee for all others. Proceeds benefit the Ocean City Downtown Association. To obtain a city vintage plate go to www.oceancitymd.gov. Nancy Howard, neffiehoward@comcast.net, 443-235-4405, <http://www.downtownassociation.net>

TOWNCENTER BOO-ARDWALK PET & PAL COSTUME PARADE

Calendar

67th St. TownCenter, 6701 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 3:30 to 5 p.m. Little Goblins are encouraged to dress their pets in costume to ‘parade’ around the Town-Center Boardwalk and collect a “treat” from each merchant. SweetFrog will feature their mascot “Cookie” and a prize wheel. Stay and enjoy Mione’s and Long-board Café’s children’s menus. Held rain or shine. Patti, 443-880-7795

O.C.TOBERFEST TRUNK OR TREAT
Ocean City Boardwalk north of the Amusement Pier, 401 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, MD, 3:45 p.m. Drive in Disguise participants have the option of participating in this candy and treat give-away. The event will last as long as the participants have treats to give. <http://www.ococean.com>

ROCKTOBERFEST FISHING TOURNAMENT
Bahia Marina, 2107 Herring Way, Ocean City, MD, 4 p.m. A 24-hour rockfish tournament. Prizes awarded fro heaviest rockfish, flounder, trout, tautog and an open category. Concludes with the awards banquet around an “Eastern Shore” bonfire and pig roast on the beach at Fish Tales. <http://www.ocrocktoberfest.com>

3RD ANNUAL ‘FLAMES AT THE FURNACE’ BARBECUE FUNDRAISER
Furnace Town Living Heritage Village, 3816 Old Furnace Road, Snow Hill, MD, 5 to 8 p.m. Dress is casual for this southern barbecue with craft and domestic beer and wine served. Silent and live auctions, raffle and door prizes. Live music by Apple & Brit. Tickets cost \$30 and can be purchased at Furnace Town by calling 410-632-2032 or online at www.eventbrite.com.

SUN, OCT. 23

FALL RESTAURANT WEEK
Participating restaurants will offer special, fixed-price menus. No passes, tickets or coupons needed. Go to the website for list of participating restaurants. <http://www.oceancityrestaurantweek.com>

ROCKTOBERFEST FISHING TOURNAMENT
Bahia Marina, 2107 Herring Way, Ocean City, MD, 12 a.m. to 4 p.m. A 24-hour rockfish tournament. Prizes awarded fro heaviest rockfish, flounder, trout, tautog and an open category. Concludes with the awards banquet around an “Eastern Shore” bonfire and pig roast on the beach at Fish Tales. <http://www.ocrocktoberfest.com>

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

O.C.TOBERFEST BEACH MAZE
Ocean City beach at N. Division Street, Atlantic Avenue at N. Division Street, Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Family fun beach maze featuring wicked witches, pirates of the sand, scary scarecrows, ghouls in the graveyard, creepy clowns, zombies and more. Admission is free. [\[cialeventpro.com/oc-toberfest\]\(http://cialeventpro.com/oc-toberfest\)

O.C.TOBERFEST BOUNCING ON THE BEACH
Ocean City Beach on the north side of the Amusement Pier, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Two terrific inflatable bounce houses and slides. A 5-in-1 combo and Tropical Wave Slide will be available. Admission is free. <http://www.ococean.com>](http://spe-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

DELMARVA HERITAGE DAYS
Delmarva Discovery Center & Museum, 2 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 12 to 4 p.m. Learn about the art of decoy carving, watch a live demonstration and get feedback from an expert on your own decoy. Children can participate in a “Paint a Wooden Duck Silhouette” instruction. Assateague and Barrier Island Hunt Clubs, as well as Market & Outlaw Gunners will be sharing hunting stories. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Two-day tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children. Members are free. amy@DelmarvaDiscoveryCenter.org, 410-957-9933, <http://www.DelmarvaDiscoveryCenter.org>

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

WORCESTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY’S ANNUAL FALL DINNER
Dunes Manor Hotel, 2800 Baltimore Ave., Ocean City, MD, 1 p.m. Hunter “Bunk” Mann’s talk will focus on the history of Ocean City from the 1940’s to the late 1950’s — problems faced locally during World War II and the growth that followed. Open to the public. Tickets cost \$25 and can be purchased by sending a check to Robert Fisher, 230 S. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD 21863.

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

MON, OCT. 24

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 contribution is \$1 weekly. Bett, 410-202-9078

FREE ATHLETIC INJURIES SEMINAR
Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 9 to 10 a.m. Atlantic General Hospital’s Dr. Dan Pascucci will share how to prevent common athletic injuries. Learn how to protect joints while remaining active and healthy. Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, 410-641-7052, <http://www.OceanPines.org>

7TH ANNUAL LOCAL’S APPRECIATION WEEK
Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum,

813 S Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum is offering free admission and 10 percent off gift shop purchases to any visitor who considers themselves a “local” (anyone who loves Ocean City and considers it their home for a day, month, year). <http://www.ocmuseum.org>

FREE HEALTH SEMINAR
Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Back in Action Physical Therapy and Kappes Wellness Centers will discuss posture, including negative health effects of poor posture and strategies to improve it. Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, 410-641-7052, <http://www.OceanPines.org>

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

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 capella singing welcome. 410-641-6876

DELMARVA WOMEN’S A CAPELLA CHORUS GUEST NIGHT
Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 7 p.m. Music, laughter, fellowship and lots of singing. Jean Beatty, 410-208-4149

TUE, OCT. 25

SNOW HILL ROTARY CLUB MEETING
All Hallows Church Parish House, 109 W. Market Street, Snow Hill, MD, 7:30 a.m. Contact agibb1@verizon.net or 410-546-1978 for more information.

FREE WOMEN’S HEART PROGRAM
Pocomoke Public Library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Screening assessments will be performed on board the Wagner Wellness Van. Appointments are required. Women choosing to participate must not currently be under the care of a cardiologist or have a known history of heart disease. 410-543-7026

7TH ANNUAL LOCAL’S APPRECIATION WEEK
Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum, 813 S Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum is offering free admission and 10 percent off gift shop purchases to any visitor who considers themselves a “local” (anyone who loves Ocean City and considers it their home for a day, month, year). <http://www.ocmuseum.org>

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING
Worcester County Health Center, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Berlin group 331. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly. jean-duck47@gmail.com

POLL WATCHERS’ ORIENTATION SESSION
Republican Headquarters, 11934 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City, MD, 7 p.m. The Worcester County Republican Committee is seeking Poll Watchers to insure election integrity. Poll Watcher are requested to attend a one-hour orientation session. Grant Helvey, 410-430-7282

MARYLAND SALTWATER SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING
Lion’s Club, 12534 Airport Road, Ocean City, MD, 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. There will be a guest speaker scheduled from the Maryland Coastal Bays Program. Open to the public.

WED, OCT. 26

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

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Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum, 813 S Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum is offering free admission and 10 percent off gift shop purchases to any visitor who considers themselves a “local” (anyone who loves Ocean City and considers it their home for a day, month, year). <http://www.ocmuseum.org>

FLU SHOT CLINIC
Atlantic General Women’s Health, 38394 Dupont Blvd., Unit H, Selbyville, DE, 1 to 4 p.m. Vaccines should be repeated each year. Must be 13 years old. If you are allergic to eggs, consult with your health care provider. Donations made during the Flu Clinics will help offset the cost of future Flu Clinics. 410-641-9FLU (9358)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SIMPLE SUPPER
Columbus Hall (behind St. Luke’s Church), 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 5 to 7 p.m. This month is Italian Sausage subs and a make your own salad bar. Takes place the last Wednesday of each month. Full meal for only \$7. Cash bar. 410-524-7994

DELMARVA HAND DANCE CLUB
Elks Lodge, 13708 Sinepuxent Ave., Ocean City, MD, 5:30 to 9 p.m. Jitterbug, swing, cha-cha and Carolina Beach music. Meets every Wednesday. dance@delmarvahanddancing.com, 302-200-3262, <http://delmarvahanddancing.com>

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

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

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