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FREE LIBRARY OPEN

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams and 7-year-old Ellie Zollinger cut the ribbon on the new Little Free Library in Henry Park on Saturday. Also pictured is Claire Bohlen. See story on page 6.

New OP medical center reignites traffic concerns

By Brian Gilliland
Staff Writer

(Oct. 29, 2015) Offering the largest and densest population in the county, Ocean Pines is a prime target for businesses and services. The only drawback is access.

Route 589, the major connector between routes 90 and 50, is ripe for development and has added a number of facilities over the years. The road itself, however, is almost entirely a two-way throughway that lends itself to delays, short stops and frazzled emotions.

A new facility opened by Peninsula Regional Medical Center collecting a number of medical services has picked the scab off the debate, but, in the end, there isn't much that can be done.

"Realistically I don't think there will be funding until 2030," Commissioner Chip Bertino said. "We submitted 589 as one of our priority projects to the State Highway Administration recently, but the dualization of [Route] 113 remains a top priority."

Formerly an annual process, the SHA occasionally solicits counties asking them to define priority projects. For many years, and continuing this year, the dualization of Route 113 has been the sole defined project in Worcester County.

According to Development Review and Permitting Director Ed Tudor, the SHA no longer reminds counties to submit projects on an annual basis, but he suggested the commissioners sent a letter anyway during the most recent meeting of county government last week.

The commissioners unanimously agreed to keep Route 113 as their sole formal request, but included several additional informational items, including replacing the Route 50 drawbridge in Ocean City, dualizing Route 90 from the Route 589 interchange to the resort, and expanding Route 589.

"With money anything can be done, but the best we can do now is monitor traffic and monitor the SHA to ensure all parties are engaged," Bertino said. "It's my impression that

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Berlin inks deal with Dollar General

Nearly year-long struggle by developer ends; new store planned for Route 113

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Oct. 29, 2015) After nearly a year of back and forth between developer Oxford Chase and the Berlin Planning Commission – and at least one trip to Worcester County Circuit Court – the Town of Berlin has come to an agreement that should bring a new Dollar General store at the intersection of routes 113 and 376.

It also could set in motion two other projects that would have their own impact on the community.

Oxford Chase originally sought a permit in December 2014 to build a Dollar General at the intersection of Old Ocean City Boulevard and Healthway Drive. In March, however, the Berlin Planning Commission unanimously

recommended a veto of the site plan because of what it saw as traffic problems.

Planning Director Dave Engelhart agreed with the recommendation and signed the veto, and the developer went to court to force a hearing before the Berlin Board of Appeals.

The appeals board, however, sided with the planning commission and in June Oxford Chase again filed a suit. A second trial date was set in the circuit court for Dec. 15.

Now, it appears the developer and the town have come to an agreement with an entirely new site for the store.

During a public meeting on Monday, the Town Council voted 3-0 to authorize Berlin Mayor Gee Williams to sign a contract, selling a 1.67-acre parcel of land at the corner of Route 113 and Assateague Road (376) for approximately \$296,000.

The final purchase will depend on a site plan that determines the actual square footage of the property. According to the contract, the town and Oxford

Chase agreed to a rate of \$4.0742 per square foot.

As part of the agreement, Oxford Chase agreed to drop its case in circuit court.

The land is part of a 5.29-acre parcel of land owned by the town that also would include a police station and a new community center in the future, Berlin Mayor Gee Williams said during the Monday town meeting.

Also stipulated in the contract is that Oxford Chase and the town would split the cost of a traffic study concerning all three developments.

Williams said the town had been in discussions with the developer during closed meetings for some time and he characterized the discussions as "up-front and businesslike."

The new police station, Williams said, would likely start construction "about this time next year." He added that Berlin police had been dealing with

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Bertino: I don't think there will be funding [for 589] until 2030

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everyone is engaged."

For their part, the SHA said their own hands are tied to a previous study of Route 589 patterns conducted some years ago, but pointed towards a Nov. 10 meeting with county officials to outline concerns.

"We can only mandate things like right-in, right-out where the business frontage is concerned," explained David Buck, spokesman for the SHA. "Clearly there is a cumulative effect above and be-

yond what we can do."

Buck said projects are evaluated on an individual basis, and the SHA must work with each developer on individual projects.

Worcester and Wicomico counties are scheduled to meet with transportation officials on Nov. 10 to evaluate a six-year plan, Buck said. Previously, the meetings with Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset were each held on the same day, but Somerset's was held last month instead. No reason for the change was given.



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The opening of the new Delmarva Health Pavilion in Ocean Pines recently reignited the traffic debate on Route 589.

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The Dollar General, currently located in a shopping center on Old Ocean City Boulevard in Berlin, is likely moving to the corner of Assateague Road and Route 113 in the near future, following a deal struck with the town and approved by the Town Council on Monday.

Dollar General deal includes developer dropping lawsuit

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an inadequate facility for a number of years and predicted the new station would serve the town “at least through the mid-century.”
Of the new community center, Williams did not offer a timeline, but said, “we’re not talking decades anymore.”
Berlin originally bought the parcel of land in 2010 using casino revenue, according to Williams.
“This is one part of a process that helps this town accomplish a number of goals that some folks have been wanting literally for decades,” Williams said on Monday. “I think this helps accelerate the development of that neighborhood

for the benefit of the entire community.”
Councilmember Thom Gulyas made the motion, which passed unanimously. Two councilmembers, Lisa Hall and Troy Purnell, were absent during the meeting.
“This is the first in a series of things that I think that everyone involved will be able to look back on with a great deal of pride for a long, long time,” Williams said.
Reached for comment on Tuesday, Oxford Chase Vice President John Camp was upbeat, although he admitted a resolution was “close, but not 100 percent.”
“We feel good about it and I want to publically compliment the mayor for his good work,” he said.

‘Track-or-Treat’ at Worcester County rec. center, Oct. 30

(Oct. 29, 2015) Worcester County Recreation & Parks will present Track-or-Treat, a safe trick-or-treat event, at the Worcester County Recreation Center in Snow Hill, Friday, Oct. 30, from 6-8 p.m. The event is open to youth ages 12 and under. Local vendors will have goodies to

hand out to children and kid friendly games will be offered. Children should come dressed in Halloween costumes and bring bags to collect goodies. There is no admission fee for this event, but children must be accompanied by an adult.
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Hearings on Tyson purchase, text amendment set for Nov. 9

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Oct. 29, 2015) Berlin's Mayor and Council introduced a pair of ordinances on Monday that, if passed, could have a major impact on the town's future.

The first, Ordinance 2015-06, updated a zoning text amendment that was pulled from a public hearing during a previous meeting on Sept. 28.

Originally, the amendment allowed the Berlin Planning Commission leeway on the town's zoning code restrictions on the size of multi-family dwelling projects if a development plan served "public necessity, convenience, general welfare and good zoning practice."

That amendment, however, would have placed no limit on the number of dwelling units a project might have.

Several public objections, as well as objections by at least one councilmember, caused attorney Mark Cropper, representing the Rinnier Development Company, to pull the measure.

Then, following a planning commission meeting on Oct. 14, a new version of the amendment was passed with a ceiling of 36 dwelling units.

The second ordinance introduced on Monday (2015-07) set in motion a \$3 million bond that would be used to buy the former Tyson's Chicken plant on Old Ocean City Boulevard, which the town plans to transform into a recreation facility.

During the meeting, Mayor Gee Williams said public support for the project had been "consistent and vocal," especially during the series of strategic planning sessions held last winter.

The council voted to purchase the property in December subject to the results of an appraisal as well as environmental and feasibility studies. The appraisal and environmental reports came back to the town's satisfaction, and Williams said he expected the results of the feasibility study to be presented soon.

Specifics on the exact use of the property were not available, although Williams said "nothing's off the table at this point."

"There are a lot of exciting possibilities," he said. "Stay tuned."

If the ordinance is approved, the town could close on the property by early next year, he said.

A public hearing on both ordinances will be held during the next Town Council meeting, on Monday, Nov. 9.

Memorial dedicated to Dr. William Henry at Berlin park

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Oct. 29, 2015) Berlin officials last Saturday dedicated a new memorial to former Berlin resident Dr. William Henry at his namesake park on Flower Street.

Mayor Gee Williams, councilmembers Elroy Brittingham, Dean Burrell, Thom Gulyas and Lisa Hall were in attendance, along with former Worcester County NAACP President Dr. Roxie Dennis.

Henry was an elementary school and college teacher and supervisor during a career that spanned from 1924-1967. He was the supervisor of Worcester County schools from 1932-1942 and president of Bowie State Teacher's College — now Bowie State University — from 1942-1967.

"Community is what it honors. More importantly, community ultimately becomes what it honors," Williams said, describing the blue-skied scene at the park as a "perfect day."

Williams hinted at a tremendous amount of racial progress in the town during and since the time of Henry, an African-American.

He said the values of Berlin, of which Henry was a key symbol, happened over generations and thanks

to "higher ideals."

"Those ideals that are now shared community values [are] diversity, education, opportunity and mutual self-respect," he said. "What a great legacy for a man."

"These are all important values that we share, and I can't be more honored to be the mayor at this time," Williams added.

Dennis called the memorial "a long time coming," but said it was worth the wait.

She said Henry, educated in Worcester County, devoted his life to children and to education, serving in a number of different capacities in the field and organizing education programs and departments throughout the state.

He had three children with his wife, Mary Holy Henry.

"Dr. William Edward Henry's legacy was a life ... dedicated to the education of young people, from elementary to the college level," she said. "He was a teacher, an administrator and a college president who was intent ... on educating students and encouraging them to succeed."

"The Henry Park, and now the dedication of this statue, is a great way to honor and remember his contributions," Dennis added.

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Dr. Roxie Dennis speaks during a dedication ceremony at Henry Park on Saturday.

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Town staff pose with 7-year-old Berlin resident Ellie Zollinger moments after a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Little Free Library at Henry Park. Pictured, from left, are councilmembers Lisa Hall, Thom Gulyas and Elroy Brittingham, Mayor Gee Williams, Councilmember Dean Burrell and Town Administrator Laura Allen.

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‘Free’ Library opens on Flower Street

Mayor Williams, town staff attend ribbon cutting with 7-year-old native, Zollinger

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Oct. 29, 2015) Moments after Berlin officials dedicated a new memorial to Dr. William Henry at Henry Park last Saturday, Mayor Gee Williams and 7-year-old Emily Zollinger cut the ribbon on a new Little Free Library.

Housed in a wooden case roughly the size of a large mailbox, the library, situated just a few feet away from the memorial, included children’s books donated by the Town of Berlin.

Zollinger visited a similar Little Free Library, part of a national “take a book, leave a book” nonprofit campaign, at Ben’s Red Swings in Salis-

bury earlier this year. She said that library inspired her to establish her own branch at the park on Flower Street.

With help from her mother, she sought and won the approval of the Town Council last month.

Along with donated books, Zollinger’s library includes several volumes from her own collection.

“From one generation to the next, we are provided with an opportunity to carry forth the torch of human progress towards a better future for all of those who follow,” Williams said. “So often we confine our expectations in social and civic responsibilities to the adults, or even just the eldest that are among us.”

Williams said the occasion was an opportunity to “tie the past to the future.”

“We can all learn by example from

citizens of any age,” he said. “Berlin’s own Ellie Zollinger, a second grade student at Buckingham Elementary, today is leading by example. And I hope and trust that we all will gain inspiration from Ellie’s example this morning.

“None of us should ever forget that no one is ever too young or too old to make a lasting difference in the lives of our fellow citizens,” Williams added.

Town Administrator Laura Allen presented Zollinger with a stack of books collected at the Visitor’s Center during the previous month for the new library.

“I would like to help the people who helped me build this and Town Council for letting me do this,” Zollinger said.

“She’ll be a candidate in about 15 years,” Williams said.

Pines Veteran’s Memorial to host Nov. 11 services

(Oct. 29, 2015) The Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines Foundation invites the community to join in honoring the men and women who have served in the nation’s military on Veterans Day, Nov. 11. The ceremony will begin at 11 a.m.

Memorial co-founder Sharyn O’Hare will serve as master of ceremonies at this year’s event. The guest speaker will be Worcester County Attorney John “Sonny” Bloxom.

Faded or worn American flags may be dropped off before and immediately after the ceremony for disposal at the Flag Retirement Ceremony that will be held at the Veterans Memorial on Saturday, Nov. 14 at 10 a.m.

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Berlin place to be for trick-or-treating, Sat.

By **Brian Gilliland**

Staff Writer

(Oct. 29, 2015) If anything worth doing is worth overdoing, Berlin is overdoing it right.

As the only northern Worcester municipality to make it practical or even encourage trick-or-treaters, Berlin has been drawing thousands from Ocean Pines, the resort and even as far as Salisbury for years.

Residents and business owners have, at worst, taken it in stride and, at best, have highlighted some of the most creative, most elaborate and good-natured Halloween displays on the shore.

Dozens of houses and Main Street businesses will get into the spirit of Halloween by decorating, and in some cases over-decorating, elaborate displays using their homes or shops as a macabre canvas.

For example, Burbage Funeral Home at 108 William Street will once again be decked out as a haunted house and is a necessary stop during Halloween in Berlin.

Ocean City's lack of a central residential core makes trick-or-treating a matter of driving from one neighborhood to the next and Ocean Pines has never allowed trick-or-treating because of the lack of streetlights more than anything else.

Other area small towns and villages don't reach the critical mass required

to become a holiday destination, so Berlin took the Halloween crown and ran with it.

"Due to the popularity of some of our more recent events, we may have as many as 1,000 children trick-or-treating this year," Ivy Wells, economic and development director for the town, said.

To put that in perspective, it's almost one-quarter of the town's population.

Parts of Washington Street will be closed between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday to allow the foot traffic to flow, and while Main Street won't be closed to cars, it might as well be, as hundreds of families will travel the town in pursuit of candy.

Candy that goes quickly, in many cases. Several homeowners and businesses said they expect to give away thousands of pieces of candy in those two hours. One resident confided she sometimes sent her own children out in costume to collect more to be given to other children. Still others said they had reclaimed candy they didn't particularly enjoy from their kids' hauls and used that to keep their houses open for Halloween business.

"If you're not interested in participating or have run out of candy, make sure your porch light is off, or your house is dark. We're pushing the message this year to only visit houses with their lights on," Wells said.

Formally, the town has no involve-

ment in how this holiday has come to be celebrated. Beyond maintaining a police presence to maintain order, a sweet scanning station opening at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall located on William Street and a few barricades, the holiday largely manages itself.

"Minus the Christmas parade, this is our most intense event," Police Chief Arnold Downing said. "Every officer we

have will be out there, along with support from the state police and Worcester County Sheriff's Office."

Downing echoed the two-hour timeframe and reinforced the rule to only approach houses with their lights on.

"It's a family event, so dress up and have a great time. Don't cut through yards, make safe crossings, stay in well-lit areas and stay safe," Downing said.

AGH renovating entryway; project could last 8-12 wks

(Oct. 29, 2015) Atlantic General Hospital will be renovating the entryway to the main lobby area to allow for improved patient and visitor entry and exit.

This two-phase project was slated to begin on Oct. 19 and continue for roughly eight to 12 weeks. During both phases, the main lobby portico will be closed to vehicular traffic. Construction is weather dependent and may change routes for vehicles and pedestrians.

Patients and visitors are encouraged to keep an eye on the Atlantic General Hospital Facebook Page or Twitter (@atlanticgeneral) for the most up-to-date status.

Phase I will entail repairing and improving parking areas. During this

phase, patients and visitors will be able to enter and exit through the main lobby.

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Berlin exploring options with solar garden

Town issues RFQ; array would be shared through grid on subscription basis

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Oct. 29, 2015) Last Thursday, Berlin released a request for qualifications regarding a community solar garden that could help lower energy bills for both businesses and residents in the town.

In a press release issued that day, Mayor Gee Williams touted renewable energy and said the town was looking for "an experienced firm who will be an effective partner as we plan for [the] future."

The release went on to say that the garden would be a "shared solar array with grid-connected subscribers," with homes and business receiving energy credits "as if the panels were on their own roof."

Town Administrator Laura Allen, speaking during a phone interview last week, said the solar garden was consistent with the town's values and follows naturally with its Sustainable Maryland designation.

"I think it's just part of our effort to plan for the town's future power needs in a way that's sustainable," she said.

She noted that Berlin currently

operates a wind turbine, although she admitted "technical issues" have limited its production. Elsewhere in Berlin, she said more than a dozen businesses and residents have individual arrays.

"We've reached to 12-15 of those types of solar customers in town and we've talked to about half of them to get a sense of their interest in the community solar garden concept, and get a handle on why they were interested in solar," she said.

Allen said there are several grant opportunities available to the town to fund the solar gardens, and that Berlin was looking to partner with a "private operator."

"Part of what we're going through the RFQ process to determine is the best way to structure that arrangement," she said, adding that leasing equipment was a possibility. "We're not sure the best way to structure this in the best interest of the town."

Customers – residents and businesses – would be able to subscribe to either a portion of or an entire solar panel, and would receive en-

ergy credits on their electric bills in relation to the amount they subscribed to.

"One of the big questions we need to answer as part of this RFQ process is, is there a market for this or is the market already exhausted," Allen said. "for the people who are interested in solar, have they already done

what they're going to do, or are there more people out there who would be interested in subscribing to something like this?"

If the array was not fully subscribed, Allen said the town would be responsible for purchasing the unused portions.

Asked about a timetable, she said federal solar tax credits were set to expire in December 2016 and that the town was hoping to "get something in place" before the deadline.

Allen also said there was a strong possibility the town passes on the project altogether.

"Depending on the answers that we get [from the RFQ] it may turn out that the timing is just not right for the town to get into this right now," she said. "The market for

power is at a lower point than it has been, so it may not work for the town to get into the community solar garden right now. We don't know until we ask the questions."

Williams, commenting during a separate phone interview last week, said the vast majority of Berlin's power still comes from diesel generation and suggested solar gardens could offer an alternative, if the price is right.

"If this ends up making economic sense for our customers and for the town, then I think it's a natural fit," Williams said. "It dovetails with some of the very fundamental values of Berlin today."

"It gives us an opportunity to lessen our carbon footprint by gradually, overtime [and] this would be at least our beginning on a local level to find a very environmentally responsible alternative for creating energy that would be used by our customers."

He admitted that solar power was still in its infancy, comparing it to the first inning of a baseball game.

"We want to be careful and we want to look at every opportunity, but it has to make sense and it has to make sense for a town of our size," he said. "We have to look at what's practical for our particular system and for our electric customers."

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Williams still big fan of proposed excursion trains

By Brian Gilliland and Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Oct. 29, 2015) Although the Worcester County Commissioners appeared to cool on the idea and a deal is far from inevitable, Berlin Mayor Gee Williams remains a major proponent of the proposed excursion train.

Last week Stone Consulting Vice President Randall Gustafson told the commissioners that its phase two of a \$20,000 feasibility study found that an excursion train could generate \$1.9 million in ticket sales revenue during its first year, versus about \$1.7 in operating costs.

He projected more than 72,000 people riding the train annually, along with \$17.6 million in total revenue to the area, creating more than 470 full-time jobs.

While several proposed paths and starting points were suggested in the study, Williams said a route that started in Berlin and traveled to Showell, "is the option that requires the least amount of up-front investment with the greatest potential return."

"Berlin is not only positioned well geographically, but one of the things they look at is, is their base of operations already a destination? The answer in Berlin's case is absolutely," Williams said. "We are a destination community by design, we have 24 well-established, very successful events and they could piggyback on those events."

During the holiday season, Williams said, the train could offer themed rides like the Polar Express, which he called "the most popular train excursion in the world."

"All of this makes a lot of sense, basing it out of Berlin," he said. "This is also good news for Worcester County, regardless of where it starts. It's all new economic development."

He added that the train would spell good news – not competition – for Ocean City because the majority of tickets would be sold during the shoulder season.

"Anybody who thinks this is a competitive element with Ocean City is definitely stuck on an island in terms of their vision of the 21st century," he said. "The largest single segment of new revenue coming into Worcester County would be in the fall – October, November, December."

"What makes Berlin a destination community without losing our identity and our quality of life is that when people come to our town and enjoy themselves, shop, experience America the way it should be, they [then] go to a hotel or a motel or home," he said, adding that Berlin only had a very limited number of available rooms.

"This is the perfect economic op-
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Mayor calls Berlin ‘an ideal market’ for proposed train

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portunity for Ocean City to have more employment [and] more dollars generated that go back to our local tax base and our local economy, working with Berlin as a partner – certainly not a competitor.”

Williams said that the train would ultimately be a “private-sector decision,” meaning public tax dollars would likely not be at risk.

“This is not something that would be funded or decided by the Worcester County Commissioners, which have been very supportive, or by the town of Berlin, which I believe has been very supportive,” he said. “When the rubber meets the road with investing dollars, that’s going to be the private sector. It won’t be taxpayers.”

Williams added that a train excursion beginning in Berlin is not only an economically sound investment, according to the phase two study, but the findings of the most recent evaluation were better than what the initial study found.

“From the people who are experts in the field, there’s no doubt that the market for Worcester County for a train excursion based in Berlin is not only a good market, but an ideal market for the Mid-Atlantic.”



Andrea Bowland, left, Sen. Jim Mathias and Lauren Bunting all spoke during a brief opening ceremony during Friday's Masquerade at St. Martin's Gala in Berlin.

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St. Martin's hosts Wor. Habitat gala

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Oct. 29, 2015) In the picturesque setting of the centuries old St. Martin's Church near Showell on Route 589, more than a hundred people gathered in masquerade masks, blacked-tied suits and flowing ball gowns during Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County's 20th anniversary celebration on Friday.

Habitat Vice President Lauren

Bunting, addressing the crowd from a podium inside the church, called it a great fit to hold the event at the church, which she said has a similar mission and vision.

“Our vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live,” she said. “Our mission is seeking to put God’s love into action. Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, community and hope.”

Bunting said Habitat gives people a “hand up – not a hand out.” The non-profit has served an average of one family per year during the last two decades.

“A lot of people think Habitat gives people homes and that’s not the case at all,” she said. “Habitat homeowners are just that – they’re homeowners.”

Habitat clients have good credit, are employed and are required to attend homeownership education classes and complete 200 “sweat equity hours” helping to build the home in order to qualify, Bunting said.

“How [a home] is made affordable

for them is that Habitat gives them a no-interest loan, holds the note and we have a lot of donations in the construction of a home,” Bunting said. “That helps us keep the cost down.”

Marking the 20th anniversary of Habitat during its third annual gala, Bunting said, made it a special night.

“We’re very proud to announce that we were able to serve 20 families in 20 years,” she said, adding that area Habitat homes “stretched from Snow Hill to Whaleyville.”

She credited Executive Director Andrea Bowland in particular for her hard work during the last three years, and called on the people in the crowd to volunteer as skilled laborers, board members or fundraisers.

“We have a need for all of that,” she said.

Bowland, speaking next, thanked the “behind the scenes” members of Habitat as well as the 25 sponsors, including headline sponsor PNC Bank, which

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'The Voice' singer returns to Habitat gala for second year

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made the evening possible.

"Thank you for all of your supports," she said. "We could not do this without everyone's help."

During the past three years, she said, Habitat placed three families in new homes. She also touted Cannery Village, an affordable housing complex in Berlin, and said Habitat's next major project was a mixed-use space for artists in Berlin.

Sen. Jim Mathias (D-38) concluded the opening remarks and said those in attendance helped make "dreams come true."

"When you hear about how Habitat has served 20 families in 20 years, it's you that have done it," he said. "I'm ever, ever grateful for that."

"The hope that you give folks every day ... I'm grateful," Mathias added. "This is really what it's all about – a better tomorrow, hope and making dreams come true."

Delaware native Nadjah Nicole, a contestant on NBC's "The Voice" headlined the entertainment lineup and said she was more than happy to return after performing at the Habitat gala last year.

Playing with a five-piece band, she fronted a nearly hour-long set of classic rhythm and blues.

"I love it," she said. "It feels good that



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"The Voice" singer Nadjah Nicole headlined the entertainment lineup during Friday's Masquerade at St. Martin's Gala in Berlin.

people want to hear me, and when they have a good time it feels even better."

Summing up the evening, Bowland said she was thrilled with the entire experience.

"I think the turnout was fabulous and everybody had a wonderful time," she said. "It's a great opportunity to be able

to utilize the church, and with the special [opening] reception and all the performances – we're very happy with how everything turned out."

The best way for those who could not attend to help the nonprofit, she said, is by going to the Habitat for Humanity Worcester County website, www.habitatworcester.org, by emailing inquire@habitatworcester.org, or through Facebook.

"We are always looking for volunteers in various capacities," she said. "We need board members, committee members and volunteers in general. We would welcome the support."

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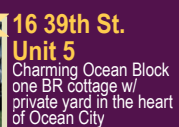
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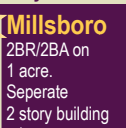
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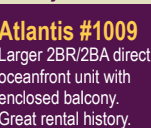
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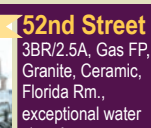
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BERLIN BRIEFS

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Oct. 29, 2015) The Berlin mayor and council discussed the following items during a public meeting at Town Hall on Monday, Oct. 26.

No sign of the signs

Planning Director Dave Engelhart said the town is still trying to track down two homeowners to agree to “Welcome to Berlin” signs. Both homeowners previously agreed to have the signs placed in their yards but have yet to do so formally.

Engelhart said the Worcester County Commissioners approved both signs during their Oct. 6 session.

Volunteerism award

Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells presented the council with a Maryland Municipal League award for its ambassador program and community service volunteerism.

Wells said Yumi Hogan, wife of Gov. Larry Hogan, presented the award earlier that day.

Parks commission

Bohlen said the parks commission would meet on Nov. 3 at 5:30 p.m. in Town Hall. She said the majority of the meeting would concern planning for the Nov. 9 “Just Walk Berlin.”

The second annual Just Walk is a free event to be held at Stephen Decatur Park. Registration will be at 9 a.m., with a one-mile “fun walk” set to start at 9:30 a.m.

The Worcester County Health Department will co-sponsor the event and will provide lifestyle information on healthy eating, physical activity and diabetes prevention and quit-smoking kits.

The rain date is Nov. 16.

#faceinthehole

A new wooden display invites guests to have their pictures taken as iconic Berlin figures.

Created by Gazette contributor Jim Adcock, the display, with holes around the faces allowing guests to substitute their own, depicts Williams, with his trademark top hat, a “runaway bride” and Little Mister and Miss Peach.

Guests are invited to take photos of themselves with the display at the Visitor’s Center. The town is promoting Adkin’s handiwork using the hashtag #faceinthehole on social media.

Little Free Library

Administrative Services Director Mary Bohlen said the town was accepting children’s book donations for the new Little Free Library at Henry Park on Flower Street.

Donations can be sent to the Visitor’s Center on 14 South Main Street.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

A new wooden display at the Berlin Visitor’s Center, made by Gazette contributor Jim Adcock, invites guests to have their photo taken as a top-hatted mayor, a runaway bride and Little Miss and Mister Peach.

Stormwater update

A community meeting to discuss stormwater improvements to the Hudson Branch will be held Nov. 4 at 5:30 p.m. at the multipurpose building on Flower Street.

The project concerns the Flower Street culvert replacement project, paid for in part by a series of grants in the town’s fiscal year 2016 budget.

town and interactive questions guests can answer on the board itself.

Wells developed a similar project during her tenure while acting in the same capacity in Sykesville. She credited Sarah Rayne, from the Coastal Association of Realtors, with helping to secure the grant, which she said was the first of its kind awarded in the state.

Quorum

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams said the council, with two members absent, had a quorum and would require a 3-0 vote to approve any measure during the meeting.

Councilmember Lisa Hall was attending the Maryland Municipal League meeting in Cambridge. Councilmember Troy Purnell was also absent.

NAR Grant

With the help of a \$2,000 grant from the National Association of Realtors, Wells is creating a “community art kiosk” in the Visitor’s Center.


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Berlin town council approves 'edible' forest

Project, overseen by ACT, would include community service by school students

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Oct. 29, 2015) Stephen Decatur Middle School students should be busy for the next five years, following the Berlin mayor and council's vote Monday to develop an "edible forest" at Stephen Decatur Park.

The project is being developed with the Assateague Coastal Trust and would be exactly as it sounds: edible.

"Edible forests ... mimic a forest," Dorothy Baker, a volunteer intern for the trust, told the council. It will be planted with self-sustaining edible plants and trees, with the fruits of those labors going to the community.

Baker said signs would be placed around site, which would be located in the current no-mow area near the nature trail, telling the public which specific crops were available.

"It's going to take time to establish the garden, so we're going to put in a lot of time, effort and work in the short term," Baker said. "In the long term, the garden will require less and less work and maintenance."

The project will function as a

service-learning project for the students, while a volunteer committee set up by the trust will oversee future stewardship of the garden.

During the meeting, six students from the middle school took turns presenting the project to the council, alternating seats in two rows of chairs and reading short blurbs about the background, goals and benefits to the town.

Students said the project would benefit the town by fitting into its Sustainable Maryland re-certification and Grow Berlin Green initiatives, and would further its strategic planning goal of increasing parks and creation facilities.

Baker said that the multiyear project would be done in phases and offered that roughly 20 percent would be completed during the first year.

As part of the project, the students will also hand out flyers and develop a website promoting the project. Williams said the town would be happy to provide a link from the town's own website.

The trust asked the town for permission to develop the garden, provide access to water and loan the group tools for a site preparation day on Nov. 12, and during a planting day on May 5, 2016.

Baker added that funding from the town would also be welcome, although Williams asked that a separate request be sent to Town Administrator Laura Allen at a later date.

"You almost became the first group not to ask us for money," Williams quipped.

Before making the motion to approve, Councilmember Dean Burrell

briefly addressed Baker and the students.

"You have asked the town for assistance in this project, and we up here think this is a good thing, but it is going to take long-term commitment," he said. "I just want to make it crystal clear that this is not a town-staffed project – this is your project. And that's what we expect it to be."

Eventually, the edible forest could have as many of seven layers of plants, from a canopy of apple, pear, chestnut and walnut trees, to root and vine layers at the bottom bearing garlic, onions, carrots and grapes.

A shrub layer near the middle could grow blueberries and hazelnuts, while a herbaceous layer could consist of soft-stem plants including vegetables and cooking herbs.

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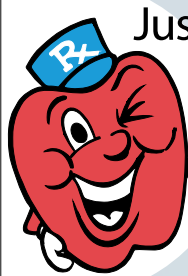
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TYCB declares annual dividends

(Oct. 29, 2015) The Board of Directors of Calvin B. Taylor Bankshares, Inc. (TYCB) have declared an annual cash dividend of \$0.96 per share. This dividend is payable on Dec. 31 to shareholders of record as of the close of business on Nov. 10.

Calvin B. Taylor Bankshares, Inc. is the holding company for Calvin B. Taylor Banking Company of Berlin, Maryland (Taylor Bank), a community banking organization that focuses on lending and other banking services for businesses and consumers in its local market area. Taylor Bank, founded in 1890, offers a broad range of banking services in Worcester County, Md. and Sussex County, Del.

For additional information or questions, call 410-641-1700 or visit www.taylorbank.com.



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This volunteer opportunity is an "on call" opportunity. When a seal hauls out, seal stewards will be contacted to see if they are available to man the haul out area to make sure beach and dog walkers keep a safe distance to protect both the walkers and the seal.

Educational material and information will be provided at each haul out so that stewards can inform interested onlookers. Contact Sandi Smith at sandis@mdcoastalbays.org or call 410-213-2297 ext. 106 if planning to attend the training.

Maryland Coastal Bays Program (MCBP) and the National Aquarium Marine Animal Rescue Program (MARP) partnered three years ago to launch an outreach program on responsible seal viewing and sighting reporting. Out of this partnership developed the seal steward program as Ocean City has been experiencing a significant increase in seal sightings.

Their dog-like faces and lumpy body make seals adorably appealing and seemingly approachable; however, an up-close and personal encounter with a seal can cause serious stress and create a dangerous situation for people and/or the seal. Seals are protected by the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). It is against the law to touch, feed or otherwise harass seals and when viewing. Onlookers are required to stay at least 50 yards from the resting seal (that's at least four car lengths).

When a seal lays on a beach, it is hauling out, a normal behavior associated with pinnipeds (seals, sea lions and walruses) of temporarily leaving the water between periods of foraging activity for sites on land or ice. Hauling out is necessary in seals for mating, giving birth, predator avoidance, thermal regulation, social activity, parasite reduction and rest.

As the seals experienced in this area are temporary visitors, their hauling out here is primarily for rest or distress. Therefore, close encounters by humans and dogs put both at risk. Seals will bite and serious infections can be transmitted.

If anyone encounters a seal on the beach this winter, call MARP's direct line at 410-576-3880 or 1-800-628-9944 and register the sighting on the MCBP website, mdcoastalbays.org, so a trained observer can evaluate the condition of the seal to determine if it's doing its normal thing or is in distress.



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Globe to host 40th anniversary bash for 'Rocky Horror'

(Oct 29, 2015) Celebrate the 40th anniversary of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" and help raise money for the American Cancer Society at The Globe on Halloween, Saturday, Oct. 31 from 8 p.m. to midnight.

During the party, watch the movie, win door prizes, pose in the photo booth, bid on silent auction items and order themed drinks. Compete in the Rocky Horror costume contest and Time Warp dance contest and win prizes. Celebrity judges include Sen. Jim Mathias, EJ Foxx from 97.1 The Wave and Brian and Christina Garrett. Cost to enter contests is \$5.

Admission is free to get into the party. Registration for the contests begins at 8 p.m. Contests and judging will be held from 9-10 p.m. The movie will begin immediately after. Prop bags will be available for a \$5 donation.

All proceeds benefit Relay For Life/American Cancer Society.

The Globe is located at 12 Broad Street in Berlin. For information, call Christine Waggoner at 410-726-3220 or find the Facebook event "Relay For Life Rocky Horror Halloween Party!"

Relay For Life of North Worcester County will be held Friday, May 6, 2016 at Frontier Town Campground in Berlin. At Relay For Life events, communities honor cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost and fight back against a disease that has already taken too much.

For Relay For Life information, contact Dawn Hodge at dawnhodge@comcast.net or 443-497-1198 or visit www.relayforlife.org/northworchester.

Berlin to host stormwater talk on Flower Street

(Oct. 29, 2015) The Town of Berlin is holding a neighborhood meeting to provide an update on the Hudson Branch Stormwater Project at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, Nov. 4, in the Multi-Purpose Building located at 130 Flower Street in Berlin.

"We've submitted the Flower Street culvert work to the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) for their approval," said Mayor Gee Williams. "That area has been our top stormwater priority. We want to update the neighbors on the status of the project, and what they can expect once we get our approval from MDE."

"While the meeting is open to everyone, the focus will be on the work we've planned on Hudson Branch near Flower Street," said Town Administrator Laura Allen. "In addition to providing an update on the project, town staff and representatives from EA Engineering, the town's stormwater engineering consultants, will be present to answer questions."

For information, call Jane Kreiter at 410-641-3845.



CRAFT BEER MONTH

The Worcester County Commissioners present a proclamation to Worcester County Tourism Director Lisa Challenger, left, and Ann Hillyer, creator of shorecraftbeer.com, right recognizing October as Craft Beer Month in Worcester County. Pictured with Challenger and Hillyer, in front, from left, are Commissioners Jim Bunting, Diana Purnell and Merrill Lockfaw, and in back, Commissioners Joe Mitrecic, Ted Elder and Chip Bertino.

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CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR SOLDIERS
This year, the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City has joined with Star Charities annual collection of Christmas gifts for soldiers. Black containers with the sign "Holiday Gifts For Soldiers" can be found at eight locations, including all the local libraries, the Ocean Pines Community Center, and the VFW on 66th Street in Ocean City where anyone can donate items. The final day to drop off donations is Friday, Oct. 30. Members from the Maryland National Guard will pick up the containers in order to have time to package gifts and ship them overseas. Pictured with one of the containers are Kiwanian Stella Hartington, left, and Kiwanian and Star Charities member Barbara Peletier. Non-perishable items, especially toiletries, are needed.



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Betsy Barb, left, and Urban Nectar owner Shanen Cute work the cash register during the grand opening of the new shop last Thursday.



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Crystal Springman and 7-month-old daughter, Coral Grace, sell organic soap products at the farmer's market attached to Urban Nectar, a new shop on Old Ocean City Boulevard in Berlin.

Urban Nectar opens Berlin food, art 'exchange'

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Oct. 29, 2015) Billed as a local food and art exchange, Urban Nectar opened its doors in Berlin last Thursday.

Shanen Cute of Local Mojo and Christie McDowell of the Good Farm created the new shop/collective on 10019 Old Ocean City Boulevard across from Burley Oak.

Urban Nectar starts with a basic shop, selling items ranging from prepackaged kale chips and bottled ginger beer to local produce and art and artisan products.

Behind the storefront – or inside an adjacent room depending on the weather – a farmer's market will run every Thursday from 3-6 p.m.

Here, customers will be able to find additional purveyors such as organic and hydroponic farmer Johnny Harrison from Terrapin Farms, who grows specialty greens and heirloom varieties of lettuce.

"We just kind of linked up with [Urban Nectar] a couple months ago," Harrison said. "We've been helping them out, doing some work inside, so it's kind of a recent development. A bunch of people who didn't necessarily know each other before came together, and it's turned out pretty nice."

Harrison said the majority of his customers are chefs and restaurant owners.

"We want to give restaurants around here a really good source of high-quality organic greens that have a long shelf life and are produced locally," he said. "They have a smaller carbon footprint and no transit time. It's not going in any trucks or trains or planes – it's all grown right here."

Crystal Springman from Coco Nut-Gypsy, who makes organic soaps and lotions using coconut oil and home-grown herbs, said she plans to be at the market every Thursday.

"It's all made with organic stuff and I locally source the things that I can't grow myself," she said. "I do

everything local and handmade."

Other contributors like Ashley Garland, who plans to sell her sea glass jewelry, recycled art and paintings in person during the farmer's market, will have displays inside in the main shop as well.

Cute said she would like to eventually expand the market to run Thursday through Saturday.

"Our whole concept is to try to do local and to try to encourage local

growers, so what doesn't sell at the market we'll actually buy for the store.

That includes produce and other foods, such as micro greens and local eggs, which would then be used in the attached commercial kitchen. Carry-out food would be served to start, although Cute said seating could be added in the future.

"That's about three weeks away," she said. "Once that happens, those

ingredients will be what our menu is based off of. We'll do things like juices, wraps, crepes and bubble tea."

In the future, Cute said that part of the operation could expand into a "full healthy grab and go."

"We also want to provide the community with classes," she said. "Everything from homesteading, canning, painting, soap making. We want to bring as much local as we can to the community."

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Choptank opens third transformer in Pines

(Oct. 29, 2015) Board members and staff from Choptank Electric Cooperative and Ocean Pines gathered together on Oct. 22 to promote the Ocean Pines Substation's recent installment of a third transformer.

The third transformer was installed to help serve the recent load growth in the Ocean Pines area.

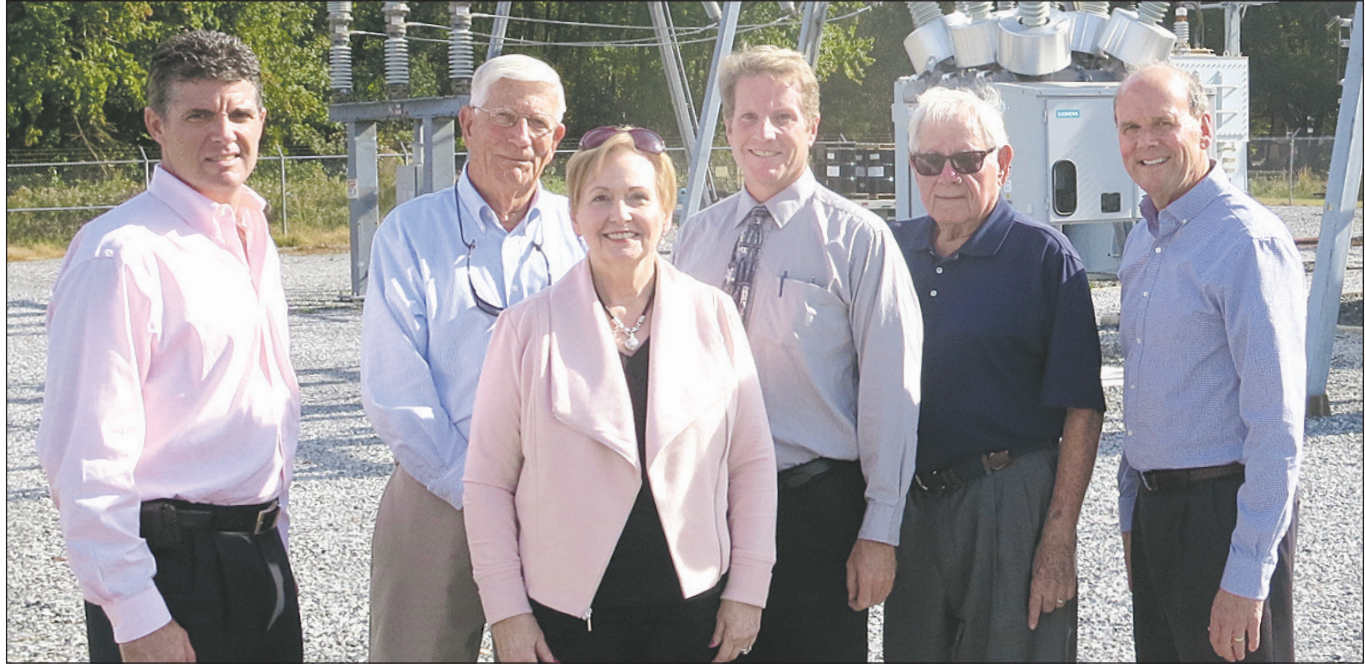
"Approximately 50 percent of the time, if one of the existing transformers had to be removed from service for repairs, the remaining unit could not serve the current load. People would be forced to endure rotating blackouts until the original problem was repaired," said Todd Bireley, vice president of Engineering Services at Choptank Electric Cooperative.

The Choptank Electric Board of Directors committed to an expenditure of nearly \$1 million for this system upgrade.

"This system upgrade will help improve reliability and prevent blackout occurrences for our members," said Dave Bruning, a Choptank board member representing Worcester County.

Dr. Frank Ruffo, Choptank board member representing Ocean Pines, noted that the new transformer was Choptank's largest substation, which also serves the largest volume of members.

"This investment was just another



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Board members and staff from Choptank Electric Cooperative and Ocean Pines gathered together on Oct. 22 to promote the Ocean Pines Substation's recent installment of a third transformer. Pictured, from left, are Bob Thompson, general manager of Ocean Pines; David Bruning, Choptank Electric Cooperative board member of Worcester County; Cheryl Jacobs, vice president of Ocean Pines Board; Todd Bireley, vice president of Engineering Services for Choptank Electric Cooperative; Dr. Frank Ruffo, Choptank Electric Cooperative board member for Ocean Pines District; and Mike Wheatley, CEO of Choptank Electric Cooperative posing with the new transformer.

step for us to better serve our members in the Ocean Pines area," he said.

The third transformer was delivered in February of 2015, assembled in March, and was finished in May, when protective gear was installed. The third transformer was energized

on Sept. 29 and began serving members on Oct. 12.

"We're very pleased that Choptank Electric Cooperative is taking measures to ensure that Ocean Pines members are not without power during peak times for energy usage such as summer and winter," said Cheryl

Jacobs, vice president of the Ocean Pines Board of Directors.

The Ocean Pines Substation currently serves approximately 9,200 meters.

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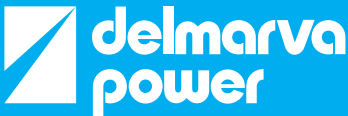
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Coastal Hospice offering training for new volunteers

(Oct. 29, 2015) Coastal Hospice & Palliative Care is offering an introduction and training course for anyone interested in volunteering at the nonprofit organization that serves Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties.

Coastal Hospice depends on a dedicated staff of volunteers to fulfill its mission. Patient volunteers offer comfort and companionship to patients and their families, provide transportation and deliver supplies. Other volunteers support the staff with office work or assist at the Coastal Hospice Thrift Shop in Berlin.

Those interested in volunteering for patient visits are invited to attend the training course on two Saturdays—Oct. 31 and Nov. 7— from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Coastal Hospice Volunteer Offices, Philmore Commons, 224 Phillip Morris Drive, Suite 102 in Salisbury.

Persons interested in volunteering for office or thrift shop work are invited to attend Saturday, Oct. 31 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., but are also invited to attend both days.

The course is open to anyone, and attendees are not required to commit to volunteering. There is no cost to attend.

For more information or to register for the course, call Judy Hunt-Harris, manager of volunteer services, at 410-543-2590.

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

Ocean Pines to present annual Fall Festival, Sat.

(Oct. 29, 2015) The Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department will host its annual Halloween Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 31 from 1-4 p.m. at White Horse Park in Ocean Pines.

Costume contests, carnival games, face painting, pony rides, candy, a haunted hay ride, moon bounce, crafts, refreshments for sale and more will be part of the event. Admission is free and the party is open to the public. There will be a fee for some attractions.

New this year is a pumpkin-carving contest and an "anything pumpkin" cook-off/bake-off. Contest applications are available at the Recreation and Parks Department.

Volunteers and candy donations are needed for this event.

Contact the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052 if interested in helping or for more information.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

SPOOKY GOOD TIME

The Berlin Chamber of Commerce hosted a business after hours at Bleached Butterfly, on Pitts Street, last Thursday. Owner Autumn Graves, pictured in the front row wearing a festive skeleton shirt, treated guests to homemade food and drinks inside the popular design shop.

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Berlin's agenda all about moving ahead

Some critics, wherever they are, might say that the Town of Berlin is doing too much too quickly, what with it poised to approve a significant increase in housing on the edge of town and the conversion of the former Tyson Foods property into a major recreation facility.

Add to that its consideration of a solar power project and an apparent deal to place a Dollar General project on a parcel to be shared eventually with a new police station and a community center.

Supporters, however, would contend that the town is building on the momentum set in motion several years back by activist business people and a core of local officials who recognize that the pursuit of economic growth can only occur when circumstances permit it.

It's all about the town's increasing desirability as a place to live, a phenomenon that most Eastern Shore towns – barring those near the bay bridge that have become spiritless commuter colonies – have not experienced in years.

Understanding that there is no such thing as a thriving community that never changes, the town, its businesses and a majority of its residents know that only growth and constant improvement can prevent the kind of economic inertia from which Berlin suffered many years ago.

So yes, the town does have quite a bit on its developmental agenda, but for the most part these seemingly unrelated pieces fit into the greater plan to increase Berlin's attractiveness for residents, visitors and businesses without abandoning its basic principles.

That has been and will continue to be a difficult undertaking, but given the remarkable progress that has transformed the community into the vigorous enterprise it is today, there's no reason to believe it can't be done.

The choice, after all, is between the continuing pursuit of new opportunities or, as is the case in so many other Shore towns, coping with economic stagnation.

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Health Literacy on rise in county schools

Study by Horowitz Center indicates 'significant' increase

(Oct. 29, 2015) Based on recent findings by University of Maryland's Herschel S. Horowitz Center for Health Literacy (UM), there was a statistically significant increase in health literacy among students in Worcester County Public Schools who took part in the Integrated Health Literacy Program (IHLP) during the 2014-2015 school year.

The student's overall health literacy – or the ability to obtain, process and understand basic information – improved.

In January of 2015, Atlantic General Hospital (AGH), Worcester County Public Schools (WCPS) and UM introduced students in grades two countywide – and in third, fourth, and fifth grade pilot classrooms – to the IHLP lessons.

Students were pre-tested on their baseline knowledge of health literacy related concepts. After the implementation of IHLP lessons

into their science, social studies, reading language arts and math classes, students were then post-tested on the topics covered during those lessons and measurements of health literacy.

In the post-testing, the UM's research found second grade students' awareness of food labels increased from 55.5 percent at pre-test to 88 percent after receiving the curriculum.

Fifty-seven percent of second grade students stated they had poor health literacy at pre-testing. This dropped to 31 percent during the post-test evaluation.

Third graders considered to have a high health literacy increased from 36 percent pre-test to 78 percent post-test. Other grades improved by 11 percent to 28 percent.

The percentage of fourth-graders with low health literacy dropped from 14.6 percent at pre-testing to 4.5 percent post-test.

The percent of fifth grade students who reported being "sort of healthy" increased from 38 percent pre-test to 52 percent post-

test.

The goals of the program include not only improving health knowledge and health literacy, but instilling lifelong healthy behaviors in the young minds of the county's students.

Since Atlantic General Hospital and its partners launched the IHLP in 2012 with a pilot in Ocean City Elementary's second grade classrooms, the IHLP has expanded into grades one through five countywide, and a pilot in sixth grade at one local middle school.

As of the 2015-2016 school year, the IHLP now serves more than 2400 students, which is roughly a third of the entire school district.

During the 2016-2017 school year, the goal of the IHLP team is to begin pilot programs in grades seven and eight.

The program as a whole aims for adoption of Health Literacy standards statewide and one day nationwide.

For information, visit www.atlanticgeneral.org/healthliteracy.

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Petty Officer 3rd Class Andrew Rogers, a 2012 Stephen Decatur High School graduate and Ocean City native, is serving in the U.S. Navy as part of a crew working aboard one of the world's most advanced ballistic missile submarines, USS Maryland (SSBN 738). He is a sonar technician serving aboard the Kings Bay-based boat, one of 14 Ohio-class ballistic missile submarines.

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OC native serves on USS Maryland

Stephen Decatur High School graduate Andrew Rogers sonar tech on ship

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Petty Officer 3rd Class Andrew Rogers is a sonar technician (submarine) serving aboard the Kings Bay-based boat, one of 14 Ohio-class ballistic missile submarines.

A Navy sonar technician is responsible for listening to sounds in the water to determine what kind of ship is out there and what actions need to be taken.

"It's great to meet so many new people within the Navy," Rogers said. "You build lasting relationships with a variety of different people."

Measuring 560 feet long, 42 feet wide and weighing more than 16,500 tons, a nuclear-powered propulsion system helps push the ship through the water at more than 20 knots.

The Navy's ballistic missile submarines, often referred to as "boomers," serve as an undetectable launch platform for intercontinental ballistic missiles. They are designed specifically for stealth, extended patrols and the precise delivery of mis-

siles if directed by the President.

The Ohio-class design allows the submarines to operate for 15 or more years between major overhauls.

On average, the submarines spend 77 days at sea followed by 35 days in-port for maintenance.

"We demand the highest standards from our Sailors – both professionally and personally," said Rear Admiral Randy Crites, Commander, Submarine Group Ten in Kings Bay, Ga. "Petty Officer Rogers' chain of command, family and our great nation take immense pride in his devotion and service to his country."

"The importance of our Sailors is immeasurable; people like Andrew Rogers are absolutely crucial to ensuring our Ships and Submarines are operating at their best – always mission ready, providing our nation with the greatest Navy the world has ever known. I'm so very proud he is on our team," Crites continued.

Rogers is part of the boat's Blue crew, one of the two rotating crews, which allow the ship to be deployed on missions more often without taxing one crew too much. A typical crew on this submarine is approximately 150 officers and enlisted Sailors.

Because of the stressful environment aboard submarines, personnel are accepted only after rigorous testing and observation. Submariners

are some of the most highly trained and skilled people in the Navy.

The training is highly technical and each crew has to be able to operate, maintain, and repair every system or piece of equipment on board.

Regardless of their specialty, everyone also has to learn how everything on the ship works and how to respond in emergencies to become "qualified in submarines" and earn the right to wear the coveted gold or silver dolphins on their uniform.

"You get a sense of purpose while being deployed and I get to build stability for my future," Rogers said.

Although it is difficult for most people to imagine living on a submarine, challenging submarine living conditions actually build strong fellowship among the crew. The crews are highly motivated, and quickly adapt to changing conditions. It is a busy life of specialized work, watches, and drills.

As a member of one of the U.S. Navy's most relied upon assets, Rogers and other USS Maryland sailors know they are part of a legacy that will last beyond their lifetimes.

"I joined the Navy right out of high school and I've learned how to provide for myself," Rogers added. "I understand what it takes to be financially stable and more responsible overall."

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Navy veteran and Coastal Hospice patient Charles "Dick" Rohm is pictured in his Powellville home under a patriotic lap blanket given to him by Coastal Hospice. Coastal Hospice & Palliative Care is making a special appeal for blankets in patriotic motifs — including red/white/blue themes, stars and stripes, etc. — to be given to patients who are veterans.

Hospice hoping to repeat success with blanket drive

'Overwhelming response' last year; group looking for donations at Berlin office

(Oct. 29, 2015) Coastal Hospice & Palliative Care is requesting the community's support to help them honor the veterans in its care on the Lower Shore.

Coastal Hospice has traditionally provided lap blankets, donated by the community, to give added comfort and warmth to patients. A request for blankets last year prompted an overwhelming response.

This year, Coastal Hospice is making a special appeal for blankets in patriotic motifs — including red/white/blue themes, stars and stripes, etc. — to be given to patients who are veterans.

Coastal Hospice is active in the "We Honor Veterans" program, developed in partnership with the Department of Veterans Affairs, providing specialized care to veterans who are facing a life-limiting illness, often addressing a specific need related to the veteran's military service. Currently, Coastal Hospice has more than 30 veterans in its care.

Coastal Hospice plans to start giving these blankets to veteran patients on Nov. 11, Veteran's Day, and will continue to use them throughout the year as veterans enter hospice care.

"We want to make every day Veter-

ans's Day for our veteran patients at Coastal Hospice," said Nancy Stewart, coordinator for the We Honor Veterans program. "Many veterans that gave so much were never welcomed or honored when they came home. This is a small way to acknowledge how grateful we are for the service they gave."

Most appropriate are knitted, crocheted, quilted or fleece lap blankets. The blankets must be new, and can be either handmade or purchased. The ideal size is approximately 36x42 inches. There is also a continuing need for non-patriotic blankets for hospice patients.

Donations are being accepted during regular business hours at the Coastal Hospice main office at 2604 Old Ocean City Road in Salisbury or at Coastal Hospice at the Ocean at 10441 Race-track Road, Taylorville Center, in Berlin.

More information is available from Elaine Bean, Coastal Hospice community relations manager, at 410-742-8732.

Founded in 1980, Coastal Hospice is a nonprofit health care organization that cares for individuals facing life-limiting conditions and 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.

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State recognizes Worcester 911 Dispatcher Jones

(Oct. 29, 2015) Every day in counties across Maryland, some 900 dedicated 911 staff assist individuals and families in crisis. Those in each of the jurisdictions who go above and beyond the call of duty are recognized by the Maryland State Emergency Number Systems Board (ENSB) for excellence each September.

Worcester County 911 Center Telecommunicator Tanner Jones was honored Oct. 1, for exemplifying the professionalism, dedication, values and ethics of the 911 Public Safety Communications Profession in Worcester County.

"Since joining Worcester County in November 2013, Jones quickly progressed through training and now uses his inter-agency connections and his own professionalism to provide in-house training and direction for his peers," Worcester County Communications Center Supervisor Kristin Jester stated in a letter of recommendation to the ENSB. "Jones' work habits are exemplary. He is always prepared for the next call, the next emergency, and he is the first to support team work and provide back up when needed."

Just an example of the low fre-



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Worcester County Communications Center Supervisor Kristin Jester congratulates Telecommunicator Tanner Jones for his outstanding service in the 911 Center, which earned him state recognition recently.

quency, high stress calls Jones has been actively involved in include an armed bank robbery incident that began with little or no useful information from the initial 911 caller. Using his investigatory skills, Jones reached out to other agencies to try

to fill in the blanks.

Jones initiated a radio broadcast to the Worcester County Sheriff, Maryland State Police (MSP), Ocean Pines Police Department, MSP Aviation and Worcester County Criminal Bureau of Investigation, and the

search began.

In the meantime, Jones completed extensive documentation and kept all responders updated with incoming information. From that effort, the suspect was found and arrested with no responders harmed.

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ART FOR ANIMALS

Artist Alex Ottenstein hosted "Arts for Animals" at Burley Oak in Berlin on Sept. 28, benefitting the Worcester County Humane Society. The event raised more than \$4,000 for the no-kill shelter in Berlin. Various artists donated artwork to be auctioned off for the event. Melissa Simington, Zack Pinto, Katie Brown and Ashley Brown attend the event. Ashley Brown also donated a piece of artwork.



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VOLUNTEER AWARD

Catherine M. Battistone of Ocean Pines recently received a Coast Guard Sustained Auxiliary Service Award for her 3,750 volunteer hours of outstanding service in support of the United States Coast Guard. The award was presented by Ocean City Flotilla Commander Al Parra.



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FIRE DEPARTMENT VISIT

Members of the Berlin Fire Department visited Carmella's Kids Learning Center on Oct. 7 for National Fire Prevention Week. The children learned about fire safety, fire prevention and what do to in the event of a fire emergency. They learned "stop, drop and roll" as well as what a fireman wears to protect them during fire rescue. Knowing what a fireman wears helps the children to not be afraid in case a firefighter has to come to their rescue.



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CRAFTER OF THE MONTH

Jane Wolnik has been selected as the Pine'er Craft Club October Crafter of the Month. Wolnik, who has been a member of the group for six years, enjoys sewing, quilting, crocheting, knitting and beading. Stop in the Artisan Craft & Gift Shop located at White Horse Park in Ocean Pines to see her items, along with other handcrafted merchandise. The shop is open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Worcester County GOLD welcomes new members of the Board of Directors, from left, Christopher Woodley, Pam Marshall and Barry Laws. GOLD is a nonprofit that provides financial assistance to Worcester County families in crisis, vulnerable adults and children in foster care.



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VETERANS MEMORIAL DISCUSSION

During the Sept. 30 meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City, the guest speaker was Sharyn O'Hare, past member of the Ocean Pines Board of Directors, who has been involved with the Worcester County Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines since its inception. Pictured, from left, are O'Hare, Kiwanian Elmer Muth, a WWII veteran who was a part of the Normandy landing on D-Day, Kiwanis Club President Carolyn Dryzga and Kiwanian and WWII veteran Nate Pearson as they unfurled the new Kiwanis flag anonymously donated by one of the members of the club.

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TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Ocean Pines Platform Tennis held its second annual over 55 mixed doubles APTA regional tournament on Oct. 10. Players from Washington, D.C., Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey and Maryland entered the competition. Chip and Kathy Carlson won the tournament. Finishing in second place was Mike and Tracey Groft. Winners of the reprieve match were Mike and Patty Daniels. Winners of the consolation match were Judy and Gary Kemeny. Pictured, from left, are the Grofts and Kemenys.



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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

The Worcester County Commissioners present Worcester County Fire Marshal Jeff McMahon with a proclamation recognizing Oct. 4-10 as Fire Prevention Week and October as National Fire Prevention Month in the county on Oct. 6. This year's theme was "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep. Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm." "Half of all home fire deaths occur between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. when most people are asleep, and maintaining working fire alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home plays a key role in reducing home fire deaths," McMahon said.



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PREMIER PLAYERS

Stephen Decatur High School and Premier Driving School have announced Javier Hernandez and Elle Bargar as the September Premier Players of the Month. Hernandez, a junior, has been consistently the school's top cross country runner this season. Bargar, a senior, has been leading the volleyball team as captain this season. Each month, Premier Driving School will be recognizing one outstanding male and female athlete. Premier Driving School representatives Geri Riden and Kelly Sisk are joined by Hernandez, Bargar and Assistant Principal Ryan Cowder.



HOMECOMING KING AND QUEEN

Stephen Decatur High School seniors Ernest Shockley and Dayona Godwin were crowned Homecoming King and Queen during the Homecoming dance on Oct. 10 after a school-wide vote by students and staff. The crowning at the dance was different than in years past due to the postponement of the Homecoming football game because of inclement weather. Both Godwin and Shockley are standout athletes.

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VIOLIN LESSONS

Buckingham Elementary student Brittney Maza-Vargas is learning to play the violin. Through a grant funded partnership with the Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra each fourth grade student at BES will be learning how to properly use, take care of, and play the violin during music class. Monika Lilley from the Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra will be working with students for the next two months practicing for a December performance for parents.

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WRITERS' WORKSHOP

Showell Elementary's Matthew Reed, Ethan Hitchens, David Esch and Owen Sperry celebrate their hard work during a writers' workshop celebration in Heather Hand's third grade class.

PUZZLES

HALLOWEEN COSTUMES

BY BILL ZAIS / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

ACROSS

1 Church leaders

7 Torn asunder

15 In sufficient quantity

20 Collier's transport

21 Fact addition

22 "Truly"

23 Halloween costume for ... a CNN anchor?

25 Net results?

26 Three times daily, in Rx's

27 Yiddish cries

28 Scand. country

29 Bank abbr.

31 Side dish that's sometimes mashed

32 "Do we have approval?"

35 Misdeed

36 Is a buttinsky

38 7-5, e.g.

39 ... a former "Dateline" host?

46 No one says his art was pointless

48 Head, for short

49 "Lord, We Ask Thee ___ We Part" (hymn)

50 Turbaned sort

51 Beehive hairstyle, e.g.

52 Brewer Coors

55 Info for an airport run

57 "C mo ___ usted?"

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

58 ... a onetime House speaker?

63 Fender product

64 Winter Olympics event

65 Who said, "In waking a tiger, use a long stick"

66 Eastern sch. with a noted film program

67 Tuition, e.g.

68 Longtime Chicago Symphony conductor

71 One of three for J. R. R. Tolkien: Abbr.

73 "Tush!"

75 Aspects

77 ___ fault

78 Goose egg

80 Sports org. with 25-Across

82 Resembles

84 Hotel capacity: Abbr.

85 ... an old Notre Dame basketball coach?

91 Doing

93 Cry of surprise

94 Like the expression "Sakes alive!"

95 Execute perfectly

96 Eponym of a hot-dog chain

98 Letters before many a state's name

101 Mil. authority

102 First-aid supply

104 ... a silent film star?

108 It never goes off

109 Singer Falana and others

110 ___ mission

111 Snares

113 Caviar

115 The George W. Bush years, e.g.

116 Stimp'y's TV pal

117 Be unsatisfied with, say

119 Ancient Hebrew liquid measure

120 Inouciant syllables

122 ... a pop-folk singer with numerous 1970s hits?

128 Gutter locales

129 Majority

130 "Time heals all wounds" and others

131 Forecast that might call for gloves and galoshes

132 Tied

133 Like a pirate's treasure

DOWN

1 One of two at a wedding

2 Wrath

3 You can't predict the weather with this

4 Do really well on a test

5 Spreadsheet input

6 Theater sign

7 Doubtful

8 Cribbage one-pointers

9 One running races for a living?

10 "True"

11 Lace

12 Con man

13 When the French toast?

14 Figure above God's throne, in Isaiah

15 How a phone may be slammed down

16 ___ juice (milk)

17 Doesn't take any chances

18 Actress Kedrova who won an Oscar for "Zorba the Greek"

19 Polite rural reply

24 Impend

30 Position of greatest importance

32 Children, in legalese

33 Like ooze

34 Scored between 90 and 100, say

37 Besides

40 Cool, as soup

41 Hard labor spot

42 Common sitcom rating

43 Equal

44 Coal extractors

45 Vistas

47 Sleep on it

53 Noted remover of locks

54 "Run to ___" (1961 hit)

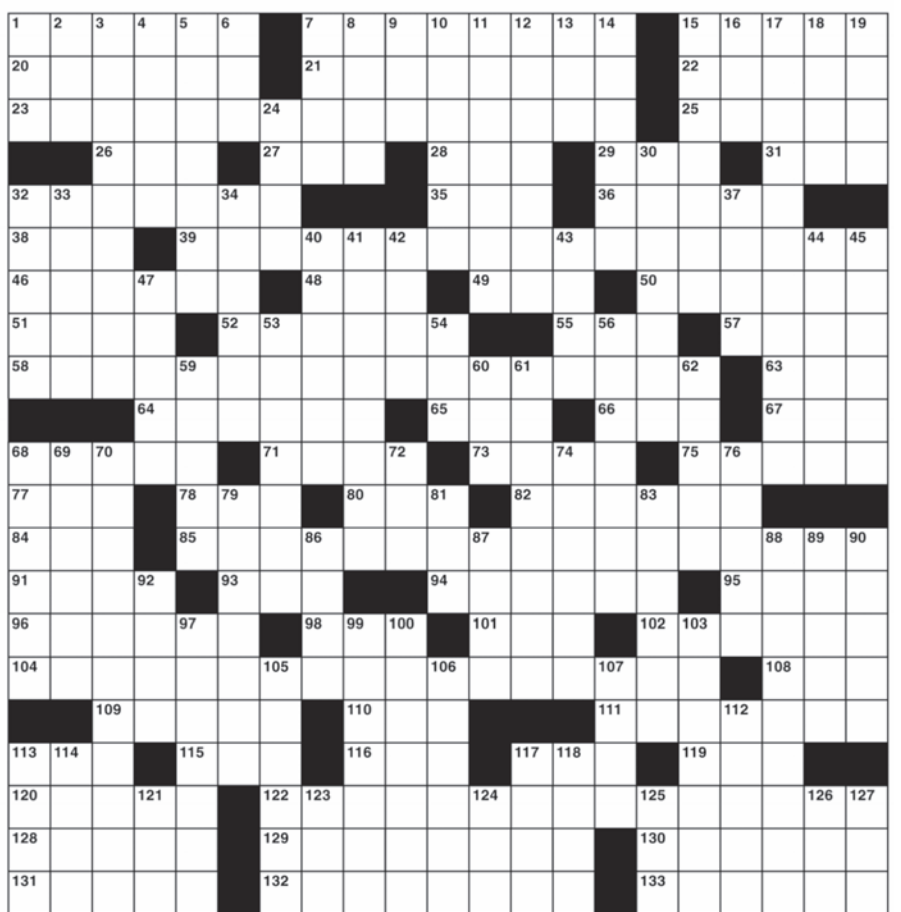
56 Petty braggart

59 Summer romance, maybe

60 Carpet fuzz

61 Comment made with a handshake

62 "Be that way!"



- 68 Like Christmas lights

69 Tuba sound

70 Party straggler

72 Religious deg.

74 Tater Tots maker

76 "Where should ___ the check?"

79 Cell part

81 Water, e.g.: Abbr.

83 "Trick" or "treat," e.g.
- 86 The "V" of R.S.V.P.

87 Slimy stuff

88 Flopped

89 Maxim tear-out

90 Winter Olympics equipment

92 Too, too

97 Start of a rationalization

99 Attic function
- 100 Like some Roman aphorisms

103 Out of action, in baseball lingo

105 Functional

106 Really get to

107 Tic-tac-toe starters?

112 Coke, to Pepsi

113 Hwys.

114 Mouthy?
- 117 Sauce brand since 1937

118 Conference USA sch.

121 Actor Marvin

123 Book after Exodus: Abbr.

124 Guy whose face might get slapped

125 Mai ___

126 Gamer's prefix with pets

127 Retired boomer



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HARD - 84

Fill in the blank spaces in the grid so that every vertical column, every horizontal row and every 3 by 3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9, without repeating any. There is really only one solution to each puzzle.

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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CUISINE

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Try this tart-sweet pickled shrimp appetizer

“Quelle surprise.”
That’s all that I could muster when the doctor told me that I had been working through pneumonia for the past week. Oh, the mistakes of stubborn and stupid men. I tend to convince myself that I can magically make a random head cold go away; then, when it



By Paul Suplee,
CEC PCIII

turns into bronchitis, I always figure I’ll give it just one more day to save the time and money related to a doctor’s appointment. And then, when I just can’t take it anymore, I go to see the people who actually know what they’re talking about. Alas, this is when I get the news that I don’t want, but that so far hasn’t been too devastating.

I guess now that I’m in my late-forties, it’s time to start taking occurrences like this a little more seriously, as this is when you start hearing about people who aren’t so lucky as to escape with a simple nebulizer treatment and some antibiotic shots. I count my lucky stars every day that my poor decisions haven’t hurt me any more than they have.

You see, things get away from me once I’m in full swing in the semester. Things get a tad crazy, as it does for everyone, and before I know it Halloween is almost here and Christmas is but a short hop, skip and a jump away. The next thing I know, I’m looking around the room trying to figure out where my next breath is coming from, a place that no one should be.

But, more important than that is the fact that I am always amazed at how quickly a few antibiotics will clear things out. I try to avoid antibiotics, but sometimes you just need to take them. And as I feel much better right now, I can attest to the fact that it was well worth the visit to the doctor. Does this mean that I’ll keep ignoring episodes in the future to make the recovery all the better? I certainly hope not, but as I wrote on social media today, “#StupidMenDoingStupidThings.” That just about sums it up.

So here I sit nursing myself back to health in the college’s kitchen, as work stops for no man (have no fear; doc said it wasn’t contagious). In fact, time stops for no man. I have to muscle through it just like

anyone else. In fact, this reminds me of another post that I saw online yesterday. Apparently, it was written on the 86-board in the kitchen of a restaurant, and the caption was as follows:

Actual Conversation
Employee: “Chef I feel awful today”
Chef: “Oh no! Which hospital are you in?”
Employee: “Oh, I’m at home.”
Chef: “OK, I’ll see you at 4.”

I laugh to myself as the memory of this picture is rekindled in my memory. I chortle, even.

I’m sitting down now and enjoying the pickled shrimp, a simple dish that we make once a semester and a similar variation whose recipe is below is sufficient to chase away any autumn blues that one may possess. As usual, we held a busy luncheon comprised of six courses for some support staff, and I can’t stop eating these pickled shrimp, the amuse bouche to our meal.

I love these shrimp, simmered in a court bouillon and then chilled in tart-sweet vinaigrette. There’s something so immensely simple about them that you will be making your own variations down the road. The secret is to not overcook the shrimp. That’s it. It’s as simple as taking care of a head cold before it turns into pneumonia.

Is that an analogous stretch? Absolutely, but it doesn’t change the fact that the shrimp is perfect, as is my health, relatively speaking.

Quelle surprise.

Pickled Shrimp

Makes enough for 24 hors d’oeuvres
24 jumbo shrimp, peeled and deveined, tail-off
2 lemons, quartered
2 quarts Water
1 cup White vinegar
4 Bay leaves
1/4 cup Pickling spice
Pickling Dressing, as needed (recipe follows)
24 Orange segments, fiber removed



24 Cilantro leaves

Combine all of the ingredients except for the shrimp and bring to a rolling boil, cooking for five minutes

Add the shrimp and cook for about three minutes or until the shrimp is just barely cooked

Remove from the pickling liquid and immediately place it into a bag with the dressing. The next step is critical so pay attention!

If you use a Ziploc bag, close it up, squeezing out the air, but you must submerge in an ice bath immediately to bring the temperature down quickly. If you shock the shrimp in an ice bath, you stand the chance of losing some of the flavors that you cooked in there. So, the bag will help to keep in the flavors

Serve the pickled shrimp with an orange segment and a garnish of cilantro leaf.

Bon appetite!

Pickling Dressing

Makes about 2 cups
2 Tbsp. Sugar
1 Tbsp. Whole mustard
Juice of 1 orange
Juice of 1 lime
1 Tbsp. Creole seasoning
2 Tbsp. Italian parsley, finely minced
2 Tbsp. Chives, finely minced
1 cup Grapeseed oil

Combine everything except the oil and whisk until well-combined

While continuing to whisk, slowly drizzle the oil in until you have a nice emulsion

Set aside until ready to use

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410-524-7575
www.bjsonthewater.com
Oct. 30: Dual Halloween Party w/Teenage Rust & the Fabulous Rustettes, 5 p.m.; Over Time Band, 9 p.m.
Oct. 31: Tear the Roof Off, 9 p.m.
Nov. 4: Old School, 5 p.m.

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116th Street, behind Fountain Head Towers Condominium
Ocean City
443-664-2896
www.bourbonstreetonthebeach.com
Oct. 30: Dave Sherman, 7-11 p.m.
Oct. 31: Baltimore Boyz, 4-7 p.m.; Halloween Party w/Ricky and Lennon LaRicci
Nov. 1: Just Jay, 4-7 p.m.

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www.oceanpines.org
Oct. 30: Wes Davis, 6-10 p.m.

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410-289-6331
www.cowboycoastoc.com
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Oct. 30: DJ Hook, 9 p.m.
Oct. 31: “The Haunted Island Happy Hour” w/DJ Bigler, 5-9 p.m.; Halloween Dance Party w/Thunderball & DJ Groove, 9 p.m.
Nov. 1: Everett Spells, brunch

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Oct. 31: Simple Truth, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m.
Nov. 1: Opposite Directions, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Billy T, 7 p.m.
Nov. 2: Opposite Directions, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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Route 54 and the bay
Fenwick Island, Del.
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302-539-3095
www.harpoonhannasrestaurant.com
Oct. 30: Dave Hawkins, 5-10 p.m.
Oct. 31: Happy Hour Halloween Party w/DJ, 5-9 p.m.; Dave Sherman, 6-10 p.m.

HOOTERS

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West Ocean City
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www.hootersofoc.com
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Oct. 31: DJ BK, 6-10 p.m.

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Oct. 31: Halloween Party w/Slappy Hour, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Every Wednesday: Randy Lee Ashcraft and the Saltwater Cowboys, 6 p.m.

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www.picklesoc.com
Oct. 31: Halloween Party w/DJ Bigler, 9 p.m.

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Boardwalk, between Talbot and Caroline streets
Ocean City
410-289-6953
www.purplemoosesaloon.com
Oct. 30: Fuzzbox Pirahna, 10 p.m.
Oct. 31: VJ/DJ Jamming Jeff, 2 p.m.; Halloween Party w/Fuzzbox Pirahna, 10 p.m.

SEACRETS

49th Street and the bay
Ocean City
410-524-4900
www.seacrets.com
Oct. 30: No Green Jelly Beenz, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Oct. 31: Spooktacular Halloween Party: Full Circle, 5-9 p.m.; Whiskey-hickon Boys, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Garden State Radio, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Nov. 5: Alex & Shilo, 5-9 p.m.

SKYE RAW BAR & GRILLE

66th Street, bayside
Ocean City
410-723-6762
www.skyebaroc.com
Oct. 30: James Darley, 4-8 p.m.
Oct. 31: Harry O, 4-8 p.m.

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Route 54
West Fenwick Island, Del.
302-436-4716
Oct. 30: Randy Lee Ashcraft & the Saltwater Cowboys, 8 p.m.
Oct. 31: Halloween Bash w/Tezza

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WYFCS celebrates 40th anniversary with event, Sunday

(Oct. 29, 2015) Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services, Inc. (WYFCS) will celebrate 40 years of serving the community at its annual celebration, rescheduled for Sunday, Nov. 1.

The celebration is being hosted by Jim and Annemarie Dickerson at the Francis Scott Key Family Resort, at 12806 Ocean Gateway in West Ocean City. The event is open to the public and will take place from 4-7 p.m.

Health care partners, Peninsula Regional Medical Center (PMRC), Atlantic General Hospital (AGH) and many others will be in attendance. All organizations present will be celebrating the expansion of critical mental health services on the Eastern Shore.

"This celebration is recognizing not only the work of our tremendous staff and volunteers over the years, but also our valued community partners," said Executive Director Steven Taylor. "It has always been a team effort and I think that's why we have been able to not only sustain but grow our services and reputation."

Last year, WYFCS served thousands of people in Worcester County by helping impoverished families find needed financial support and resources through the Family Connections program; serving at risk adolescent girls and boys through the SAGES and SABERS programs; offering cultural, educational, and wellness experiences to local children through the Berlin Youth Club; providing comprehensive counseling and mental health therapy services; and advocating for neglected and abused children through the Lower Shore CASA program.

WYFCS programs are funded by United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore, the towns of Berlin, Ocean City, and Pocomoke, Worcester County Commissioners, Worcester County's Initiative to Preserve Families, Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, Administrative Office of the Courts, Governor's Office for Children, and numerous local businesses and generous individual donors.

The event is open to the public and is free of charge. Complimentary food and beverages will be provided by local restaurants, including The Shark/Culture, Route 50 Diner, Sunset Grille, Crab Alley/Bull on the Beach, Difebo's Restaurant, and Dunkin Donuts. A cash bar will be available. Any questions can be directed to the WYFCS office at 410-641-4598.



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THURS. Oct. 29

FIRESIDE CHAT — Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 3 p.m. Explore new authors and genres in this lively chat about favorite reads. Info: 410-641-0650.

6TH ANNUAL LOCALS APPRECIATION WEEK — Free admission to the Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City. Also get 10 percent off all items in the gift shop. All are welcome. Info: 410-289-4991 or www.ocmuseum.org.

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

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

CAROZZA CONSTITUENT HOUR — Newark Fire Department, 8338 Newark Road, 7-9 p.m. Delegate Mary Beth Carozza will hold a constituent listening hour.

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

BINGO — American Legion Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., in Ocean City, every Thursday, year round. Doors open at 5 p.m., games start at 6:30 p.m. Food available. Open to the public. Info: 410-289-3166.

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

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

FRI. Oct. 30

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‘WINE ON THE BEACH’ — Ocean City Inlet parking lot, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Featuring

wineries from the East Coast, micro-brewed beers, Delmarva cuisine, arts and crafts and live music. Tickets cost \$35 and includes one-day admission, commemorative wine glass and wine tasting sample coupons. Admission for children ages 13-20 is \$15, children 12 and younger admitted free. Discount coupon at www.winefest.com. Info: 410-280-3306.

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

TRACK OR TREAT — Worcester County Recreation Center, Snow Hill, 6-8 p.m. Open to youths ages 12 and younger. Children should come in costume and take bags to collect goodies. No admission fee. Info: Lea Cataggio, 410-632-2144, Ext. 109 or lcataggio@co.worcester.md.us.

SEAL STEWARD VOLUNTEER TRAINING — Blue Ox, 127th Street, Ocean City, 5:30 p.m. When a seal hauls out, seal stewards are contacted to man the haul out area making sure seals and on-lookers are safe and informed. RSVP: Sandi, sandis@md-coastalbays.org or 410-213-2297, Ext. 106.

SAT. Oct. 31

AUTUMN HOME & CONDO SHOW WITH ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Hundreds of ideas to enhance your home and life, all under one roof. See demos and get advice from the pros. Artists and crafters with exciting and creative decor and gifts. Admissions costs are \$6 for adults; \$5 for seniors and students; and free to children 13 and younger and military, police and fire personnel with ID. Info: 410-213-8090, events@oceanpromotions.info or www.oceanpromotions.info.

SEASIDE 10/5K HALLOWEEN BASH — Takes place rain or shine along the Ocean City Boardwalk. The 10-mile and 5K races start at the Ocean City Inlet at 9 a.m. Registration fees for participants. Info: Chris Klebe, 443-497-4324 or www.octrirunning.com.

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MUSICAL HALLOWEEN PROGRAM — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Enjoy a fun program with Perpetual Commotion. Wear costumes. Info:

410-208-4014.

CHILDREN’S HALLOWEEN PARTY— Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Costume contest, Trick or Treating and refreshments. Fun for all ages. Info: 410-524-1818.

‘WINE ON THE BEACH’ — Ocean City Inlet parking lot, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Featuring wineries from the East Coast, micro-brewed beers, Delmarva cuisine, arts and crafts and live music. Tickets cost \$35 and includes one-day admission, commemorative wine glass and wine tasting sample coupons. Admission for children ages 13-20 is \$15, children 12 and younger admitted free. Discount coupon at www.winefest.com. Info: 410-280-3306.

ARTS AND CRAFT FAIR — Seaside Christian Academy, 12637 A Ocean Gateway, behind White Marlin Mall, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., rain or shine. Local craft vendors, authors, artists and bake tables for humans and pets. Vendors table’s cost \$25. Table reservations: Terry Davis, 410-213-7595 or 410-251-4342.

ANNUAL HALLOWEEN FALL FESTIVAL — White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 1-4 p.m. Costume contests, carnival games, face painting, pony rides, candy, haunted hay ride, moon bounce, crafts, pumpkin carving contest, “anything pumpkin” cook-off/bake-off and refreshments for sale. Admission and games are free; there will be a fee for some attractions. Volunteers and candy donations needed. Contest applications, volunteers, donations and info: Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, 410-641-7052.

FALL FESTIVAL — Bowen United Methodist Church, 8426 Newark Road, Newark, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oyster and chicken salad sandwiches, angus burgers or hot dogs, vegetable beef or navy bean soups, chili and clam chowder. Eat in or carry out. Dessert table, sweet potato biscuits and chicken salad by cup, pint or quart for sale.

HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT — White Marlin Mall, 12641 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City, 4-6 p.m. Children, ages 12 years and younger, must be in costume to participate. Info: www.whitemarlinmall.com/events.asp.

‘INTRODUCTION TO HOSPICE’ TRAINING — Coastal Hospice Volunteer Offices, Philmore Commons, 224 Phillip Morris Drive, Suite 102, Salisbury. Those volunteering for patient visits are invited to attend on two Saturdays, Oct. 31 and Nov. 7, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Those volunteering for office or thrift shop work are invited to attend on Oct. 31 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The course is free and open to the public. Register: Judy Hunt-Harris, 410-543-2590.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW — The Globe, 12 Broad St., Berlin, 8 p.m. to midnight. Watch the movie, win door prizes, pose in the photo booth, bid on silent auction and order themed food and drinks. Compete in the Rocky Horror costume contest and Time Warp dance contest for \$5. Admission is free. Prop bags available for \$5 donation. Proceeds benefit Relay For Life/American Cancer Society. Info: Christine, 410-726-3220 or Facebook, “Relay For Life Rocky Horror Halloween Party!”

CROSS CULTURAL CONVERSATIONS — St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, 10301 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City, 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. A Look at our Diverse Heritages will feature cultural awareness speakers and workshops. Lunch provided. Info: 410-524-7474.

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

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

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

SUN. Nov. 1

AUTUMN HOME & CONDO SHOW WITH ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hundreds of ideas to enhance your home and life, all under one roof. See demos and get advice from the pros. Artists and crafters with exciting and creative decor and gifts. Admissions costs are \$6 for adults; \$5 for seniors and students; and free to children 13 and younger and military, police and fire personnel with ID. Info: 410-213-8090, events@oceanpromotions.info or www.oceanpromotions.info.

GEMS’ TEA — Dunes Manor Hotel, 2800 N. Baltimore Ave., Ocean City, 2-4 p.m. Women’s groups will honor JoFran Falcon, Ruth Kemp, Mary Makinen and Barbara Tull. Cost is \$25. Info: 410-641-7391.

WORCESTER YOUTH & FAMILY’S 40TH ANNIVERSARY — Francis Scott Key Family Resort, 12806 Ocean Gateway, Ocean City, 4-7 p.m. Celebrating 40 years of

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serving the community. Free and open to the public. Complimentary food and beverages. Cash bar available. Info: 410-641-4598.

BERLIN SEAHAWKS POP WARNER FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING FUNDRAISER — Ocean City Brewing Company, 5509 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 1-4 p.m. Includes food and drink specials, NFL game viewing, silent auction and 50/50 raffle. Open to the public; no admission fee. Donations are welcome. Info: Jessie Wolfe Parsons, 443-235-4930 or Shelly Olafsson, 209-277-0001.

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

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

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

MON. Nov. 2

‘SAFE SITTERS’ BABYSITTING CLASS — Northside Park, 200 125th St. in Ocean City, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Boys and girls, ages 11 and older, will receive a certification card and reference textbook upon completion. Cost is \$35 for Ocean City residents and \$45 for non-residents. Register: 410-250-0125 or www.oceancitymd.gov.

AARP MEETING — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway. Social time at 9:30 a.m.; meeting starts at 10 a.m. Speaker will be Tammy Brenahan, Assoc. State Director Advocacy, AARP Maryland. Take a can of food for Diakonia. Info: Larry Walton, 443-831-1791.

HYPERTENSION CLINICS — Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place the first Monday of every month at Apple Discount Drugs, 314 Franklin Ave., in Berlin, 10 a.m. to noon and at Walgreens, 11310 Manklin Creek Rd., in Ocean Pines, 1-3 p.m. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Info: Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268.

GREEK COOKING DEMONSTRATION — Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 2 p.m. Info: 410-632-3495.

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

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

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

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP — St. Paul’s United Methodist Church, 405 Flower St., Berlin, first Monday of each month, 6-7 p.m. Lou Brecht will speak on sleep apnea. All welcome. Info: AGH Diabetes Outpatient Education program, 410-641-9703.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30-4 p.m. The group meets twice a month to discuss both classic and modern reading selections. Info: Dana Rosenfeld, 410-632-8639.

BASIC COMPUTER INSTRUCTION — Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 10 a.m. and Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 1 p.m. Learn how to set up an email account and how to navigate the web. Register: Snow Hill, 410-632-3495 or Pocomoke, 410-957-0878.

LAP TIME — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Children, under 2 years old, will be introduced to songs, games and finger plays. Info: 410-208-4014.

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

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

TUES. Nov. 3

YOUNG & RESTLESS ‘SIMPLE MACHINES’ — Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 10:30 a.m. For 3 to 7 year old children. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org.

STORY TIME — Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 10:30 a.m. For 2 to 5 year old children. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org.

HYPERTENSION CLINICS — Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place at Rite Aid, Selbyville, Del., 10 a.m. to noon and at Walgreens, Clarksville, Del., 1-3 p.m. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Info: Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268.

HEALTHY LIVING WITH DIABETES WORKSHOP — Snow Hill Senior Center, 4767 Snow Hill Road, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Free, six-week workshop designed to help those affected by diabetes better manage their disease. Pre-registration required: Dawn, 410-641-9268.

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

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

WED. Nov. 4

STEPHEN DECATUR HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT FUNDRAISER — Stephen Decatur High School, Auditorium, 9913 Seahawk Road, Berlin, 6 p.m. Featuring Delmarva Chorus of Sweet Adelines International and the Stephen Decatur High School Show and Concert Choirs. A \$5 donation will be collected at the door. Homemade sweets available.

GRACE PARKER ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST — First Presbyterian Church, 1301 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 7 a.m. to noon. Eggs any style, pancakes, buckwheat pancakes, sausage, country ham, homemade biscuits, hash brown potatoes, grits, coffee and tea. Cost is \$8 to eat in or \$6 to carry out. Milk, soda and orange juice available. Info: 410-289-9340.

YOUNG & RESTLESS ‘SIMPLE MACHINES’ — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. For 3 to 7 year old children. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org.

BERLIN NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING — Multi-Purpose Building, 130 Flower Street, Berlin, 5:30 p.m. To provide an update on the Hudson Branch Stormwater Project. Focus will be on the work planned for Hudson Branch near Flower Street.

HYPERTENSION CLINICS — Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place the first Wednesday of every month at Rite Aid, 10119 Old Ocean City Blvd., in Berlin, 10 a.m. to noon and at Rite Aid, 11011 Manklin Creek Road in Ocean Pines, 1-3 p.m. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Info: Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268.

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

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP — Rite Aid, 11011 Manklin Creek Road, Ocean Pines, 7-8 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. Dr. Lawrence Kemp will discuss

Diabetic Neuropathy & Neurologic Complications of Diabetes. All welcome. Info: AGH Diabetes Outpatient Education program, 410-641-9703.

HEALTHY LIVING WITH DIABETES WORKSHOP — Ocean City Senior Center, 104 41st Street, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Free, six-week workshop that teaches self-management skills for those with Diabetes (or caring for someone with Diabetes). Pre-registration required: Dawn, 410-641-9268.

HEALTHY LIVING WITH DIABETES WORKSHOP — Selbyville library, 11 S. Main St., Selbyville, Del., 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free, six-week workshop to help those affected by diabetes better manager their disease, Wednesdays, Nov. 4-Dec. 16. Pre-register: Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268.

E-READERS AND THE LIBRARY — Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 2 p.m. Take your library card and tablet or e-reader to start downloading. Info: 410-641-0650.

MAN O’ WAR & THE RIDDLE FARM — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Mabel Rogers will talk about the history of the Glenn Riddle Farm and the life of Man O’ War. Info: 410-208-4014.

MODEL TRAIN DISPLAYS — Delaware Seaside Railroad Club, Clayton Crossing, 32422 Royal Blvd., Dagsboro, Del., Wednesdays, 5-8 p.m., year round. See five layouts. Info: Bill Ziegler, wjziegler1@verizon.net or 302-537-0964.

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

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

KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OCEAN PINES/OCEAN CITY — Meets every Wednesday at the Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway. Doors open at 7 a.m., meeting begins at 8 a.m. Info: 410-641-7330.

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

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

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