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SALUTE TO VETERANS

Hundreds attend a Veterans Day tribute at the Worcester County Veteran's Memorial in Ocean Pines, last Friday. Pictured, clockwise from left, the Stephen Decatur Junior ROTC presents the posting of colors, Carol Ludwig leads the Delmarva Chorus in patriotic song, members of the American Legion Post 166, Post 231 and Post 123 salute after a ceremonial riffle volley, and past American Legion Post 166 Commander and Chaplain Nathan Pearson gives the keynote address.

Inca to aid Church Mouse outreach

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Nov. 17, 2016) The reason for the season, according to the owners of Inca Ruins in Berlin, is giving.

Since opening about two years ago, owners Ken Briggs and Cesar Raygada have made it a point to give back, focusing especially on the Church Mouse Thrift Shop, which, in turn, provides help to dozens of needy families and nonprofit groups.

"We've given over \$1,000, probably \$1,500 in retail to them already," Briggs said. "It seems like an organization that's just going to help the people who need it." On Nov. 25 and 26, Inca Ruins will hold a "Reason for the Season Holiday Fundraiser," asking shoppers to bring a canned food item to the Church Mouse on 101 North Main Street, or Inca Ruins on 12 Pitts Street.

The first 100 people who donate will receive a raffle ticket for a \$100 Inca Ruins gift certificate. Ten percent of all proceeds during that time will also go to the Church Mouse, and Briggs promised additional giveaways for "some fun stuff" would be available at his shop.

He also plans to donate more new clothing to the Church Mouse following the fundraiser. A drawing for the gift certificate will be held on Monday, Nov. 28, and the winner will be notified.

Helen Wiley, who runs the Church Mouse, said Briggs approached her about the campaign and she suggested they collaborate to collect canned goods.

"They've been very generous, sending me brand-new products throughout the last two years, from kid's clothes to adult jackets," Wiley said. "This year they wanted to really push giving back through what the Church Mouse does with the food pantry."

Church Mouse is especially active See IN BERLIN Page 6

Free Thanksgiving meals offered in Berlin, Ocean City

By Kara Hallissey Staff Writer

(Nov. 17, 2016) Two local churches will host free Thanksgiving meals along with fellowship next week.

Berlin's First Baptist Church will offer Thanksgiving dinners for its 30th year on Williams Street.

"It is an opportunity to share Thanksgiving with someone else and quite often people who live here are lonely so you are keeping them company," said Sharon Parsons, church of-See PRAISE Page 6





Apparent fatal hit-and-run discovered near GlenRiddle

State police say name not released because next of kin could not be located

By Josh Davis Associate Editor

(Nov. 17, 2016) Few new details have emerged since police announced last Friday that an unidentified body had been found on the Route 50 roadside near GlenRiddle.

Maryland State Police Lt. Earl Starner said on Monday that's because officials have had difficulty notifying the next of kin because that person or persons "is likely in another country."

"Obviously, we would hope to release a name at some point, but there's a notification issue," he said.

Starner said there were no suspects in the case and that "multiple units within the state police" were taking part in the investigation. That includes state police CRASH, the criminal enforcement division and the Berlin Barrack, he said.

At about noon on Friday, police received a 911 call from a motorist who thought he had spotted a dead deer near a ditch that, upon further investigation, he realized was a body.

The man apparently spoke with state police at the Berlin Barrack, and troopers arrived to find the victim "deceased ... in a grassy ravine between Maryland Route 707 and Route 50 in Worcester County" according to a state police press release issued on Friday.

The release went on to stay a preliminary investigation suggested the victim was involved in a fatal hit and run "due to the physical evidence and debris left at the scene."

Police are asking that anyone with information related to the case contact the Berlin Barrack at 410-641-3101.

The Lower Eastern Shore Crime Solvers are offering up to \$1,000 for any information leading to an arrest for the person responsible. For more information, call 410-548-1776.

"We're asking for anyone who knows [anything] to please call us, and there is a reward through Crime Solvers that's been offered," Starner said. "As it stands, the investigation is continuing. I'm not releasing any other information."

SDHS teacher charged with sex crimes involving minor

(Nov. 17, 2016) A Stephen Decatur High School teacher was arrested and charged on Nov. 10 with sexual abuse of a minor and sexual solicitation of a minor.

Law enforcement officials reported they were notified on Nov. 7, that Austin Martin, 27, of Berlin, allegedly had been engaging in an extended inappropriate communication with a senior at the school since at least May, according to court records. The investigation into that accusation led to the charges.

Carrie Sterrs, Worcester County Public Schools spokesperson, released the following statement last Wednesday afternoon: "Worcester County Public Schools is aware of the investigation into Stephen Decatur High School teacher Austin Martin."

"When the school system was made aware of this matter, Mr. Austin was immediately placed on administrative leave until further notice. The safety and security of our students is of the utmost importance to our school system, and we will continue to be proactive and steadfast in ensuring our learning environments are safe for the children of Worcester County."

Martin posted a \$25,000 bond and has a preliminary hearing set for Nov. 22 at the Worcester County District Court in Snow Hill.



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All fourth grade students in Worcester County participate in a new STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) Fest experience at Furnace Town in Snow Hill, Nov. 2-3. Will Warren plays music for some of them.

Fourth graders experience STEM

Furnace Town happening brings in more than 500 for historical, NASA demos

By Kara Hallissey Staff Writer

(Nov. 17, 2016) All fourth grade students in Worcester County participated in a new STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) Fest experience at Furnace Town in Snow Hill during the first week in November.

More than 500 students were divided into two groups before they visited 16 educational stations while utilizing materials and experiencing teaching methods original to Furnace Town's heyday in the 1830s. The activities took place Nov. 2-3 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"There were major comparisons made between life in the 1830s at Furnace Town to now," Marlyn Barrett, coordinator of the program, said. "We broke the students into two groups and gave the same lessons both days."

Students made candles out of beeswax, participated in a lighting activity and learned about beekeeping before tasting the honey, which was used to sweeten foods throughout the 19th century.

A lesson in the Old School House showed students how teachers taught on a chalkboard before iPads and other devices were available.

Woodworking, broom making out of pine needles and printing practices throughout the years was also discussed.

"The toys of then and now were the biggest hit of the day," Barrett said. "The students were attaching a button to a string and the kids found it fascinating."

Students could try homemade bread and make their own butter out

of cream, or learn about animals.

A mandolin and guitar were demonstrated, and a huge sound system showed students how music is amplified today.

Three NASA booths with information about how the sun was used to tell time by utilizing sundials and its importance to sustaining life was also part of the presentation.

"Everyday living was discussed, including how there was no air conditioning or running water, and how Furnace Town affected the soil and town," Barrett said.

This is the first time Worcester County held a STEM Fest experience at Furnace Town, and Barrett said they plan to have the activities every year.

"Furnace Town was the first place that came to mind when organizing the Stem Fest," Barrett said. "The kids had a very good time and we were impressed with what they learned."

Local family draws support following several tragedies

By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(Nov. 17, 2016) After the Byrd family experienced three deaths in the last two years, mounting debt rendered them unable to buy gravestones for the departed, but a recently launched gofundme campaign seeks to remedy the situation.

Salisbury resident Dr. Cynthia Byrd, executive director of the Julia A. Purnell Museum in Snow Hill, said the string of tragic family events began when her younger sister, Christina Johnson, was diagnosed with cancer in 2011.

"She passed away in Dec 2014 from ovarian cancer," she said. "My husband and I adopted her two young daughters."

As it turned out, fate had a few more tragedies in store for the Byrd family, most of whom live in Folkston, Georgia.

"At my sister's memorial, my mother told me she had not been feeling well," she said.

Within weeks, her mother, Beverly Byrd, was hospitalized with lymphoma.

"She went to the hospital for a biopsy and got an infection and died in March 2015," she said. "We lost them both really close together."

This year held more unwanted news for the Byrd clan.

"We learned that my father (Jim) has been diagnosed with cancer that's metastasized to his lungs, so he's struggling along on his own without my mom," she said.

While Jim Byrd's health issues are taxing the family emotionally, covering medical expenses without insurance is demanding their immediate attention.

"Most of the southern states did not expand Medicaid for lower income workers so they can not take advantage of Obama care," she said. "If you cannot afford health insurance, you just don't have any, its no better than it was before."

As if the situation wasn't sufficiently dire, Cynthia's younger brother, Jamie, died this Halloween. See BYRD Page 8





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Bruder Hill to donate funds from sales to opiate outreach

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Nov. 17, 2016) Since forming earlier this year, the nonprofit Worcester County Warriors Against Opiate Addiction has experienced a number of firsts, from its first meeting in April, to its first major fundraiser at Trader Lee's in West Ocean City in September.

This week, for the first time, a shop in Berlin will hold a weeklong fundraiser for Worcester County Warriors' programs.

Bruder Hill owner Shelly Bruder said she had wanted to work with the group since she first heard about it.

For her, the struggle against opiate addiction was a familiar story.

"I grew up with an addict in my home. My brother was an addict and ended up getting cancer and dying last year," Bruder said.

She said business at the shop has kept her away from the majority of the monthly Warriors meetings, and giving back through a donation was her way of getting involved.

Another motivator, Bruder said, was the passing of family friend Bob Harman last month. In lieu of flowers, his family asked that donations be made in his name to the Worcester County Warriors.

Harman's grandson, Kyle, almost died of an overdose earlier this year.

"We've been following [Kyle's] progress, and he's coming along, which is wonderful," Bruder said. "He almost died.

"We love them and we've really been wanting Kyle to get better," she added. "I just think it's so important to support this cause, because it's rampant in this community. It doesn't matter how old you are, who you are, what economic bracket you're in – it can happen to anybody."

Through Nov. 20, Bruder Hill, on 25 Commerce Street, will donate a portion of its proceeds in the memory of Harman and Bruder's brother, Anthony Komornik.

Warriors co-founder Jackie Ball said many instances of heroin and opiate-related fatalities go unrecorded because a lifetime of drug abuse – and not necessary an acute overdose – are often the cause of death.

"We hear these stories all the time, and the age of her brother is much more common than people realize," Ball said. "In Worcester County and throughout Maryland, we are really concerned about the 20-year-old, which is a problem, but the people who are dying are mostly in their 50s and 60s."

As evidence that Bruder Hill will only be the first of many local businesses to rally behind the Worcester County Warriors, Burley Oak Brewing Company also recently announced a partnership. On Monday, Nov. 28 at 6 p.m. the brewery, on 10016 Old Ocean City Boulevard, will raise money for the nonprofit's efforts to provide transportation to inpatient addiction centers.

Rogue Citizens will provide entertainment, guest bartenders from Ocean 98 and the band Full Circle will pour beers, and a Chinese auction will raise additional funds.

The Worcester County Warriors will hold its next monthly meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 29 at 6:30 p.m. at Stephen Decatur High School in Berlin.

For more information, visit www.wocowarriors.org, or search "Worcester County Warriors Against Opiate Addiction" on Facebook.



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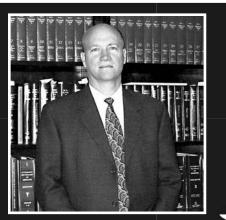
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In Berlin, collaboration forms for local food pantries drive

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around the holiday season, and supports Worcester County GOLD, the Believe In Tomorrow Children's House By the Sea and the Spirit Kitchen, among others. The store also sponsors two families during the Christmas holiday.

"The thing about Berlin and this community is that people pay attention," Wiley said. "They see what's going. They want to be supportive to it and they want to give back. It shows how there's love, and love in the community can make the people feel good.

"People who are down in their luck and in troubled times know the community cares, and Inca Ruins is turning around and showing that they care, like so many other merchants in Berlin do," she added.

Last Valentine's Day, Inca Ruins opened a shop in in the Village by the Sea shopping center in Rehoboth. Briggs said he planned to do additional outreach through the new shop, similar to the Church Mouse campaign, and potentially benefiting the CAMP Rehoboth Community Center.

Both stores have already donated time and money to Maryland Public Radio this year.

"That's a big part of our business – to be able to give back every year," Briggs said. "With two stores, we're able to do a little bit better."

For more information, or to donate to the Church Mouse, call 410-641-4385, email helenbuttercup@verizon.net or visit www.churchmousethriftshop.com.

Praise, fellowship and hot meal during Thanksgiving

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ficer manager and a Thanksgiving volunteer since 2001.

About 40 volunteers and the church family provide turkeys and side dishes. The traditional dinner includes dressing, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans and cranberry sauce, she said.

"There is so much joy in helping someone," Parsons said. "We see it all come together and it is very rewarding."

The volunteers cook Thanksgiving at their homes or come in to help prepare food before setting up the tables and serving guests in addition to cleanup duties.

Last year, Berlin's First Baptist Church provided 480 meals and organizers plan to serve about the same amount next week.

"We are putting emphasis on coming in and sharing with each other," Parsons said. "We do deliver to shutins and working people such as the police, fire department and the DaVita Berlin Dialysis Center, where patients are required to have dialysis every day."

Guests can dine-in or carry-out, and the church has already received 125 reservations.

"We are looking for volunteers, and they can call the church," Parsons said. "We are here to help and sharing the love of Christ."

Thanksgiving dinner will be offered between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 24 at the church, located at 613 Williams Street in Berlin.

Those who would like to attend should call 410-641-4306 in advance to reserve their seats or carryout meals. Leave a message after the recording and someone from the church will return the call.

For the 38th year, the Ocean City Baptist Church will be having its annual Thanksgiving dinner at the North Division Street parish.

Members of the church and community volunteers prepare and serve dinner which includes turkey, stuffing, gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, corn, string beans, cranberry sauce, pies, coffee, tea and rolls.

"Many come who do not want to cook and sit with others who cannot afford a meal," said Pastor Sean Davis.

About 100 volunteers were on hand to help out during last year's dinner and most live in the community.

Last year, the church provided close to 700 meals. Guests have the option of dining in, carrying food out or calling in advance for delivery.

Volunteers also deliver to the Ocean City Police Department, fire department, Ocean City Coast Guard Station and to local businesses that are open on Thanksgiving.

The Baptist church in downtown Ocean City will offer its Thanksgiving dinner between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Nov. 24. The festivities will take place at the church, located next to the 7-Eleven at 102 N. Division Street. For those who need their meals delivered to Ocean City or West Ocean City, call 410-289-4054 in advance.

The Ocean City Baptist Church will also host the Ocean City Christian Ministers Associations annual community Thanksgiving service on Sunday, Nov. 22, at 7 p.m.

There will be praise, worship songs, hymns, community choir, Thanksgiving testimonies and a brief message. Desserts and fellowship will follow the service.

Guests are asked to bring canned goods, paper products, nonperishable food items or donate funds for the food pantry on Somerset Street. The service is sponsored by all area churches.

For more information, call 410-289-6573.

ETS to bring technology jobs, e-wallet to Worcester County

By Josh Davis Associate Editor

(Nov. 17, 2016) Live, work, code and sell at the beach.

That's the mantra of tech company Electronic Transaction Systems (ETS), which will open an office soon inside the former South Moon Under building on Franklin Avenue in Berlin.

The Virginia-based mobile commerce company, run by Ed Vaughan, will be overseen locally by New Jersey native and recent Salisbury University graduate Ryan Pappas.

Worcester County Economic Development Director Merry Mears said her department helped nurture the project through its business incubator in Pocomoke several years ago.

"We cultivated him (Pappas) here, and now it is materializing in front of our eyes," she said. "I have noticed a young, innovative tech community sprouting up in northern part of Worcester – this is a physical manifestation of it."

Pappas said Berlin was chosen as the latest ETS office site – along with the corporate home office there are also satellites in Germany, Canada and Ireland – because of its proximity to a certain ocean.

"When we first began our discussion about how [Vaughan] and I could potentially work together, we both started to think that a beach office might be desirable, given the market out here for our products and services," Pappas said. "All of the merchants in the area could benefit from having a five-minute meeting with one of our representatives and save their business money."

The ETS flagship product is the EMoney app, which shares some DNA with Apple Pay and Samsung Pay in that consumers can pay for things using a mobile app on their phones that can access their bank accounts. "Both of those are great electronic wallets, but the main problem is you have Apple in one corner saying 'Hey, use our Apple Pay' and you have Samsung in the other corner saying 'Hey, use our Samsung Pay.' The EMoney ewallet is platform agnostic, meaning that it can run on any operating system and allow that user to make purchases without having to be device-bound," Pappas said. "It lets you have freedom from Apple or Samsung's grasp on your data."

Pappas said the app emulates a credit or debit card using a mobile device. There is no additional charge for the consumer.

"It's still a standard debit/credit transaction, it's just running from this amazing electronic platform," he said. "A business would have to utilize our services to allow its customers to benefit from the e-wallet."

The Town of Ocean City is a client, meaning users of the app can do everything from pay their bills, to catch a bus.

"You look at Ocean City and there's probably already over 20,000 people with the e-wallet on their phone on any given summer," Pappas said. "The technology is already existent and people are already using it all over Ocean City, it's just a matter of us trying to bring different businesses on board."

As for the potential for new jobs in the area, Pappas said he would be hiring inside sales representatives to work at the call center from the Berlin office, as well outside sales representatives, who would meet directly with area merchants.

He also expects to bring several computer engineers and "development interns" on board.

"We're going to be cycling 15 interns at a time, each semester, from Salisbury, U-Del and UMES – any school See TOWN Page 9





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Dr. Cynthia Byrd and her husband, Hans Zieger, adopted her sister's children, Jamie, 8, right, and Jolie Zieger, 6, after their mother lost her battle with cancer in December 2014.

Byrd: 'faith in the universe is restored' by community

BYRD FAMILY continued

"It's so unlikely that all these things could happen to one family in such a short period of time," she said. "I feel like if I tell people they wouldn't believe it."

Each time a family member passed the Byrd's scrambled to cover funeral expenses.

'We got the most modest arrangements that we could make," she said.

To pay for the series of burials, Cynthia co-signed for a loan with her father, who, with no other options, used his motor vehicles as collateral.

"We did that for my Mom and we thought, 'OK, we can get this done we can pay this loan back," she said. "We did that for my sister and now that my brother's passed away, there's not enough money in the world. People won't stop dying."

Although Cynthia is doing what she can financially, she said her means are limited.

"I have a very small income working for a tiny nonprofit," she said. "I send back every penny I can, but I raise a family of four and there's a limit to what can be done with that."

During Jamie's funeral earlier this month, Cynthia mentioned to Jamie's daughter, LeAnn, that the family had been unable to buy gravestones for her sister, mother and, now, brother.

'By the time they passed away, the family was completely broke because everything has been poured into trying to take care of their medical needs," she said.

When LeAnn mentioned the idea of starting a gofundme page, Cynthia was hesitant

"It didn't seem like the kind of thing I could do," she said. "I was too proud to want to do something like that or even to tell people about our situation."

Realizing other options were limited, the family put hesitation aside and created the Byrd Family Funerals gofundme page on Nov. 6.

We picked \$10,000 as a round number knowing that the headstones would probably cost about \$3,000 and the other \$7,000 would pay off the loan," she said.

As of this Monday, the campaign had collected more than \$2,900, meaning the gravestone arrangements can likely begin. What's been equally rewarding, Cynthia said, is the outpouring of love and concern from friends and strangers.

"It's not so much about the money, but it's about that people cared," she said. "It just seemed completely impossible - \$10,000 dollars to us might as well been \$10 million."

Since starting the funding campaign, Cynthia has found people to be supportive and not judgmental.

"I think people could relate to the extremity of the situation," she said. "You're grieving at the same time that you're trying to handle the practicalities of life.

Regardless of the dollar amount, Cynthia said the kindness and encouragement the family has received is difficult to quantify.

You feel so hopeless and lost and then suddenly these people care and you feel like your faith in the universe is restored," she said. "There is enough support, there are enough friends and there is enough love in the world."

The Byrd Family Funeral page can be found at gofundme.com/byrdfamily-funerals.

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Town and county officials praise new Berlin business

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that feeds into an internship program," Pappas said.

While running for a third term, Berlin Mayor Gee Williams repeatedly said that, along with health care and hospitality, technology jobs were the future of the town.

During a 90-minute Coastal Association of Realtors forum in September, Williams went as far as to say Berlin was "on the cusp of bringing some of those jobs here."

During a phone interview last Friday, Williams admitted he had an inkling then that ETS might be opening up shop.

"I'm sure that there will at least be some very interesting proposals that are across the spectrum of potential development, because I've heard from so many folks since the election," Williams said. "The key for the community is to make sure these things happen in a way that is compatible with our current town."

Williams said ETS was a great example of the type of jobs the town should be pursuing "for the foreseeable future."

"This is the kind of industry that can be almost anywhere, but to attract good people it has to be a good place to live as well," he said. "I think that's why it's a perfect marriage, because people who have those kinds of technological skills and education care about where their families live. I know I'm the mayor, but I think, being objective, we're pretty competitive when it comes to quality of life."

Pappas said the new office could be ready by Dec. 1, and that hiring could begin shortly after. To inquire about a position, visit www.liveworkcode.com.

"For Berlin and for this area, we're looking at an area with a large talent pool that's been untapped," he said. "The goal for the company is to 'uniform' this e-wallet. When you go to Ocean City I want people to already have that wallet on their phone and know that they don't have to take their actual wallet anywhere. That's a 'Millennial' style thing, but it'll catch on. Once the kids are doing it, then the parents will start doing it too because they'll see how easy it is to pay for things.

"These families are spending all this money to come down here and have a great trip, and as crazy as it sounds, that takes time out of their trip," he added. "If you make 30 purchases while you're in Ocean City, that's a lot of time to spend at the checkout, especially with the lines in the summer. It makes it easier to pay for products, which for consumers might make them more inclined to pay for that product, which makes everything easier and increases business."





Pair of Pines proposals push major renovations

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Nov. 17, 2016) Interim General Manager Brett Hill's fiscal year 2018 budget guidance to the Ocean Pines Board more or less consisted of a pair of renovations designed to target a multitude of problems.

During a special meeting on Monday, Hill recommended extensive remodeling of the administration building on Ocean Parkway and giving up the majority of the existing footprint to the already attached but by all accounts cramped – police department.

To make up some of that space, he laid out plans to renovate the country club, adding three new meeting areas.

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Proposals made by the previous administration included new police station and country buildings, club with estimates upwards of \$2 million for each.

Hill's renovation proposal would cost \$360,000 to address deficiencies at the police department, more than doubling pospace from lice to 1,770 3,795 square feet and eliminating common areas and meeting space used



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

OPA interim General Manager Brett Hill discusses proposals to renovate the country club and administration building during a special budget meeting in the community center on Monday.

by committee groups, the board and the various advisory committees.

He also presented a plan for the country club, developed with Facilities Manager Jerry Aveta and Golf Director John Malinowski, with a total price tag of about \$850,000 spread

out over two years.

That included expanding the Tern Grill restaurant, reducing the men's and women's locker room areas and upgrading both bathrooms on the first floor, while creating a new boardroom space, two additional

meeting rooms, an outdoor deck and additional restaurant space on the second floor.

At the country club, the renovations would apparently include a new roof and upgraded HVAC systems, See OCEAN Page 13





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Berlin, county and PD officials gather for groundbreaking

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Nov. 17, 2016) Government officials, members of the police department and town employees gathered last Wednesday at the site of the new Berlin Police station for a groundbreaking that, according to Mayor Gee Williams, has been generations overdue.

The town used mostly casino revenue to buy the property at the corner of Flower Street and Route 376 and then sold a portion of it to cut that outlay in half. The purchase price was \$828,530, but the town later sold 1.6 acres of the parcel to Dollar General for \$409,250.

The building is expected to cost about \$2.2 million, and could be open by the end of next year.

Berlin Police Chief Arnold Downing told the Gazette in July the station would triple the size of the current building, near Town Hall on Williams Street.

To say the department's current quarters are cramped is something of an understatement, according to Downing, who said 14 police officers must share four desks and work with inadequate storage.

There have been times, when citizens coming in for fingerprinting were turned away for fear they would be exposed to people in police custody, Downing said.

Even though the new station is a year away, Downing said the fact that it will be built is boosting departmental morale.

"They finally see the light at the end of the tunnel in that we're getting something that is proper and that is modern," he said in July. "You don't feel safe in places ... where you take two steps and you're out the back door."

Planning Director Dave Engelhart said the building would provide about 7,100 square feet of space, about 2,000 square feet more than the current station.

At the groundbreaking, Williams addressed a crowd huddled under a tent in the rain. Among those at the ceremony were council members Zack Tyndall and Thom Gulyas, Worcester County Sheriff Reggie Mason, Worcester County commissioners Bud Church



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Berlin Mayor Gee Williams speaks during a groundbreaking ceremony for the new police station, at the corner of Flower Street and Assateague Road, last Wednesday.



Local lawmakers and law enforcement officials break ground during a rainy morning, last Wednesday, at the site of the new Berlin Police Station at the corner of Flower Street and Assateague Road.

and Diana Purnell, and Ocean Downs General Manager Joe Cavilla.

"We have a very cozy situation here this morning, which is very typical Berlin," Williams said, adding that it was a "dreary, but important day for Berlin and the greater community."

He said it the project took "a lot of pushups" by state and local lawmakers to secure Berlin a portion of the funds generated at the Casino at Ocean Downs.

"Looking back, it was a blessing for Berlin," he said. "I think Berlin has tried – and I think today is evidence – to do what's right with that money ... public safety is one of the things that was definitely earmarked for any slots revenues that were shared with the county and the town."

He said all of the "new equipment and technology" at the station would be paid for using that casino revenue, and that taxpayers would not be burdened with any of those costs.

"Both from a practical standpoint and from trying to do the right thing as a community, we've applied those revenues to a critical need for this community that's been around for decades," Williams said.

"As proud as we all are of our police headquarters, we also recognize that good policing is all about people working every day to earn the trust and respect of the people in our community and our guests," he added. "I sincerely believe this is an opportunity for all of us to rededicate ourselves to our longstanding policy of community policing. It has served our town of berlin so well for so many years.

"Given all the upheaval and change our nation is going through, there is no more important time than now for all of us to lead by example, so let's begin leading by way of construction of this exciting public safety project with the official groundbreaking," Williams said.

Berlin Briefs

By Katie Tabeling

Staff Writer

(Nov. 17, 2016) The Berlin mayor and council, with Councilman Elroy Brittingham absent, discussed the following items during the Nov. 14 meeting at Town Hall:

New concert

John Fager, who operates the Atlantic Hotel in Berlin and owns Fager's Island in Ocean City, proposed hosting a "Small Town Throw Down," a country concert next fall to expand Berlin's events. "The idea is to have it on the second Saturday in September because that gets people talking about Berlin even earlier in the fall," Fager said to the council. "It's a different type of entertainment than we normally have, and it would bring the honky-tonk scene, which is so big right now, here."

Aside from country bands, the Small Town Throw Down would also invite cowboy-oriented vendors to Berlin. The event would have a similar set-up to Fiddler's Convention, with Main Street closed and the stage placed in front of the Atlantic Hotel.

Fager said that he would use his

sources in the music scene to find affordable bands from Nashville or on the Virginia and Pennsylvania circuit.

He added that the concert's proceeds would also help keep decorating expenses, which several shop owners contribute to, at a manageable cost.

Mayor Gee Williams supported the event and its timing.

"There's a lag after Bath Tub Races and the Peach Festival, so this would be a nice transition and a cool event for locals and guests," Williams said. "I think it's brilliant."

The council voted 4-0 to approve the Small Town Throw Down for Sept. 9 2017.

Contract adjustment

The council voted to modify the stormwater contract for the installation of a culvert under Flower Streets to minimize flooding.

The adjustment in the contract reflects a change in the culvert's size and number from one 13 feet long and three feet wide to two culverts of seven by eight feet, side by side.

The additional cost for the materials is \$111,201.62. The extra expense would still be reimbursed through the Community Development Block Grant that funds the project.

Ocean Pines budget talks continue

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taking the building down "to a shell" while remodeling it.

Along with being less costly than outright replacement of either building, the renovations would not require any serious interruption of golf operations and would keep that revenue stream active, Hill said.

"This would be the long-term golf facility – it's not a short-term fix," he said. "Looking at what we can do to have the greatest impact on golf now and help give them reasons to keep the golfers on the course ... we all felt this was a great use of space, and this is something that our internal staff could facilitate in the six weeks that John is going to be down in January and February.

"As soon as the golf season starts to pick back up when the weather breaks, we would have the space available to utilize and directly impact the 2017 golfing season," he added.

Board Vice President Dave Stevens said he was "skeptical – a lot," adding "serious thought needs to be given to functionality."

Director Cheryl Jacobs wondered if Hill or others had explored requests for a fitness area, or whether the country club proposal addressed the failing cart barn.

According to Hill, improvements

related to aquatics would partially address the community's fitness needs, while public works staff could repair the existing cart barn, which was structurally sound.

He said the renovations at the country club would benefit more than just the golf set.

"Over half a million dollars is going into space that's for the direct benefit of the community [and] the community members, and it's serving needs outside of golf," he said. "There are many, many groups that rely on our facilities for weekly card games [or] Girl Scout or Boy Scout meetings ... we go a whole lot farther than just doing golf and pools for our members."

Several directors worried that a business justification was lacking, comparing the proposals to the new yacht club.

Hill countered that, unlike the yacht club, the administration building and country club projects would not strictly be about food and beverage operations, and went as far as to promise expanded space "is going to be used to bring in no revenue."

"It's for community service," he said. "To say that we're approaching this as a food and beverage investment is way, way off base ... this is not a food and beverage investment." Board President Tom Herrick said Hill was not asking for more space, but was "trying to get the best use of the available space we already have."

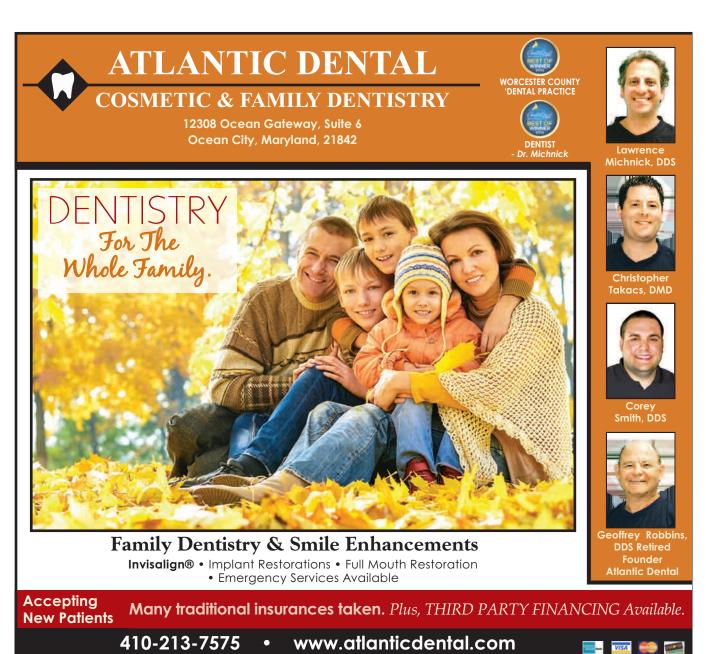
"It appears we have definitely ruled out the possibility for replacement, so I guess we can get started from that perspective," Jacobs said. "What we're wrestling with is just how do we define the space as a part of the renovation."

She said that decision needed to be made fairly quickly.

Hill said the two proposals were intertwined. By eliminating meeting space in the administration building and giving police more room to process suspects safely and to conduct more effective investigations, that space had to be made up with the new floor plan at the country club.

"The goal, when all of us were meeting, across all of the staff, was to look at what the overall needs were – and there have been some fairly grandiose needs put out there – and to try and figure out, using the resources that we have and the infrastructure that we have, how we could come up with a plan that meets those needs in the next fiscal year," he said.

"We tried to figure out what was the way we could accomplish the most with the least amount of money and utilize what we have," Hill added.





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Worm infestation dampens hope of bulkhead rebate

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Nov. 17, 2016) A notion that assessments related to bulkhead replacement could be lowered in Ocean Pines began to fade Monday, when interim General Manager Brett Hill reported that an apparent "time bomb" had been discovered near Wood Duck Drive – a worm infestation.

During an otherwise routine budget meeting, Director Slobodan Trendic wondered whether the yearlong suspension of the bulkhead replacement program would lead to a reduction in collections.

"If we don't have a bulkhead replacement program in place ... I think the board needs to decide whether to skip a year with regard to bulkhead differential," he said. "We just don't have the justification if we don't have the replacement program in place."

the replacement program in place." Trendic added "at least 1,600 homeowners of waterfront properties" would be affected.

While Hill said "officially" that program was suspended, Facilities Manager Jerry Aveta had classified five emergency repairs that needed to be made, all of which had already been through one phase of bulkhead replacement just a few years earlier, but had yet to be paid off.

"We're now approaching a second replacement and we're going to be out a six-figure number across the five properties," he said. "We're in a position where the community is going to now be upside down on these bulkheads by significant dollars ... so, I'm hesitant to hold back anything."

Hill said a worm infestation was found on in the wooden part of the bulkheads on adjacent properties on "Manklin Creek, toward Wood Duck in particular."

"We do not have a guess on the cost of our bulkhead replacement just for Wood Duck this year," he said, adding that his own home was among those scheduled for replacement that had been deferred.

Another bulkhead that was failing was bordering the golf course, "coming off of hole number three," Hill said. He added public works was working to patch that, as well as a bulkhead near the 10th hole, which "has a sinkhole on it."

"We're making due and putting these aside, and now looking at what we have with us on Wood Duck – touching that money is a very, very scary proposition," Hill said.

Aveta said he, two contractors and a structural engineer had surveyed



Hill, Aveta urge caution during wake of bulkhead uncertainty

the bulkheads classified as "emergencies areas" during the last several days.

"It wasn't until this morning with the structural engineer that we saw this pervasive problem that's below the waterline, and it's this worm issue," he said. "They are eating through the wood bulkhead and the sheathing areas, and once they break through that sheathing areas ... you've got rupture in the bulkhead."

He went on to say Ocean Pines had permits to address standard bulkhead issues, but would need different permits - with the Maryland Department of the Environment and other agencies - to address the worm invasion.

"We're going to need some time to sort this through. Really, as early as this morning we're still learning the extent of this problem," he said. "I [called] Brett and said please don't tell them to cut the reserve until we understand what the issue is. It could be quite extensive - we just don't know at this point."

Pressed for a dollar amount associated with the repairs at Wood Duck, Hill said there was a level of uncertainty in part because Ocean Pines had been collecting about a \$1 million and spending about \$1 million each

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year in bulkhead repairs, but was doing so somewhat unsystematically.

"The problem is I believe what we're going to spend is on a time bomb," he said. "We budget the lots that we're going to do bulkheads on by how much we're going collect not really by who needs it.

"The bomb just went off in Wood Duck, and what happens if Wood Duck is more than the \$1 million that we collect this year?" Hill added. "This isn't a 40-year-old bulkhead – these are newer bulkheads that are now failing again."

Hill said Ocean Pines "had issues in the past with worms," but those had been isolated.

'We had five separate lots — they weren't contiguous - where we had worm issues in Wood Duck. Now, from my understanding, it's more contiguous," he said, adding that repairs would likely cost close to the \$225 per foot rate Ocean Pines had paid under it's previous contract.

"I can't promise we're going to have an answer on everything in the next three months when we're going to make a decision on the budget, Hill said. "To start messing with numbers when we don't have the answers, I think, puts us in a vulnerable position."

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Bay Club to convert to campsites?

By Josh Davis Associate Editor

(Nov. 17, 2016) Back in August, attorney Hugh Cropper, representing the Carl M. Freeman Companies, sent a letter to Berlin Mayor Gee Williams promising the town that it would be the first to know when the company firmed its redevelopment plans for the Bay Club.

In a letter dated Monday, Aug. 22, Cropper said "I have committed to a presentation at an open session at the Berlin Mayor and Council prior to any filings."

However, during a Berlin Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 9, Planning Director Dave Engelhart said "the Bay Club property" had asked to go before the Worcester County Board of Zoning Appeals to discuss "a special exception to create 434 campsites."

Worcester County Zoning Administrator Jennifer Keener confirmed that the Bay Club would be on the Dec. 8 agenda for the board of zoning appeals.

"It's going to have significant impact on the town if it's granted," Engelhart said. "I'm puzzled why they didn't come to us first.

"[The developer] said in a letter ... that before they did this they would come to the town and give them a concept presentation – that has not happened," Engelhart added.

During a phone interview last Friday, Williams downplayed the situation.

"I found about this late yesterday afternoon, and I found out about it because the county always lets us know anything happening in the Berlin area – we've always worked together well," he said. "The hearing is not until Dec. 8, so there are at least two meetings of the regular session of the mayor and council for them to come ... to explain what they have in mind.

"Quite frankly, I take the folks for their word," Williams added. "These are not unknown people to us, [both] their local legal representation and this development company are very well respected."

In an email on Wednesday, Cropper said he had, in fact, mailed a letter to Williams, last week, along with a copy of the zoning appeals application.

"I am ready to meet with the mayor, and/or the mayor and city council, at their convenience," Cropper said.

OPA looking to fill voids for GM, finance, PR roles

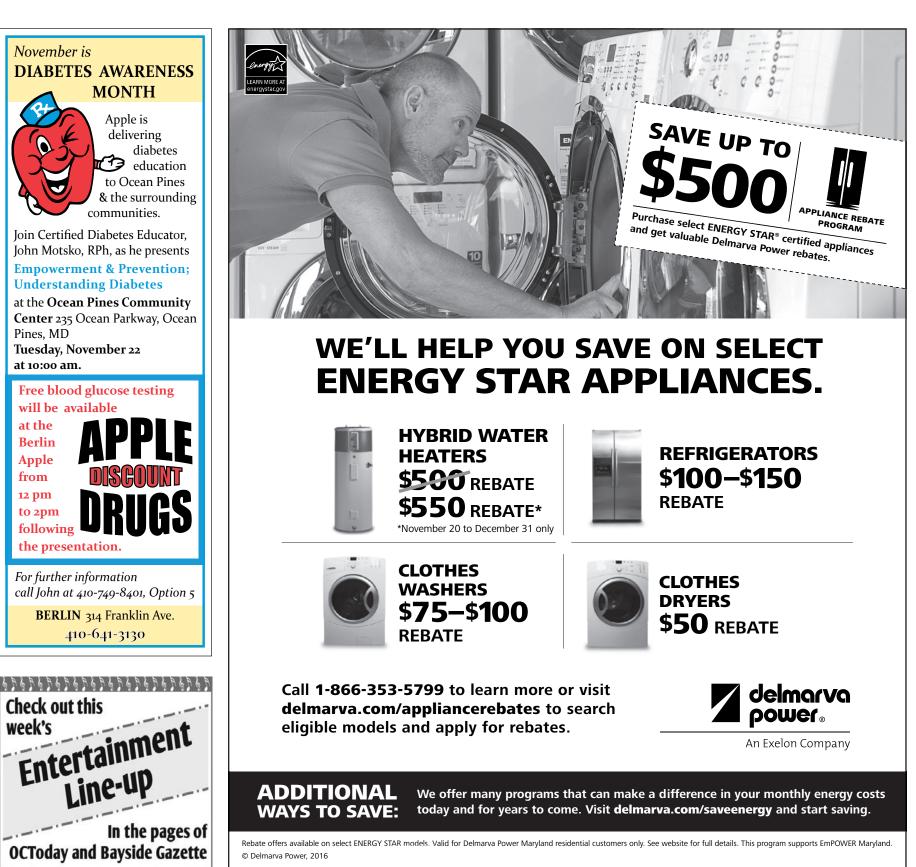
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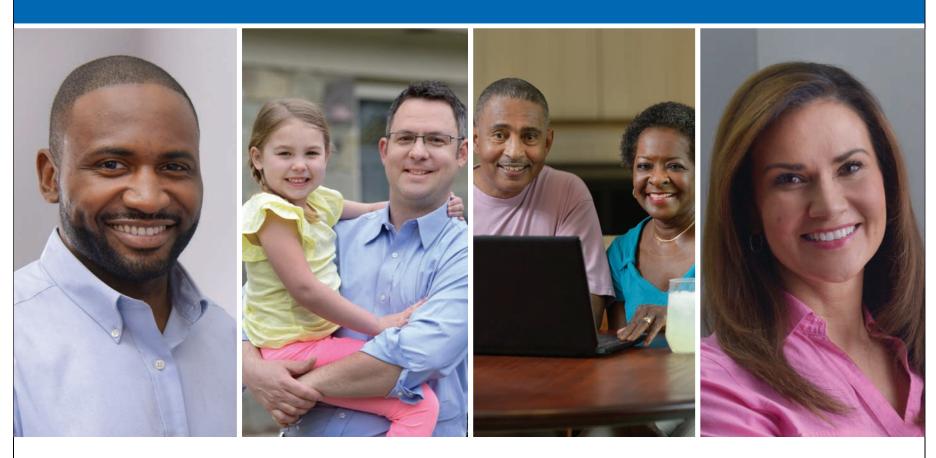
(Nov. 17, 2016) Whether it's related to the installation of the new Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors in August or just coincidence, a rash of vacancies at various leadership positions has occurred.

At present, OPA must fill the general manager slot, created this summer by the termination of Bob Thompson, find replacements for retiring Controller Art Carmine and departing Marketing and Public Relations Director Teresa Travatello, and fill the void of Recreations and Parks Director Sonya Bounds.

The association is looking to hire See PINES Page 19



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Pines PR director Travatello among those departing

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an IT professional, a position that has been budgeted for years, but was posted for perhaps the first time this week. Another position, a full-time "project assistant," was also recently posted on the association website.

A GM want ad was posted online in September but, according to interim General Manager Brett Hill, that did not generate any satisfactory applicants.

During a board meeting on Oct. 23, Hill indicated the association was doing well in attracting a replacement for Carmine, but not so well in finding a suitable general manager.

"At this point, I do not think we need to move forward with the outsource recruiting for the director of finance," he said. On the other front, however, two recruiting firms had declined to bid on a request for proposals for the GM job.

'We need to go further into the resources for recruiting," he said at the time. "I would say we are looking at a budget expense, out of the operating fund, it will be greater than \$15,000 and could be \$30,000 potentially for the executive recruiter.'

During a budget discussion on Monday, Hill said the IT position had just been posted online "and that Ocean Pines had "a need right now" for the role, in part, because Travatello had been fulfilling the needs of multiple positions.

[She] has been the PR, the marketing, the IT, the social media," he said. "I can't see how we can hire a marketing/PR person and an IT person in the same person and [have them] do their jobs effectively.

I have the two positions in the budget, so in light of the fact that the person that's been doing all of our IT work has resigned and won't be with us in a few weeks, I need to fill that void. Otherwise, I'm going to have a very, very expensive contractor bill for every desktop support password reset," Hill added. "We are a real enterprise and we have 100 users on the network that are calling her on a daily basis for support, and I don't see her replacement being the support mechanism."

In a separate interview following the meeting, Hill said Bounds' position was being terminated and that Aquatics Director Colby Phillips would fill the role internally, along with recreation and parks workers Katie Goetzinger and Debbie Donahue.

"The roles are being split amongst existing staff," he said.







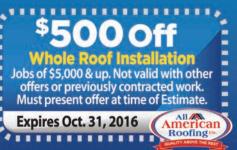




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Opinion

In doubt? Seek council

Things are happening in Ocean Pines and, as is the case with everything else these days, no one can know with whether these things are fixes or follies until they play out over the next several

On the surface, the proposals tendered by interim General Manager Brett Hill make sense financially. Reconfiguring and renovating available space to meet current needs would seem to be the thing to do for a citizenry that's perennially concerned about assessments. Changing the administration building around to give more space to the police department, for instance, appears to be the logical thing to do. After all, if space isn't being used to its fullest advantage, the smart thing to do is to use what's available, if it's

As for other aspects of Hill's renovation proposal, they are based on the assumption that an overhaul is all that is required,

There's a good argument to be made, however, that if golf is not quite the dominating force it once was, then more or less rebuilding the country club so it can be used for other purposes as well would be better than the more expensive option of building a new one for

a specific clientele. It's all about maximizing use at this point and

jority of residents, not this group or that group, really want. For-

tunately, there are ways to assess that, especially given the

aware than most of what people are saying and council representatives can certainly deliver that information to the board of directors.

What counts more than anything else, however, is what a ma-

The heads of Ocean Pines' various committees should be more

sufficient, before undertaking a much pricier project.

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and that won't be apparent immediately.

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Letters

Hospice hosts successful event

Editor,

We at Coastal Hospice are grateful for - and proud of the young leaders in our community. They are taking the local tradition of generosity and making it their own.

Last week a team of voung professionals, led by Cole Taustin, who manages Embers and Blu Crabhouse and Kellie Meehan, who works for Mann Properties,

hosted Brews & Bites, a very successful fundraising party to benefit Coastal Hospice at the Ocean.

Committee members, all of [which] had full-time responsibilities and many who are parents of small children, created an event that attracted a generous crowd and showcased some of our region's best restaurants and craft breweries. The event brought in more than \$9,000 from sponsors and guests.

They didn't do it alone; long-time event volunteers

and staff supported the effort - from selling raffle tickets to babysitting the kids. Brews & Bites was a true team effort, and the benefits will be felt for a long time.

Coastal Hospice can meet its goal of putting patients and their families first, thanks to a generous community. It is truly inspiring to find that a new generation of volunteer leaders is continuing a tradition of caring.

Alane Capen, RN, CHPN President, Coastal Hospice & Palliative Care

om **Hometown Christmas, tree lighting**

(Nov. 17, 2016) The Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department invites area residents and visitors to enjoy a cup of hot cocoa and kick off the holiday season with the community's sixth annual "A Hometown Christmas" and tree-lighting ceremony on Saturday, Nov. 26 at 6:30 p.m. in White Horse Park.

Trees decorated by Ocean Pines businesses, clubs, families and individuals will be on display and illuminated at the event, which is free and open to the public. Local choral groups will perform and Santa Claus will make an appearance.

Trees, which range in size from 8-10 feet, may be purchased for the display for

\$50 and will feature the sponsors' names. Sponsors are responsible for decorating their trees in the theme of their choice in time for the ceremony. Trees will be in place and ready for decorating by Nov. 20.

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

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seen in one room in two years.

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Jenny Cropper Rines

Ocean Pines Executive Council balloons

Huge jump in attendance leads to progress on front of communication failings

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Nov. 17, 2016) In April, the last time the Ocean Pines Executive Council met, just three of the 13 committee chairs attended the roughly 20-minute session.

On Monday, the most recent meeting between council chairs and board leadership, nearly every committee was represented during a robust twohour discussion that focused on improving communication throughout the association.

Jenny Cropper Rines, chairwoman of the communications advisory committee, got that discussion started.

Rines said her committee had been working on ways to help promote the other committees through social media and other channels, and to open lines of dialogue throughout the association in general.

"That's kind of one of the things my committee has been talking about for a couple of years now, is what can we do to even know how to help," she said.

Roundtable discussions like the executive council were useful, she said. Rines added it would be helpful to have a staff liaison present during meetings – a notion that sparked its own line of debate.

"From our perspective, it would be very helpful to know what the staff battles in terms of communication," she said. "A lot of times, we don't who's on first. So, we've been trying to figure that out."

By-laws and Resolutions Chairman Marty Clarke – a former board member – recalled the days when directors would "draw straws" to act as committee liaisons. He remembered having staff liaisons

present most of the time. Some chairmen, like John Viola

(budget and finance), Frank Daly (comprehensive planning) and Les

Purcell (clubs), said some manner of Ocean Pines staff regularly attended meetings.

Others like Timothy McMullen (recreation and parks) and Kenneth Wolf (environment and natural assets) said that was something of a rarity.

Wolf added that he wouldn't want to waste a staffer's time at committee meetings.

"If it's not important enough to have the attendance [of a] paid staff member, then I quit because I think my time is more valuable," Clarke said. "You drive from Annapolis, Maryland to attend a meeting and then you drive home, and you don't think you can ask somebody from public works to sit in on the meeting for an hour and a half?"

"It's a waste of their resources," Wolf said. "When I think that ... it's important, then I'll speak up – I'm not going to hesitate. But I just don't want somebody there every meeting."

Rines countered that having a staffer in meetings would "prevent a duplication of ef-

fort," to which Clarke agreed.

McMullen said his committee recently had to deal with detailed plans for renovations or new construction at p Pings amonities

a variety of Ocean Pines amenities. "Without the input of the recs and parks person ... we're lost," he said.

Herrick asked if committee chairs should start emailing regular monthly meeting minutes to all directors, rather than just to their respective liaisons, which the chairs seemed to agree by consensus.

Daly said he had also become accustomed to using "a bit of discretion" in his communications. If something somewhat controversial came up during a meeting, for instance, he reported to the board preemptively so they did not learn about it second hand.

Other concerns aired during the meeting included the apparent existence of a "yacht club work group," formed by interim General Manager Brett Hill, which Purcell worried "negates [the] value" of his committee.

McMullen also worried that several Ocean Pines groups were still contracting outside venues for regular functions instead of using the community yacht club. Even if the club didn't make a profit from those events, he suggested, it could do with a bit of fence mending.

Tuttle noted that his committee only had three members and could use a few more. Herrick said the marine advisory committee also needed a few more committee members.

To inquire about volunteers on any Ocean Pines advisory committees, email Executive Assistant Michelle Bennett at mbennett@oceanpines.org or call

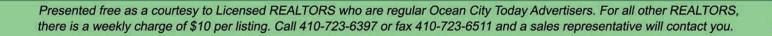
410-641-7717 ext. 3002. Near the close of the session, Rines again stated the usefulness of having

all of the chairs together to air their concerns. "This is the most people I've seen in one room in two years. I think that's very valuable," she said. "It

in one room in two years. I think that's very valuable," she said. "It would be nice to see you again in six months and see how you're doing."



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'Pop' cheerleaders scramble to raise funds before event

Headed to nationals in Fla., Berlin group seeking help

By Kara Hallissey Staff Writer

(Nov. 17, 2016) The Berlin Pop Warner cheerleaders will compete at nationals on Dec. 5 in Disney World after placing second during the Eastern Regional competition on Nov. 6 in New Jersey, and they have just a few weeks to raise money for the trip to Florida.

The Berlin Seahawks Pop Warner squad took second out of five teams in the regional competition and they have advanced to nationals for the second consecutive year.

"Each child costs approximately \$1,000," Head Coach Jessie Parsons said. "For 21 girls that comes to \$21,000. Anything we can do to defer some costs for the girls. We only raise money for the kids. Parents and coaches pay their own way."

Participants are required to book on Disney property and stay for three nights, which becomes expensive, she said.

The squad will host a fundraiser pool party on Friday, Nov. 18, from 6-8 p.m. at the Sports Core Pool in Ocean Pines with music, games and



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The Berlin Pop Warner cheerleaders will compete on Dec. 5 at nationals in Disney World after placing second at the Eastern Regional competition two weeks ago in New Jersey. It will cost about \$1,000 for each of the 21 members of the team to participate in nationals.

food. The cost is \$7 per person, and children under 5 years old get in free.

The cheerleaders will also be collecting donations during the Holiday Shopper's Fair at the Ocean City convention center on 40th Street during Thanksgiving weekend and are selling \$1 raffle tickets for a \$500 Visa gift card, which will be drawn on Nov. 30.

The 21, level three peewee cheerleaders range in age from 9-13 years old. Most of the girls have been cheering together for a number of years, while six are new to the sport.

Training for the competitions began in August. In addition, the cheerleaders perform every Saturday during Pop Warner football games and practice three days a week.

"We have year-round cheerleading in the Pop Warner program and the girls learned a lot in the offseason," Parsons said. "They have worked hard, the tumbling is better and they will be bringing these new skills to the routine."

The cheerleaders will use their winning routine consisting of cheer, dance, tumbling and stunts for the national competition in less than three weeks at Walt Disney World's Wide World of Sports in Florida.

"This is the hardest routine we have ever put together and we must give credit to Debbie Donahue, who is in charge of the cheer program in Berlin and has been dedicated to the program for 18 years," Parsons said.

"Debbie and Jen Robins worked together to put our routine together."

Pop Warner cheerleaders are required to maintain acceptable grade point averages to participate in the nonprofit organization's programs.

All adult volunteers go through certification programs and participants rely on donations to attend national championships. The squad has six coaches this year.

"I was excited to get involved and the girls stepped up their game from last year," Robins said. "These girls are absolutely amazing."

To donate money to the cheerleaders on their GoFundMe page, visit www.gofundme.com/berlinseahawks-pop-warner-cheer.

Berlin Pop Warner is also accepting monetary donations for its football and cheer program. Donations are tax deductible and can be mailed to: Worcester County Youth Football P.O. Box 205 Berlin, Maryland, 21811.

For more information on the Worcester County Youth Football and Cheerleading Berlin Seahawks, call 443-783-8628 or visit www.BerlinSeahawks.com.





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Berlin Intermediate School hosts Artfest this Saturday, onsite

By Kara Hallissey

Staff Writer

(Nov. 17, 2016) Berlin Intermediate School will present Artfest on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., inside the cafeteria.

The art department will have 20-25 stations set up for children 3-12 years old. Stations include watercoloring, painting, puppets, mask-making, drawing, printmaking, designing mosaics with candy corn, seasonal crafts and acrylic painting.

"Many of the stations are themed for the season," said Stefanie McElhinny, a visual arts teacher at Berlin Intermediate School. "Kids can make a turkey out of leaves or pilgrims and Native Americans out of toilet paper rolls. We use recycled materials."

Each creative station will include an assortment of supplies, and children are advised to wear paintfriendly apparel.

Children have the opportunity to complete multiple projects, which could be five or six throughout the three-hour community event.

"We encourage kids to try different stations," McElhinny said. "The whole point is to promote different types of activities."

The Parent Teacher Association will have hot dogs, pizza, soda and water for sale.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. The cost is \$3.50 to participate. Admission includes an official Artfest T-shirt and a recyclable tote bag. Attendees should come through the front entrance of the school.

The event has taken place for more than 10 years in March and was moved to the fall this year. It has continued to grow in size and exposes children to unique art projects. McElhinny hopes to have 300 children participate this year.

"The 94th Street Art League has been very supportive of our arts programs," McElhinny said. "The custodial staff is wonderful. They help set up and clean up. We also have community volunteers, parents and the Parent Teacher Association has been wonderful. They donate money toward supplies each year."

About 30 high school students will be operating the stations and will receive service learning volunteer hours.

"This is a great way to promote the arts in the community," McElhinny said. "You don't have to be seasoned in art and it gets families involved in art projects with the kids. Grandparents and parents come out and make crafts together. The stations are unlimited and you get to try something different."

McElhinny encourages families to also check out the displays and decorated hallways at Berlin Intermediate School.

For more information, contact McElhinny at 410-632-5320.



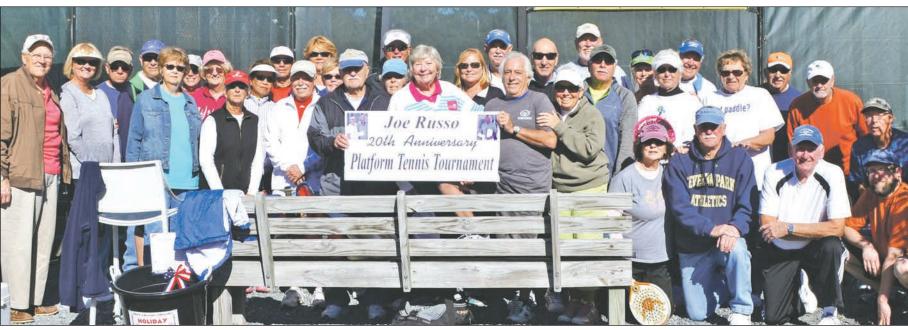
SWIM ON IN

JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Fins owner Jeff Hamer cuts the ribbon on his newest restaurant, on Main Street in downtown Berlin, during a ceremony with family, friends, staff and town officials last Thursday.



Snapshots



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JOE RUSSO TOURNAMENT Ocean Pines platform tennis celebrated its 20th anniversary on Oct. 29 by holding the Joe Russo Tournament in honor of Russo, who was the visionary who bought platform tennis to Ocean Pines. Sixteen teams participated. Linda Horst and Scott Wheatley won first place overall and Tracy Jones and Dot Waters took second. Jim Wahl and Tony Dinicolas won the consolation match. First-place reprieve winners were Carlyn Crout and Clive Walker, and Dee Bohanan and June Freeman finished second.



HERE'S THE BEEF

PHOTO COURTESY TED PAGE

One of Berlin's newest additions, the Berlin Butcher Shop, celebrated its grand opening Oct. 29 with a ribbon cutting sponsored jointly by the Berlin and Ocean Pines Chambers of Commerce. The Butcher Shop, located at 101 Williams Street in Berlin, is a full service shop offering fresh cut meats, homemade sausage, chicken, Boar's Head deli meat, cheeses, spice blends and rubs. Pictured are co-owner Matt DiPietro (with scissors) and Lisa Hall, center, right.



HABITAT GALA

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Bryant Bunting is joined by Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County's Board President, Lauren Bunting, during Masquerade at St. Martin's gala benefitting Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County held on Oct. 29 at Historic St. Martin's Church in Showell.



WCHS FUNDRAISER

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The Worcester County Humane Society held its annual dinner at Ocean City Fish Company in West Ocean City on Nov. 12 with nearly 140 guests attending. WCHS volunteers, Diana Snyder, Dulce Olexo and Mary Matinez work hard selling Chinese auction and cash raffle tickets.

Berlin Activities Depot to put bow on final touches

(Nov. 17, 2016) Current and past Twisters Gymnastics students and their families, town officials and the public are invited to visit the construction site of the Berlin Activities Depot for a "topping-off party" to sign the last steel beam in the building's framework, Saturday, Nov. 19 at 1 p.m.

Twisters owner Carmella Solito will host this event, which celebrates the milestone in the completion of the new center, on Old Ocean City Boulevard. The building is estimated to be completed in April 2017.

The Berlin Activities Depot will include an early childhood development center as well as pre-school and before and after school programs, summer camps, competitive, developmental and recreational, gymnastics, cheer, dance, karate and soccer programs, indoor zip lines, a carpeted skating rink, laser tag, "ninja warrior zone," snack bar and adult fitness programs.

This will be a state-of-the-art, "paperless" facility with an emphasis on security and technology.

The entire community is invited to the topping-off party, and a countdown to mark the opening of the Berlin Activities Depot is expected to start soon.

For more details or to RSVP, contact Kelli at Twisters at 410-629-0878 or 410-629-1630.



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Thanksgiving Buffet

Thursday, November 24, 2016 • Seatings Begin at 1:00 pm

Holiday Selection Includes: Roasted Turkey with Giblet Gravy, Top Round of Beef Au Jus, Honey Glazed Baked Virginia Ham, Baked Atlantic Salmon, Imported & Domestic Cheese Display, Seasonal Bread Basket, Bountiful Fresh Salad Selections,Fresh Harvest Medley, Candied Yams, Whipped Potatoes, Chef's Famous Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce, Pumpkin Bisque & Holiday Dessert Table Featuring Pumpkin Pie, Apple Pie, Chocolate Cake & Ice Cream Bars

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NOW PLAYING

BIG EASY ON 60

5909 Coastal Highway Ocean City 410-524-2305 www.thebigeasyon60.com Nov. 18: Pam Miller, 7 p.m. Nov. 19: Grand Son's, 8 p.m.

BJ'S ON THE WATER

75th Street and the bay Ocean City 410-524-7575 www.bjsonthewater.com Nov. 18: Tranzfusion, 9 p.m. Nov. 19: The Chest Pains, 9 p.m. Nov. 23: 2 Guys & A Mama, 5 p.m.

BOURBON STREET ON THE BEACH

116th Street, behind Fountain Head Towers Condominium Ocean City 443-664-2896 www.bourbonstreetonthebeach.com Nov. 18: Baltimore Boys, 7-11 p.m. Nov. 19: Barry's Birthday Bash w/Taylor Know, 7-11 p.m. Nov. 20: Just Jay, 6-9 p.m. Nov. 23: Open Mic, 6-9 p.m.

CAPTAIN'S TABLE

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

CASINO AT OCEAN DOWNS

10218 Racetrack Road Berlin 410-641-0600 www.oceandowns.com Nov. 18: Everett Spells, 5:30-9:30 p.m. Nov. 19: Everett Spells, 4:30-8:30 p.m.; Monkee Paw, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

DUFFY'S TAVERN

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

FAGER'S ISLAND

60th Street and the bay Ocean City 410-524-5500 www.fagers.com Nov. 18: DJ RobCee, 9 p.m. Nov. 19: DJ Greg, 1 p.m.; DJ Groove, 9 p.m.; Scotts New Band, 9:30 p.m. Nov. 23: DJ RobCee, 10 p.m. Nov. 24: DJ Hook, 9 p.m.

HARBORSIDE BAR & GRILL



12841 S. Harbor Road West Ocean City 410-213-1846 www.ocharborside.com Nov. 18: DJ Billy T, 4 p.m. Nov. 19: Simple Truth/Side Project, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m. Nov. 20: Opposite Directions, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Billy T, 6:30 p.m. Nov. 23: Karaoke w/DJ Jeremy

HARPOON HANNA'S

Route 54 and the bay Fenwick Island, Del. 800-227-0525 302-539-3095 www.harpoonhannasrestaurant.com Nov. 18: Dave Hawkins, 5-10 p.m. Nov. 19: Dave Sherman, 6-10 p.m. Nov. 23: Kevin Poole, 6-10 p.m.

OCEAN CLUB NIGHTCLUB

In the Horizons Restaurant In the Clarion Fontainebleau Hotel 101st Street and the ocean Ocean City 410-524-3535 www.clarionoc.com Every Wednesday-Sunday: DJ Dusty, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Nov. 18-20: On The Edge, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Nov. 23: Bryan Clark, 6-9 p.m.

SEACRETS

49th Street and the bay Ocean City 410-524-4900 www.seacrets.com Nov. 18: My Hero Zero, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m. Nov. 19: The Freddie Long Band, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Steal The Sky, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.

SKYE RAW BAR & GRILLE

66th Street, bayside Ocean City 410-723-6762 www.skyebaroc.com Nov. 18: Test Kitchen, 4-8 p.m. Nov. 19: The Breakers Duo, 4-8 p.m.

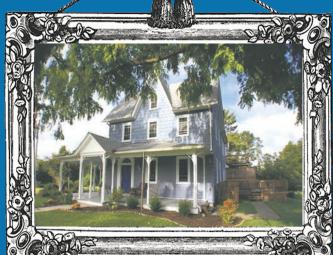
TOUCH OF ITALY

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

WHISKER'S BAR & GRILL

11070 Cathell Road, Suite 17 Pines Plaza, Ocean Pines 443-365-2576 www.whiskersbar.com Nov. 18: Karaoke w/Donnie Berkey, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.





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DJ JEREMY Harborside Bar & Grill: Saturday, November 19, 9 p.m.



MONKEE PAW Casino at Ocean Downs: Saturday, November 19, 9:30p.m.



PRIME RIB Sat 11/19

(Open for lunch 11am-4pm, dinner 4-10pm, bar open til 12pm)

4-7pm: Happy Hour 4-10pm: Queen-Cut (10oz) \$18, King-Cut Prime Rib (14oz) \$21*

FOOTBALL Sun 11/20

(Open for brunch 9am-1pm, lunch til 4pm, dinner 4-9pm, bar open til 11:30pm / end of game)

\$3 Craft Brews, \$5 Crushes 4-7pm: Happy Hour

TAILGATE Mon 11/21

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Klump to join in remembrance during Suicide Loss Day, Sat.

(Nov. 17, 2016) The Jesse Klump Suicide Awareness & Prevention Program, joining hundreds of other organizations, is hosting International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day on Saturday, Nov 19.

Survivors Day invites people affected by suicide loss around the world to gather at events in their local communities to find comfort and gain understanding.

International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day will be held at Zenna Wellness Studio, 10 South Main Street in Berlin from 1-5 p.m. There is no charge to join the group in a day of memory, celebration of life, and healing, but participation is limited to those who are grieving following the loss of someone close.

"After I lost my son Jesse to suicide, I felt so alone and helpless about his death. But attending a support group allowed me to connect with others who had lost a person close to them, and made me realize I wasn't alone - that others understood my grief. It was incredibly healing," Kim Klump, president of the fund and host of the Berlin ISOS event, said.

Klump subsequently began hosting monthly support group meetings in Berlin, and the stories of healing and comfort from those who struggle with grief after a suicide have grown.

The Survivor Day gathering will include a screening of "Life Journeys: Reclaiming Life after Loss," a new American Foundation for Suicide Prevention-produced documentary that traces the grief and healing journey. Following the screening, local survivors will host a panel discussion, exploring the ways they found to heal from what they once thought was an endless cycle of grief.

"ISOS Day is always the Saturday before Thanksgiving, so we recognize our gratitude for the life of the one we lost, as well as for the support and love we enjoy from others who have walked the same path," Klump said. "We do so by sharing a catered Thanksgiving meal, and in order to plan the dinner we ask that people advise us that they are planning to come."

For more information about International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day, or to learn about monthly support group meetings, call 410-762-3090.

To learn about the program's suicide prevention mission or to find local mental health resources, visit www.choosetolivemaryland.org.



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TRIVIA NITE Thurs 11/17

bar open til 11:30pm / end of game)

w/ Special Menu, Prizes, DJ

Tailgate Specials at the Bar

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Cuisine

Done correctly, quiche 'delicious beast'

This column originally ran in a Nov. 20, 2014 edition of the Bayside Gazette.



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I was first introduced to quiche at Café Normandy on Main Street in Annapolis in the very early 1980s. In hindsight, it was probably the 1970s but, man, that makes me

sound old. Café Normandy was a semi-regular pit stop after church on Sunday. Bouncing up the brick-lined street in the old Polara station wagon, your mind would reel with excitement, as you could seemingly smell the quiche in anticipation. These are fond memories – about as fond as getting kicked out of Chick 'n Ruth's Deli late night. Ah, the halcyon days.

Many of my students had never heard of quiche and they had certainly never been told that real men don't eat quiche. I was shocked. Of course, the book of the same title was very popular in the '80s and it was a shame that the glorious and perfect quiche was the recipient of such meaningless malaise. Quiche is a critical part of any serious cook's arsenal.

The pie-crusted, eggy custard stock full of meats, cheeses and vegetables is one of my all-time favorite foods. It's a scrambled egg and meat pie, for Pete's sake. Throwing some nice, sharp cheese on top just makes it a party. A favorite in our house for breakfast, lunch and dinner, the flaky crust is warming to the bite and the filling is reminiscent of every great breakfast buffet you've ever visited, all wrapped up into one little bundle of joy.

And to top it off, quiche is the "kitchen sink" just like Sunday Brunch. Just root through your icebox and find all of the leftovers that would pair nicely with a savory egg custard and you are on your way to making some serious grub.

Did I just say that Sunday Brunch was another "kitchen sink?" I didn't mean everywhere, but brunch is the best place to get rid of the food product that's just sitting around. When I worked at the Polo Grill in Baltimore a lifetime ago, we would take the leftover mashed potatoes and grilled salmon from the Saturday banquets and turn them into salmon cakes. They were delicious.

Any leftover beef was crafted or repurposed (depending on whether you want to give it a newer, more hip label) into chili or Bolognese, but one always had to be careful so as to never let the guests know that they were eating scraps. I know I'm making this sound much worse than it really is, but what is a chef to do? You need to cook enough for the crowd on Saturday night and utilize whatever may be leftover that is still delicious, or that could still be made to be delicious.

The quiche, though, can be made fresh from stem to stern and there are about as many variations as there are ingredients at the market. The one that my students made had bacon, ham, cheddar, onions, mushrooms ... well, pretty much anything that could go on top of a pizza pie.

This has always been one of my all-time favorites for luncheon menus in that it is an all-in-one meal. However, it can be a tad heavy, so I suggest that you serve it with a nice, crisp salad. I drive my students nuts in that I have them show their skill on the salad toppings in most cases – caramelized onions, candied nuts and roasted tomatoes come to mind. But sometimes, you just need to kick it old school and go light and easy. You will rarely hear me complain about doing things the easy way.

As we serve this beautifully and completely unmanly mixture of meats and eggs, we know that we are unleashing a delicious beast on our guests. After all, we've already sampled it. That's our job. We need to make sure that it's presentable. And now my students have heard of quiche, and I reminisce of the old days in that huge station wagon.

Quiche

Makes one decent-sized pie 1 pie dough ball 8 oz. bacon cut into small lardons 2 oz. ham, cut into small lardons 6 cups Fresh baby spinach 1 1/2 cups Sharp Cheddar cheese 8 eggs 1 cup Whole milk 1 1/2 cups Heavy cream Pinch of nutmeg 1 tsp. Black pepper Salt to taste Put bacon and ham lardons in

Put bacon and ham lardons in a fry pan on medium heat and cook until they are nice and crispy. Discard the oil or strain and set aside to cook with.

Roll dough out so that it is even and fits into a springform pan.

Line the pan with the dough and line this with some parchment paper. Fill with dried beans for a little blindbaking action.

Bake at 350F for about six minutes or until the dough starts to really set up and remove from oven.

When cool enough to handle, carefully remove parchment that is holding the beans and set aside for the next pie shell.

In simmering water, blanch spinach for 45 seconds, remove and wring out.

Chop and set aside.

Combine all other ingredients into your custard base and pour into the pie shell.

Place in oven and cook for approximately 45 minutes, or until a toothpick comes out clean.

Allow to cool for at least 10 minutes, and then serve with a light side salad. Pictured is an assorted green salad with a light, homemade red raspberry dressing.

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Calendar

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STORY TIME

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 10:30 a.m. For 2 to 5 year old children. 410-632-3495, http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

YOUNG & RESTLESS 'MAGNET FUN!'

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10:30 a.m. Hands on exploration for children ages 3-7 years. 410-208-4014, http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

COASTAL HOSPICE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

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

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP

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

BEACH SINGLES

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

FREE FINANCIAL SEMINAR

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Learn how dementia can affect financial planning. William G. Ryan III and Daniel W. Rowles will explain why you should pay attention to the signs of dementia and how to create a successful plan. Registration is required. Ocean Pines Aquatics Department, 410-641-7052

ART SHOW AND SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER

The Globe, 12 Broad St., Berlin, MD, 6 to 9 p.m. Sponsored by the Eastern Shore International Mountain Bike Association and featuring bicycle gear art. There will be entertainment by The Limbs, a 50/50, a bicycle and bike fitting raffle and the wheel of fortune. Tres Denk, tres@esimba.org, 410-430-4992

WILD & SCENIC FILM FESTIVAL

Seacrets, Morely Hall, 117 49th St., Ocean City, MD, 6 p.m. Films, food and a silent auction. Advance tickets cost \$20. Buy 3 and get a fourth ticket free. Tickets at the door cost \$25. Proceeds benefit the Assateague Coastal Trust. http://www.actforbays.org

BINGO

American Legion Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD, 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., games start at 6:30 p.m. Food and non-alcoholic drinks available at 5:15 p.m. Open to the public. 410-289-3166, http://www.alpost166.org

WORCESTER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CLUB MEETING

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 6:30 p.m. After refreshments, well-known Attorney Mike Farlow will give a post-analysis of the presidential election, focused on Worcester County, and guidance as the group prepares for the 2018 Midterms. Katie Tabeling, an OC Today reporter, will give a reporter's view of the election. All Dems and Independents are welcome.

FRI, NOV. 18

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

St. Mary Star of the Sea/Holy Savior Parish, 1705 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Featuring Gift Shop, Attic Treasures, Christmas Shop with homemade crafts, toys, books, jewelry, plants, flowers, homemade baked goods and candy. Extensive food menu, Christmas display raffles, Basket of Cheer, 50/50, chance auction and a Christmas carnival for kids. All major credit cards accepted. All proceeds benefit the parish ministries.

OYSTER FRITTER SANDWICHES

Snow Hill Christian Church, 300 Park Row, Snow Hill, MD, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost for oyster fritter sandwiches is \$7 and includes chips. Prepared by Charlie Coulbourne of Powellville. To order, email tommy.tucker1@aol.com or text at 443-365-6637. Eat in or carry out. Free delivery to businesses in Snow Hill on orders of 5 or more.

FREE INTRODUCTORY PICKLEBALL CLINICS

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

STEM PM

Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 3:30 p.m. Science, technology, engineering and math activities. For children 8 years and older. 410-957-0878, http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

FEEDBACK SOUGHT ON PLANS TO ENHANCE BISHOPVILLE PARK

Wilson United Methodist Church, 10722 Bishopville Road, Bishopville, MD, 6 to 8 p.m. Worcester County Recreation and Parks staff invite the public to share feedback on a plan to enhance the Bishopville Park. After receiving public feedback, WCRP staff will present the revised draft plan to the Worcester County Commissioners for their consideration at a future date. To review a copy of the proposed plan, entitled "Bishopville Park Enhancement Plan," visit www.WorcesterRecand-Parks.org. Please send calendar items to editor@baysidegazette.com by 5 p.m. Monday. All community-related activities will be published at no charge.

SAT, NOV. 19

FARMERS MARKET

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

TURKEY SHOOT

Synepuxent Rod & Gun Club, 7909 Purnell Crossing Road, Berlin, MD, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Take your own 12 or 20 gauge shotgun; ammo will be provided. Rounds start at \$2 per target. Win gift certificates from area restaurants, hotel accommodations, sporting goods, tools, hunting supplies, turkeys, jewelry, etc. Also, raffling a Stoeger semi-auto 12-gauge shotgun. Breakfast, lunch and bake sale available. Benefiting Ocean City/Berlin Boy Scout Troop 225. Matt Norman, scoutmaster@octroop225.org, 443-366-5882

AIRPORT DRIVE-IN BREAKFAST

Ocean City Airport, Terminal Building, 12724 Airport Rd, Berlin, MD, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Coffee, eggs, bacon, sausage, scrapple and potatoes. Suggested donation is \$7. All donations directed to the Huey Veterans Memorial Display and Park. Coleman Bunting, 410-726-7207

BUS TRIP TO THE DUPONT THEATRE

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 9:30 a.m. Enjoy a performance of "A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder." The bus will leave Ocean Pines at 9:30 a.m. and head to the DuPont Theatre in Wilmington, Del. for a 2 p.m. show. Cost is \$90, which includes show and transportation. Open to the public. Reservations required. Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, 410-641-7052

TURKEY TROT GOLF OPEN

Eagle's Landing Golf Course, 12367 Eagle's Nest Road, West Ocean City, MD, 9:30 a.m. This is a four-person modified scramble featuring golf tournament and turkey feast. There will be a 9:30 a.m. shotgun start. 410-213-7277, http://www.eagleslandinggolf.com

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Snow Hill Fire House, 4718 Snow Hill Road, Snow Hill, MD, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free. Joyce Larson, 410-632-2115

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GAME DAY @ YOUR LIBRARY

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Play board games and be part of International Games Day. 410-641-0650, http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

DUCT TAPE CRAFTS

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 10:30 a.m. Get creative with duct tape. For ages 8 and older. 410-524-1818, http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

ARTFEST FALLFEST 2016

Berlin Intermediate School's cafeteria, 309 Franklin Ave., Berlin, MD, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Featuring a variety of creative stations including painting, puppets, maskmaking, drawing, printmaking and more. Cost is \$3.50 per child (cash). Every child must be accompanied by an adult. Dress for a mess.

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRIED CHICKEN DINNER

New Hope United Methodist Church, 7338 New Hope Road, Willards, MD, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Menu includes mashed potatoes, greens, string beans, macaroni and cheese, beets, biscuits, dessert and coffee. Cost is \$13 for adults. Carry-outs available. 410-543-8244 or 443-235-0251

ACTING WORKSHOP WITH MICHAEL O'LEARY

Glad Tidings Church, 1519 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 1 to 5 p.m. Emmy nominated Michael O'Leary is known for his role as Dr. Rick Bauer on "Guiding Light." Cost is \$50 for high school and college students (with ID) and \$70 for adults. Lower Shore Performing Arts Company members receive a 10 percent discount. Light lunch is included. Register: www.lowershorepac.org. Kathryn, wkwredden@gmail.com

BERLIN ACTIVITIES DEPOT TOPPING OFF PARTY

Berlin Activities Depot, 10008 Old Ocean City Boulevard, Berlin, MD, 1 p.m. The public is invited to the Berlin Activities Depot's Topping Off Party, a celebration to commemorate the signing of the last steel beam in the building's framework. The facility, located across the street from the old Tyson plant, is set to be completed in April of 2017. Owner, Carmella Solito, of Twisters, will host the event. RSVP: Kelli, 410-629-0878 or 410-629-1630.

INTERNATIONAL SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS DAY

Zenna Wellness Studio, 10 S. Main St., Berlin, MD, 1 to 5 p.m. Open to those who are grieving following the loss of someone close. The gathering will include a screening of "Life Journeys: Reclaiming Life after Loss," followed by a panel discussion.

<u>Calendar</u>

There will also be a catered Thanksgiving meal. RSVP: 410-762-3090. http://www.choosetolivemaryland.org

LIGHT UP DOWNTOWN FESTIVAL

Ocean City Boardwalk at the Inlet, 806 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, MD, 3 to 6 p.m. Holiday shopping, vendors, tree lighting, kids' crafts, games and prizes, gift drawings, live music and a visit from Santa. 410-289-1413, http://www.downtownassociation.net

CRUSHING CANCER FOR NANCY CASSELL

The Alibi Room, 501 S. Baltimore Ave., Ocean City, MD, 5 to 9 p.m. Live entertainment by Full Circle, lite fare, complimentary desserts, cash bar, Chinese auction, 50/50 raffle and guest bartenders: Thom Lord, Nancy Pearson, Steve Hannon, Todge Spieczny, Liz Lowe and Billy Barr. Contributions can also be made to: Nancy Cassell Fundraiser at Xenith Bank, 9748 Stephen Decatur Highway, Ocean City, MD 21842. Nancy if fighting stage 3 lung cancer.

SONS OF THUNDER GOSPEL PROGRAM

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 405 Flower St., Berlin, MD, 6 p.m. A free will offering will be collected. 410-641-0270

ARTS NIGHT AT GUIDO'S

Guido's Burritos, 33rd Street and Coastal Highway,Ocean City, MD, 7 p.m. Art exhibit and sale, a raffle with restaurant gift cards and other packages, a live DJ, complementary appetizers and drink specials from Guido's. A \$5 donation will benefit the Art League of Ocean City and its programs. 410-524-9433,

http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org

SUN, NOV. 20

AIRPORT DRIVE-IN BREAKFAST

Ocean City Airport, Terminal Building, 12724 Airport Rd, Berlin, MD, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Coffee, eggs, bacon, sausage, scrapple and potatoes. Suggested donation is \$7. All donations directed to the Huey Veterans Memorial Display and Park. Coleman Bunting, 410-726-7207

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

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

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Ocean City Baptist Church, 102 N. Division St., Ocean City, MD, 7 p.m. The service, hosted by the Ocean City Christian Ministries Association, will include praise and worship songs, hymns, community choir, thanksgiving testimonies and a brief



SHELTERBOX HERO

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Snow Hill Rotary Club was recently recognized as a charter ShelterBox HERO member. A HERO is a Rotary Club who has committed to making an ongoing impact in worldwide disaster response by supporting ShelterBox annually for three consecutive years. ShelterBox provides emergency relief to families that have lost their homes from natural disasters or for refugees who are fleeing war torn areas. Each box contains the basic necessities for families to survive. Over the past 10 years, the Snow Hill Rotary Club has raised funds in order to provide 12 of these boxes which have been sent to Pakistan, Korea, Haiti, Niger and Syria. Snow Hill Rotary Club President Ann Gibb accepts the ShelterBox HERO recognition certificate from ShelterBox liaison Hal Arata.

message. There will be desserts and fellowship after the service. Packaged food goods and paper products will be collect as well as the offering, which will be used for the needy in the community.

MON, NOV. 21

CPAP MASK FITTING

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

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

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

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING

Ocean Pines Yacht Club, 1 Mumford's Landing Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 9:30 a.m. Held the third Monday of each month. Coffee at 9:30 a.m. followed by 10 a.m. meeting. All are welcome. The club will also be collecting non-perishable food, toiletries and paper products to be shared with a local food ministry. Call 410-641-8553. 410-208-2969

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB OF WORCES-TER COUNTY MEETING

Ocean Pines Yacht Club, 1 Mumford's Landing Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 9:30 a.m. Coffee served at 9:30 a.m., followed by the meeting at 10 a.m. All are welcome. Call 410-208-2969. The group will also be collecting non-perishable food, toiletries and paper products to be shared with a local food ministry. Info: 410-641-8553.

'POOR POSTURE' FREE SEMINAR

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Back in Action will discuss posture, including negative health effect of poor posture and strategies to improve it. Advance registration is required. Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, 410-641-7052,

http://www.OceanPines.org

ROBOT MONDAY

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 4 p.m. Come build, code and program robots. For 9 to 13 year olds. 410-641-0650, http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

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

DELMARVA SWEET ADELINE CHORUS

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

TUE, NOV. 22

'EMPOWERMENT & PREVENTION; UNDER-STANDING DIABETES'

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. A presentation by John Motsko, Apple Discount Drugs Certified Diabetes Educator. Helpful handouts and web links provided. Free blood glucose testing will be available at the Apple Discount Drugs Berlin location (314 Franklin Ave., Berlin) from noon to 2 p.m. following the presentation. John Motsko, 410-749-8401, option 5

STORY YOGA

Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 10:30 a.m. Fun, interactive books that introduce yoga moves. For 3 to 5 year old children. 410-957-0878, http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

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Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 10:30 a.m. Hands on exploration for children ages 3-7 years. 410-641-0650, http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

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

BINGO

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

WED, NOV. 23

KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OCEAN PINES/OCEAN CITY

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

STORY TIME

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 10:30 a.m. For 2 to 5 year old children. 410-524-1818, http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

DELMARVA HAND DANCE CLUB

Elks Lodge, 13708 Sinepuxent Ave., Ocean City, MD, 5:30 to 9 p.m. Jitterbug, swing, cha-cha to the sounds of the '50s, '60s and Carolina Beach music. Meets every Wednesday. dance@delmarvahanddancing.com, 302-200-3262, http://delmarvahanddancing.com

OCEAN CITY/BERLIN ROTARY CLUB MEET-ING

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

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

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

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

Bethany United Methodist Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, MD, 7 p.m. Sing praises, share prayers of gratitude and reflect on thanksgiving. 410-641-2186





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AUCTIONS

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age units will be sold at public auction. Units to be auctioned; B11-B24-B47-B62-B82-B83-O92-O75 0133-0135-0142-0152-013-S614-S48-S422-S181-S611-S525-S41-S185. Units are being sold due to non-payment of rent. Common items in units are household items, furniture tools, fishing equipment, paintings, antique and vin-tage items. **Date: SATURDAY**, November 19, 2016 Time: 9AM Time: 9AM #1 Starting @ Berlin Mini Storage (Rt. 346) #2 Continues at OC Mini Storage (Rt. 50) #3 Finishes at OC Mini Storage (Rt. 611) Terms: CASH ONLY!

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