

Carozza will run against Mathias for Md. Senate

By Katie Tabeing
Staff Writer

(Nov. 23, 2017) Delegate Mary Beth Carozza (R-38C) believes that her next calling is a place in the Maryland Senate and she's challenging incumbent Sen. Jim Mathias (D-38) in the 2018 election to get there.

"For real and lasting change, Gov. (Larry) Hogan needs more team players in the Maryland Senate. As I've thought about the election, I believe I can do more for the shore as your senator," Carozza told a crowd of supporters and public officials on Sunday at Ocean City Elementary School.

"I will continue to stand up with the governor and fight for you. I will always put the interest of the shore first."

Carozza, 56, formerly served as a congressional, Defense Department and Governor's Office staff member with roots with Ocean City. She handily won her first election in 2014 with 73 percent of the vote.

Hogan endorsed Carozza, characterizing her as a friend who has worked with him every step of the way, starting before he decided to run for office.

"When I formed Change Maryland [in 2013], one of the first people to reach out to me was Mary Beth. She sat down with me in my real estate office and told me the things that were bothering her," he said. "It sounded a lot like the same reasons I was thinking about getting involved."

The pair were unlikely candidates, Hogan said, but the Republican party flipped 20 of 23 Maryland counties in the gubernatorial race and caused the "biggest upset in the nation."

"Our state was way off track, with 43 tax hikes in a row. It was crushing our economy," he told the crowd. "We were 49th in overall economic performance in 2013. Now we're seventh. We went from losing jobs to gaining them. We have the second-highest job growth in America — and it would not have happened without Mary Beth Carozza."

Carozza, in turn, said she was proud to be one of Hogan's "strongest partners" but they still have work to do to in Annapolis together.

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Gov. Larry Hogan shows his support for his friend and former colleague, Delegate Mary Beth Carozza (R-38C), for Maryland Senate during a campaign kick-off event at Ocean City Elementary School on Sunday afternoon. Evan Oglesby, son of States Attorney Beau Oglesby, holds her campaign sign.

Park committee has first meeting

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Nov. 23, 2017) Ten of the 11 members of the newly formed Berlin Falls Park Advisory Committee met for the first time Thursday night to discuss how the group would work towards recommendations for future developments.

Mayor Gee Williams and project coordinator David Deutsch addressed the group, and Town Administrator Laura Allen led several breakout sessions designed to help committee members get to know each other.

Serving on the committee are councilmen Troy Purnell and Zack Tyndall and residents Amy Barra, Amy Field, Roger Fitzgerald, Kate Gaddis, Bruce Hyder, Joan Maloof, Shaneka Nichols, Jack Orris and Kate Patton.

Barra works at NASA and was involved in a similar but much larger project in upstate New York, where a 600-acre former dairy farm was converted into a wetlands preserve.

Field is a testing coordinator at Snow Hill High School and an avid "nature lover."

Fitzgerald has a background in sustainable practices, having built his own

energy-efficient home and worked with watershed preservation groups performing "macro invertebrate sampling."

Gaddis, also originally from upstate New York, has worked at Ocean City Parks and Recreation for two decades.

Hyder is an avid camper and serves on the Berlin Parks Commission.

Nichols is a long-time Berlin resident and her mother worked at the former Tyson's Chicken plant for 30 years, before it was bought by the town and renamed "Berlin Falls."

Orris brings experience managing parks in Pennsylvania and was drawn to Berlin by the "small town, Americana feel."

Patton is the executive director of the Lower Shore Land Trust, a nonprofit "dedicated to preserving rural lands, to promoting vibrant towns, and to building a more healthy and connected Eastern Shore."

"This has been a long-anticipated evening," Williams said. "When we first started discussing the possibility of what is, for now, called Berlin Falls park, we got a lot of laughs. We got a lot of people who said this is beyond anything Berlin can imagine."

"I can't tell you how thrilled I am to be able to ... transfer the responsibility for this very unique opportunity to you folks," he continued.

"Each of you brings some very unique talent to this endeavor, but you also bring what I'll call an understanding that you belong to a greater family. And, like with any family, you just don't care about your own lifetime ... but you think about the generations that will follow."

Williams reiterated, as he has often done during Town Council meetings, that fully realizing the potential of the 60-acre former chicken-processing plant could take generations.

"What this property may become and will become ... is in your hands. And I am not only grateful, I'm excited," Williams said. "I can't be more grateful for the potential that you bring — no pressure!"

"There is a point in your life where you realize that you do as much as you can and then you trust in the folks that follow. I have great trust in all of you," he added. "Our little community has succeeded for the last several generations not because we've discovered some secret, but because we recognize we are

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Volunteers decked out the official town Christmas tree at the Atlantic Hotel in Berlin Thursday. A tree-lighting ceremony is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 24 at 6 p.m.

JOSH DAVIS/
BAYSIDE GAZETTE



Fit and trimmed, Berlin's tree goes up in downtown

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Nov. 23, 2017) About a dozen volunteers gathered at the Atlantic Hotel in Berlin last Thursday to decorate the town Christmas tree, which was installed two days earlier by the town public works crews.

"The Atlantic Hotel is a beautiful backdrop," Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells said. "It's our town square and we don't have a whole lot of other space for a big tree that allows people to take their pictures without standing in the road."

The tree itself came from the Cawley Family Farm in Denton and was selected by Patty Falck, who organized the tree decoration in 2016.

When Falck became ill last week, Wells, administrative assistant Sharon Timmons and others joined to string lights and hang ornaments and tinsel.

"We had a nice turnout. We asked for volunteers and a lot of people showed up," Wells said. "We've got pizza for everyone here and we plan on getting it all done today. It's a beautiful day to decorate a tree."

The town sponsored a community ornament drive during the previous year and Wells said those would again adorn the tree this year.

"However, this year, when the tree comes down, people are encouraged to come and collect their ornaments," she said. "We probably won't use them next year, so they can have their ornament to keep."

"Because it was so beautiful last year, everyone wanted to keep [the decorations] the same for one more year," Wells added.

The tree is a holiday calling card of sorts for the town, Wells said.

"People like to come down and they like to get their picture taken in front of the tree. It shows community spirit and it's a wonderful place to be," Wells said. "Plus, it puts you in the Christmas spirit."

The lights will be turned on for the first time during a ceremony expected to draw thousands, Friday, Nov. 24 at 6 p.m.

Tree lighting will draw hundreds to downtown Berlin

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Nov. 23, 2017) Downtown Berlin will be a festive winter wonderland on Friday, bristling with activity and likely to include upwards of 1,000 tourists and residents.

The town Christmas tree-lighting is scheduled for 6 p.m. in front of the Atlantic Hotel on Main Street. Mayor Gee Williams is expected to throw the

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Dorman clears air about inaccurate adult biz stories

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Nov. 23, 2017) Snow Hill Mayor Charlie Dorman criticized what he deemed inaccurate news coverage regarding the possibility of adult-oriented businesses opening in town during a council meeting last Tuesday.

The controversy began during a council work session on Oct. 30 when the town reached an agreement with Annette Gibbons-Tarr to host private parties featuring adult intimacy items.

“We had a discussion here at the last work session,” he said. “We explained to her the process we were going to do and it got completely blown out of proportion.”

Gibbons-Tarr is a sales consultant with Pure Romance, a global company with approximately 30,000 sales associates who sell sensual aids, lingerie, lubricants, skin creams and jewelry.

At the work session, Gibbons-Tarr was accompanied by attorney Michael Farlow, who explained that town official contacted his client roughly three months ago with concerns about the business.

“There were some issues with zoning code which I think you’re addressing overall,” Farlow said during the work session. “The town has been really receptive.”

In addition to holding gatherings at private residences, Farlow also received permission for Gibbons-Tarr to rent commercial spaces downtown for invitation only parties.

During the work session, Farlow noted Pure Romance corporate policy does not permit sales associates to establish permanent commercial spaces.

“I believe her corporate contract doesn’t allow her to have a storefront,” he said. “Even if she wanted to, she wouldn’t be able to try and rent a place for permanently displaying these items.”

Despite the apparent clarity, Dorman said sensationalized media reports ignited residents concerns that

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GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

WOOD CARVING
Wood carvers George Stump, right, and Bob Waltersdorff, both of Salisbury, demonstrate carving techniques during a presentation by the Ward Museum Carving Club last Saturday at the Old Fire Station in Snow Hill.

Pocomoke Christmas parade Mon.

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Nov. 23, 2017) The 45th annual Pocomoke Christmas parade will transform Market Street into a holiday winter wonderland on Monday starting at 7 p.m.

The lengthy line of floats, high school marching bands, fire equipment, dance troupes, ROTC and equestrian units will stretch nearly two miles, event chairman Mike Shannon said.

“It will go from 14th Street down to the [Pocomoke] River bridge,” he said. “The reviewing stand is at the corner of Clarke and Market streets.”

The parade, which includes an average of 100 units, has delighted crowds of up to 4,000 people in previous decades, Shannon said.

“There’s not really a bad spot anywhere along the parade route, which goes for like 17 blocks,” he said. “The nice thing is you don’t have 3,000-4,000 people in one spot.”

Each unit will pause to perform at the reviewing stand before crossing the Pocomoke River bridge and dispersing.

“The best viewing spot to see them perform is down at [Cypress] Park,” he said.

National Judges Association members will award trophies and plaques for high school bands, commercial and non-commercial floats, dance units, ROTC units, fire companies and equestrian units.

Shannon said the parade culminates with the arrival of Old St. Nick.

“We plan on having Santa Claus downtown no later than 9:30 p.m.,” he said.

To increase the parade’s appeal, Shannon said parade entries are presented in random order, interspersing floats, fire trucks, and marching bands for a varied viewing experience.

“It keeps it more interesting for the fans and the people that come watch

this because we are one of the largest nighttime parades in the state of Maryland,” he said.

Following the parade, Santa Claus will remain in town to inspect the city’s new 20-foot yuletide tree and participate in Mayor Bruce Morrison’s Old-Fashioned Christmas Evening event on Dec. 1 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. in downtown.

“The mayor has got the idea of doing something all week long in town,” Shannon said. “The parade pretty much steps off Christmas Week and the mayor’s thing does the end of the Christmas Week.”

Santa’s visits to southern Worcester were originally airborne affairs handled by the Pocomoke Jaycees, Shannon said.



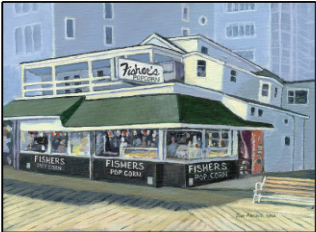
“[The Pocomoke Jaycees] flew Santa Claus in for years in a helicopter and all of a sudden they decided, ‘let’s have a parade,’” he said.

Nearly half a century later, Shannon said

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Members of the Ocean Pines Association Clubs Committee discuss recommendations to improve service and food quality at the yacht club during a meeting there last Thursday.

Clubs committee sharpens focus on food and service

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Nov. 23, 2017) Members of the Ocean Pines Clubs Committee continue to gather information, anecdotal and otherwise, in the hopes of improving operations at association food and beverage facilities.

The committee's focus at last Thursday's meeting was the yacht club, where the biggest obstacles to success are inconsistency and a poor reputation.

Committee member Donna Hickey, a frequent visitor of the club, relayed a recent experience when she and a large party of friends dined on a Friday night. She said six of the 13 meals ordered by the party were inedible.

"Two of the scallop dishes came back and one was almost raw and the other was burnt, so [they were] two different consistencies," she said. "Whoever was in the kitchen — there was no consistency."

She said a seafood pasta dish was served cold with pasta that was "very hard," and a new featured menu item, Cherry-Glazed Chicken, was "charred, literally black."

"The waitress was very good ... [and] noticed that we hadn't eaten our meals," Hickey said. "She took it off the bill and I said to her, 'You know, that's not the point. We don't care about the money — we care about the food.' We wanted a good meal and if this is the new thing on the menu and you can't get that right

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Berlin's season to be jolly begins with Fri. tree-lighting

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switch to light the tree after saying a few remarks.

Additionally, a "Holiday Open House" in downtown shops is set to run from 5-8 p.m. and a Berlin Story Walk featuring the children's book "The Mitten" will start and run through Jan. 1.

Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells said Friday festivities would actually begin at 4:30 p.m., with live music by the Rehoboth Concert Band.

"They will be playing Christmas music and the last 15 minutes will feature a songbook [with a sing-a-long], available that night at Hearth of Gold Kids for free," Wells said. "I'll also have a downloadable PDF of it on the [town] website so people can download it before the event."

Also, the Casino at Ocean Down will sponsor a ice sculptor, Erik Cantine, who has been a fixture of the tree-lighting ceremony for several years.

The story walk is a new component. Pages from the book will be scattered in shop windows throughout the downtown and remain on display through the end of the year.

"I was looking for a way to bring families downtown," Wells said. "I'm an avid reader, so I thought it would be really cool to walk around town and be able to read a page from 'The Mitten' in

18 different shop windows."

Wells said a lottery determined which shops would participate. Children can pickup a free checklist, with original drawings by local artist Peggy Hagy, at the Berlin Welcome Center on 14 South Main Street. Participants who match each page in the checklist to the corresponding shop can enter for a chance to win a copy of the book.

"The Mitten" lines up with the theme of Berlin's month-long holiday celebration, "Peace on Earth," Wells said.

"It's a really good book. It's basically about a little boy who goes outside and drops one of his mittens in the snow, and then an animal crawls in to get warm. And then another animal comes over and says, 'hey, is there room for me?' and then the mitten just gets bigger and bigger with all the animals trying to squeeze in," she said.

The Holiday Open House, Wells added, is simply a way to promote downtown businesses staying open later during the tree lighting.

"They'll be open late to share in the festivities and they'll hopefully have some treats in their shops," she said. "Obviously, Christmas is a time for shopping for the perfect gift and spending time with your family, and you can accomplish both by coming to downtown Berlin."

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Hogan needs to be re-elected to a second term. As a Republican senator, I would be in a position to uphold his vetoes on bills like the paid sick leave bill and work closely with him on strategies," she said. "I'd be a stronger, more effective partner as he continues his leadership role to change Maryland for the better."

If elected, Carozza hopes to support "shore priorities" like regulatory reform for poultry farms and defeat legislation to make Maryland a sanctuary state, should it arise again after dying in senate committee last spring. She also vowed to see the battle against the opioid epidemic to the end.

Although Hogan said he was "not a partisan guy," Carozza's campaign falls in line with the Republican "Drive for Five" effort to unseat five Democratic

senators — Mathias is one of those targeted by the GOP — to overturn an almost century old veto-proof majority.

Hogan said that he "respects" Mathias, but that he votes to support the "liberal agenda" of House Speaker Mike Bush and State Senate President Mike Miller.

"I'm playing goalie. I'm trying to stop bad things from happening: billions of dollars in tax increases and spending... the very crazy liberal agenda," he said. "I'm trying to get good things done. And time and time again, the current senator votes with them, and Mary Beth Carozza votes with us."

"I have to believe the very best person that would do the best job is your delegate," Hogan continued. "[She] is working so hard, she spent here her whole life here and she cares about the people of Ocean City."



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Berlin Mayor Gee Williams addresses the newly formed advisory committee that will aid in developments at Berlin Falls Park. The group met for the first time last Thursday night at Town Hall.

Berlin Falls park committee assembles for first session

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family first."

Williams joked that, like any family, Berlin has "a couple good, crazy aunts and uncles. " I hope none of you are among them," he said with a laugh.

"I do think you have an opportunity here to take that understanding that we are not just a governmental agency ... this community has come from some really rough times and from some origins that we would have not chosen, to being a place that I hope, with your commitment and help, will become a community that leads by example."

Deutsch went over some of the language to the resolution that established the committee in October, but said the group is "more than ... an academic exercise."

"[We're] really going to rely on you to help us move this process forward and focus on those options [of development]," he said.

He mentioned the YMCA as an organization he and other town planners have already met with, and said the property would need to balance active and passive uses, with more active uses

likely on "the front half," near Old Ocean City Boulevard.

Deutsch said the park needs to be inclusive of the entire community and any developments should compliment the downtown, but not detract from it.

He said the property seemed remote, but could easily be connected "so the property really is kind of knitted into the fabric of community life."

The name, he said, was something to focus on "down the road." Deutsch joked about the current moniker.

"When I first heard that it was Berlin Falls park, I looked and I didn't see the falls," he said. "It's kind of neither here nor there. It's a relatively minor issue ... maybe it just becomes obvious to all of you what that designation ought to be as we go forward and carve out the role for this 60-acre piece and the future of town."

"I think we've got a great opportunity here. We're got a great group of people with a diverse, community background," Deutsch added.

The committee will meet again on Jan 11 at 6:30 p.m. in Town Hall. A tour of the property was tentatively set for Jan. 6 at 9 a.m., weather depending.

Yacht club management still getting up to speed on ops.

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on the first night, something's not right. That's what was upsetting."

Committee member Larry Bohanan, who operated restaurants in the Baltimore area for two decades, said the experience raised some red flags.

"She never got to talk to a manager, but someone took the food cost off the bill — that should be a manager's decision right there. It should not be a waiter or a waitress's decision," he said. "When they're told that there's a problem, it's their responsibility, I think, to get out and talk to the people and try to make amends in some way."

"I just think, quite possibly, the way that things have been going bad, the managers don't want to show their face. They don't want to talk to people," Bohanan continued.

Committee Chairman Les Purcell said it's difficult to gauge what's being done at the club. New General Manager John Bailey, by all accounts, is looking into problems at the facility. However, he is also getting up to speed on the community in general and examining several other areas of concern.

"It's gonna be a while because, as has been mentioned, he's busy," Purcell said.

Bohanan said he recently met with Bailey and was impressed by his diligence. According to Bohanan, Bailey is in the process of interviewing restaurant consulting groups and hopes to have many of the issues resolved in time for a grand reopening during Memorial Day weekend. The yacht club recently scaled back to winter hours, open only on Friday and Saturday.

"I don't know what his plan is, but I do think that he is a very thorough person because he was taking a lot of notes," Bohanan said. "I told him, I don't envy you because this place now has a reputation. And when you go to hire people, I know a lot of people that wouldn't work here in a heartbeat."

"[The yacht club] changes management all the time and you never know whether you're going to be hired or fired," He continued. "They want a job where they can have some stability and grow and have customers to come in, so there's a volume so they can make money, whether it's a server or a manager ... you've got to overcome that. It's not going to be easy."

Hickey agreed to write Bailey a note about her experience.

Also during the meeting, committee member Gerald Horn showed a draft of comment cards to be distributed all at food and beverage facilities in the Pines. If utilized, the plan would be for the committee members to collect the card and analyze the results, then report to Bailey and the board.

"Some of the things we're talking about tonight, how to get information — the more formalized and the more data-driven we can make that input, the better," he said.

Horn said he sent a copy to Bailey. "I haven't heard back from him yet, but ultimately it's going to be his decision," he said.

The committee will skip its December meeting and tentatively plans to convene on Jan. 18.



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Pocomoke Christmas parade
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■ POCOMOKE continued
non said many of the same hands are still on deck.
“Most of the same committee members that were here in 1972 are still here today,” he said.
After serving as event chairman since 2000, Shannon is hoping to groom the next generation to take over the reins.
“I’m trying to bring in some younger guys that can carry on the tradition years from now when I decide I’m going to retire,” he said.
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masparade.com. The deadline is Friday at midnight.
“After then you’d have to make a phone call [410-726-5777] because I’m already starting to put it together,” he said. “It does take all of my Thanksgiving holiday to do this.”
More details are available on the website, including a full list of rules, Shannon said.
“This is a family-oriented event and we don’t want any trouble,” he said.
In the event of inclement weather, the parade will be postponed until Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 7 p.m.

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Dorman: story’s
implication was
‘totally wrong’

■ DORMAN continued
Snow Hill was on the verge of introducing a “red-light” district.
“It was totally wrong,” he said.
In light of the discussion surrounding adult-themed private parties, Dorman said the council asked code enforcement officer Jon Hill to prepare a draft for review by the planning commission to establish clear guidelines where adult oriented businesses would be permitted if subsequent requests occurred.
“Once it goes to the planning commission, it comes back to the council for our review and then we have a public hearing on it,” he said. “It’s far from being over.”

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Suggested pool rules could make an 'Oasis'

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Nov. 23, 2017) The Oasis Pool Working Group recently forwarded to the Ocean Pines Board of Directors a four-page letter of recommendations addressing the formerly adults-only Oasis swimming pool at the yacht club.

The pool changed to allow all ages last summer, based on the opinion on association attorney Jeremy Tucker, who said the previous policy discriminated against families, which are a protected class under the Fair Housing Act.

"Unfortunately, this sudden and drastic change to a long-standing amenity, without public input or discussion, caused a tremendous amount of suspicion, frustration and anger among a large segment of Ocean Pines residents," the letter states.

"Many wonder how this could happen after so many years with no questions about the legality, and question if the law applies to a community that has five pools with only one designated as adult only. Because his research and legal recommendations were, and continue to be, discussed in closed session, many are suspicious of the findings acted on by the board.

"There were several heated confrontations this past summer between adults with young kids and long time YC pool users. Most of these were due to kids splashing and jumping near

older residents, who were fearful of being knocked down and possibly injured. At times, the resulting confrontations almost got out of hand."

According to the statement, many pool members said they would not renew membership because of the change.

The working group hired attorney James Almand to look into the matter. His opinion, according to the statement, was changing pool rules to eliminate some of the behavior pool users found undesirable would be easier — and less legally treacherous — than banning younger swimmers altogether.

"There is ... currently no law that would prohibit Ocean Pines Aquatics from prohibiting certain types of conduct at a particular pool as long as it is age-neutral, meaning it has to apply to ALL patrons," the letter states. "The courts opinion specifically states that '...setting aside certain hours for lap swimming ... or imposing restrictions on making noise ... or running or roughhousing in the pool area' is allowed.

"After reviewing all of the information, it appears that Ocean Pines can best address this issue by creating a 'Quiet Pool,' an environment similar to an 'Adults-only' pool but without violating the FHA. This can be accomplished by prohibiting certain conduct at the pool rather than prohibiting a

particular status or age group. Charging a premium rate for use of the Oasis pool, and addressing the underage alcohol consumption concerns are additional options."

The statement continued, "The best option, in our opinion, is to create a true 'Oasis Pool' atmosphere at the YC pool. This can be accomplished by instituting additional strict rules of conduct that will apply to EVERYONE using that pool, such as no running, no cannonballs, no shouting, no loud noises, no Marco-polo, etc.

"The problem with this plan is enforcing the new rules. Younger kids may not listen and some parents may not pay attention. Asking a young lifeguard to tell an adult that they have to keep their child quiet or under control is not going to work and is really not fair to the lifeguard."

The group recommended publicizing new rules "as soon as approved by the Board," and giving a copy and requiring a signature to anyone who purchases a pool membership or day pass. Adult lifeguards should be on duty at the pool and rules should be strictly enforced, the group stated.

Additionally, they advised emailing lapsed pool members to encourage their return.

Suggested pool rules are:

- Anyone under the age of 13 years old must be accompanied by an adult/guardian who is a minimum

of 18 years old.

- Flotation devices, except for life jackets and noodles, are prohibited.
- Balls & Frisbees are prohibited.
- No throwing of any toys into or around the pool.

- No Running.
- No Jumping.
- All pool entry must be from steps or ladders.

- No Cannonballs.
- No Loud Noises.
- Electronic audio devices allowed with ear buds only.

- Please refrain from hanging on the lane lines.

- Any incontinent person must wear a swim diaper in order to access pool.

- Diaper changing is not allowed at poolside. Please use changing tables located in the restrooms.

"It is our hope that the efforts of this group of concerned Ocean Pines Residents to find a reasonable solution in an open public forum, to a problem that has divided the community, will be discussed and considered by the BOD and GM," the statement concluded. "We would also ask that these findings and recommendations be included as a topic in an upcoming public Board meeting."

The Ocean Pines Board is scheduled to meet next on Thursday, Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. in the Assateague Room of the community center on 235 Ocean Parkway.

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Liquor store appeal set for next week in Circuit Court

By **Brian Gilliland**

Associate Editor

(Nov. 23, 2017) While the county government methodically deconstructed the Dept. of Liquor Control, the final nail in its coffin hasn't been struck, as the sale of the remaining county store, Pocomoke Shore Spirits, has been held up for months because of a legal challenge.

This challenge is heading for Circuit Court next Wednesday in Snow Hill.

The Board of License Commissioners, the local branch of the state agency charged with awarding liquor licenses to applicants, ruled in June that there were insufficient grounds to deny the application of Kalpesh Patel to purchase the store.

Included in Patel's winning \$1.175 million bid for the store and its contents was a contingency requiring the county's support for a beer, wine and liquor license. Previously, the shop could only sell wine and liquor.

However, the enabling state legislation for this type of license didn't take effect until July 1, essentially giving Patel early access to a license, with the county's blessing, that other vendors couldn't even apply for yet.

All three license commissioners — Marty Pusey, Billy Esham and Charles Nichols — blamed the state law enabling the county exit from the liquor business

for the trouble.

Residents and other businesses in the same shopping center as the Shore Spirits also objected to the sale, arguing the addition of beer sales to the store would harm their own businesses, which differentiated themselves from the county store by selling beer.

Two other businesses in the same strip mall as the Shore Spirits store have beer and wine licenses, but no liquor. One of the two, Newtown Market, was purchased after Shore Spirits had opened in 2012, and well before the county's exit from the liquor business was underway.

The owner, Janik Patel, had also unsuccessfully bid on the former county store, and was considering adding liquor to her inventory, but was unable to do so until the law took effect.

The Newtown Market owner, represented by attorney Hugh Cropper, told the license commissioners in June the business would be hurt by undue competition by the now-privatized store, and was joined by several others, like Pocomoke City mayor Bruce Morrison, who saw no need for another liquor store in the first place.

However, competition alone is not enough to confirm or deny an application, and the request for the former Shore Spirits shop was approved by the

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Court hearing will delay wrap-up of county liquor biz

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board, but challenged in court by Patel.

Until 2014, Worcester County government had exclusive rights over wholesale access to liquor in the county. When the sitting board of Worcester County Commissioners decided in December 2015 to exit and shutter the Department of Liquor Control, two deadlines were approved: ending wholesale operations by Sept. 2016, and retail operations by July 1, 2017 to coincide with the end of the fiscal year.

However, since the board's ruling is being appealed, the county had to develop a budget and retain staff while the fate of Patel's bid is decided.

County Treasurer Phil Thompson proposed a budget of \$1 million in July, which was accepted by the commissioners. Estimated expenditures for the year include roughly \$791,000 in cost of goods sold and almost \$150,000 in personnel. These costs, he said, would be completely offset by sales, with room to spare. The proposed budget reports an estimate of about \$19,000 in income from operations, should things go to according to plan.

Thompson said in July he thought it was best to include the entire fiscal year in the proposal, since there is uncertainty as to when or if the county would be able to transfer the business to Kalpesh Patel.

Purnell Museum gets large stage

Will participate in planning of National Folk Festival when it comes to Salisbury

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Nov. 23, 2017) After the Julia A. Purnell Museum received recognition for its 75th anniversary, Executive Director Dr. Cindy Byrd outlined for the Snow Hill mayor and council last Tuesday an event whose history traces back even further.

Mayor Charlie Dorman read aloud a citation from the Maryland General Assembly signed by Delegates Charles Otto (R-38A) and Mary Beth Carozza (R-38C) that was presented during the museum's birthday party in late October.

Following this, Byrd announced the museum has been invited to consult in planning the National Folk Festival, which comes to Salisbury in September 2018, as a member of its Maryland Traditions Folk Life Committee.

Since 1934, the National Council for the Traditional Arts has produced the folk festival, which is now the largest and longest running celebration of arts, culture and heritage in the U.S.

"We've never had in it Maryland before," she said. "From the perspective of somebody that does cultural

traditions for a living, this is an enormous honor and it says a lot about the cultural heritage of Maryland's Eastern Shore to have them come here."

Festival organizers select host cities for three-year engagements of the annual three-day, no-cost event, with the understanding each locale will continue the tradition after the National Folk Festival ventures elsewhere.

"They select a city that has exceptional local cultural heritage to share on a national stage," she said. "For people that do what we do, this is like the Olympics of cultural historical heritage coming to the Eastern Shore."

Earlier that same day, Byrd attended an initial folk festival committee meeting to begin planning for next year's event in Salisbury from Sept. 7-9. She said the festival will likely draw increasingly larger crowds during its three-year residency on the Eastern Shore.

"In the first year, their typical numbers are 60,000-80,000 visitors [and] by the third year they generally have 150,000 visitors," she said.

Byrd said Salisbury was selected from more than 30 cities vying to host the festival. Organizers estimate the event has an economic impact in the tens of millions of dollars.

"The most recent one was in Greensboro, North Carolina and they had those kind of numbers there ...

which is similar in size to what we've got here," she said. "This is a huge opportunity for Snow Hill [and] a huge opportunity for Purnell Museum to get our visibility out there."

In addition to seven stages with continuous performances all week-end, Byrd said the festival features a crafts exhibition area, artisan marketplace, dance pavilion, storytelling, parades, and regional cuisine.

"There are opportunities for traditional food vendors [and] artists," she said. "There's an application process I can put everybody in touch with."

Byrd said over the last 80-plus years the National Folk Festival has exposed wider audiences to burgeoning musical genres, such as Cajun and hip-hop.

"Tex-Mex [Tejano] music was presented for the first time on a national stage at the National Folk Life Festival and the first appearance of W.C. Handy [widely regarded as the father of the blues] on a desegregated stage," she said. "Folk life is living cultural traditions ... rooted in history that are still alive today."

Byrd is hopeful the museum's participation in planning the large undertaking will be economically beneficial for Snow Hill.

"I'll be going to these meetings, consulting, and doing everything I can to bring those 150,000 to Snow Hill," she said.



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‘Artists Giving Back’ provides meals to those in need, Tues.

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor
(Nov. 23, 2017) The second annual “Artists Giving Back, a Holiday Meal for those in need,” event returns to St. Paul’s United Methodist Church in Berlin on Tuesday, Nov. 28 from 2-5 p.m.

Artists Giving Back is a program of the Berlin Arts and Entertainment Committee.
Organizer Robin Tomaselli said the happening sprung from work with Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services, specifically the SABERS and SAGERS programs proving enrichment for adolescents.
“Last year I came up with the idea, because we were working with Worcester Youth and doing healthy cooking classes,” Tomaselli said. “Amanda [Chaffee], who is a counselor there, was telling us the holidays can be really stressful for kids in this area that, for whatever reason, can’t always count on a hot meal at home.”

That’s especially true any time schools are closed, Tomaselli said.
“For some kids, it can create a lot of stress, because that’s where they can count on getting at least breakfast and lunch,” she said. “We were all completely blown away by that because, living in the ‘coolest small town,’ you don’t think about children in our area going hungry.”

Tomaselli said another inspiration was the “pay it forward” theme of Giving Tuesday, a national day of outreach and fundraising for non-profits.
“We starting thinking about what we could do to actually feed people,” she said. “We figured there were a lot of organizations that were providing a Thanksgiving meal, but why not continue that.”
The inaugural event, also held at St. Paul’s on 405 Flower Street in Berlin, fed more than 100 people and provided food for dozens of addi-

tional meals to Diakonia in West Ocean City.
“Everybody just completely jumped on board and were happy to do something for the community,” Tomaselli said. That included culinary artists, fine artists, and area merchants.
Children involved in Worcester Youth programs helped serve food, and most of the cooking was done on-site by volunteers at the church. Additionally, Berlin Police Chief Arnold Downing helped deliver food to people who could not leave their homes.
“Everybody thought it was an incredible experience and a perfect example of people coming together for nothing other than a common good,” Tomaselli said. “I think it’s good for kids to see that. The kids from the SABERS and SAGES program who kind of sparked the idea for us have talked about it nonstop since, about how they want to do that again. They want to participate.”
This year, farmers and restaurant owners throughout Berlin and the greater Worcester County area are donating food. Merchants are donating money to pay for paper plates and other supplies, and Chef Phil Cropper from Worcester Technical High School is once again involved.
St. Paul’s will donate the space and organize the cooking, and food will be served at and delivered from the church.
To inquire about donating or volunteering, or to arrange meal delivery, contact Tomaselli at Baked Dessert Café on 4 Bay Street in Berlin or call 410-641-1800.
“They are also certainly welcome to come to St. Paul’s and break bread with us there,” Tomaselli added. “They can also pick up a carryout meal, one per person. And anyone that’s willing to either set up or serve or break down and clean up is also welcome to call me so we can coordinate all of that.”

Members of local Boy Scout troops retire American flags

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer
(Nov. 23, 2017) Hundreds of American flags went out in a blaze of glory during a flag retirement ceremony conducted by local scouts at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines last Saturday.
Members of Boy Scout Troop and Cub Scout Pack #261 from Ocean City placed worn and torn Stars and Stripes in a flaming pit for a respectful burning in accordance with U.S. Flag Code.
Joerg Leinemann, troop #261 advancement committee chairman, said the scouts sending flags up in flames is a reverent occasion.

“We’re going to walk up ... salute the flag [and] show it with dignity,” he said. “Then we’re going to burn it.”
Worn U.S. flags were collected at American Legion Posts #166 in Ocean City, #123 and #231 in Berlin, as well as the Ocean Pines Community Center. Assisting with the ceremony were Ocean Pines Public Works and the Bishopville Volunteer Fire Company.
Cubmaster Nick Busko and Scoutmaster Ken Nichols directed their respective groups. The flag retirement ceremony, which has been held at the veterans’ memorial since it opened in 2005, has been held locally for decades.
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U.S. flags retired during ceremony in Ocean Pines

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Nichols said.

“For years, we did it on our own with the Ocean Pines Fire Cadets,” he said.

Boy Scout Troop #261 started in 1952 with the assistance of American Legion Post #166 in Ocean City, Leinemann said.

“The American Legion has been our sponsor since 1952,” he said. “We’ve been tied together since the very beginning.”

In addition to bags filled with retired flags awaiting incineration, a trio of flags whose owners have recently died were retired first.

“People have given us the flag and said this person has passed away within the last six months,” he said. “This was the flag that was flown at their house could you please show it some dignity.”

Leinemann also said the Scouts remove white stars from cloth flags to produce commemorative keepsakes.

“We’re going to take them to our events and hand them out to veterans,” he said.

The stars are attached to a notecard that reads in part, “the sun and wind have caused me to become tattered and torn. Please carry me as a reminder that you are remembered.”

Leinemann, who became an Eagle Scout in 1974, has maintained his association with the local troop, which holds



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Cub Scout Pack #261 Webelo, Thomas Pad-dack, and Boy Scout Troop #261 Advancement Committee Chairman, Joerg Leinemann, display a tattered flag being retired during a ceremony last Saturday at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines.



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Boy Scout Second Class, Evan Hurley, 12, with Troop #261, drops a white stripe into the fire during a flag retirement ceremony last Saturday at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines.



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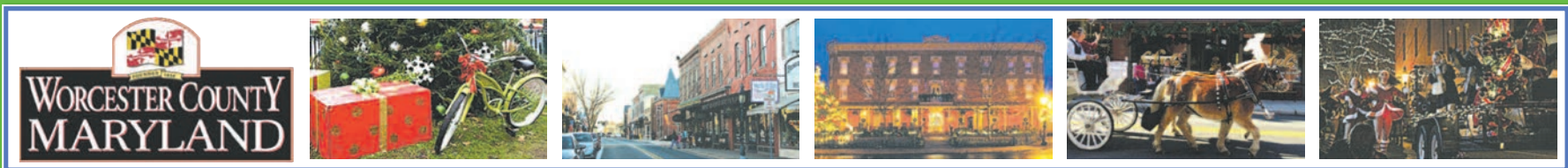
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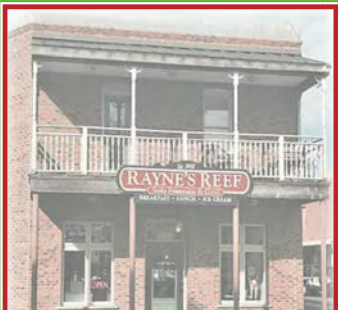
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Berlin Briefs

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Nov. 23, 2017) The Berlin Town Council discussed the following items during a public meeting at Town Hall last week.

Council meeting canceled

A Berlin Town Council meeting originally set for Monday, Nov. 27 has been canceled. Town Administrator Laura Allen said there were no discussion items and the cancelation was endorsed by Mayor Gee Williams. The next mayor and council meeting is Monday, Dec. 11.

Baker Street update

Allen said paving on Baker Street would likely occur this week, weather permitting. Work there started earlier this month.

The Town Council in October approved a \$139,364.57 contract with Goody Hill

Goundwork Inc. for work on Baker Street. The contract was about \$20,000 over budget, but included additional drainage improvements not part of the original scope of work. Additional funds will be taken from town reserves to pay for the overage.

The council appropriated \$120,000 for the project in the fiscal year 2018 budget approved in June. Work was originally estimated to finish this year.

Police station update

Contractor Crosby & Associates from Cambridge provided town officials with a second tour of the new Berlin Police Station, last week. A previous tour of the in-construction building, near the corner of Assateague Road and Flower Street, was held in August.

The new station will be much more spacious than the current quarters, attached to Town Hall on William Street, and will include separate rooms for processing, interrogation, evidence, dispatch, record keeping and training.

During the previous tour, Tim Crosby of Crosby & Associates touted a highly efficient split-level heating and cooling system, as well as a high-tech emergency operations center where planning for hurricanes and other weather-related disasters can occur.

An official move-in date was not set. Williams suggested holding a community open house at the new facility next spring.

Tattoo committee

Allen said the Tattoo Ordinance Committee, approved by the Town Council during a meeting on Nov. 13, would meet for the first time next month. An exact date was not set as of press time, but Allen said mid-December was likely.

The committee was formed because the town did have an ordinance regulating the practice of tattooing.

The committee includes tattoo artists Matthew Amey and Dana Helmuth, councilmen Dean Burrell and Zack Tyndall, and Patricia Dufendach from the Berlin Parks Commission.



PHOTO COURTESY OTTO GRUNDMAN

Local musician Otto Grundman will host a party at Burley Oak in Berlin this Saturday to celebrate the release of his new eight-track CD, “Perpetual Motion,” from 8-11 p.m.

Grundman’s CD release party at Burley Oak, Sat.

By Kara Hallissey
Staff Writer

(Nov. 23, 2017) Local musician Otto Grundman will have a party at Burley Oak in Berlin this Saturday to celebrate the release of his new eight-track CD, “Perpetual Motion,” from 8-11 p.m.

“Every song is different. There is rock, funk and folk. All the songs are original,” Grundman said. “I wrote, sing and produced the CD with a full band [including the leads, tracks and harmonies with a guitar, drums and a mandolin.]”

Snacks will be offered during the event and Grundman is slated to perform some of his new songs for the crowd. A limited number of posters, stickers and CDs will also be available for purchase.

“It is a celebration of the CD getting done,” Grundman said. “I categorize myself in the jam band genre since I play



a mix of everything. It is an interesting CD and every song has a different sound. I’ve received good feedback from family and friends.”

The Bishopville native has been playing guitar for approximately 10 years as well as singing and playing lead guitar for various bands. The 29-year-old started performing on his own about two years ago. He also plays alongside his father, Dave Grundman, in the band G-Men and is a member of the local group, Muskrat Lightning.

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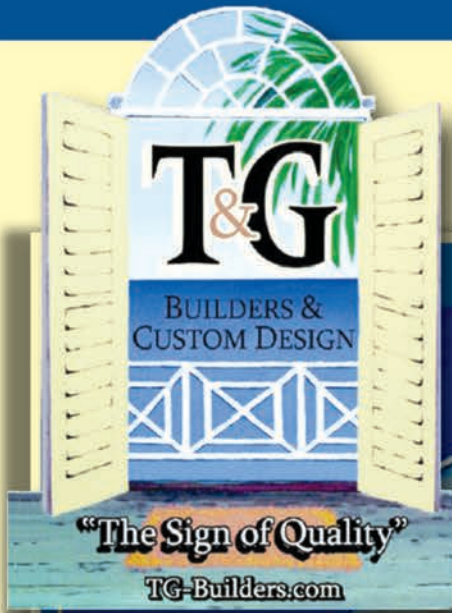


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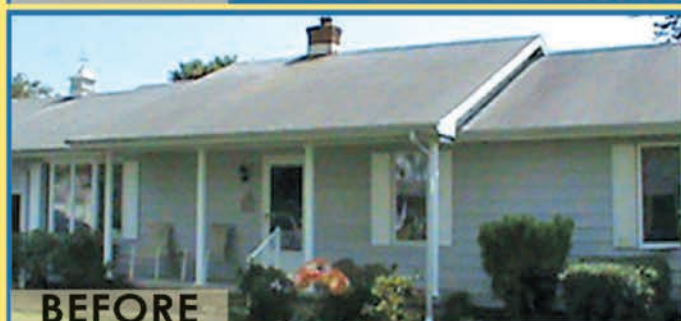
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Snow Hill Council Briefs

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Nov. 23, 2017) The Snow Hill Council discussed the following items during a regular meeting at the Old Train Station on Belt Street last Tuesday:

Clean-Up Day results

Randy Barfield, public works director, said the annual Town Clean Up Day on Oct. 23 made a positive impact on the towns' appearance, with the city collecting 8.68 tons of recycled materials.

"It was a little larger," he said. "More people took advantage of it than the first year in 2016."

The one-day free bulk trash pickup program allowed residents to discard materials like appliances, mattresses, box springs and furniture.

Barfield noted that unlike 2016, few restricted items were placed outside.

"We will not pick up any liquids, poison, batteries, medical waste, tires, fuel tanks, electrical equipment, yard waste, wood [or] demolition materials," he said.

Barfield said the town would hold another Town Clean Up Day this April.

"The town is trying to help people and save them the cost for bulk pickup," he said.

Speed camera update

Police Chief Tom Davis provided updates on the oft-disputed accuracy and recent relocation of the speed camera on West Market Street near the Snow Hill Middle School.

Following up on a discussion from the council meeting on Oct. 19, Davis contacted camera operators Redspeed Maryland after Mayor Charlie Dorman voiced concerns about placement.

"The camera was moved and moved back and then moved again," he said. "Where it is now is across the street getting people coming into town."

Maryland state law permits speed cameras to be operated in school zones between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. from Monday-Friday. Citations are issued to vehi-

cles going at least 12 miles per hour over the posted speed limit.

After consulting with Redspeed officials, and conducting private tests with fellow officers, Davis disputed claims over capturing precise speeds.

"This equipment is high-tech and it's accurate," he said. "If you get a citation it's because you were actually going that speed, period."

Dr. Small book project

Mayor Charlie Dorman highlighted an appearance by retired professor Dr. Clara Small at the council's next work session to update a book project chronicling the historic and current racial dynamics that have shaped Snow Hill.

"Dr. Small, who we had started out three years ago to write a book on us, will be here on the 28th at our work session," he said.

In the pursuit of historical clarity, the town contracted with Small to research a volume incorporating and preserving memories from community elders.

Before retiring in 2013, Small spent four decades teaching African-American History at Salisbury University and wrote several books on the history of ethnic groups on the Eastern Shore.

The work session, which is open to the public, will begin at 4:30 p.m. at the Old Train Station on Belt Street.

"I want to see how far she's gotten and what she has done," he said.

Cold weather fire safety

John Holloway, EMS supervisor with the Snow Hill Volunteer Fire Department, offered a seasonal safety reminder as colder temperatures begin to descend upon the region.

"We just want to remind everybody in cold weather to make sure you have working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to protect you in your home," he said.

As thermometer readings plummet, Holloway advised residents to exercise special caution when using electric portable heaters as supplemental

Holiday Wrappings fashion show and luncheon, Dec. 5

By Kara Hallissey
Staff Writer

(Nov. 23, 2017) A few days remain to purchase tickets to the 29th annual Holiday Wrappings fashion show and luncheon, which is slated to take place on Tuesday, Dec. 5, at the Ocean City convention center, benefiting the American Cancer Society.

The fashion show, organized by CraZy LadyZ! owner Jan Patterson, will feature clothing from 14 local shops and boutiques in Ocean City and Berlin in addition to Ocean View and Lewes in Delaware.

sources for warmth.

"Be careful with space heaters," he said.

His advice: When purchasing a space heater, look for models that feature thermostat control mechanisms that automatically turn off units if tipped over.

Never plug a space heater into an extension cord or power strip and turn heaters off prior to sleeping. Keep children and pets away from space heaters and only purchase models approved by a nationally recognized laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratory.

Museum brief closure

Dr. Cindy Byrd, executive director of the Julia A. Purnell Museum, said an unforeseen problem with the building's heating system will limit activities for a brief time.

"The museum will be closed for a few days because the heat is being repaired," she said.

After the equipment malfunctioned last week, Byrd said chilly weather made it difficult for staff to work comfortably and left a less-than-hospitable environment for guests.

Although the repairs should be completed shortly after Thanksgiving, Byrd said the exact date has yet to be determined.

Participating shops are: CraZy LadyZ!, Bruder Hill, Patty Jeans Boutique, Sandals Bridal,

SeaQuest, Southern Exposure, Ish Boutique, BomShell Boutique, Pet Threadz, Chic Boutique, Deanna's, Heart of Gold, South Moon Under and Back East Boutique.

A range of clothing for children, teens, men, women and pets will be on display during a 45-minute show at the 40th Street venue.

"The event is a great way to start the holidays off and a great networking tool," said Dawne Pappas, Holiday Wrappings chairwoman. "We endorse local, independent boutiques and you are making a contribution to the American Cancer Society for programs, research, education and advocacy."

For lunch, attendees will enjoy gluten free chicken, butternut squash and a salad. Every year, a different local establishment provides the dessert. Layton's on 15th Street will serve its popular doughnuts.

In addition to the fashion show and food, Holiday Wrappings will feature a 50/50 raffle, Chinese and silent auctions.

Some of the items include hotel stays to a number of destination getaways such as Barbados, Panama and St. Lucia, skydiving, parasailing, golf packages, a fishing trip, sporting and events tickets,

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Holiday Wrappings American Cancer Society fundraiser

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an Assateague adventure, a road trip to Annapolis for a bar hopping experience, Jolly Roger Amusements and Trimper's Rides freebies.

For \$10, attendees can participate in a cupcake raffle, where they will choose a treat courtesy of Miss Patty Cake in Berlin that will have either a \$10, \$25, \$50 or \$100 gift card from Park Place Jewelers.

There will also be a wine and spirit table where guests can pick a bottle after a donation of \$20.

In addition, a poinsettia tree will be displayed at the event and attendees can purchase a white flower arrangement, in honor or memory of a loved one, for \$10.

Lauren Glick and DJ Batman will provide music throughout the event.

"Our theme is every day is a gift and the event is for all cancers," Pappas said. "All money raised goes toward research, education and advocacy for cancer patients."

Last year, 700 women attended the event, which raised more than \$56,000 for the American Cancer Society.

Event sponsorships are still available. Peninsula Regional Medical Center and Atlantic General Hospital cancer centers are the presenting sponsors this year, Pappas said.

Fill out the sponsorship form found



FILE PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Chelsey Chmelik wears Bomshell Boutique clothing during the annual American Cancer Society "Holiday Wrappings" fashion show and luncheon last year at the Ocean City convention center on 40th Street.

online at www.acsholidaywrappings.org and make checks payable to: The American Cancer Society (Fashion Show). Mail checks to: American Cancer Society, Inc. P.O. Box 163 Salisbury, Maryland 21803.

The convention center doors will open at 10:30 a.m., and the event will end around 2 p.m. Lunch will be served at noon with the fashion show starting at 1:15 p.m.

Tickets cost \$45 and can be purchased at the convention center box office on 40th Street or at www.acsholidaywrappings.org. Tickets must be reserved by Monday, Nov. 27.

For more information, email Pappas at dpappo@aol.com or call 443-880-2310.

Participate in run and walk or workout Thanksgiving Day

By Kara Hallissey
Staff Writer

(Nov. 23, 2017) Those looking for an early Thanksgiving Day workout are encouraged to join CrossFit Assateague and SWEAT Ocean City in Ocean Pines, or participate in the 10th annual Fenwick Island Turkey Trot, Thursday morning.

A 2.5-mile fun run and walk will begin at 9 a.m. at the Ocean Pines South Gate Pond Trail after a warm-up exercise. Registration starts at 8 a.m. in Veterans Memorial Park and costs \$10 per person. Participants are also asked to bring a cat supply donation.

The "ThanksKitten" run and walk benefits Town Cats and participants are encouraged to donate Friskies canned cat food- turkey pate, clumping cat litter, Purina One kitten food, or gas cards for spray and neuter runs.

Families, kids and pets on leashes are welcome to join organizers in making three laps around the pond with several optional exercise stations set up throughout the route.

"Our goal is to create a fun, family-friendly event, that burns some calories Thanksgiving morning and helps raise money for a fantastic local, volunteer only, nonprofit charity," Michelle Macia, manager of CrossFit Assateague, said in a release.

Town Cats, a local nonprofit, is dedicated to enriching the lives of free roaming, feral or abandoned cats in Ocean City and the surrounding communities by limiting population growth, and providing medical care and affordable adoption services.

Parking will be available at the Ocean Pines Library on Cathell Road. For more information, visit www.crossfitassateague.com or towncats.net or call Sandra Kerstetter at 443-944-2226 with any questions.

The 10th annual Fenwick Island Turkey Trot will kick off at 8 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day on Lewes Street, ocean side. Participants will head south to the Maryland state line, turn around, and come back.

Families, children and leashed pets are welcome during the untimed, 2.2-mile fun run and walk, which raises money for the Bethany Beach Volunteer Fire Company and Roxana Volunteer Fire Company.

There is no fee to participate, although runners and walkers are asked to make a cash donation.

"Our first responders are brave and selfless in the work they do each day," Lori Martin, event founder and organizer, said in a release. "This is our 10th year and I hope to make it the most successful one yet. I invite our community members, individuals and sponsors, to rally to raise money for the companies."

Runners and walkers are encouraged to dress in festive or holiday-themed costumes.

Commemorative T-shirts will be sold for \$25 during the event, while supplies last.

After the event, participants can head over to Pottery Place Perks Café for a complimentary coffee, hot chocolate and oatmeal reception. Nonperishable food items are also being collected at the business and will be donated to Neighbors in Need, a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ supporting ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States.

Parking will be available at Warren's Station, the Bethany Fenwick Chamber of Commerce and Pottery Place Perks Café, all on Route 1 in Fenwick Island.

For more information, contact Martin at 302-539-1290 or email hipAHA@hotmail.com.

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New legislation for Md. breweries

(Nov. 23, 2017) Citing the significant economic, fiscal and community contributions of Maryland's craft brewers and the industry's immense potential, Comptroller Peter Franchot on Monday announced a major legislative package that would reform the laws and regulations that govern Maryland craft breweries.

The Reform on Tap Act of 2018 proposes the following:

- Removes all limits on beer production, taproom sales and take-home sales;
- Repeals the "buy-back" provision that requires brewers to purchase their beer from distributors at a marked-up cost if they exceed the 2,000-barrel limit on taproom sales.
- Lifts unnecessary restrictions for take-home sales;
- Guarantees the issuance of Class B or D beer licenses to microbreweries upon request;
- Lets local jurisdictions set guidelines for taproom operating hours;
- Allows smaller brewers to self-distribute;
- Eliminates franchise law requirements; and
- Removes restrictions on contract brewing that inhibits start-up businesses.

"We simply cannot ignore the fact that our laws and regulatory framework have stood in the way of the limitless potential of Maryland's craft

beer industry. This is going to take us from last in the region, to the first in the nation," said Franchot, the state's chief alcohol regulator. "Craft breweries are innovative businesses, and each has a measurable impact on our economy and in their local communities. They attract local residents and tourists alike who appreciate locally-sourced ingredients, environmentally sustainable practices and each taproom's distinct style."

The legislation reflects the findings of the Comptroller's Reform on Tap Task Force, which held eight meetings during this summer and fall to get a better grasp of the state's current laws and the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for craft brewers. The 40-member task force represented every region in the state and industry stakeholders including brewers, distributors, retailers, consumers and lawmakers from both parties.

When compared to neighboring states and the District of Columbia, Maryland is home to the most restrictive laws on production, distribution and taproom sales of craft beer.

The obstacles in current Maryland law were illuminated with the passage of House Bill 1283 during the 2017 General Assembly session. Since its passage, the consequences of the bill and the state's anti-craft beer laws have become evident, a statement

from Franchot's office said.

Virginia has aggressively recruited Maryland brewers to relocate to the Commonwealth, and Flying Dog Brewery recently decided to cancel its plans for a \$54 million expansion in Frederick, resulting in lost jobs and economic activity, the statement said.

"Put simply, this legislation benefits consumers. It answers their call for change and for greater choices," said Liz Murphy, a consumer advocate who writes the Naptown Pint blog. "Moreover, data has shown that Maryland-made beer keeps dollars in our communities and that Maryland craft breweries revitalize neighborhoods, create jobs and bring people together."

An economic impact study conducted by the Bureau of Revenue Estimates found that in Maryland, the craft beer industry had an overall economic impact of \$802.7 million and supported or created 6,541 jobs in 2016. The industry contributed nearly \$110 million in local, state and federal revenues, which directly supports investments in education, public safety, transportation and the environment.

Still, the state is a net importer of craft beer, meaning it consumes more (275,000 barrels) than it produces (247,000 barrels). Furthermore, the National Brewers Association ranked Maryland 47th in economic impact, 36th in number of breweries and 25th

Offices closed to observe holiday

(Nov. 23, 2017) Worcester County Government offices, including the Worcester County Recreation Center and all five branch libraries, will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 23 and 24 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

In addition, the libraries and Worcester County Recreation Center will be closed Saturday, Nov. 25.

The Central Landfill in Newark and the Berlin, Pocomoke and Snow Hill Home Owner Convenience Centers will be closed Thursday, Nov. 23. Standard hours of operation at these facilities will resume Friday, Nov. 24.

The libraries, Worcester County Recreation Center and all other Worcester County Government offices will resume standard business hours on Monday, Nov. 27.

Worcester County Government staff wish one and all a safe and happy Thanksgiving. For more information on Worcester County Government hours of operation, contact Kim Moses, public information officer, at 410-632-1194.

in gallons produced per adult aged 21 years and over – all indications that the state's craft beer industry has plenty of room to grow if the arbitrary restrictions currently in place are lifted.



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Birckhead-Morton selected to attend Global Youth Inst.

(Nov. 23, 2017) High school students from 27 states and territories and nine countries were selected to attend the 24th annual Global Youth Institute, Oct. 19-21, in Des Moines, Iowa.

Craig Birckhead-Morton from Snow Hill High School was among the 200 students selected to attend the prestigious three-day conference. Birckhead-Morton engaged with global leaders in science, policy and industry to discuss the world's most pressing challenges in hunger and poverty.

In order to participate in the program, students research and write a paper on a topic affecting food security in a developing country and provide recommendations on how to better the lives of a typical family in the country.

Once accepted, students are invited to attend the three-day event and engage in hands-on activities and service-learning projects that allow them to reflect on their unique role in addressing challenges related to agriculture, policy, science, industry and hunger relief efforts both in the U.S. and abroad.

The Global Youth Institute is held in conjunction with the World Food Prize Borlaug Dialogue International Symposium, which annually gathers the world's foremost leaders and thinkers in global food security.

Students present and discuss their innovative ideas to combat hunger with World Food Prize Laureates, international experts and peers from over 60 countries. Students also attend symposium sessions centered on current research, trends and innovations in combating hunger and poverty. Featured speakers included 2017 World Food Prize Laureate, Dr. Akinwumi Adesina, president,



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African Development Bank Group; Dr. Rajiv Shah, president, Rockefeller Foundation; His Excellency John Mahama, former president of Ghana; and Dr. Louise Fresco, president of the Executive Board, Wageningen University & Research Center.

At the Global Youth Institute, Birckhead-Morton interacted with young leaders from around the U.S. as well as nine other countries including Canada, China, Bangladesh, Brazil, Ghana, Kosovo, Mexico, Pakistan and Philippines. The World Food Prize Foundation also announced plans to expand its youth programs outside the U.S. with the launch of the first international youth institutes in the Netherlands and Nigeria in summer 2018.

Created by Dr. Norman E. Borlaug and Iowa businessman and philanthropist John Ruan in 1994, the Global Youth Institute receives major support from Clay Mathile and the Mathile Institute for the Advancement of Human Nutrition.

The program was developed to challenge and inspire participating students and teachers to identify innovative strategies to alleviate hunger and to expose the students to opportunities and careers in food, agriculture and natural resource disciplines.

Of the students who complete the program, about 92 percent go on to pursue college degrees in agriculture and science and 77 percent choose careers in agriculture, STEM and other fields critical to the fight against hunger. The Institute also boasts an impressive, two-thirds participation by young women.

Dr. Borlaug often stated, "I am certain that these students will become the future agricultural, scientific and humanitarian leaders in the fight to end hunger."

High school educators and students interested in participating in the 2018 Global Youth Institute can visit www.worldfoodprize.org/youth to find their state or country for specific details.

Grand opening of platform tennis courts in OP, Tues.

(Nov. 23, 2017) The Ocean Pines Association will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its newest addition to the Manklin Meadows Racquet Sports Complex. The ceremony on Tuesday, Nov. 28 at 11 a.m. will mark the grand opening of two new platform tennis courts, located at 11443 Manklin Creek Road in Ocean Pines.

"This project will have an extraordinary and permanent impact on Worcester County and our community by promoting and enhancing the quality of area athletic programming," said Aquatics and Recreation Director Colby Phillips. "Our residents and guests deserve to have top-notch sports facilities and that is what Ocean Pines will continue to deliver."

Ocean Pines will offer free platform tennis play from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in conjunction with the ribbon-cutting ceremony on Nov. 28. Instructors will offer beginner courses starting at 9 a.m. Free registration for the beginner courses will be available at the welcome table at the entrance of the sports complex.

The event will include a live radio broadcast, food and remarks from several community leaders, including Phillips, Ocean Pines Association General Manager John Bailey, Ocean Pines Director of Marketing and Public Relations Denise Sawyer and members of the Ocean Pines Platform Tennis Association.

The \$93,800 project was approved by the Ocean Pines Board of Directors at a July 28 Regular Board meeting. Board Director Doug Parks moved to accept the recommendation of Total Platform Tennis, an Ohio-based platform tennis court construction company.

Platform tennis is an American racquet sport enjoyed by thousands of people of all ages. The game, which combines elements of tennis and racquetball, is played on a court about one-third the size of a tennis court surrounded by 12-foot fencing that allows play off the screens.

Another benefit of a platform tennis membership in Ocean Pines is the option of playing timeless tennis. Those who are no longer comfortable playing on a regular-size tennis court are invited to try the sport, which is new to Ocean Pines and has already attracted a number of players.

The game is played on the racquet complex's platform tennis courts using tennis racquets and low-compression balls. The screens surrounding each of the courts help keep the balls within reach.

For Ocean Pines, the new platform tennis courts are already a source of pride and a great asset to the community.

"It is exciting to think of the potential of programs to come to the new courts as well as more opportunity for member and resident-use," Phillips said.

For more information about the Ocean Pines community, contact Sawyer at 410-641-7717 ext. 3006 or dsawyer@oceanpines.org.

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Calendar

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

THU, NOV. 23

10TH ANNUAL TURKEY TROT
Lewis Street and the beach, Fenwick Island, DE, 8 a.m. Untimed 2.2 mile fun run/walk starts oceanside on Lewes Street in Fenwick Island. The public is invited and leashed pets are welcome. Holiday-themed or other festive costumes are encouraged. There is no charge to participate, but trotters are encouraged to make a donation. Commemorative T-shirts will be available for \$25. Pre-ordering is encouraged. Benefiting two local fire companies. Non-perishable food donations will be collected starting Oct. 27 at the Pottery Place Perks Café. The cafe is also hosting a post-Trot complimentary coffee, hot chocolate and oatmeal reception. Lori Martin, hipAHA@hotmail.com, 302-539-1290

FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER
Berlin's First Baptist Church, 613 Williams St., Berlin, MD, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Guests can dine-in or carry-out. Those who would like to attend should call 410-641-4306 to reserve seats or carry-out meals. Delivery to shut-ins is also available.

39TH ANNUAL FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER
Ocean City Baptist Church, 102 N. Division St., Ocean City, MD, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Anyone who is looking for fellowship and friendship on Thanksgiving Day is invited to dinner. Enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving dinner at no cost. If you would like to RSVP, call 410-289-4054. Dinner will also be served to shut-ins. Simply call and give your location or that of a friend who needs dinner. OCBaptist@hotmail.com, 410-289-6573, <http://www.ocbaptist.org>

FRI, NOV. 24

HOLIDAY SHOPPER'S FAIR
Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Unique handmade merchandise, nautical, candles, photography, florals, jewelry, ceramics. Children's activities, photos with Santa, food court, door prizes and non-shopper's lounge. Admission cost is \$3 for adults and includes all three days. Children 13 and younger are admitted free. Melanie, 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, <http://www.ococean.com>

LIVING WELL WITH DIABETES WORKSHOP
Homes at Berlin, 113 Flower St., Berlin, MD, 5 to 7:30 p.m. Every Friday for 6 weeks. Learn how to deal with the symptoms of diabetes and what exercises you can do to improve strength and endurance. Register: Jill, 410-742-0505, Ext. 159

BERLIN'S TREE LIGHTING & HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
Downtown Main Street, 4:30-9 p.m. Music by the Rehoboth Concert Band, ice sculptures and carol singing. Tree lighting

at 6 p.m.
<http://www.BerlinMainStreet.com>

SAT, NOV. 25

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

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OP TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION
White Horse Park, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 6:30 p.m. Featuring Santa and his helpers and entertainment by Delmarva Chorus. Trees are decorated by area businesses, clubs, families and individuals. The trees will be on display from November to January and illuminated at the event. Open to the public. Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, 410-641-7052

SUN, NOV. 26

HOLIDAY SHOPPER'S FAIR
Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Unique handmade merchandise, nautical, candles, photography, florals, jewelry, ceramics. Children's activities, photos with Santa, food court, door prizes and non-shopper's lounge. Admission cost is \$3 for adults and includes all three days. Children 13 and younger are admitted free. Melanie, 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, <http://www.ococean.com>

MON, NOV. 27

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

WRITING FOR WELLNESS
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 1:30 to 3 p.m. Writing about stressful experiences, like illness, may boost health and psychological well-

being. No prior writing experience needed. 410-208-4014

VIRTUAL REALTY @ THE LIBRARY
Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD 21851, 4 p.m. Experience virtual reality using the Playstation VR powered by PS4. For ages 12 years and older. 410-957-0878

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. 28

SNOW HILL ROTARY CLUB MEETING
All Hallows Church Parish House, 109 W. Market St., Snow Hill, MD, 7:30 a.m. Guest speakers will be American Red Cross Disaster Program Manager Kathryn Filkins and Joan Scott, nurse volunteer. martypusey@gmail.com, 410-632-2527

'CRAZY SCIENCE LAB'
Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 10:30 a.m. For 3 to 7 year old children. 410-641-0650

TOT TIME: ACTIVE PLAY FOR ACTIVE TODDLERS
Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 10:30 a.m. Active free play program to get toddlers up and moving. For children ages 1-3 years. 410-957-0878

JUNK JOURNALING
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 2 p.m. A junk journal is a handmade book made up of recycled items such as papers from magazines, brochures, patterned paper, music sheets, etc. The book covers can be made off cereal boxes, old book covers or any hard card boards. 410-524-1818

FAMILY NIGHT 'SPECIAL DELIVERIES'
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Write and decorate letters to soldiers overseas or to someone else you care about. 410-524-1818

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING
Worcester County Health Center, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 5:30 to 7 p.m. The group meets each Tuesday. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and health

[lifestyle. jeanduck47@gmail.com](mailto: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. 29

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 'COOKING'
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 10:30 a.m. For 2 to 5 year old children. 410-524-1818

RIBBON CUTTING/GRAND RE-OPENING
Pet Threadz, 9808 Stephen Decatur Highway, Unit #4, West Ocean City, MD, 4:30 p.m. Info: 443-955-0904.

DELMARVA HAND DANCE CLUB
Ocean City Elks Lodge, 13708 Sinepuxent Ave., Ocean City, MD, 5:30 to 9 p.m. The group meets every Wednesday. Jitterbug, swing, cha-cha to the sounds of the '50s, '60s and Carolina Beach music. A \$5 donation per person to benefit Veterans and local charities in the Delmarva region. Elk members and their guests welcome. dance@delmarvahanddancing.com, 410-208-1151, <http://delmarvahanddancing.com>

SNOW HILL BOOK OF THE MONTH
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 5:30 p.m. Featuring "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrick Backman. Copies of the book are available at the library in advance. 410-632-3495

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

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Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD, through Dec. 31. Featuring more than one million holiday lights and hundreds of animated light displays. The heated Winterfest Village pavilion, features photos with Santa and hot chocolate. Admission is board the train is \$5 for adults 12 years and older. Children, 11 years and younger, ride free. Hours are Sunday through Thursday, 5:30-9:30 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 5:30-10:30 p.m. www.ococean.com

Opinion

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

Berlin Falls cmte. meets

The 11 people who signed on to the Berlin Falls Advisory Committee to help guide the creation of this environmental preserve and recreation center will need many more attributes besides enthusiasm and willingness to serve to handle the job ahead of them.

Its members will require, as Mayor Gee Williams suggested at the committee's first meeting last week, patience, understanding, endurance and the ability to merge into a cohesive plan the myriad visions for the park that will be suggested to them by the public.

It is equally important, however, that the park's public supporters embrace these qualities as well and to manage its expectations.

The park would be a massive undertaking for any small municipality, especially when there's no wealthy benefactor waiting in the wings to finance everyone's biggest dreams and aspirations.

As a result, magnificence is not going to happen overnight, and some of the park's proposed centerpieces, aside from establishing the lower-cost passive use areas, could take decades to accomplish.

The committee and town officials project recognize that, and the public should as well.

The conversion of this former industrial site into a 60-acre gem is a legacy project, in that the work of this committee and town officials will be passed on to others over time before every facet is in place.

This initial stage is both a great opportunity and a great responsibility that will be made easier by a public that accepts the town's need to work within its means.

In the meantime, the committee will need all the support it can get to establish a strong foundation on which future attractions can be built.



"On the place card in front of you is a list of the topics you may discuss at today's Thanksgiving dinner. If you deviate from the list ... NO Pumpkin Pie, NO Cocktails and you must sit with the children for the rest of the evening."

Cropper AGH board of trustees chair

(Nov. 23, 2017) During its annual corporation meeting, Atlantic General Hospital's Board of Trustees voted in a new chairman, Hugh T. Cropper, IV, who is the former treasurer of the board.



Hugh T. Cropper

Cropper is a graduate of Worcester Preparatory School in Berlin, the College of William and Mary, and the University of Maryland Law School.

He practices as an attorney, and he is a partner in the law firm of Booth, Booth, Cropper & Marriner, PC. Cropper has represented local clients in and around Worcester County for nearly 29 years, including numerous charitable and pro bono clients. Most recently, Cropper represented Diakonia in connection with its new facility in West Ocean City.

Cropper is the chairman of the Board of Directors for Bank of Ocean City. He is also the chairman of the Board of Directors for the Lower Shore Land Trust. He was formerly a member of the Board of Governors of the Maryland State Bar Association, and he is a member of the Judicial Nominating Committee for the First Circuit.

Cropper has been a member of the Board of Trustees of At-

lantic General Hospital since 2007, and he is currently the chairman of the Quality Committee. He was formerly secretary of the Board of Trustees, and most recently served as treasurer.

Cropper lives in the Berlin area with his wife, Jennifer, and his twins, Myra and Hugh Thomas. Cropper was born and raised in Worcester County and his grandfather, Hugh T. Cropper, was the former mayor of Ocean City.

He is an active commercial fisherman, and he enjoys the outdoors, hunting and fishing with his family. He is anxious to serve Atlantic General Hospital and the needs of the community. He will begin his term as board chair in November.

"We acknowledge Hugh's dedication and hard work for Atlantic General," said Michael Franklin, FACHE, president and CEO of Atlantic General Hospital. "We are thrilled to welcome Hugh as the board chair. We are likewise especially grateful for the three years Lou Taylor served as our board chair, and the positive impact that he has made."

Taylor, the outgoing board chair, served in this position from November 2014 to October 2017. He started serving on the board in 2006, with his term ending in 2017.

Taylor is the superintendent of the Worcester County Public

Schools. He is a member of the National Association of Secondary School Principals, sits on the board of directors of Calvin B. Taylor Bank and Hudson Health Services, and is a lifetime member of the Friendship United Methodist Church in Berlin.

He formerly served the community on the Worcester County Board of Zoning Appeals and the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore. He is a graduate of Salisbury University, where he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in education.

"I have a deep concern for good healthcare in Worcester County," he said. "I am extremely honored to have been asked to serve on the Board of Trustees of Atlantic General Hospital and give back to a community that I am proud of and that has given so much to me during my lifetime."

Taylor's passion for giving back to Worcester County and for staying active in the community helped him to make a successful and positive impact as Board chair.

Atlantic General Hospital has been providing quality health care to the residents of Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset counties in Maryland and Sussex County, Delaware, since May 1993.

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Business Briefs

Hurley joins bank

Raymond M. Thompson, president and chief executive officer of Calvin B. Taylor Bank has announced that Karen Hurley has joined the bank as electronic services representative.



Karen Hurley

Hurley comes to Taylor Bank with over eight years of banking experience. During her banking career, Hurley has served as customer service representative at M & T Bank in Millsboro, Delaware, personal banker at Citizens Bank in Lewes, Delaware, and most recently, branch sales and service supervisor at Community Bank Delaware in Lewes.

Hurley brings with her a vast knowledge of banking products and services and sales acumen.

She is a graduate of Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia where she acquired a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration, minor in English and a certificate in management. She has also acquired a certificate in Spanish language from the University of Wisconsin.

Hurley is a notary public, NMLS certified, a member of the Georgetown-Millsboro Rotary and a Board Member of the Indian River Yacht Club. She frequents various community and local chamber events.

Board member

Bank of Ocean City announced effective Oct. 26, Andrew Adkins was elected to join the Board of Directors.

Adkins is president and CEO of Adkins, Inc., where he oversees the day-to-day operations of its various business holdings of Bayville Package Store, Bayside Wine and Spirits, Bayside Postal Services and Treasure Beach RV Park and Campground.

Adkins also serves as general manager and trustee of Bayville Shopping



Andrew Adkins

Center and Marina, LLP.

In the community, Adkins serves as an alternative representative to the Delaware Department of Natural Resources, Sub-Aqueous Land Owners Commission-Sussex County. He is also the founder, and past president of the Delaware Package Store Association. In this role, he worked directly with lawmakers to modernize Delaware laws regarding the sales of alcohol in the state.

New addition

Chesapeake Health Care announce that Jennifer Kurtz, CRNP, is now practicing at its pediatric office in Pocomoke.



Jennifer Kurtz

With an extensive background in pediatric care, Kurtz began her career as a nursery/pediatric RN at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury after graduating from Wor-Wic Community College.

She worked at University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore as an RN, gaining experience in pediatric critical care. Since 2015 she has been working with Chesapeake Health Care in its Salisbury pediatric office as a nurse practitioner.

As a long-time resident of nearby Snow Hill, she is excited to be able to care for the children of families in the Pocomoke community. In addition to pediatric care, Chesapeake Health Care's office in Pocomoke also provides adult medicine and mental health services.

Top firm

Becker Morgan Group ranked 206th among the 2017 Top 300 Architecture Firms nationwide in Architectural

'Light Up the Pines' house decorating contest to begin

(Nov. 23, 2017) It will soon look more like Christmas in Ocean Pines as the community's annual "Light Up the Pines" house decorating contest returns.

The contest, which is sponsored by Choptank Electric, is free to enter and open to any resident within the community limits of Ocean Pines. Register by emailing name and address to info@oceanpines.org or call 410-641-7717 ext. 3006 by the deadline, Friday, Dec. 8 at 5 p.m.

Lights and decorations should be visible when Ocean Pines Marketing and Public Relations Director Denise Sawyer swings by to photograph the homes on Saturday, Dec. 9 from 6-8 p.m.

Entries will be judged by residents and non-residents on social media. Voters would have to like/follow the Ocean Pines Association's Facebook page, look for the "Light Up the Pines 2017" photo album and give a thumbs-up to their favorite. The three photos with the most Facebook "Likes" will be named the winners.

Ocean Pines Association will also organize the entries in an online map for those looking to enjoy a festive stroll or

drive through the community. The map will be made available on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 9 a.m. on www.oceanpines.org.

Voting will take place from Monday, Dec. 11 to Friday, Dec. 22 on Facebook. Those new to the contest as well as previous contestants are encouraged to enter.

Winning entries will be published in the spring edition of the Ocean Pines Report, the community's quarterly newsletter, and in the Christmas edition of the weekly email-newsletter.

All contest winners are invited to redeem their winnings at the New Year's Eve celebration at Mumford's Landing in Ocean Pines, located at 1 Mumford's Landing Road, on Sunday, Dec. 31.

The winners will be given a gift bag filled with goodies, including a gift certificate good at The Cove at Mumford's in Ocean Pines and a gift certificate for a Choptank Electric Cooperative bill credit.

For more information, contact Sawyer at 410-641-7717 ext. 3006 or dsawyer@oceanpines.org.

Cropper former board treasurer

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community, the hospital's state-of-the-art facility in Berlin combines old-fashioned personal attention with the latest in technology and services.

It provides quality specialty care such as general ophthalmic and retina surgery, weight loss surgery, orthopedics, outpatient infusion for individuals with cancer or blood/autoimmune disorders, and a comprehensive women's diagnostic center.

Atlantic General Health System, its network of more than 40 primary care providers and specialists, care for residents and visitors throughout the region. For more information about Atlantic General Hospital, visit www.atlanticgeneral.org.

Record Magazine.

The firm also received recognition in Engineering News-Record as a 2017 MidAtlantic Top Design Firm, ranking 68th and by Building Design + Construction magazine, ranking 70th, on the Giants 300 list of the Top Architecture/Engineering Firms.

Ribbon cutting

Pet Threadz will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony and grand re-opening event on Wednesday, Nov. 29 at 4:30 p.m. The story is located at 9808 Stephen Decatur Hwy, Unit #4, in West Ocean City. For information, call 443-955-0904.



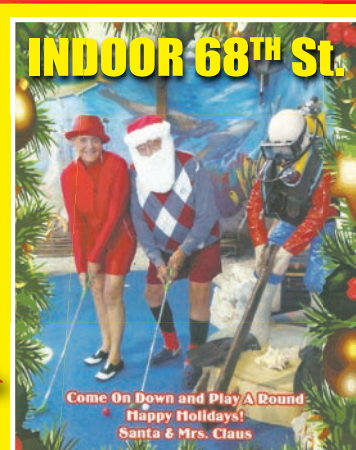
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Snapshots



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GOING GREEN

The Worcester Prep Upper School Environmental, Volunteer and Recycling clubs sponsored a school-wide fundraiser “Worcester Goes Green” on Oct. 6. Students donated \$1 to dress in green to show kindness and empathy toward others. The money collected was donated to Clean the World, a not-for-profit organization that recycles hotel soap and hygiene products to donate to impoverished people. Lower School teacher Cheryl Marshall gathers some of her first graders wearing green. Pictured, from left, are Elliott Mason, John Gales, Zane Freih, Cruz Rinnier Malone, Collin Hastings, Jaden Washington, Lily Barker, Caroline Burbage and Kylee Hutton.



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PROCLAMATION

The Worcester County Commissioners present a proclamation recognizing Oct. 23-27 as Economic Development Week to Worcester County Economic Development Director Merry Mears and her staff, and Tim Sherman, business consultant of the Small Business Development Center at Salisbury University, on Oct. 17 to highlight that residents and business owners alike benefit from WCED services and activities, which are designed to enhance commerce.



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ROYAL COURT

Worcester Preparatory School hosted its Upper School Homecoming Dance on Oct. 21. More than 500 students attend from Maryland, Delaware and Virginia. Queen and King, Emilee Dorey and Connor Cebula, are pictured.



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BIRTHDAY

Lenny Price celebrated his 90th birthday in September and was honored by the Pinestepers Square Dance Club of Ocean Pines. He has been square dancing for many years and is a valued member of the Pinestepers. He was presented with a proclamation by Dennis O'Neal, club caller, and received a special T-shirt displaying a square dance emblem and the words “Friendship Set to Music.”



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GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Worcester Prep Lower School students hosted Grandparents' Day on Oct. 27. Fourth grader Hailey Bushnell hugs her grandmother, Stephanie Talbott.



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GUEST SPEAKER

Diakonia Communication Coordinator Mahlet Yosef, left, was the guest speaker during the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City's Oct. 18 meeting. After she spoke to the group, she received the customary Kiwanis pen from President Ralph Chinn.



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DONATION

The inaugural Michael J. Strawley, Sr. Memorial Golf Tournament, held on Sept. 25 at the River Run Golf Club in Berlin, raised \$4,300 for the Macky & Pam Stansell House at Coastal Hospice at the Ocean. More than 200 golfers played in the tournament organized by the Strawley Memorial Committee, in memory of Michael, former longtime owner of the Bearded Clam Bar in Ocean City. The Macky & Pam Stansell House at Coastal Hospice at the Ocean will be a hospice residence and community outreach center in Worcester County. It will be a home for hospice patients who lack an able caregiver. It will also be the site for community-based palliative care, counseling, grief support, and community wellness programs. Heather Duma, director of development at Coastal Hospice, accepts a check from the tournament committee. Pictured, in front, from left, are Richard Stone, Duma, George McKelvie and Cindi Strawley, and in back, Will Powell, Steve Silverman, Boomer Freeman, Buzzy Bayles and Rick Cole.

Snapshots



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NAACP MEETING

Minority Achievement and Parent Engagement was the topic of the October NAACP meeting held at the Ocean Pines Library. Pictured, from left, are Gabe Purnell, NAACP first vice president; Shirleen Church, speaker; Judy Davis, NAACP membership chair; Eloise Henry-Gordy, Worcester Schools pupil service specialist; and Chuck Hebert, NAACP legislative chair.



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COMMENDED STUDENTS

Stephen Decatur High School seniors, from left, Maya Knepp, Justin Hammond and Kyla Taylor, have been named Commended Students in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program. National Merit Commended Students placed among the top 5 percent of more than 1.6 million test-takers on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. They are pictured with Principal Tom Zimmer.



GRAND OPENING

Staff from Worcester Youth & Family joined U.S. Sen. Chris Van Hollen, and invitees, at the grand opening event at his Eastern Shore office in Cambridge on Oct. 10. The office will be led by Eastern Shore Regional Director Melissa Kelly and will be responsible for community outreach and constituent services. Pictured, from left, are Steven Taylor, Worcester Youth & Family executive director; Angela Manos, CASA volunteer supervisor; Janet Balbo, CASA volunteer; Sen. Van Hollen, and Brigitte Southworth, CASA program director.

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BLUEBIRD PRESENTATION

Janice Ward, Lower Shore coordinator for the Maryland Bluebird Society, recently gave a presentation on bluebirds to members of the General Levin Winder Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Because of her many years as a volunteer working to preserve the bluebird population, the chapter subsequently voted to recommend Ward for the DAR's Conservation Medal. Pictured with Ward, left, is chapter Regent Patricia Ayers.



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WPS ROYALTY

Worcester Preparatory School hosted its Upper School Homecoming Dance on Oct. 21. More than 500 students attend from Maryland, Delaware and Virginia. Pictured are Junior Prince and Princess, Dakin Moore and Hailee Arrington.

Program offered to students in first through eighth grade

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school year show significant positive impact of the program.

In grades six, seven and eight, the average health literacy scores increased from pre-test to post-test. Other findings include:

More sixth grade students at post-test reported talking about Internet safety with friends and family.

There was a statistically significant increase in the percentage of students who moved into the highest health literacy score range.

Sixth grade realized an increase of more than 15 percentage points. Seventh grade high health literacy scores increased by nearly 16 percentage points, and eighth grade by nearly eight points.

At post-test, 69.5 percent of eighth graders reported being extremely confident they could say "no" when a friend is pressuring them to try illicit drugs such as heroin, a statistically significant improvement over pre-test results.

"Individuals have to understand basic health principles before they can become active and effective partners in their own care. We're pleased with the results," said Michael Franklin, CEO of Atlantic General Hospital.

During the current 2017-2018 school year, the Integrated Health Lit-

eracy Program is being implemented in grades one through eight county-wide, the first year of full implementation of the program.

The program currently serves more than 3,800 students. To learn more about the health literacy program, visit www.atlanticgeneral.org/health-literacy.

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"Every Christmas Story Ever Told (and Then Some!)" received its world premiere at Cape May Stage, Michael Carleton, Artistic Director." Funding for this event is in part provided by Worcester County Art Council, Maryland State Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts, organizations dedicated to cultivating a vibrant cultural community where the arts thrive.

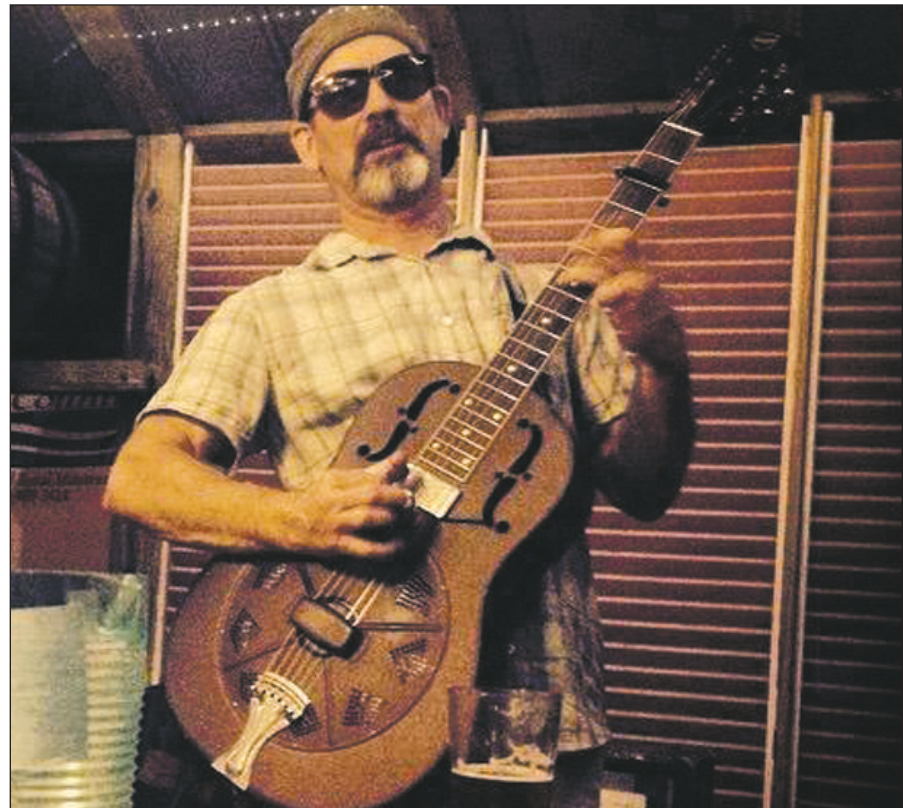
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Nov. 25: Full Circle, 5-9 p.m.; Gypsy Wisdom, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
Nov. 30: Full Circle Duo, 5-9 p.m.

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Scheiber attends veterinary prog.

(Nov. 23, 2017) At the age of 4, Worcester Prep junior Ethan Scheiber, of Berlin, told his parents he wanted to be a veterinarian.

Since the age of 13, Scheiber has accumulated more than 500 volunteer hours at the Worcester County Humane Society, a no-kill animal shelter in Berlin.

Now at the age of 16, his boyhood dreams came to fruition this past summer in Massachusetts while participating in the Adventures in Veterinary Medicine High School Program at Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University, one of the most progressive and well-regarded veterinary schools in the country.

Scheiber submitted an extensive application and was one of only 80 high school students selected from hundreds of applicants across the country to attend this highly competitive program.

The two-week program at Tufts University was an engaging and exciting way for him to explore veterinary medicine through an intensive, hands-on program, while surrounded by others who shared the same passion for animals and science.

His eight-hour days included faculty and vet student lectures, shadowing fourth-year veterinary students, handling and examining small and large animals, practicing bandaging, suturing and reading x-rays, as well as par-

ticipating in hematology and anatomy labs.

"I especially liked shadowing in the operating room where I observed a dog having double ACL surgery and metal

plates implanted to prevent its kneecap from shifting," Scheiber said. "I would highly recommend this intense Tufts program to other students who have a genuine passion for animal health."



Worcester Prep junior Ethan Scheiber participated in the Adventures in Veterinary Medicine High School Program at Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University this past summer in Massachusetts. He is pictured at Worcester Prep in AP Chemistry class.

Santa's Open golf tournament to be held Dec. 2 in OP

(Nov. 23, 2017) The 25th annual Santa's Open golf tournament to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Eastern Shore will take place on Saturday, Dec. 2 at Ocean Pines Golf Club.

The day will include golf as well as Mrs. Claus' Breakfast, Santa's Cheer Cart, Rudolph's Reception and contests. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and the tournament will kick off at 10 a.m. with a shotgun start. A reception and awards will follow at 3 p.m.

The fee per golfer is \$75 if registration is received by Nov. 27, or \$85 at the door. The fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart, breakfast, contests, golfer gift and post-tournament reception. Each golfer is also asked to bring a new, unwrapped gift for a child ages 7-17.

Registration forms are available at OceanPinesGolf.org. Registration may also be completed by calling 410-543-2447.

Ocean Pines Golf Club is the only Robert Trent Jones championship course on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Nestled in the heart of the Ocean Pines community, it is open to the public year-round and offers annual memberships for individuals, families and juniors.

For more information about Ocean Pines Golf Club, contact John Malinowski, PGA director of golf at Ocean Pines Golf Club, at 410-641-6057 or jmalinowski@oceanpinesgolf.org.

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Cuisine

Deviled eggs, bruschetta on holiday menu

And so the holidays are upon us — that magical time of year that leaves many poor souls crying into bowls of ice cream as they watch sappy Hallmark movies.



By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3

Others simply want the dreaded next two months to be over, as it means the drudgery of “cheery people,” copious amounts of shopping on the credit cards and the temporarily ubiquitous family that you have been avoiding all year.

Let’s face it — you fall into one of these categories, don’t you? As much as I hate to say it, I do as well, but I will not share with you which one it is. You will have to surmise that for yourself.

Regardless of where you stand with the holidays, they are here, and it becomes a time for entertaining friends and family, and this weekend is certainly the kickoff for most of us.

My daughter is flying home from Chicago and a part of the crew is coming down on Wednesday. We will then have a pumpkin pie baking marathon in memory of my wife, as she was the ultimate pumpkin pie queen. Every Thanksgiving, that was the one thing that Julie would do.

In fact, for the 20 years that we were together, Julie’s own joke was that she cooked twice early-on in the dating part of our relationship, and she burnt everything. And that’s why I always cooked ... well, most of the time. But when it came to the pumpkin pie, that was all her.

We would break down the fresh pumpkin, roast it in the oven until it was very tender and starting to get a nice caramel crust to it, and then get started. Once it was cooled down a touch, it would go into a food processor (I usually did this tedious part) until it was pureed. Then we would squeeze it out through cheesecloth and we would have the pumpkin pie filling. And you’ve never had pie this good if you haven’t made it fresh.

Tomorrow in school, I am cheating with canned pumpkin, but no one needs to know, so don’t tell anyone. As for the pumpkin itself, I happen to have a 94-pound pumpkin on the front porch, so I do believe that we have enough to get started.

Once the pies are done, we will have to figure out who in the world we are giving them to. I’m pretty sure that we will not need all those luscious baked goods. In fact, we might



go through two a year, so if you want one just let me know. I’m not too hard to get a hold of, but it will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

But back to entertaining, when your company comes over, it is always a good idea to serve some hors d’oeuvres to get the party going. And while I must admit that heirloom tomatoes are hardly in season in the middle of November, you can find them thanks to hot-house farmers and producers. And if you can get your hands on some, you should keep them raw, crisp and in their purest form.

So, as you work your way through the party planning phase of the week-end, be sure to have some starters to give your guests something to do. And as you go into the official holiday season, I wish each and every one of you peace, love and prosperity. You deserve it.

Deviled Eggs

makes two dozen
12 ea. Large eggs
2 tsp. Stone ground mustard
1/3 c. Mayonnaise
A dash of Hank’s Hot Sauce (your

choice)
Salt & Pepper to taste
Crispy Bacon Bits (optional)
Crabmeat (optional)
Smoked paprika, as needed

1. I’m just going to start this off by saying that if you use relish in your deviled eggs, please do not share them with me. I consider that a major faux pas.

2. the eggs in cold water and ensure that the water level is 2-3 inches higher than the eggs. You want thermal mass to make this work.

3. Bring the eggs to a boil and then turn off the heat, keeping the pan right where it is on the burner.

4. Allow them to sit for 12 minutes, and then cool them down by pouring cold water over them.

5. When cool, peel the eggs and cut in half and place the yolks in a mixing bowl.

6. Add the mustard, mayonnaise hot sauce and mix until smooth.

7. Season to taste and add the bacon and crabmeat if you are using them. If you aren’t, ask yourself what’s wrong with you.

8. Pipe or spoon the filling back into the eggs and finish with a sprinkle of smoked paprika.

Bruschetta

enough for 20 crustini
20 toast points, crispy
6 cloves garlic, roasted
3 ea. Heirloom tomatoes
Splash of sherry vinegar
3 Tbsp. Ribbon of fresh basil
2 Tbsp. Freshly minced broadleaf parsley
Balsamic drizzle, as needed
Salt & Pepper to taste
Shaved parmesan as garnish (optional)

1. Smear the toast points with the roasted garlic and set aside until ready to serve.

2. Dice the tomatoes and combine them with the sherry vinegar, basil and parsley.

3. Season to taste and when you have it where you want it, simply spoon some on each crustini.

4. Drizzle some of the balsamic glaze on each bruschetta and garnish with cheese if you are using.

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Answers to last week's puzzles

1	4	7	6	3	8	2	9	5
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9	8	6	5	1	3	4	2	7
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BY TOM MCCOY / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Note: The circled letters spell a bonus answer related to the puzzle's theme.

ACROSS

1 Sports figures

6 Words said through a car window

11 The Land Shark's show, for short

14 Throw (together)

18 Fervor

19 Reno's county

20 It may come hot or iced

21 ____ Modern

22 This clue's 110-Across, timewise

24 Not definitely going to happen

26 Furry, red TV character

27 Young actress who played two main characters in "The Parent Trap"

28 This clue's 110-Across, at the Olympics

30 Flipped (through)

32 Former executive with the same interior letters as his company

34 As such

35 Compete (for)

36 Opposite of blanc

38 N.Y.C. attraction

40 "I love her ten times more than ____ I did": Shak.

41 Large amount

44 Steak ____

DOWN

1 "Me too!!!"

2 Warble

3 Snapchat request

4 Uselessly

5 ____ Lanka

6 Has in an old form?

7 Labor agcy.

8 Perform perfunctorily

9 Debt note

10 Certain high school clique

11 One of the stuntmen on "Jackass"

ACROSS

46 End of the sci-fi film titles "First Man ..." and "Last Days ..."

49 This clue's 110-Across, as is relevant each November

52 Assessment: Abbr.

53 Mork's boss on "Mork & Mindy"

54 Branching point

55 Leave one's mark?

59 Bro or sis: Abbr.

60 Phillies' div.

61 Staple of Southern cuisine

62 One after whom a Times Square museum is named

63 Prefix with -mester

64 This clue's 110-Across, to the superstitious

69 Martinique, par exemple

70 Words of adulation

72 Mimics

73 Temple athlete

74 Clear, as a table

75 Jordan who directed "Get Out"

76 Feline's warning

77 Home of Oral Roberts University

80 Shakespearean plotter

81 This clue's 110-Across, in chemistry

85 Return fee?

87 Moving companies?

88 Unit of grass

89 Article in a German paper

DOWN

90 Quash

92 State sch. on the Pacific Coast

93 Co. leader

94 Beethoven dedicatee

97 Pat of "The Karate Kid"

99 Thanksgiving role

102 This clue's 110-Across, in terms of attractiveness

104 2017 U.S. Open winner

107 13th or 15th

109 "My word!"

110 Something to count to understand 22-, 28-, 49-, 64-, 81- and 102-Across

113 "____ It Romantic?"

114 Designer Maya

115 Dramatic battle cry

116 Ornamental crown

117 Rising concerns in modern times?

118 "You rang?"

119 Primetime ____

120 Sen. Thurmond

ACROSS

12 Old-fashioned "That's absolutely the last time"

13 The Lonely Mountain, for Smaug

14 Play place

15 Worker

16 Place holders?

17 Kitchen tool

19 "____ have thought ..."

23 Giddy happiness

25 Recipe amt.

29 As far as one can recall

31 Hero role in "The Force Awakens"

33 Country whose name is also a two-word sentence

36 Badgers

37 Crumbled froyo topping

39 Nickname for a young Darth Vader

41 Be really generous to a waiter

42 Words before "I'm going in"

43 List-ending phrase

44 Weighed, in a way, as a container

45 Orders

47 University in Montreal

48 Seniors' org.

50 ____ Heights

51 Mild cheese

56 Famous password stealer

57 Inundated

58 Trash-filled lot, e.g.

60 Shooting stars?

DOWN

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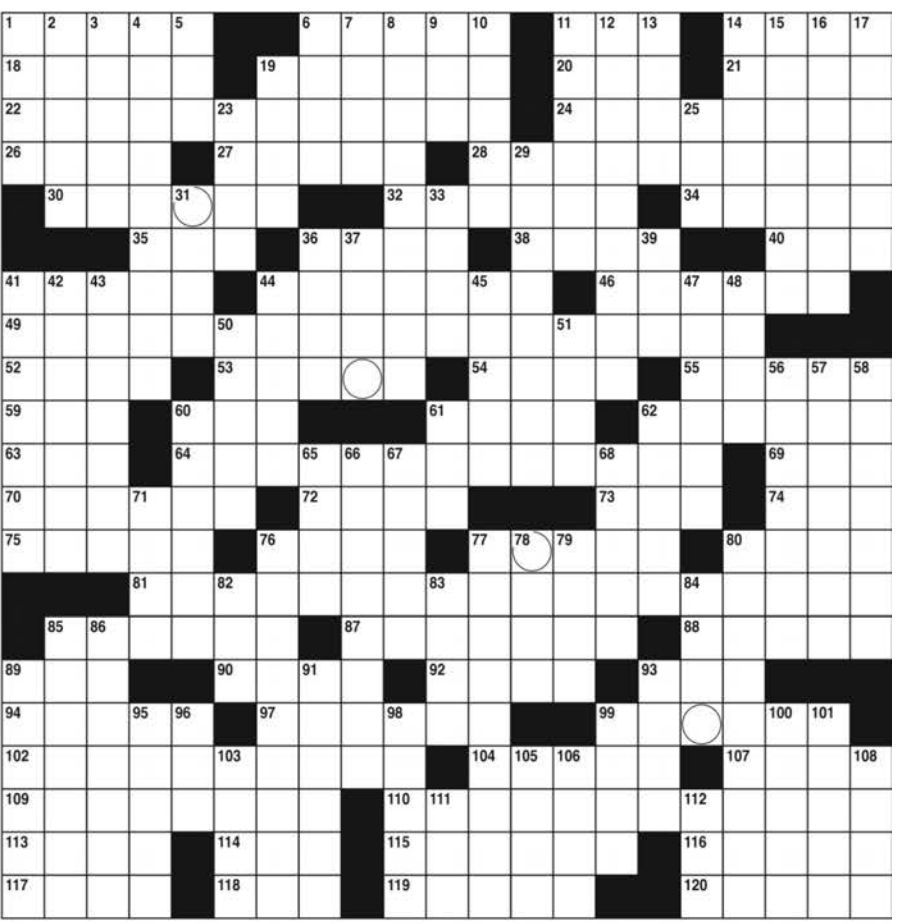
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61 Green lights

62 Mountain ash

65 Been in bed

66 Shipping center

67 French film award

68 Some pears

71 Custardy dessert

76 Family Night entertainment

77 One with a large bill at breakfast?

78 Ones stationed at home

79 Told stories

80 McDonald's slogan introduced in 2003

82 URL ending

83 Push

84 Ride option

85 Hollywood news

86 Businesswoman Huffington

89 Layer of skin

91 Wooden nickels, e.g.

93 Give a ring

95 Blind parts

96 Right-angle shape

98 Fit to be tied

99 2006 film with massive profits in related toy sales

100 One of Mr. Poe's children in a Lemony Snicket book

101 Back in

103 Oleaginous

105 Wrong

106 Blue side, for short

108 Fraud

111 ____ de guerre

112 French connections

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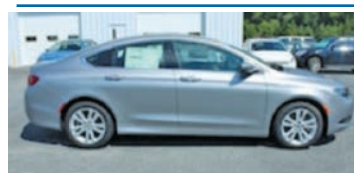


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